Welcome

Welcome to the BTA Newsletter. It is my extreme pleasure to put together the first newsletter in my new role. I am excited by the opportunity for the Alliance to provide excellent public education in Greater Shepparton for every young person.

Background

As an educator I am passionate about providing opportunities for young people to follow their dreams and passion.
I have worked in both rural and Melbourne schools throughout my career and am excited about becoming a part of the Greater Shepparton community. I have taken on many roles throughout my career and am enthusiastic about my new role here and the opportunity to work with the expertise of my colleagues across the four schools and the wider community.

Purpose of Newsletter

The BTA News publication is to provide a platform for all members of the Alliance to remain abreast of what is happening within the Alliance and to share successes, ideas, experiences and opportunities.

“We will do better for young people by working strategically together”

BTA Focus

Upcoming Events

- Network Meetings (Wed 24th Feb)
- Boundless Work Experience (14th March - 18th March)
- Careers Day Out (28th April)
- VICSRC Regional Conference (6th May)
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Student Leadership

Opportunity for Student Voice
On Friday 6th May Shepparton High School will be hosting the Hume Regional Conference. This conference is a great opportunity for the students at each school to be heard and to network with other students from within the Alliance and across the region.

Suitable for year 7-12 SRC members, school leaders and all students who want their voices heard:

- Network with other students and teachers to take action on issues affecting our education system
- Kickstart advocacy projects for the year ahead
- Real-world examples and ideas for student-led action
- Teacher PD Workshop available
- Morning tea and lunch provided.

Creating spaces for students to meet, to express themselves and realise how much they have in common is very empowering for all involved.

Cost
$45 per student for VicSRC Member schools
$55 per student for non-VicSRC Members
$35 per person for Teacher PD session

Register online: www.vicsrc.org.au.

Network Meetings
The first Network Meetings for 2016 will be held this week at Wanganui Park Secondary College starting at 4pm on Wednesday 24th Feb in the Main Staffroom.

The meetings will build on the connections that have been made in the networks and continue to provide groups with the platform for sharing their expertise in Teaching and Learning.

Look forward to seeing everyone there.
Feedback
To gain responses from staff and students about the Alliance, I have conducted some Focus Groups (qualitative) and also distributed a survey (quantitative). Thank you to the teaching staff and students of the 4 Alliance schools for your assistance with gaining this feedback, it is greatly appreciated.

In addition to these formal lines of feedback, any and all feedback is welcomed.

Opportunities Ahead
Being a part of this Alliance is exciting and provides the opportunity for some productive partnerships, dynamic programs and with the big picture in mind, great outcomes for all of the students in Greater Shepparton.

Currently I am working with a number of agencies to develop programs and activities for the Alliance to provide students, parents, teachers, schools and the wider community with links and opportunities. As these events develop, I will update all members of the Alliance.

I believe that opening ourselves to opportunities will prove to be beneficial. I am open to any ideas, thoughts, known programs/activities, or new initiatives. Please feel free to chat with me about something that you feel is great!
Celebrating Success

As the year progresses, there will be great successes, and I would love to share these with the Alliance.

If you experience or hear of anything that could be shared about the success of professional development, a program, students, an activity, or you, please email me the details and any photos.

Contact Us

Any news or concerns, please contact

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General Placement

Mondays—Shepparton HS
Tuesdays—Mooroopna SC
Wednesdays—Wanganui Park SC
Thursdays—McGuire College
Fridays—Community of Greater Shepparton