

Bankstown Hospital School



Student Focus Presentations

Recently a series of focus lessons were developed and added to the wide range of resources available to students attending Bankstown Hospital School. Students choose a topic from a wide range of focus areas such as 'Design a New Food Product' or students may prefer to develop their own focus lesson.

Lessons concentrate on the presentation of information and development of skills using software such as PowerPoint, Keynote and Book Creator. Benefits include the introduction and familiarisation with a variety of programs, skill enhancement and confidence building in a one on one setting. The focus lessons also enhance student literacy as individual needs are assessed and developed by the teacher in a relaxed and informal environment.

Students are motivated to engage with these lessons as they choose topics of interest. Recent feedback from students has been extremely positive and students demonstrate a sense of responsibility and pride in the presentations that they develop.

Presentation skills are important for building confidence in students. When they are able to choose the focus of their own learning, they are able to build upon an interest they already have and are more confident and engaging when talking to a class group. Discussion surrounding these focus areas becomes easier for the student as they often bring significant prior knowledge to the lesson. These focus presentations have proven to be a hit with the students and they are happy to engage and enhance their own knowledge of the subject they choose.

Julie Adams



I am new to the Bankstown Hospital school team and I have been overwhelmed by the manner in which teachers adapt lessons for students ranging right across the schooling years. Whether our students benefit from one on one lessons, guidance or are independent learners, we cater right across the school years and curriculum. We choose from a vast variety of on-line resources, an in-house library and activities such as STEM activities which are ready to distribute. One of the great joys I get from teaching at the school is having a student knocking on the class door and asking if it is time to start lessons.

Jan Barrett



We also celebrated Nurse Recognition Week at Bankstown Hospital this term. All staff enjoyed a well-deserved break for a lunch of chicken, falafel and salad which was supplied by the hospital. We also showed our appreciation to both the nurses and doctors and thanked them with an afternoon tea of pastisseries from Looma's.

