

BLAYNEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Report – Term 4 Week 3

It goes without saying that schools are hives of activity. At Blayney High School, we have had a busy and productive fortnight, with many activities directed toward consultation and evaluation to help shape the future direction of our school in 2024 and beyond.

Firstly, I would like to share with you, communication from the Director Educational Leadership for the Bathurst Network, Adelia Fuller.

Dear Blayney High School community,

I would like to acknowledge Mr Browett for his role as principal at Blayney High School over the last 5 years, and take this opportunity to advise the staff, students and community that as he will not be returning to the school, we will be moving to recruit a new principal.

We will keep you updated in relation to the outcome of the recruitment process and look forward to introducing the new principal, who is anticipated to be commencing in 2024.

*Kind regards
Adelia*

Adelia Fuller | Director Educational Leadership | Bathurst Network | Regional North and West SPD

External Validation

Throughout Term 3 our school engaged in an extensive process to evaluate our teaching, learning and leadership practices through the lens of the School Excellence Framework. This process involved using the elements and themes of the School Excellence Framework to gather evidence and make an on-balance judgement about whether our school is delivering, sustaining and growing or excelling in each of these areas.

On Tuesday 24th October 2023, our school participated in our External Validation Panel Meeting where we discussed our submission to validate our judgements against the School Excellence Framework. I look forward to sharing with you the outcome of this process and engage the school community in our Situational Analysis which will take place throughout Term 4 and will provide the foundation for our next Strategic Improvement Plan.

Leadership Evaluation

As part of our Situational Analysis post External Validation, we need to gather and analyse data around the domains of learning, teaching and leading. As part of this process, the school has commissioned an evaluation of our leadership practices to identify our priorities and assesses the effectiveness of our structures.

The evaluation will be led by external consultants, Steve Galbraith (educational consultant) and John Hambly (Principal Coach Mentor) supported by school staff, Maureen Dickson and Nicholas Williams. This process will be undertaken between Monday 6th November 2023 through Thursday 9th November 2023 and will involve the evaluation of data and documentation as well as interviews with the Principal, senior executive, head teachers, teaching and non-teaching staff as well as parents.

If you would like to take part in this evaluation by participating in an interview, please contact the school for more information.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement and wellbeing. The parent survey helps schools to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and the school. Participation in the parent survey is optional and anonymous. We encourage as many parents as possible to have their say about Blayney High School and help us identify our areas of strength and our areas that need improvement. The survey is very short, and we would appreciate you taking the time to give us this valuable feedback.

Please use the URL to complete the survey: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/par23>

School Development Evening

Early in the year, the school made the decision to reschedule the School Development Days that are scheduled for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December 2023, to evening sessions throughout the year. Rescheduling these School Development Days will better suit the professional learning needs of staff and will allow us to engage in activities that will directly impact quality teaching and learning practices that will be of benefit to students during the current school year. The variation of these days will not impact on student learning as they are designated for school development. The final day of the 2023 school year for students is the Friday 15th December 2023. We look forward to sharing the work we engage in throughout the year with our school community. Our rescheduled session dates are provided below:

- Monday 29th May 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm (Data Evaluation and Strategic Planning)
- Monday 21st August 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm (Attendance)
- Monday 23rd October 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm (Behaviour Management and Student Voice)
- Monday 20th November 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm (Situational Analysis)

Congratulations Hugh Begbie

Our entire school community is so incredibly proud of 2023 Year 12 student Hugh Begbie. Hugh undertook a challenging curriculum pattern, which required him to prepare three major works for Music, Design and Technology and Industrial Technology – Wood.

Early this term, the school was informed that Hugh had been nominated for both 'Shape' and 'Encore'.

'Shape' is an annual exhibition of exemplary major projects for Design and Technology and Industrial Technology and will feature at the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct in March 2024. Hugh received two nominations, one for each of the projects he completed in these areas.

Similarly, 'Encore' is a selection of outstanding Music performances and written compositions from HSC Music students which will feature at the Sydney Opera House in March 2024.

A huge congratulations to Hugh! We eagerly await November, where we will find out if Hugh has been selected for these exhibitions.

2024 Student Leaders

It is with great pleasure that I can announce our new School Captains and Vice Captains.

Ryan Cowan and Jack Miskell are our 2024 School Captains and Amy Corbett and Evvie Buesnel are our 2024 School Vice Captains.

I am so incredibly proud of our new school leadership team at the way they presented themselves to our school community, outlining their high-level qualities, their vision for the school along with ways they would engage students, staff and families throughout their leadership term.

Congratulations to each of these students! I look forward to working with them in a meaningful way throughout 2023 and 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Nicholas Williams
Principal (rlg)

Upcoming Events

Term 4 2023

Week 4

Wed 1 Nov	Stage 5 Elective Exams
Thur 2 Nov	Stage 5 Elective Exams
Fri 3 Nov	Stage 5 Elective Exams

Week 5

Week 6

Fri 17 Nov	Year 12 HSC Graduation
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Week 7

Week 8

Tue 28 Nov	Year 6 Orientation Day
Thur 30 Nov	Year 10 Dinner

Week 9

Week 10

Tue 12 Dec	Presentation Evening 6.30pm—8.30pm Blayney Community Centre
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HSC Calendar Year 12 2023

Term 4 2023

Week 3	-HSC Continues
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Week 4	-HSC Continues
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HSC Assessment Calendar Year 12 2023/24

Term 4 2023

Week 4	Assessment Free
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Week 5	Assessment Free
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Week 6	PD/H/PE
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Week 7	Mathematics (Advanced) Mathematics (Standard 1) Mathematics (Standard 2)
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Week 8	Biology CAFS Design & Technology Industrial Technology Legal Studies SLR
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Week 9	Agriculture Business Studies Software Design & Development
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Week 10	Music Visual Arts
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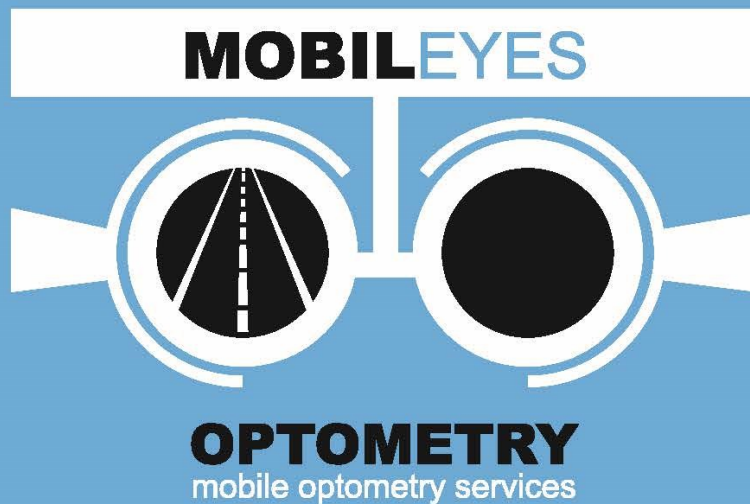
2024 Blayney Shire Music Scholarship

Council in conjunction with Mitchell Conservatorium, Bathurst and Orange Regional Conservatorium are offering music tuition scholarships and encouragement awards for students aged between 7 and 18 years who live in the Blayney Shire and wish to further their music studies.

Application forms are available from Council or can be downloaded from Council's website:

<https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/our-community/grants-scholarships-and-awards/blayney-shire-music-scholarship/blayney-shire-music-scholarship>

The form must be returned fully completed by 3 November 2023. Applications attract a non-refundable entry fee of \$11.00. Late applications will NOT be accepted.



Fully Bulk-Billed Mobile optometry

MobilEyes Optometry is coming to Blayney High early December 2023. Consent forms to be returned by 13 November 2023.

Vision opens access to education.

Eye coordination and eye focusing disorders can cause struggles with reading despite learning intervention.

Children do not know how they are meant to see the world, so they may not complain.

They may show us that they have a problem through behaviour changes and poor school performance.

We offer full comprehensive eye examinations whilst school screenings may miss developmental visual issues such as eye coordination, tracking and focusing.

Does your child:

- get easily distracted
- Not complete homework
- loses place while reading
- rub their eyes
- blink excessively
- says that they do not like reading

We can help optimise the visual skills to promote learning.

Please scan this QR code
To access the consent form



For further information please call or email Andrea Eliastam info@mobileyes.com.au | 0424 097 559.

Please fill in the consent form found at <https://www.mobileyes.com.au/parent-guardian-consent> or scan the QR code above.



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)



Communities
& Justice

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

We're looking for people who can provide emergency care, short-term care, care for siblings, or care for children with a disability.

You can be a couple, single or a family, rent or own your home. Carers receive specialist training, financial assistance and support.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child?

Email WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au directly or visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers and click on 'enquire about fostering' to learn more.



**BOOK
FAIR '23**



**2-5
NOV
2023**

BATHURST SHOWGROUND



SUPPORTING THE WORK OF LIFELINE CENTRAL WEST

**VIP SENIORS DAY
THURSDAY 9-4pm**

2 NOV

FRIDAY 9-4pm

3 NOV

SATURDAY 9-4pm

4 NOV

SUNDAY 10-2pm

5 NOV



*we've also got
DVD'S CD'S
PUZZLES, GAMES
COFFEE VAN
SAT + SUN FREE
SANTA PHOTOS*

BATHURST SHOWGROUND

Kendall Ave, Bathurst | On-site Parking | BYO shopping bag /sleigh

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

DATE

NAME

YEAR

Please lodge your order form with School Office.

Orders will be available to collect from the Office by 3:30pm of the next day

Styles (Current Uniform)	Size Ranges										Qty	Price	Total
Skirt - Black	Only Available for purchase at Orange Clothing Company – 4 McNamara Street Orange												
	12Y	14Y	16Y	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL			
Sport Shorts – Black												\$25	
Trackpants – Black												\$40	
Polo Shirt												\$25	
	10Y	12Y	14Y	16Y	S	M	L	XL	2XL				
Hoodies												\$45	
	S/M	L/XL											
Bucket Hat												\$20	
Cap (one size fits all)												\$20	
					14	16	18	20	22	24			
Knitted Jumper (Y11 & 12 only)												\$85	
Total Cost													

Old Style Options available while stock lasts at reduced prices

Styles (Old uniform)	Size Ranges										Qty	Price	Total
	12Y	14Y	16Y	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL			
Shorts – Black												\$15	
Shorts - Maroon												\$15	
Trackpants - Black												\$25	
Trackpants - Maroon												\$25	
Senior Polo Shirt												\$15	
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22				
Skirt – Maroon												\$30	
Total Cost													

Payment Method

Total Payment

☐

Cash

☐

EFTPOS

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ONLINE

BSB: 882-000

ACCT No: 100150848

Please email your EFT receipt to
BHSpc2799@gmail.com

Receipt No.

Order filled by

Date collected

Second-hand Clothing Available

Standard items for \$5 each
Seniors Knitted Jumper for \$25 each

(visit the Clothing Pool for available sizes)

All Uniform enquiries to be directed to
BHSUniforms@outlook.com

BHS 'Food For U' Menu 2023

Gluten Free, Lactose Free and Dairy Free Available

Monday

Assorted Pizza	\$5.00
Mexican Beef Burrito	\$6.00
Goujons (recess only)	\$3.50

Tuesday

Bolognaise Pasta	\$6.00
Toasted BBQ Chicken Melt	\$4.50

Wednesday

Beef Nachos	\$6.00
Mini Nachos	\$3.00
Toasted Ham/Cheese Wrap	\$4.00

Thursday

Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$6.00
(spinach, carrot, tomato, mayo)	\$3.50
Garlic Melts	

Friday

Cheese Burger	\$5.00
Plus Salad (lunchtime only)	\$6.00
BBQ Chicken Melts	\$4.50
Goujons (recess only)	\$3.50

Drinks

Water - 600mL	\$2.50
Berri 100% Juice - 250mL	\$2.20
Flavoured Milk (choc/strawberry). - 300mL	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk (choc/vanilla malt). - 500mL	\$4.50
Lactose Free Chocolate Milk	\$3.00
Light Sparkling Water (Lime) - 450mL	\$3.50
Juice Bomb (watermelon, apple/raspberry, grape, orange/passio) - 250mL	\$2.50
Milkshakes (choc, strawberry, caramel, vanilla) - 300mL	\$3.00

Everyday

Premade assorted	\$3.00 - \$7.00
Rolls, wraps, sandwiches, salads	
Garlic Bread	\$2.50

Margarita Wraps	\$3.00
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$6.00
Fresh Temptations	\$1.00 - \$5.00

Available to order

Sandwiches, wraps, rolls	
Baked beans	\$3.00
Egg and Lettuce	\$4.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$4.00

Chicken	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$5.00
Chicken/Lettuce/Mayo	\$5.00
Salmon/Lettuce/Mayo	\$5.00
Salad - carrot, beetroot, cheese,	\$6.00

tomato, lettuce, cucumber

Add egg	50c
Add chicken/ham/fish	\$1.00
Add corn/pineapple	50c

See Board for Weekly Specials

Snacks

Muffins, slices, biscuits	50c - \$2.00
Fruit cups	\$1.50 - \$2.00
Grain waves (sour cream and chives)	\$1.20
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00

Frozen

Quelch sticks	50c
Chocolate Paddle Pops	\$2.00
Sauce	30c
Spoon/fork	10c

NB. Due to WH&S restrictions, we are unable to reheat or toast food not purchased from the canteen.