



Burnett Youth Learning Centre

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2026 school year at Burnett Youth Learning Centre. We are excited for the year ahead and grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in supporting your child's learning, wellbeing, and growth.

The first day of school for students—unless they are on a modified timetable—will be **Tuesday, 27 January**. All new students are asked to arrive at **9:30am accompanied by a parent or caregiver** and will **not** travel on the bus on their first day.

Our Bible Verse of the Year is Psalm 90:17 (CSB)

"Let the favour of the Lord our God be on us; establish for us the work of our hands—establish the work of our hands!"

This verse is our prayer for the year—that God's favour would rest on us and that all we do as a school community would be established by Him. It reminds us that our work is more than tasks; it is service unto the Lord, and we commit this year to His guidance and blessing.

Welcome to Our New Staff

We are blessed to welcome several new team members in 2026:

- **Greg Bradshaw** – after joining us for 5 weeks last term, Greg now moves into a permanent role, supporting bus driving, grounds work, and office administration.
- **Lydia Vaega-Robson** – joining the Hospitality team with Genny, bringing extensive experience as a Chef.
- **Emma Oppermann** – joining us as **Learning Support and Curriculum Coordinator**.
- **Tom Douglas** – with us on Fridays for Semester 1. Tom is a seasoned, skilled teacher with a big heart.
- **Marnie Parker** – joining as **RTO Manager / VET Coordinator**, bringing a strong background in the VET sector.
- **Kylie Beshara** – joining us on contract for Term 1 as a Middle Years Teacher, and is also a BYLC parent.
- **Patrick Burnett** – our new **Construction Trainer and Chaplain**, who will also be driving one of our buses.
- **Adrian Brookes** – an accomplished guitar teacher, contracted for Friday mornings as our instrumental music instructor.
- **Ross Hunter** – joining as a bus driver after many years in engineering.

Please make them feel welcomed as they become part of the BYLC family.

Student Expectations – Being “Work Ready”

All students are required to be **work ready** for Session 1. This includes:

- Clocking in each morning during Connect Class
- Wearing appropriate clothing and footwear (**steel-caps**)
- Having breakfast
- Following the Phone Policy

Students who are not work ready will not attend class. If they are unable to prepare themselves to meet expectations, they will be asked to try again the following day.

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Certificate Courses – Exciting Updates for 2026

We are excited to begin our updated Certificate structure this year.

Students will now participate in **two Certificate days per week—Mondays and Thursdays.**

Coffee & Chat – Week 5

In Week 5, we will host our Coffee & Chat session, which will include a new element in the afternoon.

Certificate inductions, Certificate sign-ups and, for the first time ever, the **presentation of the official BYLC Student Certificate Work Shirt**

This will be a special moment for our young people and a great opportunity to connect as a community.

As always, please reach out if we can support you or if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to a positive, productive, and Christ-centred year ahead.

Kind regards,

James Marsman

Principal, Burnett Youth Learning Centre

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