

What do we do?

The Student Services Team:

- Assists students with learning and study plans
- Helps students manage their behaviour
- Provides career education , guidance and planning
- Helps with school to work transition
- Provides personal support
- Facilitates mediation—peer led or teacher led
- Liaises with other support agencies and make referrals where applicable
- Provides targeted programs to address identified needs

Team Members

Head of Department:	Ms Heidi Falconer
Guidance Officer:	Mr John Fanton
Behaviour Management:	Ms Shari Brewer Mr Paul Gordon
Chaplain:	Mr Justin Evans
Youth Health Nurse:	Ms Jennie Morris
Student Support Officer:	Mr Graham Woods

How do you contact a member of the Team?

All team members are contactable by phone on the school number 5436 5333.

An appointment may be able to be made directly through the school office. If this is not possible, the person you are seeking will be notified and will contact you.

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Student Services



A team of people who work with students, parents and staff to create a supportive school environment which benefits our school community and its members.

Success for All

Student Services at Beerwah State High School



Individual Support

Individual support is offered to students. Students may refer themselves for assistance or a referral may be made by a teacher or parent.

Individual support usually includes listening and understanding issues raised by the student, providing mediation (if required), facilitated problem solving and goal setting, behaviour management activities and strategies, monitoring and follow-up. As well as this personal counselling, career counselling is also available.

Links with other professionals (Psychologist, Child and Youth Mental health Service, Reconnect, Hinterland Neighbourhood Centre, Jobs Pathways), complement our support process.

Group Programs and Activities

Group activities at Beerwah State High School aim to assist students to build their confidence and self esteem, develop their skills in leadership and be able to work cooperatively with peers and school staff.

Some programs offered to identified students include:

- Action Program for Year 9 boys
- Focus Program for Year 9 girls
- Boys Talk for Year 10 boys, Girls Talk for Year 10 girls
- Hope, Identity and Purpose Programs (HIP) for girls and boys. Target group Years 8,9 and 10.
- Rumble in the Jungle (in partnership with Qld Health)
- CLAN (Competent Literacy and Numeracy Program)
- Namtec (in partnership with CSIT)



Bullying and Harassment

Beerwah SHS is a supportive school where bullying and harassment is not tolerated. Any reported cases of bullying are dealt with in a timely manner and the issue is taken very seriously.

The Student Services faculty has put into place a number of preventative programs to foster an harassment-free school environment. These measures include:

- Lessons delivered to all students in Years 8, 9 and 10 at the start of the school year to raise awareness of bullying, the harms of bullying, ways to identify bullying, strategies to deal with bullying and school specific procedures, as per the school's behaviour code, that will be applied when bullying occurs.
 - Dramatic productions by companies such as Brainstorm Theatre Company where performances explore the issue of bullying and harassment. Productions held to date include: Verbal Combat, The Hurting Game and Cheap Thrills. Post performance support material is embedded in the Middle Schooling Curriculum.
 - Senior students who are trained as Peer Mediators to work with Junior students in conflict resolution.
 - Teacher—Student mediation where there are issues of concern.
 - Implementation of the “No Blame Approach” in appropriate circumstances to encourage open discussion, empathy and resolution.
 - A clearly communicated “Hands Off” policy to ensure students are physically safe at school.
 - A trained and committed teaching staff skilled in dealing with student welfare matters.
- Members of the Student Services Faculty are always available to discuss this, or any other issue of student welfare, with parents and caregivers.**