

BANKSTOWN IEC IS THE...BEST!!

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Message from the IEC Acting Deputy Principal, Ms Polley

Hello everyone

As we approach the end of term 3, I would like to congratulate our students who are working hard to learn remotely. Many of you have needed to learn new skills with technology to participate in zoom lessons and submit your work through Google Classroom. This is very positive as these new skills will be used throughout your school life and beyond the classroom. We have now distributed laptops and data dongles on loan to some students.

Just as students have had to learn new skills, teachers have had to develop new teaching and learning resources because they are unable to attend school staffrooms. Your Zoom lessons are quality experiences designed to make sure you are engaged and achieving learning outcomes. They are well attended and enjoyed by all of you. Our School Learning Support Officers and office staff have done a great job, working very hard to ensure that regular contact is made with all of you, lessons are well supported and packages of learning materials arrive on time.

Many students are enjoying new activities that have been developed for you by the staff, for example the Mentor activities of public speaking, language activities, hair and beauty, art. A poetry club has also attracted many students. Many of you find the opportunity to zoom in remote classrooms to be an opportunity to see and chat with friends before settling into the lesson. Thank you to all staff who have worked hard to provide these activities for you to enjoy.

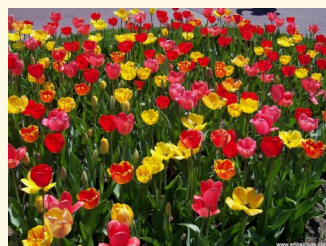
Ms Lonnon, our School Counsellor, is helping students who are feeling less positive and especially those worried about events in Afghanistan. Your whole school community understands your concerns and sympathises with you. We urge you to focus on your studies when you can and keep in contact with your teachers. Please reach out to Ms Lonnon or your Level Advisors – Mr Elchah and Ms Palivos - if you need to.

Mr Kametopoulos, Ms Tall and Ms Lee are coming into school each week to prepare new lesson materials to be sent to you and on behalf of all our students and staff I thank you for your efforts.

Many students and staff live in 'hotspot' areas and this has limited your ability to meet with family and friends or be outside the home for extended periods. If we all work together by staying home and getting vaccinated if you are able, we can get back to everything we enjoy – study, family, friends. I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and some well-deserved downtime during the Spring break.

Take care and I'll see you all next term.

Ms Polley



PROFILES OF OUR SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS (SLSOs)

What is your name?

Kim Do

Which country do you come from?

Vietnam

When did you come to Australia?

1990

What languages can you speak?

Vietnamese and English

When did you start working at BIEC and how long have you been at BIEC?

I began working at BIEC in January 2013 and have been working here for almost 10 years.

What do you like about BIEC?

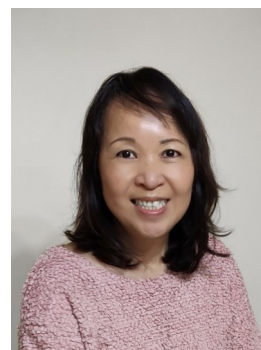
BIEC provides a great learning environment for students from a wide range of backgrounds. The staff are very friendly and dedicated to helping our students succeed and achieve their goals, and the students are respectful and always willing to learn. BIEC has a very welcoming and supportive school community and I enjoy working with all the BIEC staff to help the students in any way that I can.

What is your message in English to all BIEC students during this remote learning time?

During this remote learning period, all BIEC students should try their best to stay motivated and focused on their school work, while also making sure that they are taking care of themselves and their mental health. They should also stay connected with their friends and teachers and ask for help if needed.

Message to students in Vietnamese:

Trong quá trình học tập từ xa, tất cả học sinh BIEC nên cố gắng hết sức để duy trì động lực và tập trung vào công việc học tập ở trường, đồng thời đảm bảo rằng các em đang tự chăm sóc bản thân và sức khỏe tinh thần của mình. Họ cũng nên giữ kết nối với bạn bè và giáo viên của họ và yêu cầu giúp đỡ nếu cần.



What is your name?

Kafah Khazraji

Which country do you come from?

I am Iraqi but born in Iran.

When did you come to Australia?

I came to Australia in 2009

How long have you been in Australia?

I have been in Australia for 12 years.

What languages can you speak?

I speak Arabic, Farsi and English.

When did you start working at BIEC and how long have you been at BIEC?

I started working last year as a casual but I was at Bankstown IEC 12 years ago as a student.

What do you like about BIEC?

IEC has a very positive energy for me it has a very friendly environment. I really like to work with students who are trying hard to learn a new language and new staff.

What is your message in English to all BIEC students during this remote learning time?

Keep going, don't give up, you can do it better than anyone else nothing will get to you easy, but you will reach it by trying.

Message to students in Farsi/Dari:

تسلیم نشوید به تلاش خود ادامه بدهید هیچ چیز به آسانی به دست نمی آید ولی با تلاش شما می توانید به هر آنچه که می خواهید برسید.



Message from the IEC Head Teacher, Mr Kametopoulos

Dear Staff and Students

We are near the end of Term 3 in these very interesting times with learning online all term.

Term 3 has not be an easy term as everyone had to learn how to adapt to the new way of learning. Teachers had to try to teach as best as possible through Google Classroom and through Zoom and the students had to try to learn through these electronic platforms. This term, we have had 23 students studying at the IEC and 2 levels with the following classes: 2B and 3B.

We had to put a timetable together and to balance the number of zoom classes with the subjects we offered to our students.

The most important thing for all of us was to make sure that our students were connecting and feeling as happy as they could be in our zoom classes. Some of the teachers had very engaging lessons and many of them made sure that the students got packages at home so they could also work on paper, rather than just on their smartphone or on their laptops.

With the spring holidays coming up, on behalf of our College Principal, Ms Doyle, and all College and IEC teaching and admin/support staff, I would like to wish everyone and especially our students a relaxing spring holiday! A reminder to take care of yourselves and hopefully sometime in Term 4, we will be back at Bankstown Senior College IEC again!

Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos
September 2021



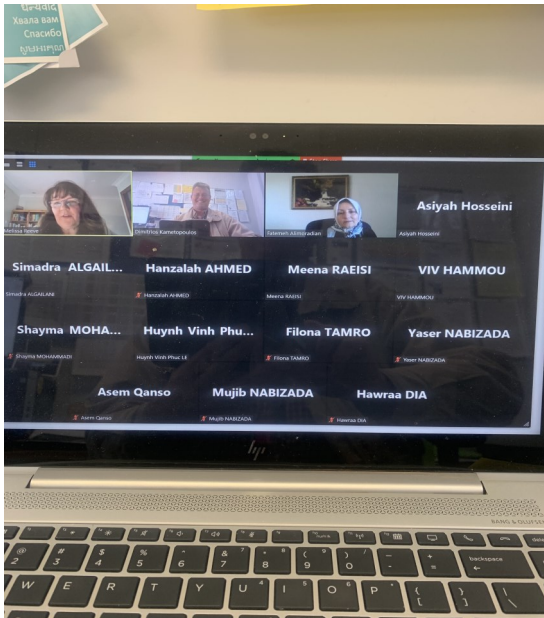
SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS, if you need them:

Police / Fire / Ambulance:	0 0 0
Medicare:	12 20 11
Centrelink:	13 23 00
Interpreter Services:	13 14 50

2021 Term 3 online learning at BIEC 2B, 3B



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This is a photo of 3B English class on zoom taught by Mr Kametopoulos and Ms Reeve during Term 3.

This term the students have been studying about the Narrative text type through the novel "Rabbit Proof Fence". They were also taught about Film and Camera Techniques.

It has been an interesting way to teach all term through Zoom and Google Classroom. The students have been trying their best and some students received Merit certificates for their work and participation in the online lessons!

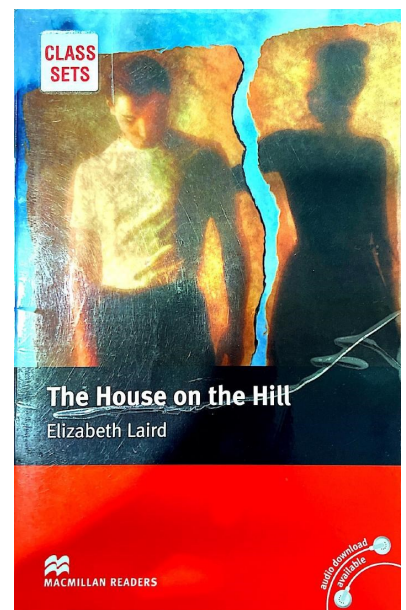
Well done 3B!!

2B English class with Ms Palivos have been a lovely class.

This term, the class has been working hard reading "The House on the Hill". Some of the activities involved drama!



The students worked hard to practise the voice of the angry mother of the character, Maria. We all had lots of fun!



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PROFILE OF A SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER (SLSO)

What is your name?

My name is Ms Mary Nashoor.

Which country do you come from?

I come from Iraq (Baghdad).

When did you come to Australia?

I came to Australia on 4 June 2009.

How long have you been in Australia?

I have been 12 years in Australia.

What languages can you speak?

I can speak two languages: Arabic and English.



When did you start working at BIEC and how long have you been at BIEC?

I started working at BIEC at the end of term three 2017. I have been four years at BIEC as Teacher Aide.

What do you like about BIEC?

I like BIEC because it was my first school in Australia and I studied here like you. I have sense of belonging to this school. I made a lot of friends for lifetime not for a day or a year. I love how the teachers treat and take care of all the students (emotionally, mentally, physically, wellbeing, etc....). I am glad to be a part of this amazing staff.

What is your message in English to all BIEC students during this remote learning time?

My messages to all the students during this hard time we have to support each other and take care of ourselves. I have some quotes to share with you: "You can if you think you can."; "good, better and best. Never let it rest 'til your good is better and your better is best". Lastly "life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your BALANCE, you must keep moving."

PROFILE OF OUR A BIEC TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN ASSISTING IN COMMUNICATING BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND WITH PARENTS / STUDENTS IN THE URDU & BANGLA LANGUAGES

What is your name?

My name is Nandlal Bhindi.

Which country do you come from?

I come from Fiji Islands.

When did you come to Australia?

I came to Australia in 2001.

How long have you been in Australia?

I have been in Australia for twenty years.

What languages can you speak?

I can speak English, Gujerati, Hindi and Urdu.

When did you start working at BIEC and how long have you been at BIEC?

I came to BIEC in 2017 and this is my 5th year.

What do you like about BIEC?

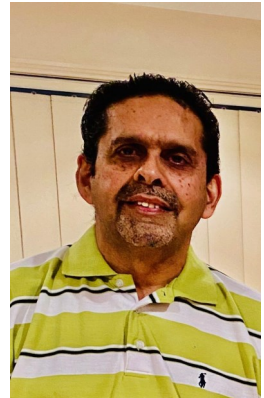
I like all the friendly teachers and students.

What is your message in English to all BIEC students during this remote learning time?

My message is Be safe, Be happy and DO your best. Learn about Google Classroom and engage in it. You may do distance learning in future.

Message for students in the Bangla and Urdu languages:

Āmāra bārtā hala nirāpada thākuna, khuśi thākuna ēbañ āpanāra sarbōcca cēṣṭā karuna



گوگل کلاس روم کے بارے میں جانیں اور اس میں مشغول ہوں۔ آپ مستقبل میں فاصلاتی تعلیم حاصل کر سکتے ہیں

POEM: **The Moon**



With anticipation I wait for your birth, I watch you grow in front of my eyes,
a spirited child who enjoys to tease. You seek cover on cold cloudy nights
and play your games of hide and seek.

You mature into a radiant bride while at your prime: your beauty
plays havoc with the mind and drives packs of wolves' wild.

You're a magician with super powers.

You cast your spell with your magic wand
and immerse us all in the total dark or shed on us a brilliant light.

Serenaded by poets and musician alike.

You never stopped playing with people's hearts!

Ms Dona- SLSO (Arabic & French) 5/09/2021

MENTOR PROGRAM AT BANKSTOWN IEC

From Week 5 of this term, the IEC students and staff found a new way to connect. This was through the "Mentor Moments" topics. Each Tuesday from 12.15pm, we had many participants who clicked on a Zoom link and joined in the fun! Everyone was able to choose the topic they wished to talk about.

The smiles on so many faces showed the benefits of this time to connect, for our language development, our happiness, as well as our feeling of hope. Also, it was a chance to keep learning and sharing our thoughts, ideas and skills.

Lockdown could not stop us from this. We found a way to connect and have fun! Such a variety of interesting and useful activities! We will continue with this program into Term 4.

Ms Parliaros
Mentor Coordinator

MENTOR ACTIVITIES IN TERM 3:

- * **KAHOOT LANGUAGE GAMES—Mr Kametopoulos**
- * **BEAUTY AND SELF CARE AT HOME—Ms Parliaros**
- * **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DRAMA—Ms Palivos**
- * **FITNESS AND EXERCISE—Ms Tsoli**
- * **POETRY WRITING—Mr Jurd**
- * **ART AT HOME—Ms Funnell**



Spring

BUDS
DAFFODILS
FLOWERS
GRASS
RAIN

RAINBOW
SEEDS
SPRING
TULIPS
UMBRELLA

G F S Q O I I S L S U R
E D U R Y G N D M B K V
B T A P T I Q E K D I F
S K N F A G H E H P B C
P T D R F B W S Q P R J
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L F H Z F G D S A N U M
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T H C U Z A J A L U T V
U M B R E L L A S S B M
B N S M G N I R P S M K
R A I N B O W D J A C P

SBS RADIO-SYDNEY

Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) www.sbs.com.au/radio

Listen to SBS radio to your language program so you know what is going on in your own community as well as in Australia. Some programs are on every day of the week, some are on a few days per week. Many topics are discussed, eg education, welfare, housing, migration etc. You can listen to SBS Radio on analogue (normal) radio either on **1107 AM** or **97.7 FM** or on **digital radio SBS Digital Radio 3** or on **SBS Digital TV (channel 37 & 38)** or online on **your computer and smartphone**. Also, you can listen to your language program **on demand (when you want to!)** from each language website!

***am = morning hours

*** pm = afternoon/night hours



LANGUAGE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Arabic لَعَرَبِيَّة ا	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am	97.7FM 6.00am- 8.00am
Vietnamese tiếng việt	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm	1107AM 7.00pm- 9.00pm
Burmese		97.7FM 10.00pm- 11.00pm				97.7FM 10.00pm- 11.00pm	
Assyrian ܣܘܪܝܝܬܐ		97.7FM 8.00pm- 9.00pm				97.7FM 8.00pm- 9.00pm	
Persian فارسی / پارسی		97.7FM 3.00pm- 4.00pm				97.7FM 3.00pm- 4.00pm	
Dari دري		97.7FM 4.00pm- 5.00pm		97.7FM 4.00pm- 5.00pm			
Urdu اردو			97.7FM 6.00pm- 7.00pm				97.7FM 6.00pm- 7.00pm

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (2 weeks):

Friday 17 September 2021 –

Monday 4 October 2021 (public holiday)

*****Tuesday 5 October 2021:**

This is the first day back at school ONLINE for all students for Term 4.

The students will be emailed and/or they will be called to let them know of their classes and timetable for Term 4.

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