Be a listener
Be a word-user
Be safe
Be fair

OUR BEENLEIGH SPECIAL SCHOOL RULES:
Thanks to the staff and students of the school supported so very critically by our school community families for the ongoing efforts you have made to support our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program. The SWPBS team in our fortnightly meetings are focussing on classroom support processes. Students are so pleased to be recognised at assembly each Monday for their efforts in following the school rules. Well done students and staff!

POST-SCHOOL OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS
Special thanks to Mary Shepherd our School Transition Officer for her support for our 2014 school leavers. The families have been notified of their child’s support funding through Disability Services Queensland already! We at BSS are so happy for these families, as they can now confidently plan for their young person for 2015 and beyond!

SENIOR GRADUATION DINNER:
Our annual Senior Graduation Dinner was held on Wednesday evening at the Beenleigh Sports Club. A very enjoyable evening for all involved, especially the graduates and their families and friends! Thanks to all who planned for and made the evening special, Senior Secondary teachers, teacher aides and also Nelly for the wonderful DVD of the students’ journeys through their school life here at BSS! Our graduating students for 2014 are Nina, Sam, Emma-Jo, Alex, Blake, Ethan and Patrick. We wish them well in their very exciting futures out there in the big wide world of young adulthood!!

Good luck from all of us at Beenleigh Special!

CURRICULUM MATTERS:
Thanks to parents for your flexibility and fast ‘adoption’ of the new Individual Curriculum Plans processes in preparation for these being implemented fully from 2015. Any student whose learning requires individualised and differentiated learning requires an Individual Curriculum Plan from 2015. If you have any further queries please contact our Head of Curriculum, Megan or your child’s class teacher.

*STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER PLEASE!!!!!!*
Please ensure ALL STUDENTS who are dropped off after 9.00am are taken to the office. Parents will be directed by ALL STAFF, outside of school pick up/drop off times i.e. after 9.00am and before 2.45 pm to enter and exit the school through the office sign in and sign out procedures.

REMEMBER ALSO: **ALL PARENTS/CARERS** are NOT to access the school outside hours through the undercover area using the PIN on the gates. ALL STAFF have been asked to direct you to the office at all times during school hours.

Please do not ask staff for the PIN so as to maximise security and minimise risk.
Parking is available close to the office for this purpose.
This supports our school policy regarding student safety and also the accuracy of our school rolls.
I am aware that some students think it is a ‘game’ to try to find out or know the PIN on the gates. It is NOT a game and it is particularly important that all staff and students are safe. Please follow our procedures and keep this Pin from all at times.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT REGARDING THIS.

Term 4 is another busy one. Classes to be formed for 2015, student numbers to be confirmed, staff including teachers and aides to be confirmed etc. It is too early at this stage for all of the above to be finalised at this stage. The HR SER person responsible for liaison with me will visit the school in early November to work through finalising teacher numbers, transfers, placements etc. I will know more after this and when prospective enrolments are finalised.

LEAVE: I have a short period of leave 13-21 November to celebrate a special occasion with family in Fiji. Whilst I am on leave Nicole Finch Principal of Sunnybank Special School will be acting Principal here. Please make Nicolene our great school community!

UPCOMING EVENTS
P &C meeting Wednesday 5 November.
Presentation Night Monday 24 November
G20- There is NO public holiday for Beenleigh Special School on Friday 14 November 2014.

Kindest regards to all

Roselynne Anderson
Principal
https://beenleighspecial.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx
This year the Presentation Night, Senior Graduation Dinner DVD will be a 2 DVD set and will include highlights from Presentation Night and Presentation Night Showcase, the Senior Graduation Dinner Showcase and an electronic colour copy of the Yearbook. The price is $15 and order forms will be sent home next week.

Parents/carers often live with the fear that when their young person finishes school there will an enormous gap and few options to fill the gap! The Department of Communities - Child Safety and Disability Services (DSQ) recognise this and in certain instances, will fund and support school leavers with a disability, to purchase hours with a day service, or other supports appropriate to the young person’s needs. Several students leaving Beenleigh Special School this year, applied and have now received offers of Support for School Leavers funding for 2015 and beyond. Congratulations and well done, to these families. To be eligible for DSQ funding, a person must satisfy eligibility criteria, such as citizenship, residency and proof of disability.

The school will always support the families of exiting students, in their final year, to apply for support. However, if you would like to know more before that time, call your local Disability Services Office (Beenleigh P: 3884 7001, Robina P: 5656 5800, Browns Plains 3884 7981), or speak to your teacher, the Community Linking Officer (Nicole Fletcher from FSG, P: 3297 4300) or myself (M: 0408 736 215 W: 3380 1141). A quick chat might relieve a lot of unnecessary worry and anxiety!

Mary Shepherd
(AVT School Transition Officer)

CRU (Community Resources Unit) is one of nine organisations around the state that have been funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services as part of the Participant Readiness strategy. The focus of this work is to assist people with disability and their families to be better prepared for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as it is implemented in Queensland between mid-2016 and mid-2019. This project will run from now until December 2015.

CRU was already engaged in the important task of supporting people with disability and their families to think through what will be required to make the most of this opportunity and so we are very pleased to be involved in this larger initiative. We have been asked to focus our efforts on the Brisbane, Central Queensland and South West Queensland regions.

Other organisations will be responsible for the Participant Readiness information delivery in the other four regions. In addition to that, there are another four organisations who will resource people from particular groups eg people with mental illness; people who have intellectual disability and people who are deaf. Two organisations will work particularly with older parent carers. It will be a little confusing but the organisations are committed to trying to work together to ensure everyone gets access to the information and that we don’t all end up in the same town in the same week. Some organisations have already started to run workshops or information sessions. CRU will begin workshops in February 2015.

We are currently recruiting staff, developing more material and planning. Our full day workshops will be known as "Taking Charge of Change - what will it take to be ready for the NDIS?" and soon there will be much more information on our website about what we are doing and how people with disabilities and their families can register to attend. We will also be offering some information online during the project. In the meantime, feel free to sign up to our mailing list (Contact cru@cru.org.au) so that you will be sure to receive information directly.
Thank you to all the students, families and staff who attended for making this such a special occasion. Special thanks to Marianne, Charl and Nelly for all your hard work. Congratulations to our graduating students and we wish you all the best for your future.
Hi,

On the 5th of November, we will be holding an NDIS information session at our Office.

We will have a guest speaker from the YFS NDIS Readiness Team to talk about what the NDIS will mean for your family, and to provide the most up to date information on what progress on the scheme looks like so far. They will also be there to answer your questions about how you can get involved and when changes will start taking place.

It will be held from 10am to Midday at our 100 York street, Office. All are welcome.

If you are interested please contact the office on 3297 4300 for more information on how to get involved.

Nicole Fletcher
Community Linking Officer - North West Services