Deans’ News 2015
“We believe, We strive, We achieve”

Year 7
Unfortunately the Year 7 Parents’ Afternoon that was scheduled on Friday 20th of February, 2015 had to be cancelled as a result of the weather caused by Cyclone Marcia. We had had a fantastic response from parents, and students and staff were disappointed that the event could not take place. We notified attendees with text messages and emails as well as posting to our Facebook page, publishing an alert on our website and sending a notification through the QSchools app (refer to last week’s Deans’ News). The possibility of a replacement event is being investigated and any information regarding this possibility will be sent home. If you have any questions please contact Ryan Du Toit – Dean of Students (Year 7) rduto3@eq.edu.au

Additionally, Year 7 Leadership applications are due on Wednesday 25th February, 2015.

Year 12
PRIDE Level 1 is due to Year Co, Ms Hales- apply now. It’s linked to behaviour, attendance, uniform and effort and PRIDE Level 1 is needed to attend the formal.

There has been a delay on jerseys- due to material hold ups- sorry everyone.

Senior badges will be distributed on full school assembly- March 6, session 2.

Year 12 students need to maintain attendance of 90% or above.

All subject changes should have occurred by the end of week 3, term 1, 2015.

Concerns over QCE and OP can be directed to

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parent Information Evening
All parents of students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are invited to a Parent Information Evening being held at the school on Wednesday 25th February, from 5 – 6pm in the Lecture Theatre. As part of the evening we intend to discuss:

- The range of social, cultural, sporting and academic programs that we are running at Bremer SHS for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students;
- Key data trends associated with attendance and academic outcomes;
- Scholarship opportunities for Indigenous students - including the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) Scholarship Program;
- Community and Council links that we intend to develop;
- Any questions you may have of our programs or opportunities for your children.

Light refreshments will be available at the start of the evening. Students are welcome to attend the evening; however, this is not essential. If you are planning on attending the evening, please return the attendance slip that was mailed home earlier this week to either Mr Pym (in U10) or Miss Anderson (in D6)
Ms Owen (Year 12 Dean of Students).

Assessment has begun and all Year 12 students should be completing homework and home study every night. Chris Owen- Year 12 Dean of Students

**Bremer Sports Shirts**

Students have the opportunity again this year to purchase a personalised shirt to be worn during sporting events. They will cost $38 for a shirt and $34 for a singlet with your name and a number on the back. They look great and mean you also get a reduction in your sport levy! Come to the HPE staffroom from Monday to get your order letter from Mr George or Mr Mackintosh. Letter and design attached.
Please take note of Deans’ Key Information on our Website

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Bremer SHS sports programme is currently revamping our school sporting uniform so that all sports will be played in a similar style of shirt or singlet. We have acknowledged that there are many students at school who participate in a range of sporting teams throughout the year. As such, we are giving students the opportunity to purchase a shirt and/or singlet which can be worn during sporting competitions.

**THIS SHIRT OR SINGLET IS NOT PART OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL UNIFORM.** It therefore can only be used during school sporting events and during a small number of year 11 & 12 Physical Education and Sport Recreation classes. It is not allowed to be worn during school time outside of these events or classes and normal school disciplinary consequences will apply regarding uniform infringements.

The shirt or singlet will have the Bremer crest on the front and the students surname and any chosen 2 digit number (within reason) on the back for the same price. The name MUST only be an official enrolled surname and will be changed at school discretion.

Payment for these shirts/singlets must be submitted in full to the Bremer Finance window by Friday 6th March. No late payments will be accepted as this order will then be placed with an outside provider. Students who have placed an order will only be required to pay $5 levy for participation in sport teams.

**Shirt cost:** $38.00 each  
**Singlet cost:** $34.00 each

Sizing and design can be found on the Bremer SHS website (under Extra-curricular – Sport) or at the HPE staffroom. Sample sizes are also available. For any queries please contact Mr George (Sports Coordinator) or Mr Mackintosh (HOD – HPE).

D. Mackintosh  
(HOD – HPE)  
R. Morrison  
(Principal)

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I would like to purchase:

____ shirt/s at $38.00 each  =  ____

____ singlet/s at $34.00 each  =  ____

TOTAL  =  ____

Size:  

Name on garment:  

Number on garment:  

Telephone: (07) 38109333  
Fax: (07) 38129950  
E-mail: the.office@bremershs.qld.edu.au

BREMER STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
133-153 Warwick Rd Ipswich, Q. 4304  
P.O. Box 23, Booval, 4304
YOUR SURNAME (only) AND CHOSEN NUMBER APPEAR ON THE BACK

Actual shirt/singlet will be darker (school) blue
Please see Mr George in the HPE staffroom for sizing
You may be aware that from 1 January 2015, the Australian Government requires all students studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students who are studying VET in schools.

The USI is a reference number that will allow students to access their enrolment and achievement record for all VET learning online (from 1 January 2015); ensuring no VET records will be lost and allowing students to access all their training results from all providers.

All students undertaking VET training, whether through the school or another provider will be required to obtain a USI. **Registered Training Organisations (RTO) must have a valid USI for a student before they can issue a qualification or statement of attainment.** This includes school RTOs.

Students can apply for a USI online by visiting the Australian Government USI website - create your USI. They will need to have at least one identification document with details that exactly match their personal details, through one of the following:

- Driver’s licence
- Medicare card
- Birth Certificate (Australian) — please note a birth certificate extract is not sufficient
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Australian passport
- Certificate of registration by descent
- Citizenship certificate
- ImmiCard.

**There is no cost to the student in obtaining a USI.**

Students will need to provide the USI details to their training provider (school RTO, TAFE or external RTO) or they will be unable to receive a statement of attainment or qualification.

A record of their USI should be retained for future use.

Letters will be sent home with students in years 10, 11 and 12 shortly.

More information can be found on the attached Fact Sheet or by visiting the government website [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au).

**Mr Ben Ward**  
Dean of Students - Year 11  
Head of Department – Senior Schooling (VET Pathways)  
RTO Manager – National Provider No: 30054
Information for parents and students

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What is a USI?
- A USI is a reference number. It is made up of numbers and letters.
- The USI gives students access to their USI account.
- The USI account allows a student to see all their training results from all providers. This includes all completed training units and qualifications.

Why do students need a USI?
Students will need a USI:
- so that an RTO is able to issue a statement of attainment, or certificate, for nationally recognised accredited training
- for online access to their record of enrolment and achievement for VET learning
- to provide evidence of their accredited VET, for example when applying for a job or further study.

Who applies for a USI?
- A student can apply for a USI.
- An RTO can apply for a USI on a student’s behalf. (This may be a school RTO, TAFE or other external RTO.)

What do students need to do?
If the RTO does not apply for a USI on behalf of the student, the individual must apply for a USI. A student can apply for a USI at the Australian Government USI website - create your USI. The student must then provide the USI details to their training provider (school RTO, TAFE or external RTO) or they will not receive a statement of attainment or qualification.

If an RTO applies for a USI on the student’s behalf, the student must provide permission and suitable identification through one of the following:
- driver’s licence
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Students without any of these forms of identification are still able to obtain a USI and they should contact their RTO for assistance.

Students should record their USI and keep it handy and in a safe place.

If students have further questions about the USI, they should contact the VET Coordinator or Head of Department Senior School at the school. Students can also find further information at the Australian Government USI website - student information.

What if a student forgets or loses their USI?
The USI can be retrieved online at Australian Government USI student portal. If their RTO is their school, students can also ask the school for their USI as they will have a record of it.

What is an RTO?
A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) is any organisation that is registered to deliver nationally recognised training and qualifications. There are approximately 5000 registered training organisations (also known as RTOs) in Australia including:

- TAFEs and other government training organisations
- private/non-government training organisations
- some high schools that provide nationally recognised training
- some employers and other organisations that provide nationally recognised training.

Registered Training organisations can offer qualifications at the level of:

- Certificates I, II, III and IV
- Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- Vocational Graduate Certificate
- Vocational Graduate Diploma.

Useful website links
Further information on the USI can be accessed on the Australian Government USI website and at the following links:

- About the USI http://www.usi.gov.au/About/Pages/default.aspx
- Students – Create your USI http://www.usi.gov.au/Students/Pages/steps-to-create-your-USI.aspx
- Student information http://www.usi.gov.au/Students/Pages/default.aspx