



# Watch Us THRIVE in 2025

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## Brookton District High School

### Principals Address

#### School News

It has been a big and wonderful end to the year at Brookton District High School, with our final whole-school assembly, a successful Scitech excursion, and preparations for NAIDOC Week and Awards Night well underway.

#### Celebrating Our Student Leaders

At our final assembly for the year, our Student Councillors once again led with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity. They have done an outstanding job throughout the year, and the whole school community is very proud of their efforts and growth as leaders. We also acknowledged our Year 6 students, for whom this was their final primary school assembly. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become and know they will carry their learning, friendships and values into their next adventure in high school.

#### Peter Pan Pantomime – Budding Stars on Stage

A huge congratulations to all students involved in the recent Peter Pan pantomime. The performance was a highlight of the term and showcased impressive acting, singing and teamwork. From the main cast to the supporting roles and backstage helpers, students demonstrated courage, creativity and commitment. Events like this are more than just entertainment; they also build confidence, collaboration and a sense of belonging. It is clear we have some wonderful budding talent at Brookton DHS, and we look forward to more creative performances in the years ahead.

#### Scitech Excursion – Curiosity in Action

Our recent Scitech excursion for the Pre-primary and Year 5/6 classes was a great success. Students had a fantastic time exploring the hands-on exhibits, participating in demonstrations and experiencing science in action.

The inter-age structure of the excursion reflected our vision for connected, strengths-based learning and helped to:

- Build curiosity and engagement in science
- Provide leadership opportunities for older students
- Encourage peer support, with older students helping our younger learners

It was an amazing day of learning, and we hope to see this become a regular feature on our school calendar.



### Important Dates

Every Wednesday  
Community Garden Visit HS

Tue 18 Nov  
Free Dress Day Fundraiser

Wed 19–21  
NAIDOC

Mon 24–28 Nov  
TLG Visit

Mon 24 Nov – Fri 5 Dec  
In term swimming

Wed 26 Nov  
Board Meeting

Fri 5 Dec  
High School Wheatbelt Ball

Wed 10 Dec  
Fun Swim P–3  
Year 6 Dinner

Tue 16 Dec  
Presentation Night PS

Wed 17 Dec  
Presentation Day HS

Thu 18 Dec  
End of Year for students

Fri 19 Dec  
Student Free Day

Mon 2 Feb 2026  
Students First Day back



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### NAIDOC Week – Learning on Country.

This week, Brookton DHS will celebrate NAIDOC Week from Wednesday to Friday, with some adjustments to usual timetables to allow for rich, culturally responsive learning. We are delighted to welcome guest presenters Cyndy Moodie and Vivienne Hansen, who will work with staff and students to deepen our understanding of local culture, history and Country. On Wednesday, students will visit the local bush reserve between 10:00am and 12:00pm, travelling by bus in small groups. Learning on Country gives students the chance to connect classroom learning to the land around us and to listen to stories, knowledge and perspectives that have been held for generations. On Thursday and Friday, workshops will be held at school, with Friday afternoon concluding with a NAIDOC closing afternoon tea. Across the three days, students will:

- Begin planting bush tucker and bush medicine garden beds around the school
- Learn about the treasures in our remnant bush and ways we can care for Country together
- Engage in cultural learning experiences, including our younger students learning and performing Noongar lullabies

These projects support our commitment to honouring Aboriginal knowledge and language and to building a strong sense of belonging and connection for all students. Families will be warmly invited to join us for the opening at the reserve and the closing afternoon tea on Friday, with further details shared via our usual communication channels.

### Two Way Science – Building on Local Knowledge

Brookton District High School is also continuing to develop our Two Way Science program, which brings together Aboriginal knowledge and Western science. This term, staff are working with David Broun from Two Way Science to plan the next steps for the program. This work will help us:

- Strengthen our science curriculum
- Embed more place-based, outdoor learning
- Build deeper community and cultural partnerships

By connecting learning to Country and to local expertise, we aim to make science more meaningful, engaging and relevant for our students.

### Thank You to Our Community and Breakfast Club Team

On behalf of the school, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents, carers, families and community members for your ongoing support throughout the year. Whether you've attended events, volunteered your time, helped with transport, supported fundraising or simply encouraged our students from the sidelines, your involvement makes a real difference. A very special thank you goes to our Breakfast Club team – our student volunteers, our parent volunteer Ryan Reiter, and our awesome Education Assistants. You start our students' mornings with a smile and make sure they are nourished and ready to learn. Your time, energy and care are deeply appreciated and play a big part in setting our students up for a positive day. Volunteer hours will be tallied and certificates presented at the end of the year to recognise this important contribution.

### Looking Ahead – Awards Night

Our next major event will be our Awards Night, where we will come together as a community to celebrate the achievements and successes of 2025. Awards Night is an opportunity to recognise academic progress, citizenship, leadership, effort and resilience across the school. We look forward to welcoming families and community members to acknowledge the hard work of our students and the support of our staff and community partners.

Brookton District High School is proud of what our students, staff and community have achieved together this year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making 2025 such a positive, connected and memorable year of learning.