



Boort District P -12 School

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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.

BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

BDS Beliefs and Values: Acting with Integrity and Honesty

We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided before this time.

DIARY DATES

February

1st Foundation – Year 12 all students at school
12th Tuesday Finance Meeting
15th Yr 7-12 House swimming sports
18th VCE Study Skills Session
19th F – Yr 6 House Swimming Sports
20th School Council
25th – 27th Year 8 Surf trip

March

4th Yr 7 -12 NCD Swimming sports StArnaud
6th School Photo's
7th Yr 7-12 Triathlon
11th Labour Day – Pupil Free
12th Yr 4 -6 Sandhurst & Goldfields Swimming
21st LMR Swimming Swan Hill

April

6th End of Term 1

August

13th Athletics House Sports
30th F-6 Calder Athletic Sports Charlton

Newsletter – Week 1, Term 1

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

As the new school year has just started I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all students, parents and families. There are several new families to join the school this year and we wish you a happy association with Boort District School. There are also quite a few new staff: Miss Hannah Hogan (PE and OE), Mrs Loretta Beattie (Maths), Mrs Tamara Boyd (Integration).

The staff at school are always happy to discuss issues and answer questions. If you wish to make an appointment to speak with a staff member just ring the office and it will be arranged. Know also that parent/carer volunteer help is always appreciated and this can be arranged by speaking with classroom teachers.

Thanks to all the staff who have come in over

the holidays to get students details on the computers, do the timetable, to set up rooms, move furniture and to plan for classes. The extra effort is well appreciated.

Student start to the Year

Our staggered start for students has worked well with the return of our senior students on Wednesday and our Year 5-10 students on Thursday. The F-4 staff have been busy running the English Online interviews and talking to parents. We welcomed back our F-4 students today.

Xuno

This year we will be implementing our student management system (Xuno). We require up to date email information from parents/carers as you will be able to access your children's attendance data, timetables, assessment tasks and feedback. We will run information sessions to let parents know about this system.

Free Education?

It is often stated that education is free and questions then are asked about why families pay for anything at school. The fact is that the 'free' part of education is the tuition or teaching of all students but not all the resources we use in class. Essential items are paid for by families and provide items for everyday use as well as maintenance for computers (lower Primary area), diaries, access to online programmes and consumable materials in all classes. Payment of these items is necessary for us to provide everything a student needs in a classroom. Optional items like excursions, camps and music lessons are paid for separately as they do not form part of our essential items list. I hope that this will explain why education is 'free' but not really 'free'. Family accounts will be sent home next week. We would appreciate these being finalised as soon as possible. If you wish to organise for regular payments, please contact Lois Mitchell.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Students have received a 2019 Student Information Update. We ask that the form be completed and returned to the school by **Friday, 1st February**. This is a short turn around but permission is needed for the students to take part in a number of programs, including the F –Yr 7 swimming program that begins on Friday.

Acceptable Use Agreement for Digital Technologies - Family Agreement.

Just a remainder to those who have not signed and returned the Acceptable Use Agreement for 2019 to please do so as soon as possible. This form needs to be completed before students have access to the school internet. A copy of this form is attached to this newsletter.



Acceptable Use Agreement for Digital Technologies

FAMILY AGREEMENT

I have carefully read the *Acceptable Use Agreement for Digital Technologies* and discussed this with my son/daughter/children. We understand the significance of the expectations and agree to abide by them. We are aware that a breach of these expectations could result in digital privileges being suspended or revoked. We understand that there are actions and consequences established within the Boort District School **Student Engagement Policy** if behaviour is inappropriate.

Student Name	Year Level	Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to the Boort District School office by 14th December or the first week of the 2019 school year at the latest.