We, at Bourke High, believe that all students can succeed. Bourke High School is a caring school and we acknowledge that effective learning takes place when students and teachers feel secure and safe, where morale is high, where people are happy and where a high value is placed on working together.

Executive Principal: Mr Andrew Ryder
Deputy Principals Ms Angela Doggett & Mr Simon Hyder

Welcome back to our parents and students for what I’m sure will be another exciting school year for Bourke High School in 2018. By the time our first students return to school our dedicated staff will have already put in three full days of staff development aimed at meeting the needs of all of our students.

We have some new staff members joining us for 2018. Hayley Ford has come to us from Gilgandra High School to fill the position of Head Teacher Welfare. She is excited about the challenge ahead and eager to meet our students. Lauren Poole is joining our Special Education unit from Newcastle and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge which, again, will help to serve the learning needs of our students. Warwick Harding has been appointed as our Technology Support Officer to help staff and students with their IT needs for 2018. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr David Wang has been permanently appointed as a teacher at Bourke High School after his year of temporary employment in 2017. David is a very enthusiastic teacher who has definitely added to Bourke High School in his short time here. Mrs Riana Doust has also been appointed permanently as a Student Learning Support Officer from the beginning of 2018. Riana has been an excellent worker in our Special Education classes and a valuable addition to Bourke High School in 2017 and I’m sure the school is a better place for her employment.

It is very important that students get back into the routine of school life as quickly as possible into the new year. This includes getting a good sleep each night and enjoying a healthy breakfast of a morning. To aid in the success of your student you should also ensure all necessary equipment and uniform is ready to go the night before a school day. Obviously we all enjoy different activities in order to relax during the Summer break so waking up early and getting to school can be a bit of a shock to the system at first. However, I anticipate that our students will be able to get back into Bourke High School life with a minimum of fuss. I would also like to especially wish the best of luck to our incoming Year 7 students who are beginning the next exciting step of their education. I’m looking forward to meeting all of you.

Lastly, to all of the Bourke High School students I hope you have had an enjoyable break and perhaps seen or experienced something new. The Ryders went to Ottawa in Canada where on one day it was actually colder than the South Pole, the North Pole and Mars! True story. I can’t wait to hear all of yours. See you at school and have a great 2018.

Andrew Ryder

Reminders
Each Thursday afternoon Clontarf Homework Club
Mindful Makers
Each Monday
12 to 14 February 18
Year 12 Clontarf Camp
14 February 2018
Swimming Carnival
15 February 2018
Year 7 Clontarf Camp
21 February 2018
Bourke AECG meeting
2 to 5 March 2018
Mid term Break

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Tips for the first week of high school

Remind your child to note all assignments, homework and events in their diary.

Check through the timetable each night while your child packs their bag.

Encourage your child to eat healthy food and get a good night’s sleep.

Give the school your current contact details.

Four tips to help get your child Ready to Learn

Help your child get into a routine.
Ensure they have all their books ready for the next day.
Early to bed, early to rise. Ensure that your child is in bed early.
Ensure that your child goes to school each day.

Bourke High School in conjunction with the Bourke Tribal Council
raising awareness in the community

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Bourke High School will continue its use of VIVO in 2018 to reward positive behaviour. Students are rewarded points from their teachers that they can exchange for items from the online VIVO Shop. There is a wide range of items available to meet all student interests ranging from school supplies, canteen vouchers, electronics and gift cards. Positive Behaviours that teachers will be looking for will be focused on the school priorities of Respect, Safety and Learning in all areas of schooling at Bourke High School. Year 7 will be given their VIVO login details early Term 1. Any student from year 8-12 that is not sure of their login details can see Mr Doust to reset their account.
Clontarf Academy

The Clontarf Academy exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and by doing so equip them to participate more meaningful in society.

Clontarf involves participants in activities, camp and workplace visits to develop a broad range of life skills.

Highlights include interstate and regional tours, inter-Academy activities and excursions.

In partnership with Bourke High School the Academy supports students to remain at school until they complete Year 12.

The Academy will continue to guide students as they transition from school to further study, training and/or Employment

All students are invited to attend the HOMEWORK CLUB on Thursday afternoon each week in the Clontarf room.

Further information on the Academy can be obtained by contacting Dane Parnaby, Academy Director at Bourke High School.
ABSTUDY may help you with the costs of studying or training.

ABSTUDY may help pay for:

- education costs
- accommodation and living costs, and
- fares to travel between your home and place of study.

To find out more about ABSTUDY and how you can claim:

- call Freecall™ 1800 132 317, or
- visit your local service centre.
This has been and IS happening. It’s fantastic!

Photos to come... currently planning projects!

**Mindful Makers**

**Who**
Interested female students from Bourke High School

**What**
A group for “makers” to make

**When**
Monday afternoons 3:15-5pm

**Where**
BHS Visual Arts room

**Why**
To make Mondays something to look forward to, to make! and to practice mindfulness with other like minded people

**How much**
A gold coin donation

**Well...**
Are you interested? Then come along! Talk to Miss Smith or Mrs McCorkle for more information

Makers are going to make
If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and let us know.

If your child has medical information that is important to his/her health please call us so we can update your file. This includes information on allergies and medication.

If your child will be absent due to illness or family circumstances please call the office and let us know.

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