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Issue 6

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

GALA DAY

The Gala Day parade was a fantastic success! We were proud to have so many staff members, students and parents representing Bright P-12 College as we walked through town in celebration of this special day.



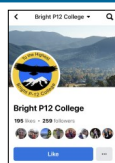
Bright P-12 College was awarded Best School/Youth Float in the Gala Day Parade. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and community spirit of our school.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who took part on the day, and to those who worked behind the scenes to make it all happen. Your support and energy made the day one to remember and something we can all be proud of. Special thanks to Melody Gabriel and Janmaree Duguid for their incredible work in organising our entry once again. Their time, creativity and commitment really shone through.

See page 9 for more photos.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you to the Parents & Friends Committee for holding a Mother's Day stall last week. They organised donations and ran workshop sessions with volunteers hand-making a range of gifts including bath bombs, soap, chocolate hearts, plants, bracelets and much more. The P&F raised \$1,464 for our school - a fantastic result! Thank you to everyone who was involved.

I warmly invite you to discover what makes Bright P-12 College an exceptional place for your child's education by joining one of our upcoming school tours. The full list of dates is below.

With our small class sizes, dedicated and highly skilled teachers, a strong commitment to academic rigour, broad senior Secondary subject offerings, and many extra curricula opportunities, Bright P-12 College offers a nurturing environment where every student is known, supported and challenged to achieve their best.

Our approach goes beyond the classroom, placing equal importance on student wellbeing and personal growth - ensuring every child feels confident, valued, and ready to thrive. Come and see firsthand how our vibrant learning community is the perfect fit for your family's educational journey.

Primary tours - Tuesdays starting at 9.15am

Secondary tours - Wednesday starting at 9.15am

Jean Olley - Principal

NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR



2026 Prep & Year 7 Tours

This term, we are offering tours to parents / carers of children who are starting Prep or Year 7 in 2026. 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:

Prep in 2026 - Tuesdays 9:15am

* 29 April * 6 May * 13 May * 20 May * 27 May * 3 June * 10 June * 17 June
* 24 June * 1 July

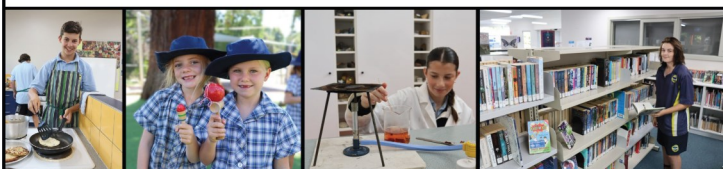
Year 7 in 2026 - Wednesdays 9:15am

* 7 May * 14 May * 21 May * 28 May * 4 June * 11 June * 18 June * 25 June
* 2 July



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.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

MAY

27 APR-28 JUN	Yr 9 Marlo Leadership School
13-16 MAY	Yr 10 Camp, Melbourne
17 MAY	9am-12pm. BCST Second hand snow gear sale, Bright Community Centre
19 MAY	Yr 10 vaccinations
22 MAY	Yr 7-12 Girls AFL, Wodonga
26-30 MAY	Yr 9 Morrisby careers interviews

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 20 June

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Thursday 26 June

Yr 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Students in Year 12 Geography completed research and fieldwork on the Bright Gateway Development as part of their outcome on Land Use Change. Students were able to go onsite, exploring the current stage of development. They also conducted stakeholder interviews with Paul Costa - project manager of the Deague Group, Gerard Gray - owner of Dickens Real Estate and Geoff Vietz - CEO of Streamology and environmental scientist. Students explored the potential impacts of the development on Bright and the surrounding region.



Yr 8 HUMANITIES

Students in Year 8 Humanities have been learning about the Vikings. They recently completed a project focusing on a topic of their choosing, such as Viking technology, warfare and clothing. A component of this assessment task was to create an example or replica of a primary source artefact related to their topic. Here are some examples of artefacts made by our students. L-R: bread by Mya B, brooch by Penny B, axe by Oliver K, shield by Stella T, clay sword by Tom B, axe by Oskar D, wooden sword by Isaac G, double-headed axe by Kobe B.



PARENT PAYMENT INVITATION

Thank you to all those families who have made a parent payment contribution already for the 2025 school year. We invite any parents who have not, to make a contribution towards your students' schooling. These contributions are valuable in supporting our school's programs and resources.

Payment for these fees can be made on Compass via the Payments Centre, in person at the school office, over the phone or via Bpay anytime in 2025. Hard copy forms are available at the office. For parents of students in Years 9-12 in 2025, when making your payment, please select only the subjects your student is enrolled in for 2025.

If you have any queries, please contact us at the office 5755 1166.

NEW STAFF

My name is Tim Shaw and I will be working in an educational support role and helping with any Outdoor Education trips when required.

For the past 15 years, I have worked in school camps, outdoor education and adventure tourism. My passion for climbing has brought me to many locations across Victoria to deliver school camp programs and tours. These locations include Eildon, Grampians and now the High Country, which has been our home for 10+ years. My last role was managing Feathertop Chalet Camp in Harrietville, where I was responsible for delivering school camps for up to 5000 students each year.

In my spare time, I have many hobbies that I like to do around our precious family time. These include trail running, rock climbing, paddling and camping.



STUDENT TEACHERS



My name is Ella, and I am here at the school as a student teacher on placement for three weeks. I have a background in Outdoor Ed, PE and Health and will be working within these areas across most year levels but with a focus on the Secondary years.

I have grown up and am still currently living in the neighbouring valley in Mt Beauty. I have been working as a ski instructor in Falls Creek for the last seven years and I've also done several seasons in Japan. I have also been at Howmans Gap for the last four years. My passions outside of this are very much outdoor based and I love to ski and mountain bike ride.

I look forward to meeting all the students throughout my time at Bright P-12 College and learning from everyone here.

My name is Molly, and I have spent the past two weeks at Bright P-12 College as a student teacher. I am in the third year of my degree at La Trobe University in Melbourne. Under the guidance of my mentor teacher, Anna Gander, I have had the opportunity to work across a range of year levels. In particular, I've thoroughly enjoyed working with some Year 7, 10, and 11 English classes.

The students, staff, and broader community have all been so welcoming and supportive. Coming from Melbourne, I wasn't familiar with Bright prior to my placement, so I arrived unsure of what to expect. However, I've been genuinely impressed by how the school operates and the care, dedication, and professionalism that is evident in all aspects of daily life here. I've especially appreciated the chance to work with such articulate, kind, and thoughtful students.

Overall, completing my placement in Bright has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I hope that this will not be the last time I teach at this amazing school!

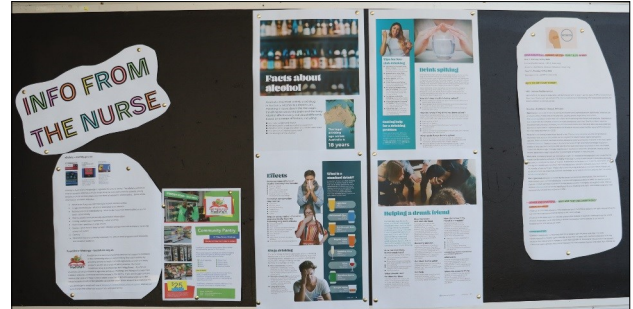


MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

I now have my own noticeboard in the Cafeteria area!

I'll be posting relevant things like details about immunisations for Year 7 & 10 students as well as information that is in the newsletter.

Mandy Clayton - Secondary School Nurse, Bright P-12 College



Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Young People

Like adults, young people (12-25 years) use alcohol and other drugs for lots of different reasons, including curiosity, enjoyment, confidence, to enhance mood. Most young people experimenting with alcohol and drug use won't experience significant harm. However, for some, drug use can lead to risky behaviours and dependence.

The positive news is more young people are choosing not to drink alcohol, or if they do try, the average age at which they have their first drink is rising. And young people have been reporting less drug use since 2001.

Typically, school based education around alcohol and other drug use has taken a zero tolerance and 'just say no' approach which have often not been effective. Best practice approaches follow a harm minimisation model that encourages help-seeking and safer behaviour. Effective goals to keep young people safer include delaying the age when alcohol and other drug use starts, avoiding regular use and early intervention when use becomes problematic.

Young people experiencing mental ill health may be more likely to use drugs to cope with their symptoms, other young people may find that alcohol and drug use impacts their mental health.

HOW DO I HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A YOUNG PERSON ABOUT THEIR SUBSTANCE USE? Conversations about alcohol and other drug use can start at an early age and be ongoing. By using hopeful, curious and non-judgmental language you can open-up a conversation to help you understand about what their substance use looks like, how it is affecting their life and if they need and would like additional support.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation is Australia's leading source of alcohol and other drug information. It has up-to-date information for young people, family and friends, support options available, helpful articles and facts about drugs. If you would like further information about this topic or are looking for guidance or advice about alcohol and other drugs, please visit their easy to navigate website.

Source of all information in this article is from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation adf.org.au



VVED Victorian Virtual Emergency Department

VVED is an online Emergency Department which can treat all non-life-threatening conditions virtually. The VVED began as a pilot project during Covid to relieve pressure on emergency waiting rooms and to treat more people from the comfort of their home. The program is now open to all patients across Victoria 24 hour a day, seven days a week.

All VVED patients receive care from highly skilled emergency doctors and nurses. There is no referral required, and all patients can connect directly from any personal device with a camera. This is the same service that you may be advised

to contact by your GP or Ambulance Victoria. It is the same service you would receive when visiting a real-life Emergency Department, they can order X-rays, provide scripts or referrals to specialist services if required.

If you ask anyone who has used VVED they will tell you what a wonderful service it is. It is free, can be done from wherever you are and the doctors and nurses are highly skilled in emergency medicine.

PREP/Yr 1 ART

Prep/Year 1 students created beautiful landscapes using a combination of pastels and watercolours, blending colours and patterns to bring their scenes to life.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Harry Dudley Heads to Türkiye for World Tennis Tournament

Year 10 Bright P-12 College student Harry Dudley headed to Türkiye earlier this month, to represent Australia in the Under 18's BNP Paribas World Team Cup. It's a major international competition with teams from eight countries going head-to-head.

Harry is currently ranked 18th in the world for juniors and 147th in the men's division. After taking out the National Men's B-Grade Wheelchair Tennis title last year, Harry has been training hard, often traveling to Albury and Wodonga several times a week.



Yr 7 FOOD

Our Year 7 students tried their hand at making Cheesy Vegetable Pasties recently. This was a useful opportunity for students to practice their knife skills as the vegetables needed chopping very finely. Wrapping the cheese and vegetable filling in the pastry was a fiddly task that required attention to detail and patience— useful skills beyond the cooking room! Students took on the task with much enthusiasm and the results looked great and, by all accounts, tasted delicious. Well done, Year 7!



Yr 3/4 CAMP - HOWMAN'S GAP

"At camp we did lots of amazing activities. We all participated in all of them and tried our best. My favourite was the Big Swing which went all the way up to 18 metres. It was really fun." By Indie P, Year 4

"Hi. I'm Zoe. I enjoyed camp and I am going to tell you about the giant swing. Your instructor would clip you on to the rope and your team mates will pull you up. You then pull a black rope and you would swing by." By Zoe R, Year 3



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Last week, 15 students from Bright P-12 College transformed into delegates from countries around the world to participate in the Model United Nations at Beechworth Secondary College. They were role playing what it would be like to be in the General Assembly. Students were required to deliver a 2 minute position statement on the issue of space and sustainable research based on their country's likely stance. They spent numerous lunchtime sessions planning in small teams prior to the day. Despite being given a daunting task, students rose to the challenge and were overall extremely happy with what they were able to achieve.

The highlight of the day was the 'unmoderated caucus' session, where students were able to discuss and debate in groups draft amendments to a new UN resolution. They forged unlikely alliances while staving off criticism from many foes. Adrenaline was running high and students learnt how hard it can be to negotiate and co-operate when so many hidden agendas were at play. Thank you to all students for your participation and we hope to see you again for it next year! Teams were:

China: Jenna S, Phoebe B, Elvy V. **Lithuania:** Tilly D, Mya B, Sienna J, Stella T. **Ethiopia:** Connor B, Christian M, Tom B **Italy:** Evie H, Layla S, Stephanie A, Penny B, Nina C.



Yr 4 ART

Year 4 students worked in pairs to transform shoeboxes into their dream bedrooms. Using a mix of materials - including cardboard, patterned paper, popsicle sticks, and fabric - they carefully designed and constructed miniature furniture and décor to bring their creative visions to life.



GALA DAY ctd...



MUSIC UPDATE

African Drumming Incursion. May 26-29, Primary students will be participating in a week of African Drumming. They will be working with a teacher to perfect aspects of this style of drumming. On Thursday the 29th of May they will putting on a concert starting at 2pm, at the Community Centre which you are welcome to attend. Please pay for this incursion if you haven't done so already.

Reminder: We offer an extensive instrumental program for students. Please contact Bright P-12 College Music Coordinator Jason Campbell if you have any questions about the Instrumental Program, choirs or ukulele groups.

Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au



Jason Campbell - trumpet, trombone, saxophones, clarinet, flute, ukulele, drums, beginner guitar, choirs, ensembles. I have many years' experience teaching a variety of instruments to young and old students. I am an ex professional musician with the Navy, having served for 11 years. I am also the Music Coordinator at Bright P-12 College. Contact Jason at Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au

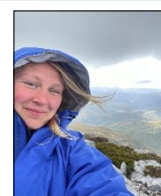
Rachel Campbell - piano, keyboard, clarinet, saxophones (available Tuesdays). I have been teaching music for 25 years as an instrumental teacher and classroom music teacher. I teach piano from grade 1 and clarinet and saxophone from grade 3. Students can choose to take AMEB exams or simply play for pleasure. I hold Bachelor of Music (Performance – Clarinet/Bass Clarinet) and a Graduate Diploma of Education. I have professional experience as a musician having served in the Royal Australian Navy Band for 5 years. Contact Rachel on 0412 635 843.



Joe Davis - guitar, bass, vocals (available Wednesdays and Fridays). I have many years of teaching experience in different educational settings. I also work professionally performing. I have a Grad Diploma of Music Performance.

Contact Joe on 0425 781 893

Akeidha Alexander - piano (available Thursdays). I have been playing piano for 10 years, and have a passion for classical music, which guides the way I teach, as I feel it is important for students to understand both the technical and emotive aspects of music. I seek to expand my teaching methods to suit individual learning requirements. I welcome all enthusiastic students, regardless of skill level. Contact Akeidha on 0408 503 033




Yr 1/2 CONCEPT-BASED INQUIRY

How the World Works. This term, our Prep to Year 2 explorers are diving into the big question: How do the seasons and weather shape our world? With Autumn all around us, we've been noticing the colourful changes and discussing how the weather is getting cooler and the days shorter. This week, one of our activities was gathering fallen leaves from the schoolyard and turning them into leafy pictures.




COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Friday 16 May 2025
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17th May 2025
10AM - 3PM

•Live Performances from-
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The Early Years Outreach Program is a free service that supports families from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background who live, play, work or study in the Alpine Shire.

Our CALD Early Years Officer works directly with families and local service providers to support inclusion and ongoing participation in education.

We can assist to:

- Enrol children in Kindergarten
- Connect with other early childhood supports
- Support families to transition from Kindergarten to Primary School

To find out more contact the CALD Early Years Outreach Officer:

0417 957 627 or
shannanw@alpineshire.vic.gov.au





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