



Change of Date –School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) Term 3, 2024

Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that Denison College will be changing the date for the Term 3 School Development Day for both Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus.

What does this mean?

Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus will have their Term 3 School Development Day on Monday 29th July 2024 (Term 3, Week 2). This will move it away from the first day of Term 3 where it is normally held.

How will this impact students?

Students will attend school and participate in normal timetabled classes on the first day of Term 3, Monday 22nd July 2024.

Students will **NOT** attend school (stay at home) on the second Monday of Term 3, Monday 29th July 2024.

Is this a permanent change?

This is NOT a permanent change and only impacts the Term 3 School Development Day in 2024.

Does this impact other schools?

No. This change **only relates to Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus**. If you have children at other schools, any change of their circumstances will be communicated by their school to you.

What about the buses?

The bus companies have been advised of the change of date. Bathurst High Campus and Kelso High Campus students will be able to catch their scheduled bus(es) to and from school on the first day of Term 3. As the alternate School Development Day only impacts our campuses, there will be no impact on bus travel for other students on Monday 29th July 2024.

Why are we informing you this term?

Both schools initially raised this with their respective parent groups (Bathurst High Campus, P&C and Kelso High Campus, Parent Focus Group) at the end of last term with both groups acknowledging the value of this professional learning for teachers and consequently supporting the change of date. We understand that this change will impact families, regarding the planning of supervision of their child(ren). It is for that reason that we are now communicating this change of date to all parents/carers a term in advance.

Why is this happening?

Both campuses of Denison College have expressed an interest in having Dr Bill Rogers work directly with staff. Dr Rogers is an Australian education expert who is world renowned for his academic research and school-based projects that focus on classroom practice and creating productive learning environments.

Dr Rogers was not available on the state-wide scheduled Term 3 School Development Day; however, he was available to work directly with our campuses the following week. Moving his visit to the second week of Term 3 has also given us the opportunity to have Dr Rogers working in our schools for two full days. The first day (Monday 29th July 2024) he will present to all staff, whilst he will work on the second day (Tuesday 30th July 2024) with a small group of executive and professional practice leaders.

Dr Rogers presentation on Monday 29th July 2024 will require all staff to be involved, thus the need for a change to the School Development Day. The second day only requires a small number of staff to be involved, therefore, students will attend school as per normal.



If you are interested in finding out more about Dr Rogers, you can visit his website where you can access relevant materials including podcasts and you tube videos. <https://www.billrogers.com.au/>

Accessing Dr Rogers directly is a significant coup for Denison College as he works nationally and internationally. His events are posted well in advance and are sought after by education practitioners in both the public and private school sectors. We are excited that this opportunity exists for our two schools, and we hope that you will support us in endeavoring to always move our schools forward.

Yours sincerely



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