



BURKE AND BEYOND

Term 1

2022

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## 2022 Term Dates -

**Easter Break** Closed on Good Friday 15th and Monday 18th of April for the Easter weekend.

**Anzac Day** Closed for Anzac Day on Monday 25th of April

**Second quarter** 11/04/22 to 1/07/22 Queen's Birthday  
Closed on Monday the 13th of June for the Queen's birthday.

**July break** Closed from Monday 4th of July to Friday the 8th of July (one week)

**Third quarter** 11/07/22 to 30/09/22

**Melbourne Cup** Closed on Tuesday 1st of November for Cup day.

**Fourth quarter** 3/10/22 to 23/12/22

**Summer Break** The last day of service for 2021 will be Thursday the 25th of December. Burke and Beyond will re-open next year on Monday 16th of January 2023

**AFL holiday** \*Note that there will be a Public Holiday on the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and the date will be released early in 2022.

# Message from the CEO.

*Bruno Cyr*



The year 2022 is already proving a year of major changes for Burke and Beyond.

Following two years of decreased revenue our Blackburn South service due to COVID, we have made the difficult decision of closing that service on the 1st of July. Unfortunately, the number of participants has dropped to a level where it is no longer sustainable to remain operational. We are in the process of assisting people at that location to move to other services including our Balwyn building. It is the end of an era as Blackburn South has been in operation for over 27 years. Our staff members have been offered other positions within the organisation and our Head Office will move to the CBD of Dandenong where we have just purchased an office. The Blackburn South building which we own, will be put up for sale in the coming days.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Support Worker and Admin teams at Blackburn South for their support and flexibility towards the coming move and their assistance in supporting our participants with the change.

We also started the year by opening a brand-new Next Step service in Pakenham where we already have 12 young participants starting to get involved in that community. We also moved our Bayswater office to Ringwood where there are a lot more community and work placement options for those individuals. Already from all reports from those two new services, we are seeing a lot of new projects developing between us and local businesses.

We are looking forward to the rest of this year and hope that our regular programs can continue with minimal disruptions due to COVID. I also hope everyone has a nice and safe break over the coming Easter Holiday.

Bruno

# Blackburn South Report



We started the first term back with a smaller group than normal, Staff took this time to reconnect after the Christmas break. Everyone enjoyed talking of their Christmas adventures and were happy to be back at Burke and Beyond.

## Puzzle Play

During the first term we have been keeping the minds and bodies busy of our participants. They have been enjoying sensory games and puzzles.

## Cultural Cooking

We have started our cultural cooking program again, with participants choosing a country and then making traditional dishes of that country for four weeks. First destination was Mexico. The dishes they chose were Nachos, Tacos, Enchiladas and Burritos.

## Ladies Interest and Fashion

Every Friday the ladies group enjoys different aspects of Beauty and Fashion. This term the ladies are learning about make up and the different steps needed when applying. We have been playing with different looks from natural to dramatic.

## Independent cooking

We have had fun cooking in which we have made home made pies. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own pies, and even more fun to design their own decorations on top of the pie.







# Next Step Blackburn Report

The Hospitality Work Education group have begun the year developing skills in the kitchen. The group have learnt how to make and prepare different foods from baking vegemite scrolls to cutting up vegetables, making dips and creating a fruit salad. Participants have been given their uniforms for the year and are looking forward to building their skills in preparation to work in the Hospitality field.

"I am really enjoying the Hospitality and Work Education course on Fridays. I have enjoyed learning how to cook food and the facilitator Kate is great. I liked making the vegemite scrolls the most and I really like learning in a Tafe setting at Box Hill."

-Annie

"I like making food in the kitchen at Box Hill and learning about different ingredients in foods and how to cook with quantities. My favourite food we have made is a blueberry and lemon cake where we learnt how to measure ingredients and work together as a team. I am having a lot of fun in this course."

-Justin F





# Next Step Blackburn Report

This term, two groups from Blackburn Next Step have begun volunteering at Salvos Forest Hill to gain work experience and build work skills in the retail setting. Participants have learnt how to stock and re arrange shelves as well as face items and greet customers. Over the next term, participants will expand their skills in customer service and pricing and tagging items. Good luck everyone, your hard work is paying off!

"My name is Josh and I have enjoyed volunteering at Salvos this year. I have wanted to volunteer at Salvos to get experience working with other workers and build skills in customer service. I have been rearranging clothes on the floor and re stocking DVD sets. I can put this work experience on my resume which will assist in finding work in my future. My goal for next Term is to become fit and active so I will be transferring into the Sport and Rec course."



My name is Lucas. This Term I am going to keep doing Customer Service on Tuesdays at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Center because I want to be better at money skills and learning the cash register. I am also looking forward to doing the Work Education course through Box Hill because I like it and I want to keep doing it and it helps me build my skills and confidence. I'm excited to meet up with different people that I haven't seen in a while and learn at Tafe. This year I have also received a paid job called Rose Chongs in Fitzroy which I have been volunteering at for years.





## Next Step Dandenong Report

### *Chisholm Tafe*

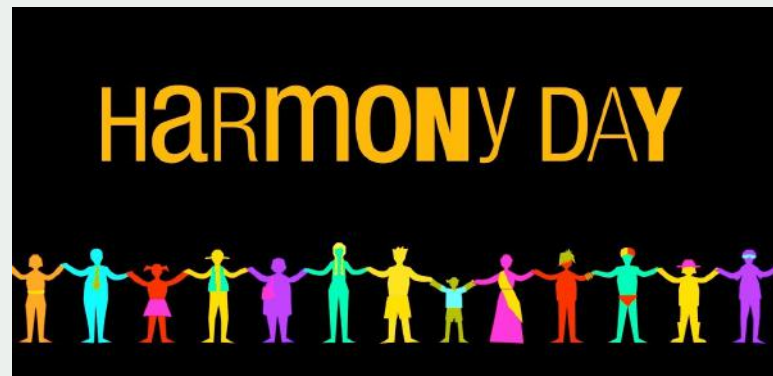
It has been a great start back to the year, with Courses and volunteer programs returning everyone at Next Step Dandenong has been in good spirits. We have recently made a partnership with Chisholm TAFE and have been heading to the Dandenong campus which has been great for participants to get a taste of the TAFE life.

We have also been engaging in community activities again, getting out and about has been great for the soul, since the lockdowns we are soaking it up and enjoying every minute.





# Next Step Dandenong Report...



Harmony Day was a success and all the participants and staff enjoyed all the yummy food from different cultures and enjoyed celebrating diversity.

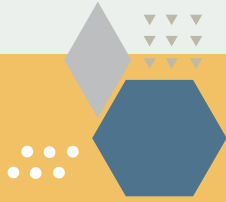
We had heaps of activities onsite in the morning before walking to Dandenong park for the talent part of the day! Well done to all the participants who performed on stage, it takes a lot of courage to get up in front of people and perform!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the day it was such a success because of you all!





# Next Step Pakenham Report

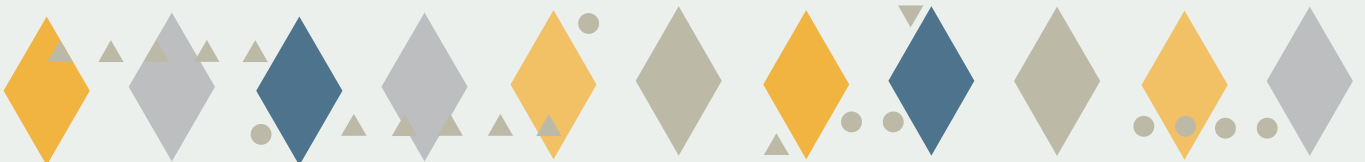


*Welcome to  
Pakenham Site*



This year we have been lucky enough to open a new Next Step building in Pakenham.

Dandenong and Pakenham have been banding together a lot in Term 1, and it has been great to get out and explore a new community. Our staff member Kim has been moved to Pakenham site and Kim and the participants have been working together to make the site Home.







# Next Step Ringwood

## Welcome to Next Step Ringwood!

"I like the new program rooms and it's not far from the train station"

"It's quite big and I like the space"

"I like our new Art Room"

"I really like the new site, the rooms, and staff members"

"I really like how close it is to Eastland"

"I like that it's a lot bigger"



A virtual tour of the new site is available on the Burke and Beyond website.

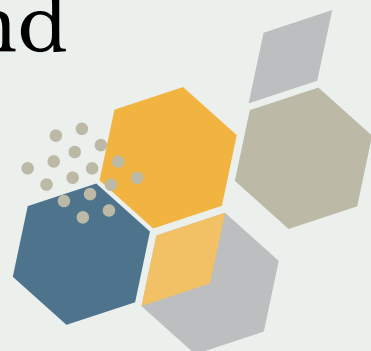






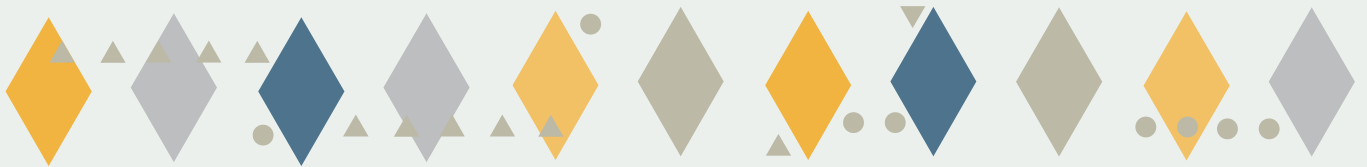
## Balwyn Report

Balwyn have enjoyed a great time at Bounce. The group has made a permanent booking and look forward to bouncing every Monday . The photo below captures Joe, Flynn and James in action.



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lives through social  
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participation

Inclusion that counts.






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