

# WELCOME TO YEAR 9

Mr Shortus  
Year Adviser



## Year 9 Students Commence Friday 2 February 2024

Dear Year 9 Students,

Welcome back Year 9, and a very warm welcome to any new students who will be joining us this year.

Year 9 is a time of many exciting opportunities to connect, succeed and thrive. This is the first opportunity for many of you to try out your new elective class and to give yourselves an opportunity to pursue your interests and passions. This comes at a time when many extracurricular opportunities are opening up to you, allowing you to display leadership, and responsibility, engaging in many amazing experiences which can often lead to representing the school at wider levels, including between schools, at state and national levels and potentially even internationally.

Each term as a school, we focus on teaching our core values through our Connect classes. We dedicate the focus of one term to our core values of **aspiration, integrity, respect, and responsibility**. It is our hope that all students at Blacktown Girls High School foster and develop these guiding principles throughout their time at school and carry them with them into their future lives.

Throughout our time we have shared some adventures. We have witnessed time and time again that Blacktown Girls is truly the school that makes a difference. We have shared in experiences with our Police Youth Liaison officer, performers from Brainstorm and their drama about cyberbullying, sporting and academic success and opportunities such as robotics and talent quests taken up with enthusiasm by members of our year group. You have been some of the most regular borrowers of books from our school library, demonstrating your passion and enthusiasm for reading, learning, and exploring new worlds. There is an array of opportunities available to you in this coming year and with a great amount of time, effort, and energy, you too will experience the difference that could be made within your own life.

Feel confident moving forward that you will always have your classroom teachers and friends, but you also have myself as your Year Adviser, Ms Fernandez as our school's Student Support Officer, and the school counselling team. Mrs Van-Stolk as your Deputy Principal and Ms Sagote as the HT Wellbeing are also invested in providing our year group with support and opportunities to ensure that the sentiment "*There is nothing a Blacktown Girl can't do*" will always ring true.

Parents and caregivers, as always, we believe the best outcomes for students occur when 'home' and 'school' collaborate in a way that is respectful seeking the best interest of the student.

We are truly looking forward to another wonderful year ahead as you continue to deepen your love for learning and grow into strong, kind, and resilient young women.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school on 02 9831 7577.

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