

Year 10 Parent Information Evening

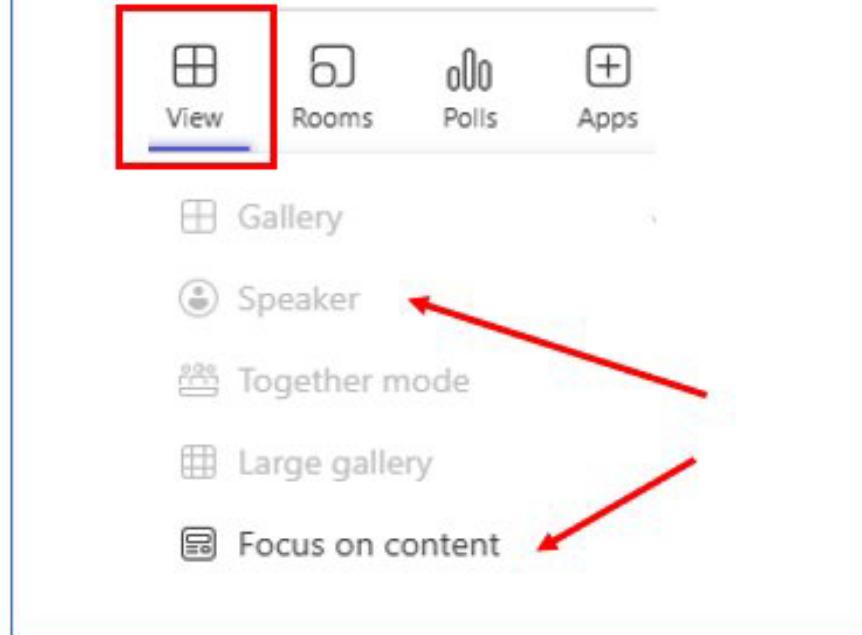
Term 1, Week 3

We will start at **6pm**

Please do an audio and video setup
before we begin.

Please complete the poll while you
wait. 😊

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“focus on content only” to only
See the slides. Select “Speaker”
To view the presenter and slides.



Welcome from the Year Coordinator



Jodie Hyde
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What questions would you like answered tonight?



Any general questions - Please share at the end.

Note that this session is being recorded. Questions should be of a general nature – we cannot discuss individual student circumstances.

For student specific questions – Please use the QR code:

The Year 10 team will be able to follow up any student specific questions outside of this session. Alternatively use this link: [2026 Year 10 Parent Information Sessions - Follow up request – Fill in form](https://brisbanesde.qld.edu.au/2026-year-10-parent-information-sessions-follow-up-request-fil-in-form)



Session Overview



- **Year 10 Coordinator:**
 - Acknowledgement of Country
 - Introducing the Year 10 Team
- **Deputy Principal:**
 - Year 10 Expectations
 - "Away for the Day" Policy
 - Student Code of Conduct
- **Head of Department Pathways and Engagement:**
 - SET (Senior Education and Training) Plan
 - Year 10 Events and

Extracurricular Activities

- **External VET Coordinator**
 - Welcome and support offered
- **Year 10 Coordinator:**
 - Connect program
 - Student Planners
 - Term 1 Assemblies
 - Key Contacts
 - Questions

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Welcome from the Year 10 Deputy Principal



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Cameras and mics on in 2026

BE SEEN. BE HEARD. BE ENGAGED. BE BSDE.



Let's try together mode now



Hard Facts about Year 10

- **Start of your senior schooling journey:** time to focus on your future career and education goals.
- **Results matter!** Aim for strong results to set a solid foundation for Year 11. Most General Subjects require at least a B standard in Year 10.
- **Extensions:** Must be requested by a parent/guardian with a formal form and supporting evidence.
- **Embrace Year 10:** See challenges as opportunities to grow and learn!

- ◆ Tells students they have a test
- ◆ Posts about test online
- ◆ Send notification home
- ◆ Gives out a study guide
- ◆ Does a review session

*Students on the day of the test:



Phones away

[Phones away for the day - Parents and Carers Information](#)



Regular school attendance

HEALTHY HABITS

FAQs

Why is regular school attendance important?

Did you know? Queensland research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Your child will achieve more when they go to school all day, every school day:

- They learn better.
- They make friends.
- They have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse.

Illness, natural disaster, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are reasonable excuses for being absent from school. Principals decide if the excuse given for your child's absence is reasonable.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, books, school bag
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven't done their homework
- Watching TV
- Have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- It's their birthday

A set routine can help

- ✓ Have a set time to go to bed
- ✓ Have a set time to get out of bed
- ✓ Have the uniform and school bag ready the night before
- ✓ Set a time for daily homework activities
- ✓ Speak about school positively
- ✓ Be firm. Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

HEALTHY HABITS

FAQs

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

YES

You must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school – either beforehand, on the day of the absence, or as soon as practicable after your child's return to school.

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

When should I avoid keeping my child away from school?

- Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as hair cuts.
- By law, you must ensure your child attends school regularly, unless there's a valid reason. Schools will follow up any unexplained absences.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

- You are encouraged to not schedule holidays during school time. However, if your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child.
- Depending on the circumstances, the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent. Discuss your plans with the school as early as possible.



Student Expectations

- You need to be self-driven and highly motivated.
- Attend 100% of your classes.
- Participate in all classroom activities.
- Have a working headset, microphone and webcam.
- Have a separate physical space free from interruptions.
- Have an active home supervisor.

CHECKLIST

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Student Expectations (continued)

- Stay in regular contact with your teachers during and outside of lessons.
- If enrolled in a TAFE course or traineeship, catch up on missed classes by watching recordings and completing all required work. (External VET courses will not appear on your timetable. After two weeks of attending lessons, you must email the VET Team at VET@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au to provide an update. If you decide to continue, you can discuss options for dropping an elective. The VET Team will create an attendance plan for any lessons during school hours, and you will be marked as an 'explained absence'. All external VET enrolments must go through the VET Team.
- Download the [Work Rate Calendar \(WRC\)](#) for each subject.
- Use your EQ email for all school communications and check it regularly.



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Student Expectations (continued)

Read and follow:

- The [BrisbaneSDE Assessment Policy](#).
(see [Student Resources HUB](#) and [Student Planner](#) p. 6-9).
- Submit all assessment tasks, including drafts, on time.

For [Extensions](#):

- Up to 3 days: Parent/guardian must email your subject teacher with a valid reason.
- Over 3 days: Submit the [Extension Application Form](#) with a medical certificate via the website.



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Important Information

Textbooks:

- Go to the BrisbaneSDE website > Support and Resources > Student Resources HUB > [Text book and resource requirements](#).
- Textbooks are accessed through [ReadCloud](#). ReadCloud contacts each student on their EQ email account with access details.

Exam options:

1. Attend onsite at BrisbaneSDE
2. Sit internal exams using an external supervisor to get used to the process in Year 11 and 12 (NOT mandatory).
3. Notify BrisbaneSDE using the [Supervisor Nomination Form](#) on the website.

Welcome from the Head of Department



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SET Planning

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BrisbaneSDE SET Planning

SET Planning General Information

What is a SET plan?
The Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan is a process to design your learning pathways through the senior years of school and beyond.

What does a good SET plan do?
-Helps you explore LOTS of careers so you can get an idea of what your goals are and understand the different options.
-Works as a tool to help achieve your learning goals during your senior years and for your future after school.
-Assists you to explore pathways across education, training and employment areas.
-Helps you to communicate with your parents or carers, and with staff from your school about your future options and preferences.

The four-step SET plan process
Step 1 Thinking about the future
Step 2 Exploring options
Step 3 Documenting the plan
Step 4 Implementing the plan

Timelines and key dates

SET Plan Interview Dates and Student Checkpoints

Brisbane SDE Years 11 and 12 Subject Guide

Exploring pathways and careers

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Alternatives to completing years 11 and 12

Queensland Certificate of Education(QCE)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank(ATAR)

Uni Studies

BrisbaneSDE VET Options

External VET Options

What is External VET

External VET courses are offered by Registered Training Organisations other than BrisbaneSDE at School, or private training organisations. They are not timetabled by BrisbaneSDE, so may require an attendance plan.

[BrisbaneSDE SET Planning Link](#)

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This will be updated throughout Term 2.

Year 10 Events and Extracurricular activities



- Brainstorm Productions (this Wednesday, optional)
- Senior Orientation Day (this Friday!)
- Camp (Term 4)
- Connect Days
- Fun Run/ Cross Country (Term 1)
- Move It/Inflatables Day
- Aquatic Carnival (Term 4)
- Connect competitions & activities
- Other significant days



Senior Orientation Day

- This is a fabulous opportunity for students to learn about senior schooling, extra QCAA information, meet your teachers and year coordinators.
- There will be sessions for students and separate sessions for parents/guardians.
- Most importantly - meet other students, make friendships, find their people.
- The day will be streamed online for those unable to attend on site.

Date: Friday 13th February 2026.

Time: 9.00am to 12.30pm, 12.30pm to 1.30pm BBQ for students and family

Need more information? Contact
Pathwaysandengagement@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au



All BrisbaneSDE Years 10, 11 and 12 students enrolling in 2026

Welcome to BrisbaneSDE

Orientation Day

Invitation

Date Friday 13 February 2026

Location Onsite at BrisbaneSDE

Time 9.00 am to 12.30 pm followed by a family sausage sizzle

Sign in & sign out
Students to arrive for sign-in at 8.30 am
Sign out at 12.30 pm if not staying for the sausage sizzle

Morning tea 10.30 am: Morning Tea will be provided

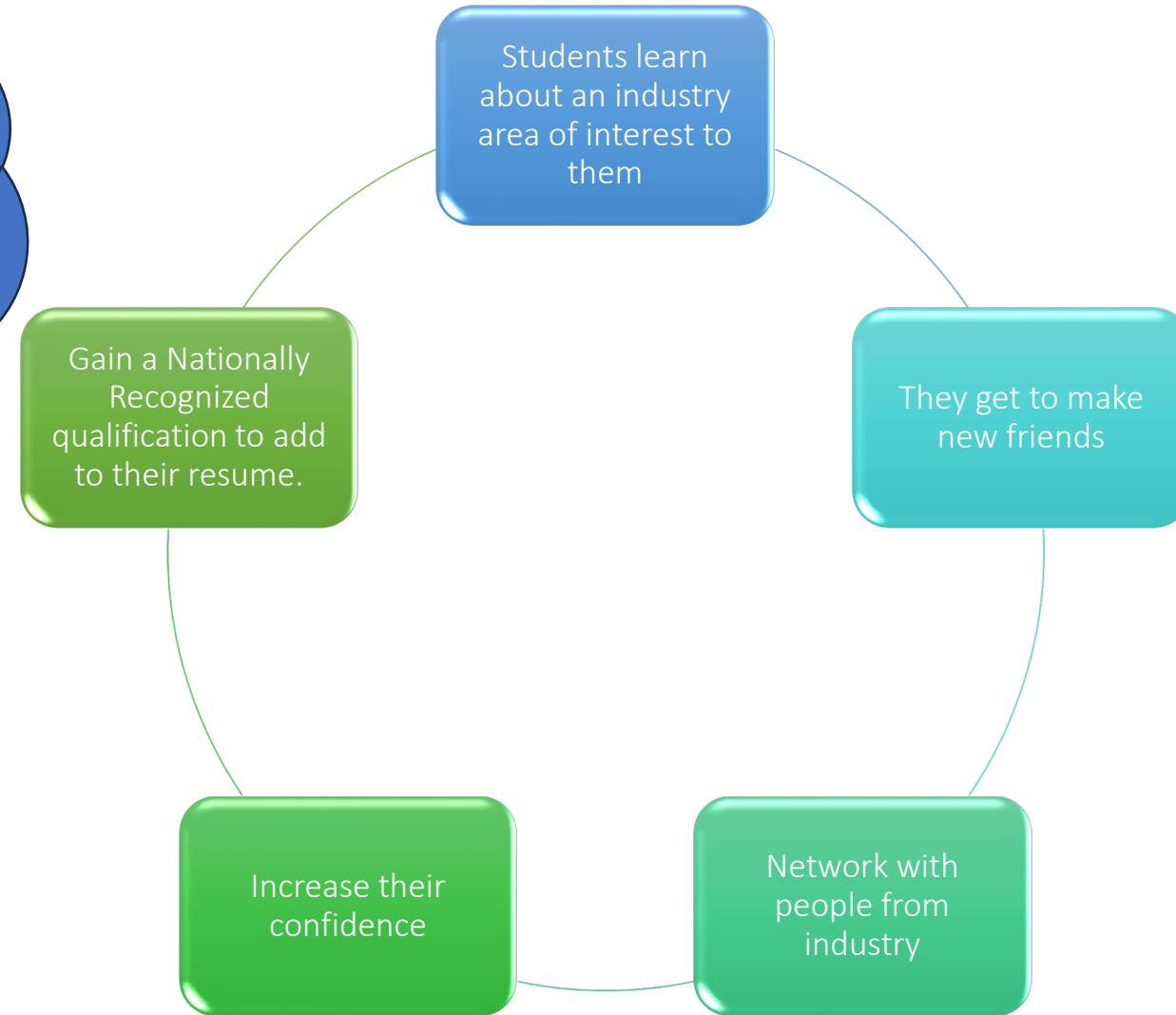
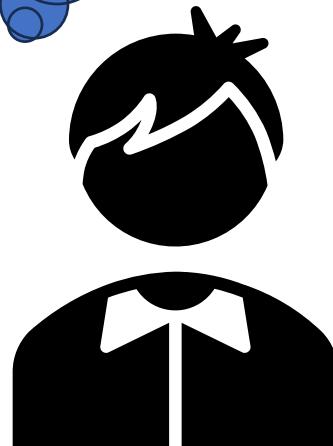
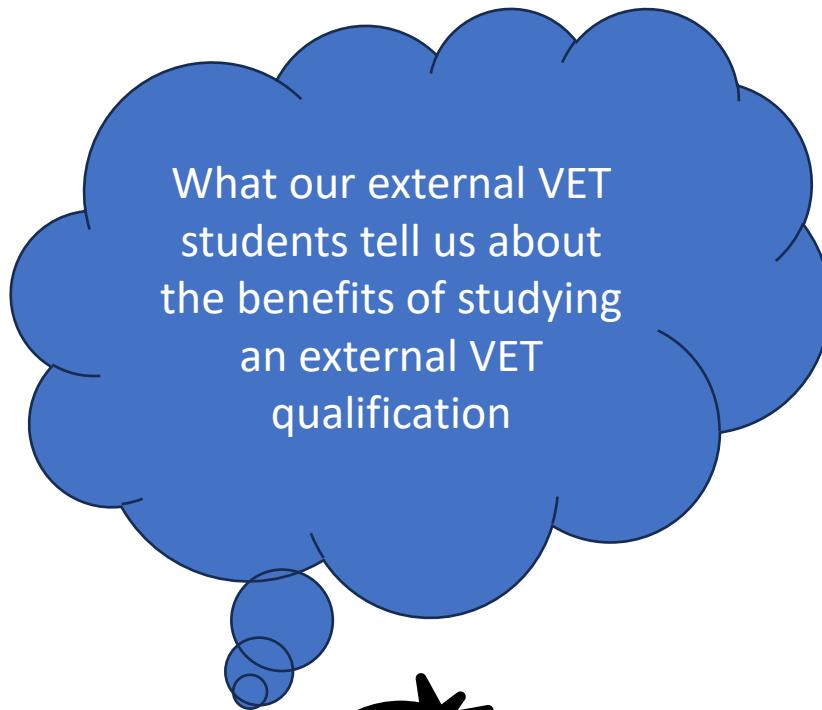
More info Contact the Pathways and Engagement Team
pathwaysandengagement@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au

RSVP Please complete the **online consent form** by **9.00 am, Monday 9 February 2026** for your registration to be accepted. Online consent form link will be **emailed directly to Parents/Carers**.

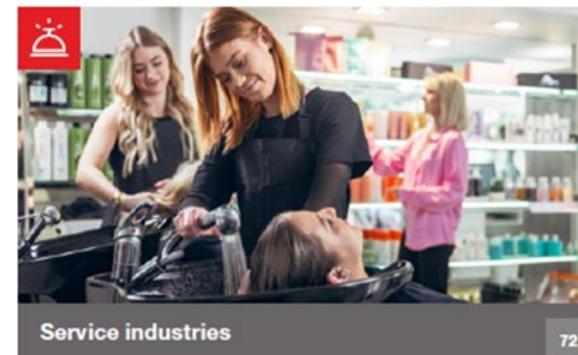
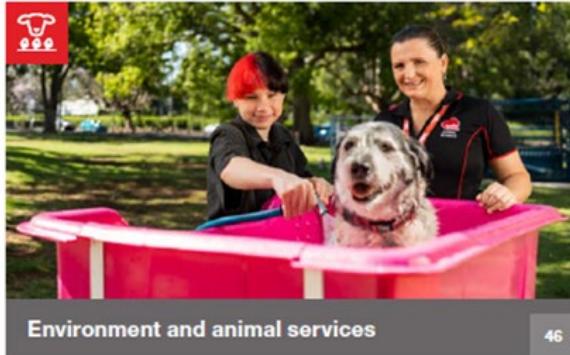
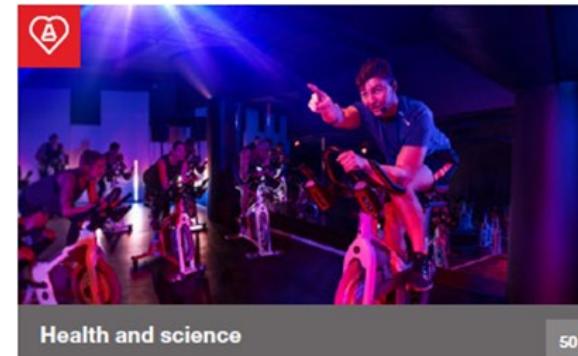
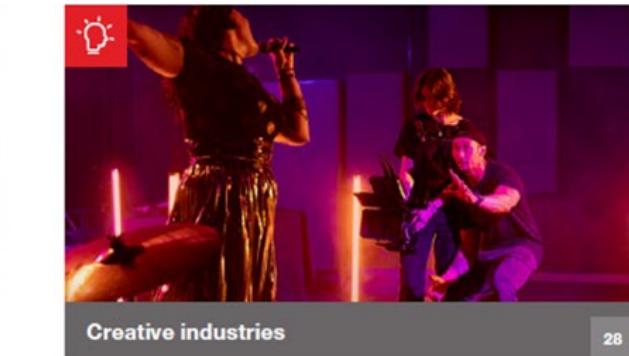
Welcome from the External VET Coordinator



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We have approximately 200 students enrolled in many different qualifications across a range of Industry areas from Certificate I level, to Diploma level.



There are **2 different ways** you can study External VET

Study a Nationally Recognised Qualification as a **'stand alone' course** through an RTO (Registered Training Organisation)

- There could be a cost – most likely with Certificate III's or higher
- Depending on the RTO the training could be all online, all face to face, or a blend
- They may be a compulsory work placement component
- TAFE at School is for students at school, TAFE Online & Mainstream TAFE QLD is for people who have LEFT school.

Potential to drop an Elective, as the External VET will be one of your 6 subjects.

Potential for an *'Attendance Plan'* so you can attend training and be marked as an 'explained absence'. NOTE - all students are required to watch lesson recordings of missed classes.

Study a Nationally Recognised Qualification by completing a **School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)**

- The student needs to find an employer willing to take them on
- Work Experience PRIOR to sign up is strongly recommended
- No cost to student. The student will receive a wage for attending the workplace 1 day a week (some quals require 2 days)



If you are one of the 200 students who are beginning an External VET qualification this term, please remember:

- You will not see this course on your timetable
- You will be put on an Attendance Plan for the day you attend campus (if required). This means you will be listed as an 'explained absence' from school on this day, however, there is an expectation that you'll watch the lesson recordings of missed classes
- After you have attended at least 2 weeks of lessons with your External RTO (e.g. TAFE at School, Mater Education etc) it is YOUR responsibility to email VET@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au to discuss the potential of dropping a subject
- **Have a great work ethic and let yourself shine! Remember your trainers are from the Industry and will be potential referees for you!** 😊

Work Experience

This is a great way for your student to gain experience in an industry area they are interested in. It helps them with their career planning and subject selection.

If you would like more information about the BrisbaneSDE Work Experience Program – please look in the [External VET Programs Padlet for Families](#) and then email the VET Team – VET@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au





To find more information about External VET – opportunities and how it all works please visit these locations:

- BrisbaneSDE Website -
<https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/curriculum/vocational-education/external-vet-general-information>
- External VET QLearn Course (student access)
- [External VET Programs Padlet for Families](#)
- Email the VET Team – VET@brisbaneSDE.eq.edu.au



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Connect Classes

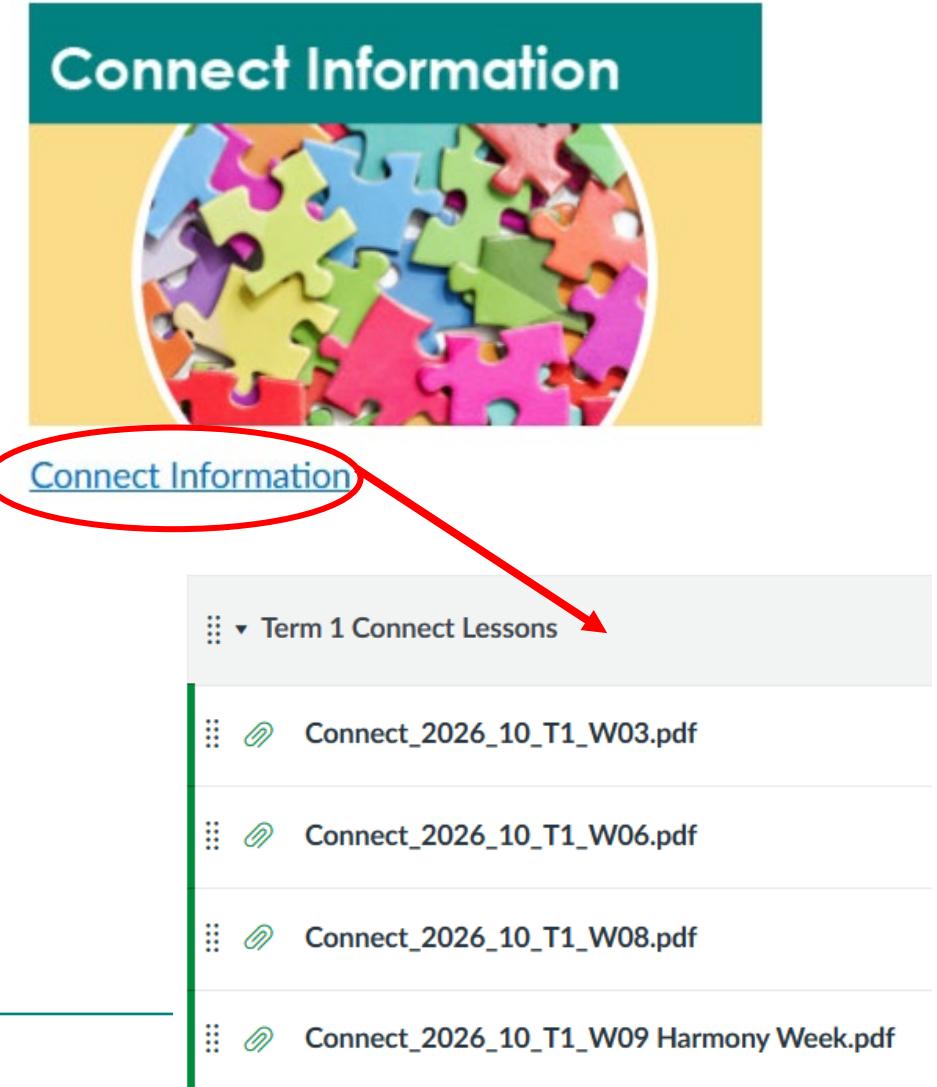
- Connect classes are a way for students and staff to connect and build relationships.
- This provides a chance to have a point of contact who can help you on **non-subject matters** as you get to know your Connect teacher and the other students in the class.
- **Monday and Fridays:** Connect catch up during your usual Line 6 lesson (10:45-10:55am)
- **Wednesdays:** Separate Connect lesson in your **Microsoft TEAMS Connect Class**

Day	Activity
Monday 10:45–10:55am (In-class attendance)	Attend Connect class in your normal Period 3 Microsoft TEAMS Class.
Tuesday	No Connect class
Wednesday 10:45-11:20am (In-class attendance/ assembly)	Compulsory attendance at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Connect Focus lessons / Connect Social sessions</u> Where: Microsoft TEAMS Connect Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Assembly (Weeks 2, 5 and 7 each term)</u> Where: Microsoft TEAMS Webinar (you must register)
Thursday	No Connect class
Friday 10:45– 10:55am (In-class attendance)	Attend Connect class in your normal Period 3 Microsoft TEAMS Class.

2026 Connect Wellbeing Program

Main components:

- **Connect Focus** sessions (lessons)
<https://qed09.instructure.com/courses/131557/modules>
 - Social engagement
 - Content adapted for year level based on skills priorities and transition needs (SET Planning)
- **Connect Social** sessions
 - Dedicated space for students to build relationships and foster sense of belonging within connect groups
 - Activities selected by teachers/students
- **Whole School/Cohort events** e.g. assemblies, special event day/celebrations (T1 W5 2026 Student Leaders Assembly)

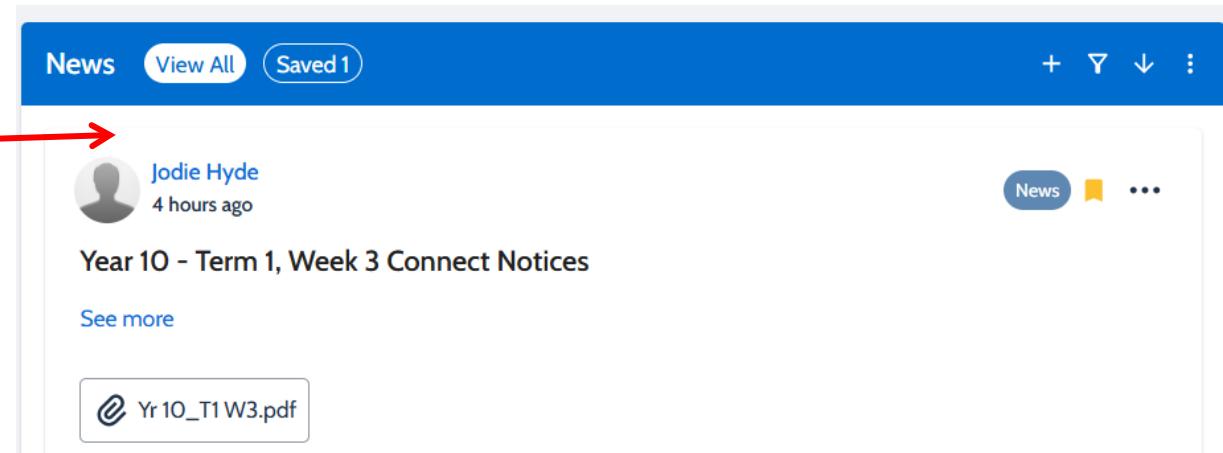


The image shows a digital interface for the 'Connect Wellbeing Program'. At the top, a teal bar contains the text 'Connect Information'. Below this is a circular image of colorful puzzle pieces. A red arrow points from the 'Connect Information' link in the main content area down to the 'Connect Information' link in the sidebar. The sidebar is titled 'Term 1 Connect Lessons' and lists four PDF files:

- Connect_2026_10_T1_W03.pdf
- Connect_2026_10_T1_W06.pdf
- Connect_2026_10_T1_W08.pdf
- Connect_2026_10_T1_W09 Harmony Week.pdf

Connect Notices

- Will be available Monday morning by 7am via a Compass News post
- Students & Parents/Guardians receive e-mail and/or push notification
- Notices appear in Compass News Feed
- Opportunity for Student Leaders and Connect Reps to contribute PPT/audio/webcam messages to be shared as content in connect notices at key points during the year



L4S Escape Room and Orientation



Student Resources (HUB)

Student Orientation

QLearn Link for L4S Website

- Introduction to BrisbaneSDE 
- Expectations 
- Accessing e-mails 
- Setting up Office Apps 
- Accessing & understanding the timetable 
- Accessing online lessons 
- Introduction to QLearn 
- Using Compass 
- Setting up your study space 
- Daily/Weekly routines 
- Complete checklist 

Importantly, complete the checklist below. It will help us help you.

L4S Escape Room – ID Photo

2025 ID cards expire on 31 March.

When you are in Year 11 or 12 you will need a student ID card for exam attendance.

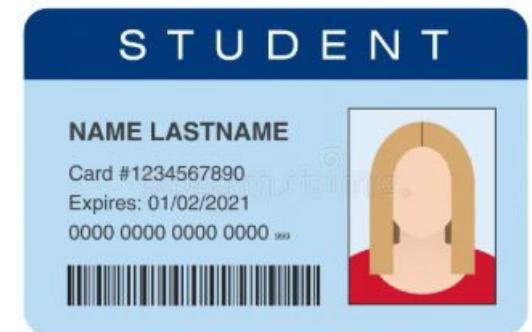
For all year levels, a student ID card gives you access to a range of discounts at retailers, movies, theatres, hairdressers etc, as well as on public transport.

Please take a passport style photograph, attach it to an email and send it to reception@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au

In the body of the message, please include your full name and date of birth.

Photo requirements:

1. Your face must be clear.
2. You must not wear a hat or sunglasses. (Cultural head coverings are ok.)
3. The photo should be taken against a plain, preferably white background.
4. Your full name and date of birth must be in the email accompanying the photograph.



Upcoming Events – Term 1

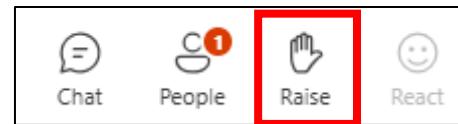


Week	Event	Day/Time
3	Brainstorm Theatre Productions Day (Cyberia) Year 9-10 Brainstorm Productions (Cyberia) Meeting-Join Microsoft Teams	Wednesday 11 February, 11:00am – 12:00pm (online only)
3	Senior Orientation Day Register here for online attendance: Senior Orientation Day Online 13 February 2026 Meeting-Join Microsoft Teams	Friday 13 February, 9:00am – 12:30pm (online & on campus)
5	Year 3-12 Leadership Assembly (view in Connect)	Wednesday 25 February, 10:45 – 11:20am
7	Year 10 Assembly T1 W7 Year 10 Assembly Register	Wednesday 11 March, 10:45 – 11:20am
10	Fun Run Day (on campus)	Thursday 2 April, 8:00am – 1:00pm

**** Students MUST register to attend all Term 1 assemblies ****

Questions?

- Any **general** questions? Please raise your hand so that you can be given mic permissions.



- Note: Questions relating to your personal situation should be emailed to your Year Level Coordinator or Guidance Officer after the Assembly - not here.

Need more information or support?



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