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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

ART SHOW

Once again, our students have shown what can happen when creativity is encouraged and celebrated! Thank you to Alpine Shire Youth Development Officer Lara May, who officially opened our exhibition. Lara was very impressed by the quality and individuality on display.

The exhibition was a big success! Across 8 days, nearly 900 people visited the gallery. A big shout-out to everyone who donated to our art hamper raffle. The winner was Lucie Lolicato - congratulations, Lucie! Through generous door donations and our raffle, we raised an impressive \$1,100 for the gallery.

Thank you to the many people who put in so much work behind the scenes. See page 7 for more photos.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

We have had an amazing few weeks recently, with so many events across our school. From welcoming our 2026 Prep students for their first transition day to celebrating our Year 12 Class of 2025 at their graduation ceremony. From the amazing display of Art, Product Design & Technology, VCD and Media at the Art Show to hearing from Year 2 students about their Feathertop Adventure Camp. From hearing our students perform at the music Soirées to seeing the looks of excitement on the faces of our Year 5/6 students as they headed off to Sovereign Hill. From hearing about the incredible success of the Japan Study Tour to watching our Prep-Year 2 students enjoy their Sports Day.

These opportunities are an important part of our educational program at Bright P-12 College, and we are proud to offer them as part of our commitment to supporting students.

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 the new deadline of 12 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 front office.

For your future planning, these are the Pupil Free Days for 2026:

- Tuesday 27th January (Mandatory)
- Wednesday 28th January
- Wednesday 29th April
- Friday 12th June
- Friday 4th December

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 25-27 NOV Yr 5/6 German excursion, Bright Community Centre
- 27 NOV Yr 7 Water Safety program, Myrtleford Pool
- 27-28 NOV Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayaking overnight trip, Goulburn River, Eildon
- 27 NOV 5pm Primary Christmas concert, school oval
- 28 NOV Yr 11 last day of school for 2025

DECEMBER

- 1-4 DEC Canteen closed
- 1-4 DEC Primary swimming program (3V, 5R, 6P)
- 1 DEC Yr 9 Careers 'Big Day In'
- 2 DEC Yr 7 in 2026 Transition Day 1
- 2 DEC 9:15am-12:30pm Prep in 2026 Transition session 2
- 4 DEC Yr 7 Water Safety program, Myrtleford Pool
- 4 DEC Yr 10 last day of school for 2025
- 5 DEC Student free day**
- 8-12 DEC Yr 9 Sailing Camp, Geelong
- 8 DEC Yr 4 Mt Buffalo excursion
- 9 DEC Yr 7 in 2026 Transition Day 2
- 9 DEC 9:15am-3pm Prep in 2026 Transition session 3
- 10 DEC Prep R & Prep/1G cinema excursion

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 5 December

PREP-Yr 2 SPORTS DAY



At the Prep-Year 2 Sports Day, we enjoyed a beautiful sunny day where students from Bright P-12 College and Wandiligong Primary School were able to begin using skills associated with all forms of athletic events. A fun day was had by all - it was a very successful event, filled with energy, activity and lots of fun for our youngest students. It was wonderful to see the joy and enthusiasm across all activities.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Bright P-12 College student leaders represented our school at the Remembrance Day ceremony on a very rainy 11 November. The Bright RSL sub-branch arranged the event, where our students joined community members and laid a wreath to pay their respects at Mafeking Square in Bright. Photos 2 & 3: Jean-Pierre Ronco



JAPAN STUDY TOUR

Eleven Year 9 and 10 students recently returned from two weeks in Japan. The program included a homestay and school experience in Gamagori, where seven local junior high schools warmly hosted our students and offered a unique glimpse into everyday life in Japan. A special highlight was a day trip to Inuyama, featuring a visit to the historic castle, kimono dressing, and a traditional tea ceremony experience. The group also explored Tokyo and Kyoto, enjoying memorable sights such as Toji Temple's World Heritage-listed autumn night illumination, TeamLab Tokyo, Asakusa, Shibuya Crossing, and even a cat café. It was a fantastic trip with wonderful students who embraced every opportunity Japan had to offer.



SOIRÉES

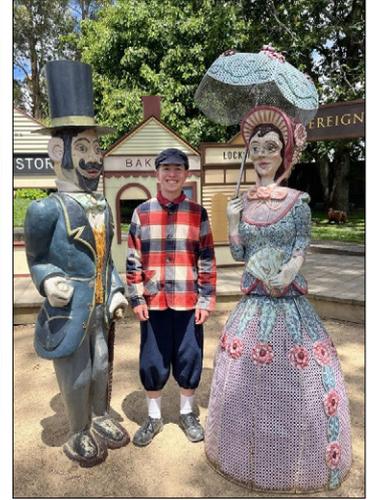
We recently held three fantastic Soirées at the Bright Art Gallery. One for Year 5-12 students, one for Year 3-4 students and the final concert for Prep-Year 2 students. The Soirées were a great opportunity to showcase the musical talents of our Bright P-12 College students. There was so much positive energy at each Soiree, with extreme concentration on the faces of our students and many happy people in the audience. Performing in front of people can be scary but our students were brave and showed lots of courage.

Congratulations to everyone involved and a huge 'thank you!' to Mr Campbell as this is his last year teaching at our school. Throughout his time at Bright P-12 College, Mr Campbell has supported our students and he'd like to encourage them to keep practicing, keep performing and keep having fun with music, dance and drama.



Yr 5/6 CAMP

Our Year 5/6 students had an unforgettable time at Sovereign Hill last week. From stepping back into the 1850s to trying their hand at traditional trades, the camp was packed with hands-on learning and excitement. Students experienced life as a goldfields child, explored the underground mine on a guided tour, tried panning for gold, and learnt about the challenges and opportunities of the era. It was wonderful to see their curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm shine throughout the camp.



ART SHOW ctd...



Yr 10 CREATIVE FOODS

Year 10 food students completed their final production piece for the semester. All students designed, planned and produced a multi layered cake (up to 6 layers) for a specific fictional 'client'. Students worked in groups of 2 or 3 to undertake this task.

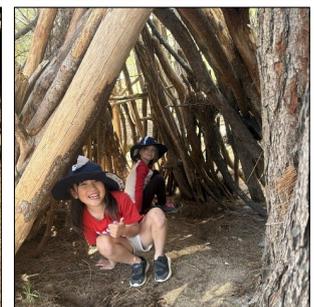


The results were excellent, with cake ideas ranging from a 'farmyard mud bath' to a classic red velvet strawberry cake. Through this process, students had to demonstrate a number of key culinary skills, from making simple butter frosting to marshmallow fondant. Student evaluations of their own product were positive with all enjoying the challenges along the way, learning from observing others, and sharing ideas/techniques.



Yr 2 CAMP

"Year 2 Camp was fun! We did SO many activities! We climbed trees and we went on a giant swing. We played mini golf and tried photo orienteering. We did archery, bush walking, gaga ball and foosball and we also built bush huts. We slept in a lodge and had a great time!" Sophie M, Yr 2.



Yr 12 GRADUATION

Last week, our Year 12 Class of 2025, along with parents and teachers, marked the end of their schooling with a graduation dinner and ceremony. It was a wonderful evening of celebration and reflection as we came together to commemorate this important milestone. Thank you to everyone involved in making this evening a fantastic event!

“As you finish this chapter of your journey and prepare to step into the next, know that we are proud of the young people you have become. Your hard work, resilience and collegiality have shaped our school community, and you leave behind a legacy for others to follow. Take the lessons you have learnt at Bright P-12 College, face the future with confidence, and keep striving to make a difference - for yourself and your community. I wish you every success and happiness for the exciting journey ahead” Principal Jean Olley



COMMUNITY NOTICES

BRIGHT COURTHOUSE FUNDRAISER
 The Bright Courthouse is the only dedicated performing arts venue in Bright and plays an important role in community access to the arts. This fundraiser is for much needed improvements to the courthouse, managed by the Bright Courthouse Committee Incorporated, a not-for-profit and volunteer run organisation.



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Evidence-based

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the imperfects

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.

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

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