



# Beerwah State High School

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY

Together we learn  
Individually we grow  
Success For All



## Key points

- Spelling Bee
- Living with Lady MacBeth
- Learning Walls
- Student leaders
- Using a learning wall
- Attendance

## High

## Expectations:

## Respectful Language

## Beerwah Basics

Attendance—Every day counts

Mobile Phones/Ear Phones  
OFF and OUT of sight

FULL school uniform EACH  
and EVERY DAY

Effort = Results

Set goals for Success

## Principal's update Parent: Term 2, Wk 6, 24/05/2021

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through Term 2. Beerwah SHS is a busy school with many interesting learning experiences and events, that help guide our young people into fine young adults.

### Spelling Bee

One of the highlights of my week last week, was to observe our students participating in the Spelling Bee. I have never seen students having so much fun with spelling. What a wonderful cultural and academic event. Congratulations to the staff and the students for their participation in the fun and educational event.

### Musical – Living with Lady MacBeth

What a fantastic afternoon's entertainment which included outdoor theatre, wonderful picnic food with savoury and sweet treats, bagpipes, musical theatre, Shakespearian quotes, dancing, singing, humour and dramatics. The audience was thoroughly entertained. Well done and thank you to our staff and students who commit to many hours of rehearsal and performances. It was outstanding! Many thanks and congratulations to all of the supporting teams who give up so much of their time to support and promote the arts in such a positive way. In particular, the hospitality, sound, art and film crews and all of the other teachers and students involved behind the scenes.



### Learning Walls in Year 8 Maths

A learning wall enhances learning by giving students reference points where they can check their progress. Thank you to Ms Monk and the Maths department for sharing this example with us. In year 8 Maths, the wall displays the achievement standards and the marking guide. The students have received their maths assignments and as a class they discussed the differences in each level of achievement and then students put up the mathematical concepts required for each level. The teacher and the class will then refer back to it when working on the assignment.



### Student Leaders

I would like to thank our wonderful student leaders for being exemplary role models. They are an outstanding group and I'm inspired by their commitment to leadership and would encourage them to continue with their leadership aspirations. Very shortly we will see the start of the process to appoint new student leaders for Sem 2 2021 for 12 months. I certainly encourage all students to pursue their leadership goals and champion their causes, as they are our future.



### Attendance

Attendance is so crucial to ensure ongoing learning, health and wellbeing and to set our students up for success in the future. It's fantastic to see that Yr 7 and Yr 11 are showing high levels of attendance, with Yr 10 and Yr 12 not far behind. Well done students!

Yr 8 and particularly Yr 9s have declined in their attendance. This is particularly concerning and we are tracking those Yr 8 and Yr 9 students, who for a variety of reasons are not attending. In some instances, we put in place Enforcement of attendance processes where notices are issued to parents and students to remind them that at this age, attendance at school is compulsory. We know in some instances that medical reasons or school refusal impacts on attendance. We have a team of staff here willing and able to support in a whole range of ways. Please communicate with us so we can work together to improve attendance. We welcome Mr Ian King to our team of staff who will be working with our community to address some of these attendance issues.

	2021 T2, End of Wk 5
Yr 7	90.30%
Yr 8	86.90%
Yr 9	84.10%
Yr 10	88.70%
Yr 11	90.00%
Yr 12	89.50%
Total	88.30%

Stay safe, take care

Lyn McDonald

Principal – Beerwah SHS