



# Bungendore High School

Day 1 Term 1 Welcome Pack | January 2023

## Welcome to your school



Specialist  
teaching spaces



Dedicated  
toilets



Separate entry to  
primary school

Year 7 and 8 students are starting their studies at Bungendore High School on 31 January 2023. This is a tremendous milestone in the delivery of quality education to the local Bungendore community. The school is opening in temporary learning spaces while work continues to deliver the new high school facilities.

# Message from your Principal

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Welcome to Bungendore High School. We look forward to welcoming our students and developing great working partnerships with parents and carers.

Bungendore High School is a public, comprehensive, co-educational high school, opening its doors for Year 7 and 8 students in 2023. It is an absolute privilege to be part of the development of a new school which allows staff and students the opportunity to embrace all aspects of contemporary teaching and learning practices in a purpose-built environment. At Bungendore High School, there will be a strong emphasis on continuous student improvement and a focus on all students achieving mastery. We pride ourselves on providing opportunities in all areas of learning for our students to achieve personal success.



It is important that our students thrive in a positive learning environment where we consider the needs of others, treat peers and staff with kindness and consideration, and nurture one another. In order to achieve this, we have created a set of character habits that we will be working to build throughout our time at Bungendore High School. These were developed through consultation with students, staff, parents and the wider school community. The habits of character are: Empowerment, Perseverance, Integrity, and Community. These four habits spell the word EPIC and we are proud to embrace the opportunity to grow into this word as a descriptor of our school community.

The wellbeing of our students is paramount. In order to be successful, independent learners, we will be explicitly teaching students how to develop the necessary skills to be adaptive, resilient and understand the importance of self-reflection throughout their learning journey. Our wellbeing program is a school-wide program called We are Crew, which comes from the statement: We are crew, not passengers. The program is designed to encourage all students to be active participants in their learning and wellbeing, developing positive academic growth mindsets and building their resilience. Each student works within a small group with a crew leader. The crews meet every day to experience team building, and explicit teaching of social and emotional skills, in addition to learning how to learn. In this way we ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

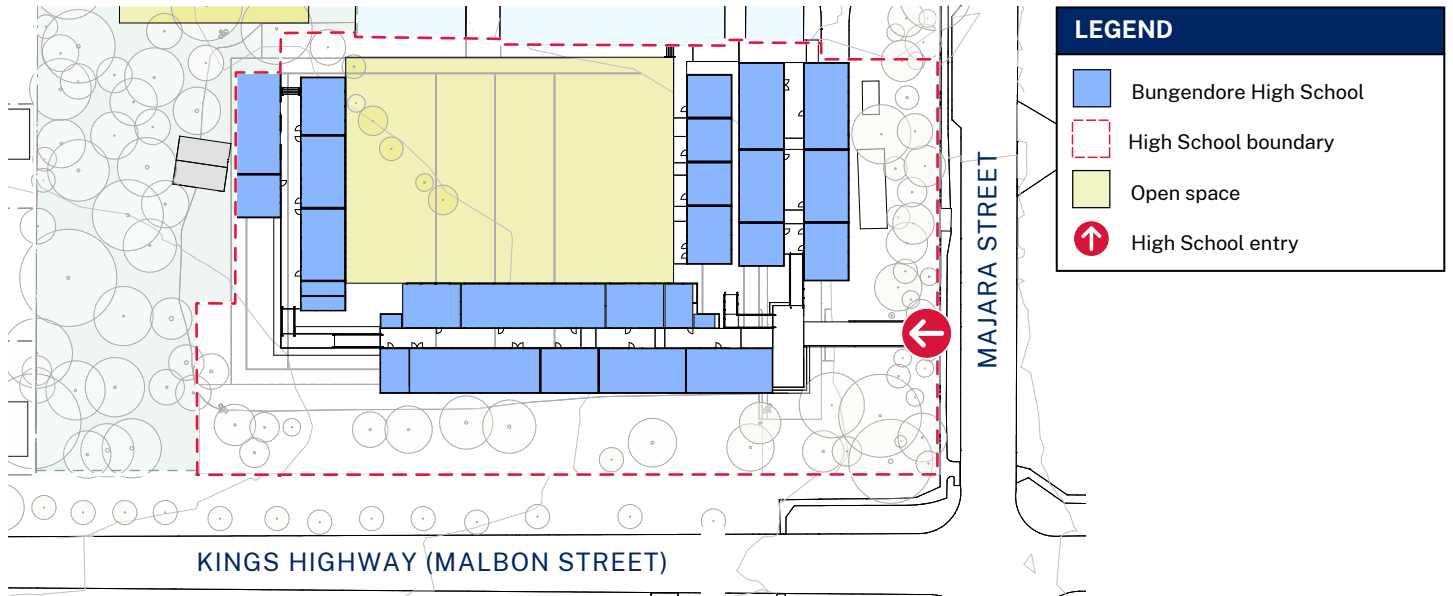
In order to be productive, empathetic members of our connected, global community, we have created a set of Positive Behaviour Expectations which will be embedded in the daily lives of our students at Bungendore High School. The positive behaviour expectations are for all students to be: Engaged, Responsible, Compassionate and Respectful. We have elaborated on these words with statements that explain what each of these look like in various environments, and will be explicitly teaching these expectations, as well as utilising them to provide guidance for our everyday behaviour at school.

We have created a Community of Schools with our partner primary schools: Bungendore Public School, Gundaroo Public School and Sutton Public School, titled the Weereewaa Community of Schools. Together, we are building middle school opportunities and expanding the ways in which our schools support each other to increase opportunities and grow together.

Setting up a school does not happen in isolation. I am very proud to be leading Bungendore High School alongside an extremely talented, inspiring and hard-working staff who are constantly exploring ways to ensure our innovative teaching and learning practices are purposeful and engaging, without losing sight that students are always at the centre of what we do.

**Melissa Giddins, Principal**

# Site map



Bungendore High School is located on the corner of Majara Street and Kings Highway, Bungendore.

# Learning spaces



Learning spaces at Bungendore High School

## Frequently asked questions

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### Where do students go on their first day?

Students will enter the high school from the Majara Street entrance. The high school cannot be accessed through the public school entrance which is located on Gibraltar Street.

### What times do classes commence on Day 1?

The start time for Bungendore High School is 9:05 am and the finish time is 3:10 pm.

### Does the high school have separate toilets and other facilities to those of the public school?

Yes. The high school has its own dedicated toilets and amenities, and other high school facilities including administration.

The primary school and the high school are in two distinctly separate areas, separated by a fence and buildings.

### Where is the kiss and drop area?

The kiss and drop area is on Gibraltar Street.

### Where is the school bus bay?

The existing bus bay is on Majara Street.

### Are the learning spaces air-conditioned?

Yes. All the learning spaces are air-conditioned.

### What materials are used for new schools in temporary facilities?

The construction methods and materials enable safe facilities that are conducive to learning. This enables high standards of education for local students while the construction of the permanent school is underway.

Schools in temporary facilities include a range of learning spaces and facilities to deliver the standard of education expected in all public schools.

## Contact us

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