Welcome to an exciting and eventful 2014. I would especially like to welcome new parents and students to the school. I have met some of you already and I’m looking forward to getting to know many of you at various functions throughout the school year.

**Staff Changes**
It gives me great pleasure to welcome a number of new staff to the Blackwattle Bay Campus. In English, Ms Gabrielle Sentelecky joins us from Leichhardt Campus, as well as Ms Narelle Daniels who is a recent appointment to our school. There are some new faces in the Science faculty this year: Mr Thao Nguyen from Leichhardt Campus has replaced Mr Michael Fullerton who retired last year and Mr David Wilson from Balmain Campus has replaced Mr Liam Birchall. In Languages we welcome Ms Sharon Zhang who replaces Mr Wei Lu as teacher of Chinese and Mr Wenshou Li who will teach Maths and Computing.

This year we are fortunate to have the expertise of three highly experienced part-time staff: Ms Michelle Standish, Ms Jane Rouvray and Ms Glen Bennett to provide tutorial assistance to Year 12 students in their study periods. In addition to our permanent staff, Blackwattle has a number of travelling staff from our Junior Campuses: Mr Greg Wozniak (Maths), Ms Libby Campbell (Drama), Ms Nesima Pinjuth (French) and Ms Tracy Goldstein (Society and Culture).

It is also a pleasure to welcome back two of our very experienced Head Teachers: Mr John Matchett (Maths) and Mr Craig Anderson (HSIE).

**Outstanding 2013 HSC Results**
This year began with some wonderful news regarding our 2013 HSC results. Overall, Blackwattle Bay’s results were the best in five years. Some of this success can be attributed to the school’s renewed emphasis on hard work, effort and persistence. We are very proud of our results and are committed to ensuring the best learning outcomes for all our students.

**HSC Highlights**
In 2013, 317 students sat for the HSC in 57 subjects. 136 results were in the top band (band 6).
This compares with 114 in 2012 and 116 in 2011. 490 results were in the second top band (band 5). In total almost half our results were in the top two bands and 77% of all results were in the top three bands. This is well above the State distribution and previous results. An incredible achievement!

There were some remarkable individual results:
Amanda Vlahos - Dux of Sydney Secondary College with an ATAR of 98.05
Elena Sheard - received the Premier’s Award for achieving band 6 in all her subjects including 9th in the state for English Standard.
Max Alston - achieved band 6 in five subjects.
Max Harris - was awarded the Patricia Bell Scholarship to study Music Performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Congratulations to all the staff for their care, patience and expertise in guiding all our students so ably through their HSC.

Introducing ‘The Edge”
Building on the Senior Study concept introduced last year which saw Year 11 and Year 12 students attend compulsory, timetabled study periods in the Library, we have decided to allocate Year 12 a separate, fitted out study space. This facility, known as “The Edge” is staffed by three highly experienced, senior teachers who are on hand to assist students to maximise their HSC results. The tutors provide assistance with: assessment tasks, study organisation, research skills and exam preparation. Plenty of HSC resources are on hand including: a range of past exam papers, year 12 texts and other appropriate materials. It is hoped that students will make use of this tutorial centre outside of their timetabled periods particularly during the lead up to examinations. Students are reminded to bring their laptops for use during study periods and to plan in advance how they will get the most from this valuable resource.

Welcome to new Parents
The P&C hosted their annual ”Welcome to Year 11 Parents” on Wednesday February 19 at the school at 6 pm. This evening was a great opportunity for new parents to meet each other. Many of the staff attended and were available to chat about the school in an informal setting. Office staff were also available to process fee payments.

Sharon Roberts
Principal
From the Deputy’s Desk

It is said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. I was reminded of this when I heard a story that was worth sharing on our last School Assembly.

There was an Italian farmer who went to church every morning and every evening after a hard and honest day’s toil in his fields. He was a good man, a devout man and a great father. He harboured one wish: that his children wouldn’t have to work such long, hard hours into their old age, as he did.

So every morning before the sun came up and every evening after the sun went down, he would go to church, kneel before the statue of an angel, and pray. “Please, Lord I am a good man, an honest man I have worked hard, can you help me win the lottery”

His prayer was the same, every day, twice a day in front of the same statue, for 37 yrs.

One day the statue could take no more of the farmer’s simple pleadings. To the farmer’s surprise the statue leaned down, smiled and said, “For goodness sake buy a ticket!”

To achieve his goal the farmer had to “buy in”, he had to do something to help himself get to where he wanted to be. And so it is for our students here at Blackwattle Bay – we can talk about goals and results but nothing will change and these goals won’t be realised unless we take a risk, do something different and “buy in.”

This year Blackwattle Bay is doing something different. Building on the strengths of the Senior Study established last year, we have now implemented a second Study Centre, called The Edge, to provide support exclusively for Year 12 students; with expert tutors, paper and electronic resources, study guides and past papers, whilst the Senior Study now provides an independent learning and resource space for Year 11.

With these supports in place it is now up to our students to “buy in” to their goals and use these resources to achieve the HSC results they talk about and we all know they can achieve.

Stacie Connor
Deputy Principal
This week the SRC met in B6 at lunch time. The SRC is the Student Representative Council. The SRCs role in the school is to raise awareness and funds for areas we are passionate about. Anyone can get involved without joining the SRC. If you notice any activities taking place that you would like to get involved in, please let Ms Conner, Mr Mansfield or any SRC member know.

During the meeting we made plans for Diversity Day which will be in week 8. We discussed what food would be available and in what quantities. Some of the ideas that were brought forward include spaghetti bolognaise, curry, noodles, cupcakes, and slices. If you have any ideas for food or want to cook something please let Ms Conner, Mr Mansfield or any SRC member know.

Our discussion moved to the idea of raising money for a second new microwave in the canteen area. The SRC will be holding a lunch time Pizza Day on the Monday for week 6 (March 3rd) to raise the money. You will be able to purchase a slice of pizza or a whole pizza. Prices will be available soon. On the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of week 5, you will be able to pre-purchase pizza at a reduced price. Posters with more details will be up around the school soon.

Don’t forget about the White Ribbon Movie Competition. If you want to be involved let Mr Mansfield know. Get started on your videos as soon as possible because the closing date will be here sooner than you think.

The SRC meets every second Wednesday (week B) in B6 at lunch time.

Charles Doggett

From 2014 a new Year 12 Study Centre has been established at the northern end of the campus. We have named the Centre the EDGE – Effort + Determination + Goals equals Excellence! It is hoped it will give the students an extra edge in their quest for the best outcome in their HSC.

There are two quiet study rooms, and one area for students who wish to discuss their work with another student. Students have new study booths installed to ensure they each have a nice private space in which to work.

All Year 12 students who have a study period will be attending the EDGE, unless they have permission to work elsewhere, such as on an Art major work.

The Edge is staffed by specialist teachers who are able to assist students with their work across a range of subject areas. This includes individual advice on study plans, study techniques, exam preparation and assessment task analysis.

We are assembling a bank of resources for student use. So far we have copies of the past English papers, which are stored in the coloured plastic boxes, as well as resources in a range of other subjects, which are stored in filing cabinets, and copies of student texts, displayed on shelves.

All Year 12 students are working towards an HSC. It doesn’t matter whether they are following an ATAR pathway for University Entry, or a non-ATAR Pathway for a Vocational Career, they all have work to do and should come prepared to use their study periods effectively.

This is a great opportunity for Year 12 to use their time productively, and get the Edge on their HSC preparation!
**Year 11 Study Skills days - A huge success!**

On Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February, our school was very fortunate to have the Australian Catholic University (ACU) present a series of Study Skills Workshops to our new Year 11’s. The ACU brought along six University Ambassadors who spoke to our students about a variety of topics including UAC (the University Admission Centre), goal setting, how to write a study timetable as well as other issues they may face during this time. All of our students found the workshops invaluable and parent feedback was very positive. A number of Head Teachers also commented on how wonderful it was to have students come to their classes, talking about organising themselves better, and attaining study goals.

Any Year 11 student who missed out on the presentation or any parent who is interested in finding out what information was presented, please contact me and I would be happy to give you a copy of the ACU workshop presentation material. A huge thank you to Shay Greig from the Equity Pathways Office and the University Ambassadors at the Australian Catholic University for their wonderful work over the two days. I would also like to thank Jan Cuke (Deputy Principal – Year 11), Reingard Porges, Sue Bancroft (Girls’ Adviser), Rachel Hill, (Year 11 Adviser) Jack Wilson (Boys’ Adviser), Brad Mason and Peter (our fantastic General Assistant) for their help on the day.

Bridget Cleaver
Career Adviser

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**HSC ARTEXPRESS Dates**

Our current HSC Visual Arts students are on their way completing their body of works for this year’s HSC Visual Arts Exhibition held at The Muse Ultimo TAFE, opening night 29 July, 2014 6.00-7.30pm. We would encourage all the Visual Arts students to visit the 2014 ARTEXPRESS exhibitions which showcase a selection of art works from 2013 HSC Visual Arts course. The exhibitions highlight the excellence in visual arts education demonstrating the art making practice in a variety of mediums.

**Metropolitan Exhibition Dates**

Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre 1 February – 16 March
The Armory, Sydney Olympic 4 March – 27 April
From the Information Services Centre

The Information Services Centre is located in the Library and provides information services and a place to study for all students.

We are also the Study Centre for Year 11 students. Students are provided with an individual work area where they can work on homework, assessment tasks, revision or read relevant texts. There is also a notice board that advertises when assessment tasks are due.

The school provides each student with a $5 credit for photocopying or printing from a computer on their student ID card. Once the initial amount is used additional credit can be purchased. Students pay for additional credit at the Administration Office or at the Library. They need to show the Library Staff of the payment so that their credit can be updated. We only have black and white copying available.

The Student ID card is also used for borrowing books from the Library. Each student can borrow up to 10 curriculum and 10 fiction items at a time. To return a book there is a slot for returns in the charge desk. Textbooks for a number of subjects are also borrowed through the Library on a long-term loan.

The Information Services Centre also produces in-house Information Guides for a range of assessment tasks. These are available as hard copy or as an electronic copy on the Student hard drive.

The Information Service Centre is also the workplace for the Technology Services Office Lloyd Warwick-Sharke. Lloyd deals with DER laptops as well as maintaining the school computer network.

David Collier
Librarian

At Blackwattle Bay Campus we are fortunate to have a variety of languages taught. These include Chinese, French and Japanese.

Sport choices at our Campus

Knockout sports where we play in the Sydney East Competition:
Boys Football, basketball & touch Girls Football, basketball, touch & netball.

Recreational - football, basketball, volleyball, rock climbing at Sydney University, PCYC, badminton, table tennis, theatre sports.

We also do kayaking and have started a new program of rowing with the Glebe Rowing club (30 students involved).
English Faculty Update

Year 12 has settled back into the term and all students have commenced preparation for the Half Yearly exams. The Advanced students are currently studying the elective about *Frankenstein* and *Blade Runner* whilst the Standard students are focusing on the play *Educating Rita* for the elective Into the World. The English Studies students are preparing the mandatory elective *We Are Australians*. They are currently nominating and researching their own Australians of the Year. Extension 1 English is focusing on a genre study of Crime Writing that involves the collection of related material from various periods throughout the genre. In the holidays they prepared their creative crime writing stories as preparation of a body of writing for the exam. Extension 2 students are currently working on their draft of short stories for their major projects, which are due in August for external marking.

Year 11 students have commenced the year successfully and are now coming to understand the demands of stage 6 English study. These students will be commencing the study of new HSC texts when they start year 12 in term 4. Consequently they are starting new texts in Year 11 that will assist them in their preparation for year 12. Advanced students are studying the play *A Streetcar named Desire* whilst Standard students are currently studying the Australian play *Gary’s House*. This focus on drama is to enable students to write with a greater understanding of performance texts that is a required skill in the HSC exams. Extension 1 students have started their conceptual study of the Anti –Hero by investigating the rise of the Anti –Hero in a variety of texts, including *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest*. Students in this course are learning the importance of student centred research, which is ongoing and an essential element of the course. English Studies students have started to explore the elective on contemporary families. Our ESL students in both year 11 and 12 are settling back into the school year and have commenced their courses with enthusiasm. We welcome our new international students to the school, and hope that you soon feel part of the school community.

It is important for all students to remember that course work preparation for this subject is ongoing and includes detailed notes and practice responses that take the form of essays and creative writing. It is expected by all classroom teachers that students use their study periods at school, either in the Library or year 12 Study Centre, to formulate their conceptual understanding of texts. Many students are using this time to receive feedback from the tutors available to assist them, or making times to see their classroom teacher for individual support. All students know they must take responsibility for their learning during these study periods so as to better prepare for upcoming assessment tasks.

We look forward to a productive year ahead.

Kerry Foulkes
Head Teacher English

### A Specialist Focus at our Campus in 2014.

Improving literacy is a priority in many educational places. At Blackwattle Bay Campus we make this a priority. All students targeted have been tested using a standardised assessment tool and some fortunate students have been selected to participate in our e-learning model of improving reading and literacy skills. This program has shown such remarkable results in young adult learners it is being extended to include the new Year 11 students who struggle with aspects of literacy. Using iPad technology, students are able to improve their reading using Readers written specifically for young Adult learners. You can visit the website for this program at [www.tenminutedailyreaders.com.au](http://www.tenminutedailyreaders.com.au) and follow the links to see how suitable this program is for our students in need of literacy assistance. As educators we are aware that the three areas of post-school success are literacy, numeracy and work readiness. In a school whose motto is “Quality, Opportunity, Diversity”, we are embracing the time given to us to assist our students in success post-school.

Barbara Calder, Head Teacher, Student Development.
Glasshouse Café

Not every school can boast a Glasshouse Café with water views and qualified chefs!

Dan and Nina have over 45 years combined experience. Before Nina joined SSC Blackwattle Bay she managed the school canteen at Neutral Bay Public School. During this time she has dutifully planned, prepared, and served healthy food following strict nutritional guidelines she herself had personally created whilst overseeing significant changes, including upgrading an outdated menu which now incorporates healthy wraps, sandwiches, toasties, organic meat pies and sushi rolls to name a few complying fully with NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

Head Chef, Dan, started managing The Glasshouse Café at Sydney Secondary College almost 3 years ago. Dan has successfully improved the quality of food available, with staff and students delighted. Dan has also improved the decor of the canteen introducing posters that show Australian fish, fruit, vegetable and meat varieties. This has seen interest from students keen to learn cooking technique from the canteen crew. In essence we have taken the canteen from an "old school canteen" environment to a professional bistro style kitchen.

Dan trained in England and has worked across the world in France, Germany, Italy and America. He moved to Australia to work at The Ritz Carlton in Double Bay and Macquarie Street. He took the executive chef position at Bungalow 8 and Loft and then consulted at Nick’s seafood restaurants.

Dan is actively involved in the school community offering Work Experience placements and participation in school events such as Diversity Day, Jazz at the Bay Festival and Splendor at the Bay.

The Glasshouse cafe is committed to providing diverse, healthy and value for money products. We focus on quality and consistency in the food we provide with emphasis on the NSW Healthy kids guidelines.

We have created dishes that specifically cater for increasing health related diets such as coeliac, paleo and dairy free alternatives.

If you have any specific questions, suggestions or ideas for the canteen, please don’t hesitate in contacting me via email on:

daniel.wilson115@det.nsw.edu.au

Dan Wilson

From the Editor:

Thanks go to each contributor. It is amazing how well people rise to the occasion when asked to assist in this, the first Newsletter for 2014. The Newsletter will be published in Week 5 and Week 10 of each term. Watch for the latest information from varying aspects of our school.

As you have read in the preceding pages, this school certainly lives up to its motto of Quality, Opportunity and Diversity. What a great place to be either as a member of our hard-working clerical team, our dedicated cleaning staff, our General Assistant, a Teacher, a Learning Support Officer, a student or a volunteer. Watch for updates on Daisy and the use of e-diary on our Campus. This will give parents, students and teachers immediate access to information via email.
Five weeks into Term 1 2014, and the musicians at the college are already demonstrating a commitment to furthering their musical education. The musicians within all three campuses of The Sydney Secondary College are increasingly becoming noticed and musicianship is a core element within the education of the young minds of the students attending the college. Under the direction of our new IMP Director, Mark Stevens, Administrator Erin Vencken and our esteemed list of Conductors including John Benson, Simon Sweeney, Glad Reed and Carlo Antonioli, alongside the commitment and discipline of our young musicians, the level of Ensemble Music is increasing to new heights as witnessed at our College Presentation Day on Friday 14th February.

Within Blackwattle Bay Campus, we are continuing to promote the importance of, as well as foster the continued musical education and the holistic development of our Stage 6 Music students with many of our HSC 2013 students continuing their Musical Education at a tertiary level. We celebrate Max Harris who received a position at the prestigious Sydney Conservatorium of Music with the Patricia Bell Scholarship. We also celebrate Jasmine Mills who gained a place at the Australian Institute of Music as well as other students who are pursuing a musical career in the fields of audio engineering and sound production.

Week Two saw the first of many concerts to be held during Friday lunch times. These allow our HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music students to perform music from their repertoire representing the topics outlined by the Board of Studies. Term 2 will see the Preliminary Students performing their repertoire representing their instrument and/or voice.

Thursday 13th February saw students from both Music 1 and Music 2 Extension Courses attend a seminar at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School at Moore Park. The students were met by well-respected composer/conductor and musician Christopher Gordon (the composer of music for Master and Commander and Moby Dick) where he presented a seminar on the music of John Williams, a unit of work studied as part of the students’ HSC Music 2 mandatory topic Music in Radio, Film, Television and Multimedia.

Wednesday 12th March will be the first of four evening concerts held here at the campus Lecture Theatre, starting at 6pm. These concerts allow our HSC students to perform within yet another context and environment.

On behalf of the Music Department here at Blackwattle Bay Campus, I’m delighted to announce that, for the first time the final recital for our HSC 2014 Music students will be held in the Sound Lounge at the Seymour Centre (date to be confirmed). This will be an evening of music from the Classical Era through to Contemporary Music representing Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music at both Preliminary and HSC level.
Needless to say, behind these musical endeavours, as well as other productions held at the campus, it is important to note the often forgotten backstage crew. Our VET Entertainment students often are the students who, whilst fulfilling the requirements of their Certificate III in Live Production, Theatre and Events (Technical Operations), design the staging and audio set ups, execute the sound/light and vision cues, and are the students who often will have to forfeit their study periods, early mornings and evenings in bumping in and out of productions held at the school.

The representation of musicians within the campus may be select, and as such sometimes unnoticed. However, it is thriving. We look forward to having your company at our future concert evenings (refer to dates).

**Wednesday 12th March, 6pm** – Year 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music Concert Evening – Venue: Campus Lecture Theatre

**Wednesday 28th May, 6pm** – Year 11 Music 1 & Music 2 Concert Evening – Venue: Campus Lecture Theatre

**Wednesday 11th June, 6pm** – Year 12 Music 1 & Music 2 Concert Evening – Venue: Campus Lecture Theatre

**Year 11 & 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension Students at AFTRS for Meet the Music Composition Seminar.**

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**Swimming Carnival Results**

Drummoyne Pool 12 February 2014
Jim Liu B17 Age Champion 1st 200IM, 1st 50fs, 1st 50 back, 1 200fs, 1 50 fly, 1st 100fs
Miwa Blumer G17 Age Champion 1st 50fs, 1st 50 back, 1st 50 breast, 1st 50 fly, 1st 100fs
Harrison May B17 3rd 200IM, 2nd 50fs, 2nd 50 back, 2nd 200fs, 2nd 50 fly, 2nd 100fs
Tommy Gavrielatos B17 3rd 50fs
Ewen Cameron B17 4th 50fs
Mackenzie Noller B17 3rd 50 back
Mitchell Farrelly 1st 50 breast
Jack Baylis-Jones 2nd 50 breast
Natasha Ricardo G17 3rd 50fs, 3rd 50 back, 2 100fs
Jemma Hamilton G17 2nd 50fs, 2nd 50 back, 2nd 50 breast, 2nd 50 fly
Huw McGill B16 2nd 50fs
Michaela Franz G16 2nd 50 fs, 3rd 50 back, 2nd 200fs, 4th 50 breast, 2nd 100fs
Hayley Robinson G16 2nd 50 breast, 4th 100fs

Congratulations to these students and good luck at the Zone Championships @ Enfield Swimming Centre on 24 February.

We also had 20 student officials who assisted in running the carnival. This was a very valuable leadership opportunity. Our students greatly added to the success of the meet. Well done to these students.
Adopt-a-school Rowing Program: Glebe Rowing Club / SSC Blackwattle Bay Campus

25 of our Year 11 students have been involved in a new initiative to learn to row. Glebe Rowing Club and our school have started a program to get students involved in rowing. Rowing Australia has given funding to provide Coaches free of charge to teach students how to row in our own backyard on Blackwattle Bay. Head Coach, Brad Smith, is very excited about the interest shown by our students.

Kayaking on Blackwattle Bay and beyond

Students have started paddling on Thursday morning and in the afternoon sports session. They are making the most of our great location on the water and developing a passion for the great sport of kayaking.

Year 11 Ski Trip August 2014

Have you embraced the excitement of the Winter Olympics? 50 Year 11 students will have the chance to ski or snowboard at Perisher Blue Ski Resort 3-6 August 2014. This trip is open to all Year 11 students who have an excellent academic, attendance, punctuality, behaviour record. Engage productively and take responsibility for your learning and you will have a good chance of being part of this great trip. A $50 deposit and an expression of interest will be required later this term. Talk to Mr. George to find out more.

11PDHPE protective behaviours/ risk behaviours

Year 11 PDHPE classes have been analysing protective behaviours and risk behaviours for a range of health issues that are relevant to young people. They were asked to design a Take 5 fact sheet relevant for students in Years 11 and 12.

K. Atherton, J. Young and P. George PDHPE staff.
The Blackwattle Bay P&C Welcomes You

It was great to see so many people at our Welcome for Year 11 Parents last week. We hope you enjoyed the evening and felt a sense of connection with your child's new high school campus.

Both Year 11 and 12 parents are warmly invited to join us at our P & C meetings this year, beginning with our Annual General Meeting on March 19.

Being involved with the P & C at Blackwattle Bay is not an onerous commitment. It is however, an excellent way for you to get to know the school and senior staff and remain in touch with the issues affecting your child in these final, vital years of their secondary education.

Over the past year, the committee has advocated on a range of important issues like road safety and public transport to the school. Funds from the P & C voluntary parent contribution have helped to upgrade school facilities and support special student programs including the establishment of the White Ribbon Garden and the overhaul of the student reward scheme. Our annual Gleebooks fundraiser in November provided around $2,500 worth of books and resources for the Blackwattle Campus library.

So please join us at our next meeting on March 19. For more information, go to www.sscbwattle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents-citizens.

The Blackwattle Bay P & C Association invites you to its
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 19 at 7pm
in the school administration building.
Refreshments provided. All welcome.

Japan Education Fair

On Sunday 16th February, six Blackwattle Bay students attended the Japan Education Fair at UTS. Japanese representatives from various private and public institutions from around Japan introduced what their institution has to offer in the way of study opportunities in Japan. It was interesting to hear that Hokkaido University which offers a 4 year degree in the School of Education provides considerable financial support helping out international students in the first two years of their study. After completion of the 4 year degree, students can expect to have near to native speaker competency in Japanese.

Hokkaido Japanese Language Academy has a private school in Sapporo and in Tochigi-ken (2 hours north of Tokyo by train/50 minutes by Shinkansen). The Language Academy offers study trips from 1 week up to 2 years. As well as lessons in the Japanese language, cultural activities such as tea ceremony are offered and during the winter, ski trips are also an option.

Students who are interested in future study in Japan and who wish to receive more information about some of the institutions that were on show at the Fair should please see Ms Goodman.
News from the Year 11 Advisors

We are delighted to report that the Year 11s seem to be settling in really well with lots of smiles and happy, positive comments in the playground. The Orientation Week certainly supported our new students in adjusting to the BWB Campus routine. As well as orienting them physically, one of our mentoring activities was to establish our shared core values. Students worked in groups discussing and writing up the values that they want to see at BWB Campus.

Surprisingly, for the students, they realised that we all share similar values and the BWB Way is the embodiment of these values. Furthermore, students found that the BWB Way was a reflection of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approaches they had learned at their Junior Campuses, making the transition even easier.

Our BWB Way is: respect yourself, others and the community; act responsibly; participate productively in learning, which ensures happy and productive students.

We’ve also added a new and important mantra: ‘make every day count’, because Educational Studies have found that performance and attendance are intrinsically linked. Therefore, from the outset, we want to encourage our Year 11s to really take their attendance seriously. We will be keeping a close eye on attendance and have a goody bag of rewards to hand out each term for good and improved attendance.

So with smiles all round, we bid you adios amigos.

Sarah Wood and Rachael Hill

Positive Behaviour for Learning at Blackwattle in 2014

A great start to the 2014 school year with all our new Year 11 students looking great in their new uniforms, and our cool suave and sophisticated Year 12s returning with ever maturing attitudes towards study and neat uniform.

Our ‘Recognition Card’ welfare initiative is still going strong, with two Year 12 students recently being rewarded for their efforts with $25 gift vouchers from JB Hi-Fi. The lucky winners of the last draw in 2013, were, Brandon White and Emily Pledger. Well done guys for following the ‘Blackwattle Way’. We encourage all students to continue to follow the ‘Blackwattle Way’ and in doing so, your teachers will reward you for your efforts. Our target for Term 1 is for everyone to arrive at school and in class on time, and not to forget this term’s mantra ‘right place, right time’.

Remember, every minute you are late for class, is a minute lost in your learning and meeting your educational outcomes.

Good luck everyone, the next draw for ‘Recognition Cards’ will be held at Assembly on Tuesday 4th March, 2014. There will be two $25 gift vouchers awarded per year group, so make sure you have as many cards in the draw as possible!

Miss McGarrity (Welfare Co-Ordinator)