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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

FUN RUN

The Fun Run was brilliant! 460 runners took part and the atmosphere across the day was vibrant. A huge "thank you!" to our organising committee for their outstanding effort and commitment in bringing the event together. We are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers and community members who supported the day, as well as everyone who participated. For more photos, see pages 8 and 9.



GALA DAY

Please join us for our Gala Day float!

Saturday 2nd May - the festival theme is gold and at Bright P-12 College, we are celebrating this with recognising that 'Education is our Golden Ticket'.

So, our float is 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' themed.

We would love you to join us and wear either:

- Your favourite 'Wonka' inspired costume/character
- Black and gold
- Purple and gold
- Combinations of these

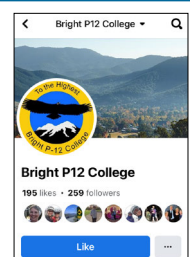
Remember, GOLD, lots of golden accessories.

Meeting at Park St bus bay 1:30pm (see Compass for details)



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 2.

The Fun Run was so fantastic! Events like this are a powerful reminder that Bright P-12 College is very much a part of our community, and that our community is a valued and active part of our school.

A huge thank you to our organising committee, and particularly Nathan Gray for his outstanding effort and commitment in bringing the event together, and to Andrew Badrock for his engaging role as MC. We are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers, staff, families and community members who supported the day, as well as everyone who participated.

As our major fundraiser, the Fun Run plays an important role in supporting opportunities for our students, and we sincerely thank you for your ongoing support.

Next weekend we have our Gala Day Parade, part of the fantastic Bright Autumn Festival. Please join us as we celebrate 'Education is the Golden Ticket'.

We are meeting at the Park St bus bay at 1:30pm. Students will need to be checked in by a guardian and collected promptly from the float at Centenary Park after the parade (approximately 2:30pm). Please see Compass for the check In/Out form. We will have these available on the day to fill out at drop-off.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. It is through strong partnerships between home and school that we are able to provide such rich learning and wellbeing opportunities for our students.

Jean Olley - Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR

All calendar events are subject to change. Please check Compass for most up-to-date calendar

APRIL

- 28-29 APR Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Alpine hike, Mt Bogong
- 28-29 APR VCE Arts Camp, Melbourne
- 29 APR International Dance Day - lunchtime disco
- 30 APR School photo day

MAY

- 2 MAY Gala Day Parade
- 4 MAY Yr 7 immunisations
- 4 MAY Yr 9 Morrisby profiling
- 5-6 MAY Yr 9 Outdoor Ed 2-day Alpine hike
- 5 MAY Yr 2-8 girls Basketball Victoria clinic
- 6 MAY 9:15am Primary parent workshop 'How We Teach Maths'
- 6 MAY Model UN, Beechworth
- 6 MAY Yr 5/6 Secure Sense of Self - puberty
- 6-7 MAY Melbourne Writer's Camp
- 8 MAY Creative Learning Expo, Wodonga TAFE
- 11 MAY Yr 10 immunisations
- 11-15 MAY Australian Smile Group - dental visit
- 12 MAY Yr 5/6 Secure Sense of Self - puberty
- 13 MAY Yr 7/8 O&M AFL, Wodonga
- 13 MAY North East Health Careers Forum, Wangaratta
- 13 MAY Primary SRC Biodiversity audit



Primary & Secondary School Tours

We are offering tours to parents / carers of children who are starting Prep or Year 7 in 2027. Tours are happening every week until July 1. Come and meet our teachers, see classes in progress and ask questions. No RSVP required. Everyone's welcome to attend. If you would like to visit at another time, please call the school office. Tour times are:

Primary - Tuesdays 9:15am
Secondary - Wednesdays 9:15am



At Bright P-12 College, we provide diverse learning opportunities, thanks to our experienced teachers, small classes, specialist art, music and language programs. Our subject choices for Secondary students include a broad range of options, from Outdoor Education to Psychology; from Physics to Media Studies; from Robotics to Aboriginal Languages of Victoria.



NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 12th June

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Thursday 30th April

VET HORTICULTURE - CERTIFICATE II

During Term 1, students in the VET Horticulture Certificate II program developed both their knowledge and practical skills through study and hands-on work in the school garden. The class focussed on two core units in Term 1.

Soil and growing media sampling and testing: Students have been learning about different soil types and growing media, and how these impact plant health and productivity. They have explored soil structure, drainage, nutrients and organic matter, as well as how to improve soil conditions for successful plant growth. These skills have been applied directly in the garden through soil preparation, planting, and maintaining garden beds and hydroponics systems.

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS): Workplace health and safety is an essential part of all horticulture work. Students have been learning how to identify hazards, use tools and equipment safely, and follow correct procedures to protect themselves and others while working. These skills are embedded into every session, helping students develop safe work habits that are vital for future employment.

By combining theory with practical gardening tasks, students are gaining a strong foundation in horticulture while also building teamwork, responsibility, and confidence in the TAFE system. The garden continues to be an important learning space where students can see the results of their care and hard work firsthand.

In Term 2, we will continue to develop their skills in these areas and include units in pruning and horticulture machinery and equipment.



LOST PROPERTY

Parents / carers, please remember to clearly label items that are brought to school to ensure we can return them to their owners if they are left behind in classrooms or the yard. We have a large number of school windsheeters, lunch boxes and water bottles in Lost Property. If they are labelled, we call students to the front office to collect them. If items aren't labelled and aren't claimed, they are taken to the Op Shop or thrown out at the end of each term.

Yr 9 JAPANESE



Year 9 Japanese students tried their hand at cooking a Japanese family staple meal - Japanese curry rice.

Some of these students might try it at home - potatoes, carrots, apple, rice and curry cubes.

Oishii (yummy!)

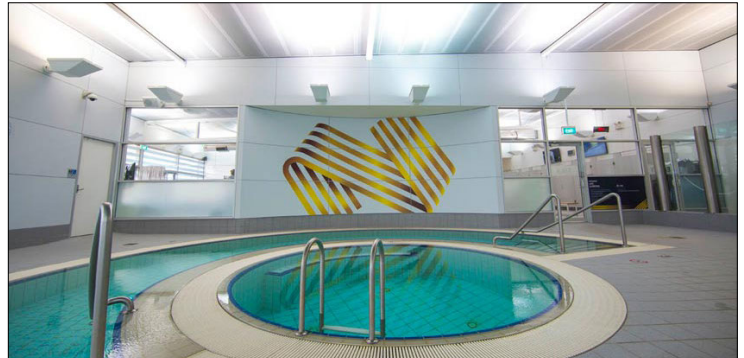
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



"Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Australian Institute of Sport for a Tennis Australia junior camp. Currently I'm ranked 13th in the world for junior wheelchair tennis, and my goal is to get into the top 8 by the end of the year.

It was a brilliant experience to be around the other athletes and state of the art facilities. On a typical day, I would have breakfast with the other wheelchair tennis athletes then head to the gym, after the gym session it was time to hit the court. We would train for 2 hours and 30 minutes then head back for lunch. After we finished our delicious lunch, we continued with another court session until the evening, where we had down time, dinner and then bed."

Bright P-12 College Yr 11 student Harry D



PREP GIFT FROM ROTARY

Prep students received a lovely gift from Sue Manning representing Bright Rotary last term.

Rotary value the importance of reading and gave all Preps at the start of school a book. The children were able to choose a book from a selection of four books that Sue brought in. Prep students shared their book with their Year 5 buddies when we did Buddy Reading that afternoon.

Thank you Sue and Bright Rotary, we really appreciate the gift.



TERM 1 INTERSCHOOLS SPORTS

Term 1 Interschools Sports saw 76 students from Bright P-12 College participating. We took teams to the Volleyball and Super 8's cricket. All students did a great job representing our school with the highlights being one of our two senior teams and one of our Year 7 girls teams making their respective Grand Finals. Unfortunately, neither team was successful in coming away with the win but their efforts were amazing.

During Term 2, we have three AFL days happening and end of term sports will include badminton, netball, soccer and basketball.



ART THERAPY



Hello! I'm Esther, a student Therapeutic Arts Practitioner in my final year of a Masters Degree at MIECAT Institute. I will be learning and working from the Wellbeing space at Bright P-12 College on Fridays for the majority of the year ahead. As a developing Creative Arts Therapy practitioner, I am learning to work alongside people as they use art to explore many themes in their lives. Art Therapy is an evidence-based therapeutic practice which goes beyond teaching art to people. Whilst many people are aware of and have experienced firsthand the therapeutic benefits of activities such as mindful colouring, Creative Arts Therapy is different in that it focuses on the companioned process of expression and internal connections made throughout the process. In a session we focus on the process not the outcome, and can use anything from natural resources such as leaves and flowers, to painting and clay.

I also hold a Masters Degree in Gifted Education and currently teach VCE Psychology at Bright P-12 College. I am passionate about supporting the learning and wellbeing of young people.

Yr 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who participated in work experience last week. Students arranged placements at varied and interesting workplaces, locally and further afield. The purpose of work experience is for students to immerse themselves in a vocation that they are interested in, to learn about different roles, to build skills and explore the world of work. It was great to witness students going through the process of seeking employment, confirming work arrangements, and then undertaking the placement. Towards the end of the week, Bright P-12 College staff checked in with each student's employer and it was wonderful to hear the positive feedback that was received. This year we had students placed in a wide variety of placements, including: with engineers, at local primary schools, with designers and in the fashion industry, and a wide variety of local trades, retailers and hospitality venues. Thank you to all the businesses that have supported our students this year with this program, it is greatly appreciated.



HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day at Bright P-12 College was a vibrant celebration of diversity, inclusion and the unique identities that make up our school community. This year, Primary students created a meaningful and visually striking display that truly reflects the spirit of belonging. Each student designed their own handprint, decorating it with colours, patterns and symbols that represent who they are—their culture, interests, family background and personal story. These handprints formed a display, symbolising unity through diversity. At the centre of the artwork sits a powerful message: "At Bright P-12, Everyone is Welcome." This statement serves as a reminder that our differences are not just accepted, but celebrated, and that every student has a valued place within our school.



VCE VM PIZZA MAKING

Making pizza was more than just cooking; students had to write a procedural text for Literacy. Budgeting and costing the ingredients were part of Numeracy. Students also highlighted workplace safety as part of Work-related Skills.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 12 Bright P-12 College student Gemma CT, who plays with the Murray Bushrangers, was picked to play in the Diversity AFL All Stars round representing Vic Country. This is very exciting for female Indigenous football! Congratulations, Gemma! Gemma said "I'm so grateful and proud to be able to represent Vic Country in the 2026 AFL



Victorian Diversity All Stars match against Vic Metro. Being able to represent my Aboriginal culture and my mob in a sport that I love playing and watching, is something I'll always carry with me. Women's footy is growing every day, and I hope young girls can keep pushing through setbacks, challenge expectations, and break the stereotypes."

Photo Credit: Jordan Sachetta / AFL Photos

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ANZAC DAY

Our ANZAC Assembly was a significant moment for our College. We were very proud of the way our student leaders led the assembly with maturity and respect, and how all students conducted themselves throughout.



These occasions are an important part of who we are as a school community.

Staff and students also attended the ANZAC Day Ceremony in Bright, where students laid a wreath to commemorate this important event.

Right photo credit: Jean Pierre Ronco

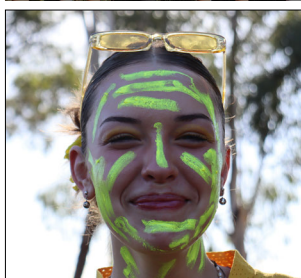
P-12 CROSS COUNTRY

The Prep to Year 12 Cross Country was a great success! Finishing off Term 1 with the most perfect weather, all houses were well represented on the day with many of our students showing their loyalty by turning up in house colours.

Thank you to all the house captains on a great job of getting students warmed up and motivated at the beginning of the day. Thank you also to all the staff and volunteers for your contribution in running the event. House results: 1st Buckland, 2nd Kiewa, 3rd Ovens.

Age Group Champions

Age Group	Male Winner	Female Winner
Prep	Crew S	Nora H
Year 1	Bowie R	Arabella K
Year 2	Jack M	Laila T
Under 10s	Blake C	Aisha S
Under 11s	Finn B	Lucy G
Under 12/13s Primary	River S	Alexis K
Under 12/13s Secondary	Harvey D	Josie M
Under 14s	Blake B	Eleanor C
Under 15s	Duleetha S	Mya B
Under 16s	Zeke P	Sophie M
Under 17s	Banjo B	Jessica K
Under 20s	Ewan L	Gemma CT



Yr 7 & 9 WELLBEING PROGRAMS

Students in Year 7 and 9 took part in Wellbeing sessions at school last week. Girls participated in a day with a focus on creating a positive and inclusive environment where students feel comfortable to participate, connect and reflect. This day was designed to provide students with a safe, supportive and engaging space to build confidence, strengthen friendships and explore their wellbeing through a range of activities. The day included a dance workshop, art practice, yoga and meditation session and friendship workshop. The boys sessions were facilitated by educators from The Man Cave program. This program is a highly regarded wellbeing program that works with boys to build emotional intelligence and strengthen positive relationships. Through engaging, discussion-based workshops, students were encouraged to reflect on who they are, how they treat others and how they can contribute positively to their school and wider community. Areas of focus included Building respectful relationships; Understanding and managing emotions; Developing confidence and resilience; Challenging unhelpful stereotypes and expectations; Encouraging positive peer culture

For more information about the Man Cave program, please visit <https://themancave.life>



P&F MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On Friday 8th May, we'll be holding the Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall in the Library with items available from \$2 to \$12.

Primary students will have an opportunity to attend with their classroom teacher for 20-minute time slots throughout the morning.

Secondary students will be able to shop at the stall during recess (Yr 7-8) and Lunchtime (Yr 9-12).

Cash is preferred, however, there will be EFTPOS available.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TERM 2 & 3
JUNIOR NETBALL COMPETITION

Join our Junior Netball Competition & Skills Clinic!

Starting Week 2 of Term 2 • 30th April – 10th September 2026

When: Thursday afternoons - 4:30 – 5:45pm
 Skills clinic for 30 mins, followed by games from 5pm

Age: Grade 4 – Year 7 (Turning 10-14 years)

Where: Bright P-12 College Outdoor Netball Courts

Please fill out the attached Google Doc & EOI Form ASAP –
 Minimum numbers required!

Register Your Interest Now!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpwASWZY2B2M0Q3Kc6-BH4CM3NmvFv2AeHYGGX0NuyZEhg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

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Bib pick up is at the Swimming Pool Complex Foyer from 8.30am
 Start time for the trail run is at 10:00am
 All other events will start at 10:10am

There is the opportunity to win a cash prize for your school by entering a team of students and staff in the Schools Challenge Competition. Teams can have entrants in any of the four events, and points will be awarded to the top five overall finishers in each team. The team with the lowest average points wins. Schools must enter their school's name as the team's name upon registration.

On the day the Mount Beauty Playgroup is running a bake sale and BBQ, all proceeds will support the Playgroup.

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Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to find activities and resources to implement the GEM+EL principles at home.

Evidence-based

TRP's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by [The University of Adelaide](#) and [The University of Melbourne](#).

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the imperfects

The imperfects podcast is hosted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, celebrates just how imperfectly perfect we all are. Together, they chat to a variety of people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections alongside valuable learnings we can apply to our own lives and use to support the teachings of TRP in the classroom. Guests include Nathan Buckley, Grace Tame, Jack Steele, Zan Rowe, Michael Klim, Billy Slater, Lael Stone, Pat Cummins, Tim Minchin and many more.

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THE LIGHTHOUSE OPEN HOURS

Month	Day	Status
APRIL	1 WED	OPEN
APRIL	2 THU	OPEN
APRIL	8 WED	OPEN
APRIL	9 THU	OPEN
APRIL	15 WED	OPEN
APRIL	16 THU	OPEN
APRIL	22 WED	OPEN
APRIL	23 THU	CLOSED
APRIL	29 WED	OPEN
APRIL	30 THU	OPEN
MAY	6 WED	OPEN
MAY	7 THU	CLOSED
MAY	13 WED	OPEN
MAY	14 THU	OPEN
MAY	20 WED	OPEN
MAY	21 THU	CLOSED
MAY	27 WED	CLOSED
MAY	28 THU	OPEN

BRIGHT'S YOUTH HUB 12-19 YEAR OLDS WELCOME 1PM-5:30PM

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