

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another successful year has been experienced at Blacktown Girls High School with many highlights and achievements. It has been an extremely busy year that has allowed us to continue to deliver an inclusive education for all students including our selective stream and the local comprehensive strands by focusing on quality teaching and learning. We embrace and celebrate our cultural diversity and have provided many proactive programs promoting a culture of care, respect and tolerance, allowing students to feel safe, happy and committed to achieving their best.

We have continued to focus on empowering students to successfully engage in 21st century employment and life including the development of relevant skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT. This has seen the continuation of our strong push and drive in Reading to Learn Literacy and Numeracy and our moves into future-focused learning.

In 2018, our school continued to build on our strong results of 2017; achieving excellent results in NAPLAN literacy and numeracy; with close to half of our students achieving results in the top two bands in Writing, Reading, Spelling and Numeracy.

Developing young women who are independent, self-directed and inherently motivated learners has remained a major goal and direction for us throughout the year and has seen many staff engaging in researching current education strategies and pedagogies suitable for the future-focused learners. We aim to produce students who are independent thinkers, innovative risk takers, creative thinkers, resilient, empathetic, problem solvers and life-long learners. Their educational experience should be holistic, real world, diverse and future-focused.

We have continued our drive to provide students with a challenging, relevant and engaging curriculum that is inclusive of all learners, designed and delivered by a quality teaching staff who are equipped to enhance the educational experiences of their students and themselves in a learning environment with strong, mutually respectful relationships.

Blacktown Girls High believes all students have the right to an authentic educational experience supported by current research and best practice.

The school has also focussed on empowering staff to promote a culture of high expectations in an environment of professionalism, collegiality and support. We believe that purposeful, strategic and self-directed staff development within a professional and collegial environment will help ensure teacher quality and high standards for all members of the BGHS community.

This in turn will lead to strengthened personal aspirations and enhanced learning for both students and staff.

Some of the highlights of the year included:

The 2018 HSC results were, once again, very pleasing; with the majority of students gaining entry to the courses of their choice at a wide range of universities. A growing number of students gained 'early entry' offers to universities while a significant number of students received multiple offers to universities. Others, gaining longed for employment.

Our connection with the BEACON Foundation, an organisation assisting schools to forge partnerships with the local business community has kept us busy all year culminating in the Charter Signing for Year 10 students and their celebration dinner. At these functions Year 10 students pledged to continue with education until gainful employment is found. This was countersigned by our business partners, pledging their support to ensure that this happens.

Term 1 brought our three major sporting carnivals - swimming, cross country and athletics. It never ceases to amaze me how both the level of general participation and the level of excellent results that are achieved at these carnivals. I thank the whole staff for their efforts here and of course the PD.H.PE faculty for their amazing organizational skills.

Another highlight is the continuous work and dedication of our Parents & Citizens Association. Although a small group, our P & C are vigorous workers. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the P & C for all their hard work during the year. If you have some spare time on the fourth Wednesday of any month please come along and join in at 7:00pm in the library.

I would like to draw attention to our ongoing involvement and successes in so many extra curricula activities including, to name only a few; the Macquarie University Robotics Program and the Lego League Robotics Program - Our Robotics crew's achievement in gaining first place in the 'First Robotics Competition', earned them entry to the international competition in Houston, Texas; Our Refugee Action Programs, The Refugee Transition Programs, Macquarie Mentoring, AIME, Vocational Education & Training programs. The lists goes on and on as does the support from our amazing staff who run these programs; many on a voluntary basis and in many cases giving up their own time.

Our CAPA faculty also organizes many extra-curricular events. This year two high quality showcase events were conducted featuring the work of the Music and Dance students and Ms Kennedy never ceases to amaze us with her drive – particularly with the amazing Tribal Drum group. This year they have been performing in many places outside of the school. Students, utilising skills and techniques imparted by the CAPA staff have won a number of awards in competitions hosted by various groups in the community. I particularly would like to thank the CAPA staff for their significant contribution in keeping the arts alive and flourishing at BGHS.

A significant milestone has been reached at BGHS now in that every teaching space is now air-conditioned. This year we added significantly to the stock with the goal of making a comfortable learning environment throughout the year for all students and staff.

It is the payment of school fees that facilitate undertakings such as this so please if you want to see BGHS continuing to provide first class facilities, we need to ensure that all fees and contributions are paid. Thank you to those parents who have continuously supported the school in this way.

In November, two of our teachers were recognised by the Australian College of Educators and presented with awards for Excellence in Teaching. Ms Teneille Biasetto from the English (ESL) Faculty, Ms Joanne Willis from the TAS faculty. Congratulations to both outstanding and dedicated teachers. It is really pleasing to see our staff recognised at such high levels.

To the teaching and administrative staff and especially the school executive team, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your dedication throughout 2018. To the Deputy Principals, Ms Trimmis and Mr Sandoval, I sincerely thank them for their tireless efforts throughout the year, for their leadership and the passion that they both show for improving the skills of our profession and the skills of motivating and leading learning.

It is obvious and easy to determine from the points made above that it has been another great year for Blacktown Girls High School. We look forward with great anticipation to 2019 and working with our school community to provide the best possible learning environment for every student and in making a difference in the lives of our students.

Can I take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe holiday. Safe travels if you are travelling away and a Merry Christmas for those who celebrate it. I particularly look forward to an even more successful 2019.

Jeff Lumb PRINCIPAL

Blacktown Girls High School

Kindest Regards,

DECEMBER 2018



Ms Joanne Willis Year 12 Adviser

WELCOME TO YEAR 12

YEAR 12 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2019

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We would like to take the opportunity to inform you about the 2019 academic year.

- Years 7, 11 and 12 start on Wednesday 30th January
- Years 8, 9 and 10 start on Thursday 31st January

Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day, including black leather school shoes. Year 12 students are all expected to wear the current senior uniform. It is also recommended that a suitably sized school bag be used to contain all necessary resources. Year 12 students will commence lessons on Day 1 and are expected to be prepared for this.

In 2019 the behaviour code continues to emphasise the SHARE and LEARN principles, which are-



In class on time on task in correct uniform doing the very best L can

So that the 'hardwork' principle and 'appropriate attitude' can begin on Day 1, you are encouraged to purchase the stationery and equipment required. Year 12 students usually work using folders with an A4 sized lecture pad and loose leaf paper for each subject studied. All students will be expected to purchase a student diary for use each day. We strongly recommend this, as correct use can help to reduce the stress involved with the demands of coursework, assessment tasks and examinations over the year.

We ask you to help your daughter to establish a good study routine and a sense of personal responsibility for her learning and success right from day one. It is also important for her to balance work and school commitments to ensure success. It would be very unusual in Year 12 if homework is not set on a frequent basis. It is also vital that your daughter attends school on time each day and on a regular basis.

The HSC Course covers four terms, and actually began in Term 4 2018. All coursework, assessment tasks and examinations in all subjects must be successfully completed in order for your daughter to satisfy the requirements of the Board of Studies for the award of a Higher School Certificate in 2019. Your daughter has already been issued with assessment schedules for each of her subjects detailing the type of task, the due date, the mark value and the outcomes being assessed. It would be appreciated if you would monitor and encourage your daughter to prepare for and complete these tasks on time to her best ability, as the marks she achieves for each test in each subject impacts directly on the mark awarded at the conclusion of the course. The final HSC Mark for each subject is made up of the HSC Assessment Mark and the HSC Examination Mark.











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WELCOME TO YEAR 12

BLACKTOWN G I R L S HIGH SCHOOL A Partially Selective Girls Alsph School

Students in Year 12 are studying a minimum of 10 units of courses which means that many have a number of study periods each week. If any of the study periods are a Period 1, students are expected to attend school at 8.10 am and attend roll call as normal. Where these periods are at the end of the school day students will receive a 'Flexi Pass' which will allow them to leave school early and go home to study. Study periods are intended to assist students plan and complete their school work with access to school resources. **Under no circumstances are students to leave school during study periods and return to later classes**. They must remain at school and use the time appropriately.



Please note that the anticipated dates for written exams are:

- Half Yearly Examinations are held at the end of Term 1.
- The important Trial HSC Exams are held at the end of Term 2 in June.
- The HSC examination period will commence in October in Term 4.

Some subjects, Community & Family Studies, Extension History and Society and Culture have major research projects while Textiles & Design, Visual Arts, Dance, Music, French and Spanish have major practical components which have specific due dates during Term 3, 2019 and form a major part of the overall assessment. It is absolutely vital that your daughter manages these tasks during the available time and prepares herself as well as possible.



During the year your daughter may also be involved in the creation of a Year Book and in the planning of the Year 12 Formal and Graduation Ceremony and in various fundraising activities. These will need to be conducted around classes and assessments.

Another issue that we at school are very mindful of, particularly in view of past events, is that of your daughter driving herself, family and friends to and from school. If your daughter is driving to school there is a form that you must complete and return to the Year Adviser immediately. Please help us to encourage and reward safe driving practices.

We wish your daughter luck and want to remind you that education is a team effort – the student, the family and the school working together. The school has established a website where important dates can be found throughout the year to assist you.

http://www.blacktown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/index.htm

We look forward to another successful and final year where Blacktown Girls High School really can 'make a difference' in your daughter's life.



Ms Maria Trimmis

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Ms Joanne Willis YEAR ADVISER

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YEAR 12 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019

Students are required to bring fully charged laptop/tablet each day CORE

ENGLISH	240 page lined A4 Book
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ELECTIVES

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ANCIENT/MODERN HISTORY	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 page display folder, 16 GB USB memory stick (can be used across all HSIE subjects) BYOD capable device
BIOLOGY	240 page exercise book
BUSINESS SERVICES (VET)	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 page display folder, USB memory stick, printing money,BYOD capable device
BUSINESS STUDIES	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 page display folder, USB memory stick, printing money,BYOD capable device
CHEMISTRY	240 page A4 exercise book
COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES	A4 reinforced loose leaf lined paper, 2 ring binder with plastic sleeves, A4 display book for IRP
DANCE	240 page A4 exercise book, 1 x black leotard [or body suit] Black cotton lycra dance pants Black cotton or nylon full length or 3/4 length dance tights
EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD	A4 display folder
FRENCH - BEGINNERS	French/English Dictionary, A4 folder, loose paper
HOSPITALITY	A4 reinforced loose leaf lined paper
INFORMATION PROCESSES & TECHNOLOGY	A4 book, Student ID card, A4 display folder, \$10.00 print credit at all times
LEGAL STUDIES	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 page display folder, USB memory stick,BYOD capable device
MATHEMATICS	Requirements will be advised by teacher
MUSIC	1x96 page music exercise book or A4 book with manuscript (available from school office),HB pencils,1 display folder
PD/H/PE	A4 booklets 96 page x 3
PHOTOGRAPHY	A4 display folder, Minimum 2G memory stick
PHYSICS	240 page A4 exercise book
SENIOR SCIENCE	240 page A4 exercise book
SPORTS COACHING	Specialised uniform will be provided upon payment of Sport Coaching fee, supportive shoes, 96 page A4 exercise book.

STUDIES OF RELIGION	240 page lined A4 Book	
TEXTILES & DESIGN	A3 display folder with plastic sleeves (supplied by faculty) Lead pencil, sharpener, eraser, ruler, coloured pencil, outline markers A4 display folder, A4 reinforced loose leaf lined paper and blank paper	
VISUAL ARTS	A3 Visual Diary for practical work A4 Visual Diary for theory work or A4 exercise book / folder	
ECONOMICS	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 display folder, USB memory stick	
SOCIETY & COULTURE	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 display folder, USB memory stick	
RETAIL SERVICES	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 display folder, USB memory stick	
WORK STUDIES	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 display folder, USB memory stick	
BUSINESS STUDIES	2 x 240 page exercise book, 1 x 20 display folder, USB memory stick	
2018 Student Diary - Please note that this is a school requirement		

All Year 12 students must have their student ID card with them every day and always have print credit available for all subjects



A note on School Uniform.....

The power of History is that it has the capacity to teach us lessons....

In 1989, Rudy Giuliani became Mayor of New York City. His promise was to 'clean up' New York and make it one of the greatest cities in the world. The rest is, as they say, 'history'. Mayor Giuliani did this, spectacularly! While doing this, Mayor Giuliani often used the expression "focus on the broken windows...." By this Mayor Giuliani meant that by focusing on the smaller, basic issues, the big issues don't develop.

After nearly 36 years of teaching, 14 years of these at Blacktown Girls High, experience has clearly shown me that Mayor Giuliani's "broken windows" idea has incredible relevance for schools..... By tackling the smaller, basic issues we can prevent the 'big issues' from developing.

So what are the 'small issues' in a school? The most significant 'small issue' in a school is school uniform.

Why uniform?

There is so much professional research that points to the value of school uniform.

The wearing of a school uniform serves a variety of functions that include:

- promoting school safety, particularly in practical lessons;
- improving discipline, and enhances the learning environment;
- promoting the image of Blacktown Girls High School in the community;
- helping parents by negating the need to purchase fashionable and expensive items;
- assisting students resist peer pressure and demands on parents for 'designer' clothes;
- reducing theft a common occurrence when students wear 'designer' clothes;
- helping school staff recognise intruders who might come into the school;
- preparing students for later life where uniforms form an integral part of employment

Uniform is the first 'broken window' that teachers often observe taking place before more significant decline. Decline that can include:

- truancy,
- frequent unexplained absences,
- confrontational or inappropriate behaviour,
- disengagement from learning and
- falling grades.

The School Education Act 1990 and the Department of Education, allow each school community to set its own school discipline and uniform code. Part of the school discipline code at Blacktown Girls High School is the requirement that all students wear school uniform.

Parents just like school staff, have an active role to play in making sure that correct school uniform is being worn. I ask for your assistance on this very important matter.

Jeffrey Lumb PRINCIPAL



BLACKTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM 2019

Holiday Hours 18, 23 Jan 9am - 1pm/29, 30, 31 Jan 8am - 12pm/ 1 Feb 8am - 12pm

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PRODUCT	PRICE	QTY	SIZE	JR/SR	TOTAL
BLOUSE-short sleeve	\$35.00				
BLOUSE-long sleeve	\$45.00				
JUNIOR SKIRT-maroon	\$55.00				
CULOTTE	\$45.00				
SENIOR SKIRT-tartan	\$55.00				
SPORTS POLO	\$35.00				
SPORT POLO LONG SLEEVE (order only)	\$40.00				
MICROFIBRE SPORTS SHORTS	\$30.00				
KNITTED MAROON JUMPER	\$75.00				
MAROON / BLUE SLACKS	\$40.00				
MICROFIBRE JACKET	\$70.00				
MICROFIRBE TRACKPANTS	\$50.00				
WHITE SOCKS (3pk)	\$15.00				
TIE	\$22.00				

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Signature		
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JUNIOR UNIFORM





Girls Blouse
Polycotton Maroon
Contrast Piping Straight
Hem Peaked
Collar Embroidered
School Crest



Knitted Jumper 80% Wool 20% Polyester V neck Rimoldi Finish



Junior Slacks Polyester Viscose Maroon



OPTIONAL UNIFORM

White Ankle Sock 80% Cotton 20%



School Tie Poly Viscose



School Blazer Jetted Pockets School Crest embroidered on left chest

JUNIOR UNIFORM





Girls Blouse Polycotton Maroon Contrast Piping Straight Hem Peaked Collar Embroidered School Crest



Culotte Polyester Viscose Pleated Design



Jnr Skirt Polyester Viscose Pleated Design



White Ankle Socks 80% Cotton 20% Spandey



Knitted Jersey 80% Wool 20% Polyester



Black Tights 70 Denier

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JUNIOR SPORT UNIFORM













Sport Shorts Maroon 240T Microfibre Elastic and Drawcord waist

Embroidered lettering on

left leg

White Ankle Sock 60% Cotton 20% Spandex









White Ankle Sock 60% Cotton 20% Spandex



Tracksuit Jacket Maroon 240T Microfibre Embroidered School Crest

Tracksuit **Pants** Maroon 240T Microfibre White

SENIOR UNIFORM





Girls Blouse
Polycotton
Maroon Contrast Piping
Straight Hem Peaked
Collar Embroidered
School Crest



Senior Skirt Polyester Viscose Pleated Design



White Ankle Socks 80% Cotton 20% Spandex



Knitted Jersey 80% Wool 20% Polyester



Black Tights 70 Denier Nylon/Elastine





School Blazer Jetted Pockets School Crest embroidered on left chest



School Tie Poly Viscose

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SENIOR UNIFORM





Girls Blouse
Polycotton Maroon
Contrast Piping Straight
Hem Peaked
Collar Embroidered
School Crest



Knitted Jumper 80% Wool 20% Polyester V neck Rimoldi Finish



Senior Slacks Polyester Viscose Blue



White Ankle Sock 80% Cotton 20% Spandex



School Blazer Jetted Pockets School Crest embroidered on left chest



School Tie Poly Viscose

SCHOOL SHOES FOR 2019

Please consider the uniform rules when purchasing any items of clothing especially in the coming holidays.

YES The "Chemical Safety Act" requires students to wear covered / encased leather shoes in Science labs, TAS classrooms and Art classrooms. Several high schools have recently been inspected by 'Work cover' and were served notices that balletstyle shoes, Mary Jane shoes, joggers and non-leather upper shoes worn by many female students do NOT meet the requirements of a "covered shoe". Principals have been instructed that students MUST meet the requirements of the OH&S and "Chemical Safety" Legislation Sports shoes may only be worn in PDHPE classes To satisfy this legislation students cannot wear any of the shoes listed on the left side of this page. The top of the foot must be enclosed in a leather upper. If purchasing shoes in the coming months, please ensure that only 'approved' shoes are purchased. Non-compliance will mean that your daughter may be excluded from practical lessons

Principal: Jeff Lumb



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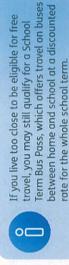
There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



Who needs to apply

student has not had a School Opal card before. A new application is only required if the

December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

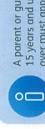
child's enrolment, complete the application at Once the new school has confirmed your transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application. Once Transport for NSW has approved the



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



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1. Log into the school website: http://www.blacktowng-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/



- 2. Click on MAKE A PAYMENT button
- 3. This will take you to the Westpac Site:



NOTE: Only the Fields marked with a GREEN * (asterisk) have to be completed.



Please complete the following fields:

- Given Name (students first name)
- Surname (student's surname)
- Class or Year (students class name)
- Date of Birth (students DOB)
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- Payment Options please choose the relevant box

4. Click Next

You will then see the following:

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