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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

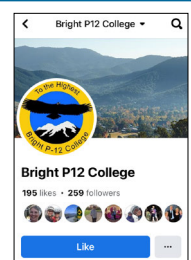
GALA DAY

It was fantastic to see so many community clubs, organisations and businesses come together to celebrate our region at the Bright Autumn Festival Gala Day Parade. Staff, students and parents beautifully represented our school. Following the festival theme of 'Gold,' we developed a float 'Education is the Golden Ticket', inspired by the Willy Wonka theme from the Roald Dahl classic. Thank you to everyone who took the time to be part of the Gala Day celebrations. For more photos, see page 10.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Gala Day was, yet again, a fantastic celebration of our community. Bright P-12 College staff and students put on a vibrant show of purple and gold and the atmosphere of celebration as we walked through Bright was wonderful. Thank you to everyone involved!

Thank you to Renee Tanaskovic for acting in the role of Assistant Principal (Primary) last week. This week, Clem Brasher is stepping into the position. And next week, Cilla Giannopoulos will take on the role. Thank you to Renee, Clem and Cilla for their support and leadership during this time.

This week, we welcomed the Dental Van from Smile Group Australia to the College. If you have registered your child for a visit, they will be seen at some point over the next few days. There are still forms available at the office if you would like to sign your child up for an appointment.



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.



On Monday, we welcomed Professor Elisa Morgera, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights. During her visit, Elisa met with a number of our Primary and Secondary students, as well as our VCE Health and Human Development class. This was an amazing opportunity for our students to engage with a globally influential leader and gain insight into important international issues. Elisa's talks were inspiring and her focus on the importance of curiosity was a key take-out for students of all ages.

Last Friday, we held the Parents and Friends Mother's Day Stall in the school library. I hope that all our mothers were treated and made to feel special on Sunday. Thanks to our P&F committee for supporting our College community.

Mathew Gray - Acting Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

MAY

- 11-15 MAY Australian Smile Group - dental visit
- 13 MAY Yr 7/8 O&M AFL, Wodonga
- 13 MAY North East Health Careers Forum, Wangaratta
- 13 MAY Primary SRC Biodiversity audit
- 14 MAY Yr 2-8 boys Basketball Victoria clinic
- 14 MAY Yr 10 Outdoor Ed MTB training session
- 15 MAY Primary District Cross Country
- 15 MAY VCE VM hike
- 17 MAY-26 JUN Yr 9 School for Student Leadership
- 18 MAY GAT training
- 19 MAY Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB training session
- 21 MAY Yr 3-6 Athletics
- 21 MAY Yr 7-9 The Good Human Factory
- 21 MAY Yr 10 Outdoor Ed MTB training session
- 22 MAY Secondary Athletics
- 22 MAY Yr 5/6 The Good Human Factory
- 22 MAY Student Voice forum
- 23 MAY Second Hand Snow Gear Sale
- 25-29 MAY Yr 9 Morrisby Profile Interviews
- 25 MAY AI in Careers workshop
- 26 MAY P-2 theatre excursion, Wangaratta
- 26 MAY Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB training session
- 27-29 MAY Yr 10 & 12 Outdoor Ed caving excursion, Wee Jasper
- 27 MAY Primary National Simultaneous Storytime

NEXT PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday 12th June

SNOW GEAR SALE



Just over one week until the Second Hand Snow Gear Sale - a fundraiser for the Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST)!

Do you have items you want to sell?

The online portal to register your items for sale will open on 10th May and close on 20th May at the below link.

So start cleaning out your cupboards to get ready, it's a super-easy process to list items.

<https://bcst-ski-sale.wessna.com>

BASKETBALL VICTORIA INCURSION

We were lucky to host Basketball Victoria's government funded 'Play Your Way' clinics at our school. This is part of the 'More support for girls in basketball' program. We will use the same framework to include our boys in skills sessions.

Students were guided by Anita and Ranika to focus on skills based around the game of basketball, including ball handling, dribbling and shooting. The atmosphere of the sessions was incredibly positive; all students gave it a go even when they felt outside their comfort zone. The program is designed to show female participants how fun basketball/sport can be with the hope more will filter into basketball and other sports outside of school. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/news/more-support-for-girls-in-basketball> Any enquiries about basketball in Bright can be emailed to brightbasketballassociation@gmail.com



PROFESSOR ELISA MORGERA VISIT



Earlier this week, Professor Elisa Morgera visited our school. As the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights, Professor Morgera is an independent expert who investigates how climate change impacts people's rights, including health, housing, food and access to water. She also advises governments on protecting these rights and presents reports to the United Nations to help shape global policy. Elisa spoke to Primary and Secondary students about climate change and the link to human rights.

Professor Morgera was an engaging speaker and our students were very interested to hear what she had to say. The wide

variety of questions asked by students included "What does it feel like to have such an important job?" "What can we do to positively impact climate change?" and "What was your career pathway to taking on your current role?"

Some of our students were interviewed by ABC journalist Annie Brown, who asked them questions about their time with Ms Morgera and their thoughts about climate change.

Year 5 student Hanna C presented Ms Morgera with a 'Welcome' piece of art using found and recycled objects, featuring Australian fauna and flora.

Thank you to Professor Morgera for visiting our school and thank you also to Lily O'Neil and Melbourne University for helping bring this opportunity to our community.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Many thanks to everyone who was involved with the Mother's Day stall, held in our school library last Friday.

Our Parents and Friends sold Mother's Day cards, plants, edible gifts including chocolate hearts, soaps, special edition tea blends and locally made ceramic hearts.

A total of \$2,160 was made on Friday.

Yr 2-4 CBI - INNOVATION PROJECT

Year 2-4 students have been busy exploring artefacts from the past and the stories they tell as part of their Concept-Based Inquiry (CBI) studies. Following the design process, students identified a problem to be solved, innovated an item as a solution, and built a prototype using recyclable materials. Our young innovators shared their ideas, design process, and the problems they were aiming to solve in an 'Artefacts of the Future' Gallery, open to our community. Thank you to all the families and classes who came and supported our students.



P-2 JAPANESE - CHILDREN'S DAY

May 5th is Children's Day (Kodomo no Hi) in Japan. Japanese houses fly carp streamers (koinobori) and display samurai helmets (kabuto). Primary students helped celebrate Kodomo no Hi by making their own koinobori and learning about the special ways to spend the day.



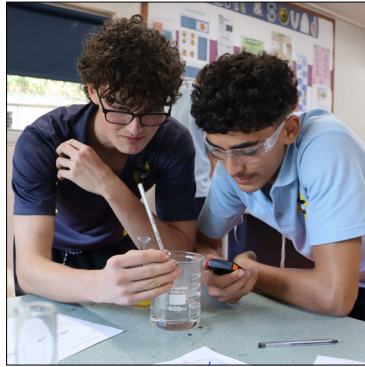
VCE ARTS CAMP

VCE Art Creative Practice, Media and Product Design students attended the annual Arts Camp. 32 students attended the Season of Excellence, viewing Top Designs, Top Arts and Top Screens. Our students saw 2025 Year 12 work from around Victoria that is published in the Melbourne Museum, NGV and ACMI. This camp provides our VCE arts and technology students time to collaborate and discuss their own products and inspire them for future ideas. The quality of student work always impresses students, and we always walk away with new ways to look at the world. Ms Duguid, Mr Gray and Ms Farmer were all fortunate enough to join our wonderful students in this camp and loved discussing student work with them over the two days. Thanks for such a great time!



Yr 10 SCIENCE

Students in Year 10 Science have been further exploring chemical reactions. This year they have extended their knowledge to include precipitation reactions, and using these the reactions to determine how to measure the rate of a chemical reaction through the disappearing cross method.



SUSTAINABILITY - GREENHOUSES DONATION

We recently received a generous donation of two used greenhouses from a family new to Bright, providing a valuable boost to our school garden facilities. Students from our VCE VM program worked together to dismantle the structures, remove base screws, lift the frames onto a large trailer, and secure them safely for transport. The base sleepers were also salvaged from the property and will be reused as part of the installation at school.



Once refurbished, the greenhouses will be very useful for growing winter crops, contributing to produce for our Bright Food Co-op sales. The original polycarbonate panels have deteriorated over time and will need to be replaced, making this an ongoing, hands-on project for both our VM and Horticulture students. The project provides valuable real-world learning opportunities in teamwork, sustainability, construction skills and food production.

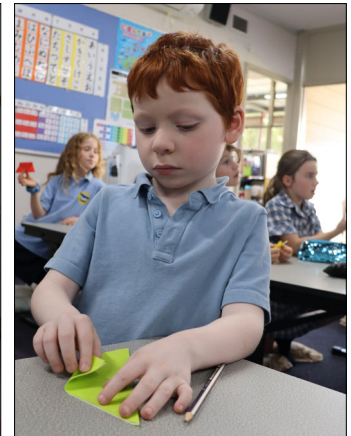
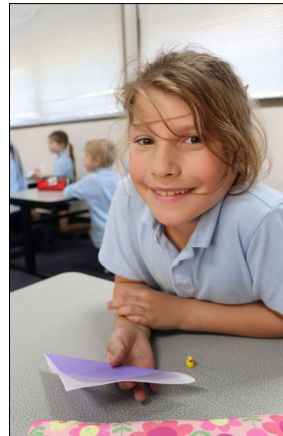
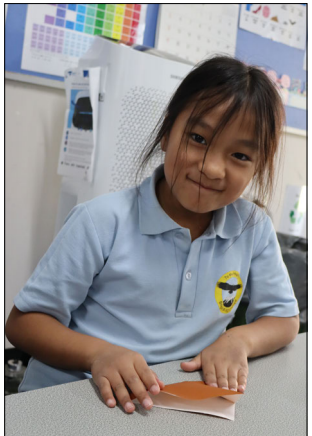
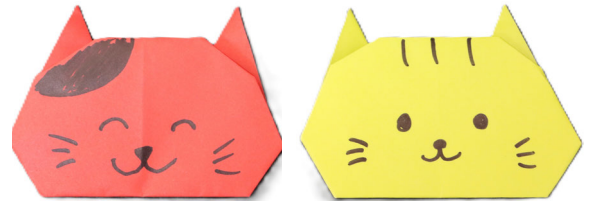
Yr 1/2 JAPANESE



Our Year 1/2 students had a wonderful time exploring Japanese culture through a hands-on origami lesson.

With careful folding and plenty of concentration, they created their very own origami cats.

It was fantastic to see their creativity and pride as each unique cat came to life!



Yr 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 students have been investigating how heat affects solubility and how solutions adhere to conservation of mass (matter cannot be created or lost). They also investigated how to extract a solute from solution using evaporation.



LIBRARY UPDATE

Thanks to contributions to our Library Fund, we recently received a shipment of new books. From picture books for our youngest readers to novels for senior students, there are new books in our library to suit everyone. Thank you to the parents and carers who continue to support our library, your donations are very much appreciated!



GALA DAY ctd...



Yr 1/2 CBI - SCIENCE

To launch into our Concept Based Inquiry in Science, 1/2H rose to the Paper Loops challenge of “How might we change an A4 piece of paper in a way that would allow us to easily step through it?” The students showcased their creativity in attacking this problem and demonstrated huge amounts of enthusiasm and ingenuity in pursuit of the solution.



INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Primary students celebrated International Dance Day with a fantastic outdoor event. With a mix of choreographed dances and freestyle moves, students had great fun enjoying the music and the dance. Thank you to Marcia for arranging such a brilliant event!



Yr 2/3 PE

2/3C students participated in some dynamic soccer drills and games in their Physical Education lesson.

We started with a warm-up to ease into the session, followed by a ball dribbling race and then finally a exciting mini-game to finish off. It was great to see the students engaging, participating and actively listening which helped everything run smoothly.



Yr 7 WOODWORK

Year 7 students worked through the early stages of their sliding lid pencil boxes. This is the classic introduction to woodworking using relatively simple joining techniques allowing students to focus on accuracy and quality of finish.



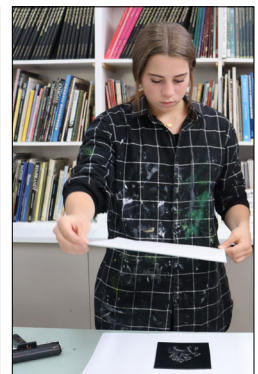
VCE ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES OF VICTORIA

Last week, our Year 11 Aboriginal Languages of Victoria (ALV) class hosted a visit from David Nelson. David is a Dhudhuroa man and an active member of the Dhudhuroa Language Circle. Dhudhuroa is the target language of revival for the VCE ALV course and is the Aboriginal language that was spoken in the area before the impacts of colonisation made it a 'sleeping' language. David spoke to the students about the importance of Language revival and reclamation. He also shared personal insights and explanations into the strong connections there are between Language, Culture and Country and why he is so passionate about the current language revival work being undertaken for Dhudhuroa.



Yr 11 ART

Year 11 VCE Art students have been working on their art folios. They've been documenting their exploration of a range of materials and techniques.



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 & EOJ Form ASAP – Minimum numbers required!

Register Your Interest Now!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQL5apwASWZYZR2M0Q31C6-BH4CM3mVvF2AHiYGGX0NuyZEhg/viewform?usp=publist-editor>

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SATURDAY MAY 23

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BRIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9AM - 11AM

REGISTER TO SELL

STRICT RULES APPLY RE QUALITY AND CONDITION OF GOODS TO LIST FOR SALE

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED
Friday May 22, 4pm-7pm

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After School Care (ASC)	2:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$18.00	\$2.00
Full Time Day	8:00 AM - 6:15 PM	\$70.00	\$3.00
Holiday Program*	8:00 AM - 6:15 PM	\$70.00	\$3.00

Cancellation Fees

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Like Booking Fee

BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00

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SATURDAY 16TH MAY 8:30 - 10:30
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TIME 6PM

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



MOUNT BEAUTY RUNNING FESTIVAL

Saturday, 16th May 2026 at 10am
Australia's most scenic foot race and fun for the whole family!
Distances include a 3k, 10.6k, 21.1k or 18k trail run.

Lace up your shoes and get ready to run, walk, jog and test your endurance in one of the special events on offer.

The start/finish area for the Mount Beauty Running Festival is at the Les Peart Oval, Mount Beauty.

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.

Special guest will be Piggy, the mascot representing our major sponsor, the Mount Beauty & District Community Bank.

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65%
of adolescents do
not seek help.



1 in 7
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have a mental illness.



1 in 5
adults will experience
mental illness.



Over 50%
of students are at risk of a **poor learning
mindset** (anxiety + disengagement).

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

About the program

TRP is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program to support positive mental health in the classroom, staffroom and wider community.

Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, with regular opportunity for parent/carer involvement.



Get involved with TRP@HOME

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](#).



Scan the QR code to learn more about how the program is significantly lowering the risk of mental illness.



The imperfects podcast

The imperfects 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.

THE LIGHTHOUSE	
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APRIL 2026	
1 WED	OPEN
2 THU	OPEN
8 WED	OPEN
9 THU	OPEN
15 WED	OPEN
16 THU	OPEN
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23 THU	CLOSED
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7 THU	CLOSED
13 WED	OPEN
14 THU	OPEN
20 WED	OPEN
21 THU	CLOSED
27 WED	CLOSED
28 THU	OPEN

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

COME & PLAY!

Join Us for a FREE All-Girls Come & Play at the Dees' AFLW Community Camp!

Come and play with your favourite AFLW Demons as you jump into a fun Auskick and Superkick superclinic at Pioneer Park in Bright. It's the perfect chance to learn new skills, meet your heroes, and experience footy the Melbourne way.

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