

ART SHOW - OPENING TONIGHT!

The Bright P-12 College annual Art Show, showcasing the creative talents of students from Prep to Year 12, is on from 13th to 19th November.

The official opening event is on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30pm at the Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre.

Everyone is welcome!

The evening promises to be a celebration of student creativity, with live music performed from 7pm by our Year 5-12 students, and light refreshments available for guests.

This year's exhibition features a wide variety of student projects, including Secondary works in digital technology, CAD/CAM robotics, woodwork, metalwork, media, visual communication and design, as well as visual art. Senior students from VCE Media, VCE Art Creative Practice, and VCE Product Design will also have their work on display. Not to be missed are the colourful and imaginative contributions from Primary students, Prep to Year 6.

The exhibition is to the public for one week, from Thursday November 13 to Wednesday November 19. Opening hours are 10am to 8pm every day at the Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre, 28 Mountbatten Avenue.







Official Facebook page



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

We are in Week 6 already - this term is really flying by!

I wanted to share with you the wonderful results from our School Performance Report. Each year, the Department of Education provides all government schools with a School Performance Report. These reports assess how schools are progressing across a selected range of student learning and wellbeing measures, and then place them into one of four performance categories: High, Improving, Medium, or Developing.

This year, Bright P-12 College has achieved:

- High in Learning
- Improving in Wellbeing

Both areas showed positive improvement over time. This is the strongest School Performance Report Bright P-12 College has received during my time as Principal, and it is a result our whole school community can be proud of.

These outcomes reflect the consistent effort and dedication of our staff, the strong support of our families, and the ongoing commitment of our students. They also affirm the core belief that guides our work every day -

2025 YEARBOOK



With stunning cover artwork by Bright P-12 College student Alison H, the 2025 Yearbook includes articles and photos about everything we've done at school this year, including Science, Art, Music, Sport, Languages, school camps, special events, etc.

Yearbooks are \$25 each and they will be professionally printed and delivered to school early in 2026.

If you would like a copy, please order through Compass by 5 December.

We will not be printing additional copies, so if you would like a 2025 Yearbook, you need to pre-order.

If you would like to see a copy of the 2024 Yearbook, we have one to view at the school office.

that wellbeing and learning are equally important, and together create the conditions for students to thrive.

What this report highlights is:

- A strong and improving learning culture
- Positive and respectful relationships across our
- High engagement and growth shown by our students
- A shared commitment to excellence and equity

I will be working with staff over the coming weeks as we use the report to shape our priorities for the 2026 Annual Implementation Plan.

Thank you to our students, families and staff for the important part each of you play in shaping the culture and success of Bright P-12 College. This result is a truly collective achievement - and a wonderful affirmation that we are on the right path.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

28 OCT-19 NC	V VCE exams
7-20 NOV	Japan Study Tour
11-13 NOV	Yr 10 Outdoor Rec Caving & Abseiling trip
12 NOV	Vic SRC Day, Myrtleford
12 NOV	6:30pm Art Show exhibition opening &
	7pm Yr 5-12 Music Soirée
13 NOV	Prep-Yr 2 Sports Day
13 NOV	6:30pm Yr 3-4 Music Soirée
14 NOV	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayaking training
17 NOV	6:30pm Prep-Yr 2 Music Soirée
19-21 NOV	Yr 5/6 Camp, Sovereign Hill
20 NOV	Yr 7 Water Safety program, Myrtleford pool
20-21 NOV	Yr 2 Camp, Harrietville
20 NOV	Yr 12 graduation dinner
24 NOV	Yr 12 in 2026 Headstart, Wodonga
25 NOV	9:15am-12:30pm Prep in 2026 Transition session 1
25-27 NOV	Yr 5/6 German excursion, Bright Community Centre

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 5 December

YOUR BRIGHT P-12 COLLEGE COUNCIL

This year, Bright P-12 College welcomed a number of new Council members. The Council meets twice a term, it is a link between the school and community, and contributes to school governance and strategic planning. All government schools in Victoria have school councils.

Bright P-12 College Council is proud to represent our school and school community and we are looking to find out how we can best represent you and your child. We can take your views and ideas to the Council to help shape the school. The Parents & Friends committee helps to fundraise for things that your children want or need at the school.

Each Council member has an individual area of focus, see details below.

Feel free to come and speak to us, or send us an email at mim.bennett@education.vic.gov.au

Also, keep an eye out for a parent feedback form, which will be available through Compass soon.

College Council:

Kate Tracy - Parent & Friends Committee

Rikki McConnachie - Parents & Friends Committee

John Schmarr - Vice President and Treasurer

Lucy Legget - Finance Committee

Mim Bennett - President

Andrew Mason - Environment Committee

Gary Cox - Environment Committee

Katrina Ciolli - Staff representative

Nick Kenwright - Staff representative

Phil Rigby - Assistant Principal Secondary

Mat Gray - Assistant Principal Primary

Jean Olley - Principal



Yr 11 FORMAL

The Year 11 Formal was an incredible evening with friends and family enjoying music by Bright P-12 College DJ Nash. Students performed a self-choreographed dance and everyone looked amazing!



PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Students from Prep to Year 6 participated in a swimming program at the Bright Sports Centre earlier this term. In small groups, swimming teachers taught our students water safety skills which apply to any body of water, including in rivers and lakes. Students had fun while learning these vital skills with their classmates.

















JAPAN STUDY TOUR



11 Bright P-12 College students from Years 9 and 10 are currently in Japan as part of their Study Tour.

Students enjoyed two days in Tokyo and are currently in Gamagori for the homestay part of their trip. During their stay with their host families, students are immersed in Japanese language and culture, providing a unique experience to enhance their language skills and intercultural understanding.

They will be catching the shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto after their time in Gamagori.

SUSTAINABILITY - Yr 6 HYDROPONICS

Thanks to generous support from the Alpine Shire Council and the SSX Group Alpine Shire cleaning contractor, our Outdoor Classroom now features both vertical and horizontal hydroponic systems.

The horizontal system was expertly installed by our VET Horticulture students, while Year 9 students Joe T and Trae T took on the challenge of assembling the intricate vertical tower - an impressive effort that deserves recognition. These systems are designed to demonstrate sustainable and resilient food production, highlighting efficiencies in water, energy, waste and land use.

Earlier this year, our Year 6 students propagated strawberry runners, which have now found a new home in the hydroponic setups. A total of 137 strawberry plants were carefully prepared - soil removed, roots washed and trimmed - before being placed into the systems. To support healthy growth and delicious fruit, essential macronutrients (nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus) along with trace elements were added to the recirculating water. We're excited to continue exploring innovative, resource-smart horticulture at our school.

























LIBRARY RETURNS

Calling all library book readers! As we head towards the end of the school year and planning for our annual stocktake, the last opportunity to borrow from our school library is Friday 21st November. All book are due back by Thursday 4th December.

Parents / carers, if your child has books outstanding, please help your children to search for them under the couch, in the cupboard and under beds. We are looking forward to having our library shelves full of books, ready for our students to enjoy next year. Classroom teachers will receive a list of overdue books and we will follow up with emails home.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATIONS OPEN

Bright Rotary Club

School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Scholarship



For the second year, the Bright Rotary Club is generously offering a Scholarship for eligible Bright P-12 College students commencing or continuing with a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT). The scholarship provides financial support for a student to cover expenses associated with their SBAT, including the purchase of eligible equipment or tools, safety equipment and clothing, books or attendance at specialised training. Note, the scholarship does not cover day to day living or travel expenses.

We are happy to announce that applications are now open for eligible students to apply for this scholarship. Before applying, please read the following important information, then use the link below to submit the application. Applications close Friday 28th November.

Application link - https://forms.gle/NhJL6x9hdoM78gNK9

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Eligibility:

- Full-time student of Bright P-12 College, continuing with their school-based education at the College in the year following receipt of the scholarship.
- A student already completing or signed-up to commence a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship the following year.

Selection criteria:

- The student has shown commitment to the field of the apprenticeship or traineeship, for example, completed work experience, VET and expressed passion for the field.
- The apprenticeship or traineeship will incur expenses, including the purchase of equipment or tools, safety equipment and clothing, books or attendance at specialised training.
- The student displays the Bright P-12 College values of respect, effort and collaboration.
- The student has submitted an application form and responded to all the questions.
- A student's attendance at Tafe and school will also be considered as part of the selection process.

Funding:

- The scholarship provides up to \$1,000 to the nominated student.
- The scholarship will be awarded at the College Awards Night, to be held on Monday 15th December.
- The funds will be stored as a credit on the student's school account and can be used to reimburse for eligible purchases (on presentation of a receipt) or by requesting funds to make a payment for an eligible purchase (the school can pay on the student's behalf). The College's Finance Manager will manage the allocation of the funds.
- The funding is not available for day-to-day living and travel expenses.

Awarding of scholarship:

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated against the criteria for selection (above); the applicants' question responses; and with consideration to the students' school and TAFE attendance. Applications will be assessed by a member of the College's Careers team, the College's Assistant Principal - Secondary and a member of the Bright Rotary Club.

Please contact Michelle Porter if you have questions or would like more information michelle.porter@education.vic.gov.au

Yr 6 BASKETBALL

The Year 6 boys travelled to Shepparton on Friday 24th October in what was a tightly fought competition.

20 teams from across the Hume area were entered on the day and each team only got the opportunity to play against 4

other teams making the chance of qualifying for the next stage very hard.

Our Year 6 boys did themself and school really proud coming away with 3 wins and a close loss, placing themselves in the top 5 or 6 teams on the day.

Win v St Pats Wangaratta 20-16

Win v Scared Heart Yarrawonga 11-9

Loss v Guthrie St Primary Shepparton 20-26

Win v Grahamvale Primary Shepparton 18-16



Yr 9 HUMANITIES



Year 9 Humanities students have been working on a 'Geographies of Interconnection' Unit. This Unit includes topics covering the impact of global trade and consumption, the role of transportation and communication technologies, and how leisure and travel affect places and environments.

Our students are learning how they are connected to different places in the world. They had to draw themselves with clothing, shoes and accessories they currently own and then find out and annotate where they were made.





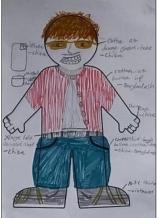












JAPANESE DRESS-UP

Recently, students have been learning about traditional Japanese clothing such as colourful *yukata*, *happi* jackets and *jinbei*. They particularly enjoyed trying them on — including *obi* sashes, and traditional footwear called *geta*.

Many students discovered that it's not so easy to walk in geta!





























ALUMNI

Former Bright P-12 College student Jack Raymond has taken an inspiring and creative path since his school days — from spending his final school year on exchange in Japan, to working as a chef locally, interstate and abroad— and now he's stepping into the spotlight with the release of his second album.

Jack recently took some time to reflect on his journey and what's next.

What was the highlight of your time at Bright P-12 College?

During my time at Bright P-12 College, I was fortunate to be selected for the Rotary Student Exchange program, spending a year in Japan. It was a challenging but life-changing experience — I didn't speak Japanese (I'd been learning German at school!), so at times I felt out of my depth. But I threw myself into the culture and community, learned a lot about myself, and gained a whole new perspective on the world.



What were you like at school?

I'll be honest — I wasn't the most studious! But school gave me some great memories, friendships, and the confidence to be myself. It was a time that really helped shape who I am today. Even though I didn't always have things figured out back then, I always had a sense that creativity would be part of my life somehow. I've always believed that if you follow your dreams and stay open to new experiences, life has a way of surprising you — and that's been true for me.

What have you been doing since leaving school?

After returning from Japan, I began working as a chef and soon found myself chasing the snow seasons — seven in a row without any summer! At just 18, I was given the incredible opportunity to help set up and open a restaurant in Japan, which I ran for three winters. That experience led me to a role as sous chef at Falls Creek Resort and later in Noosa, Sunshine Coast. Along the way, my love of music — which started when I was young — grew into a true passion. I found myself performing as well as cooking, often turning a dinner service into both a meal and a show.

Do you have any advice for current students at Bright P-12 College?

Be open to opportunities, even the ones that feel daunting or unexpected. Stepping outside your comfort zone can lead to incredible growth — and you might just discover passions and paths you never imagined.



You're set to perform locally soon – can you tell us a bit about the gig?

I'm now lucky to live on the Sunshine Coast, where I'm part of an amazing community of musicians. We're constantly collaborating whenever our paths cross, even when we're each on our own tours. The gig on 22 November in Harrietville will be one of those special events — I'll be joined by friends including Tom Harrington (from Shepparton), JC & the Tree, locals of Sunshine Coast and Jay Bishoff from California, now also a true local of the Sunshine Coast. It's going to be a night of shared music, friendship, and authentic connection.

You can expect great energy, and a performance that means a lot to me personally. Playing back home in Harrietville is always special — it's where my journey began, and every time I perform here it feels like coming full circle. Music has always been a part of my life, but over time it became my focus. My new album is personal — it's about the places and experiences that have shaped me, so it feels special to share my journey through my music.

I can't wait to see everyone and play live! Thank you all for being part of my journey. Check out the next page for gig info.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JC AND THE TREE & JACK RAYMOND - LIVE AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, HARRIETVILLE

There's a quiet power in Jack Raymond's voice — that rare mix of grit and warmth that makes you stop and listen. It's the sound of gum leaves cracking underfoot, the hum of a night drive, the ache of home when you've been gone too long. Born in The Victorian High Country, Jack grew up surrounded by mountains and stories and the roots run deep through his music. He calls it "Mountain Roots" — a blend of blues, folk and heart. Since his early days busking at the Australian Busking Championships, Jack's carved his way onto festival stages across the country — from Woodford Folk Festival and Gympie Muster to Agnes Blues & Roots, Kiama Blues, Tamworth CMF and Wintermoon. He's shared the bill with Joe Cameleri and the Black Sorrows, Kim Churchill, Hatz Fitz & Cara, Riley Pearce, Austin Mackay and Minnie Marks. When he plays live, it's just him, a stomp box and a guitar — but the room feels full. His shows aren't about polish; they're about presence. You feel the dust, the laughter and the life behind every word.

JC and the Tree and the Jack Raymond Duo are coming together for a special night of music in Harrietville — two acts with different styles but a shared love for honest storytelling and great songs. JC and the Tree hail from the Sunshine Coast and create folk-rock fusion that feels both intricate and easy to listen to. Their music is filled with soaring violin, rich harmonies, piano, and hand-built acoustic guitars. Inspired by life and nature, their songs take you on a journey through folk, roots, rock, and a little bit of gypsy and funk. They've toured festivals like Woodford and Glastonbury, and are passionate about making eco-friendly, sustainable merchandise.

Jack Raymond is a storyteller from the mountains of Victoria, now based by the ocean in Noosa. His sound is rugged and raw — a mix of blues and folk with a voice that feels like a warm campfire on a cold night. Jack's music is inspired by his travels and the characters he's met along the way. He's played big festivals like Woodford and Tamworth and has a knack for making every live show feel personal and full of heart.

Together, they make a night that's more than just music — it's about connection, stories, and those moments that stick with you. Whether you're into beautiful harmonies or gritty blues, this show at the Harrietville Hall is one to catch. Tickets are limited — grab yours early and don't miss out!

Tickets: \$30 Donation towards Acts and Hire online, \$40 at the door Date: 22 Nov 2025 Time: doors open 6pm

This tour is supported by The Regional Arts Development Fund and is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Sunshine Coast Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.





COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELCOME TO RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Parents & Carers





1 in 4

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mental illness











Scan the QR code or <u>click here</u> to find activities and resources to implement the GEM+EL

TRP's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by The University of Adelaide and

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

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















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