



# Bridgewater High School

Information from Mrs Chris Gee, Acting Principal, about the  
return to school for BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL students

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## **Classes will resume on THURSDAY this week** **(NOT Wednesday as originally planned)**

The Minister for Education, David Bartlett, has announced that:

- **classes will resume on THURSDAY this week, 1 November**
- students will be taken by bus from Bridgewater High to **Geilston Bay High** and **Claremont College**
- our school's **whole building will be demolished**, including the parts that were not burned (structural damage from heat and smoke damage was considerable)

Here is what else we are planning, but bear in mind **there could still be changes** to the following information so **listen to the news each day and check our website** ([www.bhs.tased.edu.au](http://www.bhs.tased.edu.au)).

- On **Thursday morning this week**, we will all meet **AT THE PCYC in GREENPOINT ROAD**. Arrive at the usual time, 8.30am. Those who come by bus should catch their bus as usual.
- We will have a **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** for students and staff in the **PCYC gym** for about 30-45 minutes. As this will be a very special time for us we will **restrict admission to our school community only**.
- The junior grades - **grades 7 and 8** - will be taken by special buses to **GEILSTON BAY HIGH SCHOOL** following the assembly.
- The senior grades - **grades 9 and 10** - will be taken by special buses to **CLAREMONT COLLEGE** for their classes following the assembly.
- **Your teachers will go to those schools to teach you.**
- On Thursday, though, don't go directly to those places: come to the meeting of the whole school at the PCYC.
- **Bus arrangements BEYOND Thursday morning**: Buses will be available but details of times and pick-up locations are still being worked out (because there are so many existing routes and different contractors to work with). This work is being given top priority.
- On **FRIDAY**, parents taking grade 7 and 8 students to Geilston Bay High **BY CAR** are asked to drop them off there at **approximately 8.30am**, but not before 8.15am
- On **MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY** this week, 29, 30 and 31 October, your teachers are making preparations for teaching you at the new schools. Therefore, **STUDENTS are to STAY HOME on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY this week**. (Originally, the plan was for students to stay home only on Monday and Tuesday but it turns out that we cannot use both schools on Wednesday.)
- When you return on Thursday, be sure to **wear your Bridgewater High School UNIFORM**.
- On **FRIDAY**, the **grade 9 and 10 students** will not be taken to Claremont College (because of another event there) but will have other activities including a BBQ lunch at a park. The activities have not been decided yet but they MIGHT include the Aquatic Centre.

\*Students who are scheduled to have **Work Experience** this week should go to their work experience locations as planned.

\***Youthbuild** will go ahead as usual on Thursday. Students will take part in the assembly at the PCYC first. A bus will then take them to Youthbuild at the Showgrounds.

\***Part-time** students should come **full-time** on Thursday and Friday. Their programs will be reviewed.

\*The **Wilderness Camp** that was to have been held this week has now been CANCELLED.

\*Students with **library books** and **musical instruments** to return, and **completed assignments** to hand in, should keep these at home until after Friday.

**LOCKERS** - The grade 9 and 10 lockers were destroyed by the fire. The grade 7 and 8 lockers appear **undamaged** and will be taken to Geilston Bay High where they will be assessed properly and cleaned. It is expected that grade 7 and 8 students will have access to their lockers on Thursday when they go to Geilston Bay High. Students who have lost items as a result of the fire or have had items damaged by the fire can write out a list of these items with their details, and forward their claim through the school.

**REMEMBER** - **listen to the news and check the school website for more information.**