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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

Yr 4 MOUNT BUFFALO EXCURSION

Earlier this week, Year 4 students visited Mt Buffalo. Students Hanna C & Roy L shared their highlights.

"Mr Steer encouraged us to climb the rocks - it was really fun! We saw remnants of Guide Alice's piano. Only parts of the metal frame are still there as the rest was burnt in a fire. And we heard a lyrebird, it was copying another bird. Another highlight was when we got very close to the waterfall and saw some fish." See page 6 for more photos.



2025 YEARBOOK

**** Last chance to order is this Friday ****



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.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Firstly, I am proud to announce that our school recently received third place in the Victorian School Garden Program Awards in the 'Best edible garden' category. This is a great result for the Sustainability program at Bright P-12 College, which has involved all students from Prep to Year 12 over the course of the year. Congratulations! All the details are on page 5.

With NAPLAN results in the news this week, now is a great time to reflect on our own 2025 outcomes and to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

Across multiple year levels and learning areas, our students performed exceptionally well, with many results significantly exceeding those of similar schools and our wider network.

In particular, our Year 9 students achieved remarkable results, with 85% of students rated Exceeding or Strong in Reading and 97% in Numeracy.

Strong performances in Reading, Numeracy, Grammar and Spelling were also evident across several other year levels.

These results reaffirm that Bright P-12 College is a strong academic school - equal to the very best. They reflect the commitment of our talented and dedicated teachers, the effort and perseverance of our students, and the encouragement of our parent community.

While NAPLAN is just one measure of learning, these results reinforce that our focus on both academic learning and wellbeing to support the development of students is setting them up for success now and into the future.

We can all take great pride in what these results represent: a caring, high-performing school where every student is known, supported and challenged to achieve their best.

This week, our Prep in 2026 and Year 7 in 2026 students participated in their final transition days for the year. It was fantastic to see students so eager and engaged. Our Wellbeing Team were on hand to support our academic staff, ensuring the days went smoothly. It is very normal for students to feel a wide range of emotions about moving into the next year of school and we encourage

parents and carers to talk to their children about how they're feeling. Click on this link if you'd like to read some useful tips:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/tips-starting-school>

As this is the last newsletter for 2025, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our students, parents, carers and staff for their wonderful support through this year. It truly is a privilege to be part of this vibrant community.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break - I'm excited to see what 2026 will bring!

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

8-12 DEC	Yr 9 Sailing Camp, Geelong
10 DEC	Prep R & Prep/1G cinema excursion
11 DEC	Yr 12 results published
11 DEC	Yr 3 Mt Buffalo excursion
11 DEC	Yr 1/2Y & 2B cinema excursion
11 DEC	Yr 6 Graduation
12 DEC	Deadline for 2026 Booklist orders for guaranteed book collection day delivery
12 DEC	Primary fundraising dress-up day
15-19 DEC	Yr 7-9 Activities Week
15 DEC	Yr 9 industry visits excursion, Wodonga
15 DEC	6pm Awards Night, Bright Community Centre
16-17 DEC	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed overnight Alpine hike
16 DEC	Prep-Yr 2 Pioneer Park excursion
16 DEC	Yr 5/6 Mt Buffalo bushwalk
17 DEC	Primary casual clothes day - fundraiser
17 DEC	Yr 3-6 movie day
17 DEC	Semester 2 school reports published
18 DEC	Yr 5/6 bike ride to Wandiligong
19 DEC	Last day of school - students finish 1:30pm

JANUARY 2026

22 JAN	11am-4pm book collection day
29 JAN	First day of Term 1
29-30 JAN	Yr 12 Retreat
30 JAN	Yr 11 Retreat

2026 PUPIL FREE DAYS

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

NEXT PUPIL FREE DAYS: 27 & 28 January

MELBOURNE DEMONS INCURSION

We welcomed members of the Melbourne Demons Xavier Lindsay, Steven May and Daniel Turner to our school. They answered questions from students on a variety of topics including what they eat, who their most fearsome opponents are, what they plan to do when they can't play professionally any more, and their favourite thing about playing AFL. Thank you to the Dee's for taking the time to visit our school!



PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



We kicked off the festive season in style with our much-loved Primary Christmas Concert, to a full and enthusiastic audience of families, friends and community members on the school oval. The evening showcased the talent, confidence and creativity of our students, who brought classic Christmas spirit to the stage through a collection of traditional Christmas songs.

Ten Primary classes performed a traditional Christmas song, including favourites such as Silent Night, Joy to the World, and other timeless melodies. Our younger students delighted the crowd with energetic renditions of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bells, complete with big smiles and festive cheer. Both school choirs also took to the stage, delivering polished performances that highlighted their teamwork and dedication.

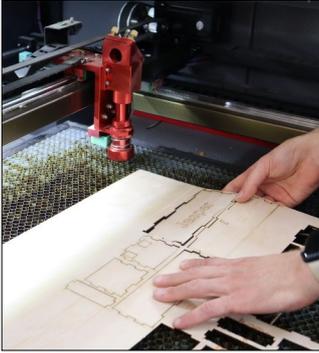
A standout moment of the night came from the Year 6 students, who closed the concert with an impressive dance routine choreographed by Marcia Broadway. Their performance provided a lively finale to an already wonderful event.

The 2025 Primary school captains, Nicky and Jordan, were outstanding comperes for the evening. Their confidence and professionalism helped the night run smoothly and kept the crowd engaged from start to finish.

Thank you to the staff, students and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to bring this concert together. Thank you also to our school community for showing up in such strong numbers to support our performers - and for enjoying the BBQ along the way! A huge shoutout to Woolworths for their amazingly generous donation of BBQ ingredients.



Yr 9 CAD/CAM/ROBOTICS



This term, Year 9 CAD/CAM/Robotics students have combined all their learning from Term 3 to design and create customised LED light displays.

Students used AutoCAD to design their enclosure and acrylic panel, before adding Arduino microcontrollers and coding multi-coloured light sequences.



YOUTH ART PRIZE



Congratulations to Year 7 Bright P-12 College student Maya T, who received the Youth Art Prize (aged 12-17) from the Bright Art Gallery Summer Art Exhibition, for her piece 'Poppy' (left). The winners were announced at the opening night in late November.

The exhibition runs until 26 January 2026 at the Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre, 28 Mountbatten Avenue, Bright.

Summer ART Awards Exhibition
Bright Art Gallery
 29 Nov to 26 Jan 2026
 Celebrating the Alpine Artists
 Painting, Photograph & 3D Work

\$2000 Grand Acquisitive Prize
 8 Section Prizes
 Paintings, Photographs
 Sculptural, Glass, Ceramics &
 2 Youth Prizes
 12-17 & 6-11 Years

Last Year's Grand Acquisitive Winner
 'The Way I Feel' by
 Jemel Jaramal-Ryan

Opening Night, ART Awards Presentation & Members Christmas Function
 Friday 28 November at 7pm

SUSTAINABILITY - STATE AWARDS

Bright P-12 College Shines at VSGP Awards. On November 27th, Bright P-12 College proudly secured 3rd place in the 'Best edible garden' category at the prestigious Victorian School Garden Program (VSGP) Awards, earning a prize of \$800. This recognition highlights the dedication, creativity and teamwork of our students and staff who are slowly turning their thumbs and the school green. The VSGP Awards celebrate schools across Victoria that integrate sustainability, authentic outdoor learning, and healthy eating through innovative gardening projects.

At Bright P-12 College, the garden has become more than just a place to grow plants - it's a living classroom. Students have learnt valuable lessons about environmental stewardship, healthy living, wellbeing and the importance of working together to achieve shared goals.

The \$800 prize will be reinvested into further developing our garden program, ensuring that future students continue to benefit from hands-on learning experiences and a thriving outdoor garden to snack on.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this success - students, teachers, parents and community members. Your passion, commitment and donations made this achievement possible. This award is a testament to what can be accomplished when people come together with vision and determination. Congratulations to all involved!



STAFF PROFILES

At Bright P-12 College, we have a Secondary teaching team that brings together PhD-level academics, VCE examiners and chief assessors, global educators, industry professionals, practising artists, field scientists, and community leaders. This combination of credibility, expertise and genuine care is rarely found in a single school - government or private - and is something we are genuinely proud of. This week, we meet two members of the team. We'll feature more teachers in our newsletters next year.



Simone Farmer is a Media, English and Humanities teacher. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Hon) at Monash University, specialising in Literature and Journalism. As a side quest, Simone also holds a certificate 2 and 3 in floristry and ran her own business before returning to education. She is currently completing her Masters of Education at Monash, exploring digital education and policy. Simone loves media and journalism; she loves exploring new applications of technology and developments in the media space. In her own time, Simone is an avid photographer and traveller.

Dr Marcus Richards is a very experienced teacher, having taught VCE and HSC Mathematics and Chemistry since 1980 in both government and private schools. He completed a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Melbourne. Marcus was heavily involved in tutorials and practical classes in the Chemistry Department at the university for a number of years before moving to schools. By making the subjects he teaches relevant to the thinking and lives of the students as much as possible, he is committed to ensuring they get the maximum out of their ability in order to achieve their long-term and short-term goals.



Yr 4 MT BUFFALO EXCURSION ctd...



Yr 7 WOODWORK

Students have thrown themselves into building their Pencil Box project with heaps of fun and engagement, taking real ownership through their creative and innovative lid designs. Every student has brought their own style to the build, and the results speak for themselves - high-quality finishes, proud craftsmanship, and a buzzing workshop each lesson.



Yr 5/6 GERMAN THEATRE WORKSHOP

Our Year 5 and 6 students had the exciting opportunity to learn German in a completely new setting, taking part in a theatre project at the Bright Community Centre. Each class enjoyed four periods of activities - two per day - led by Simon from the German Storey Theatre Company.

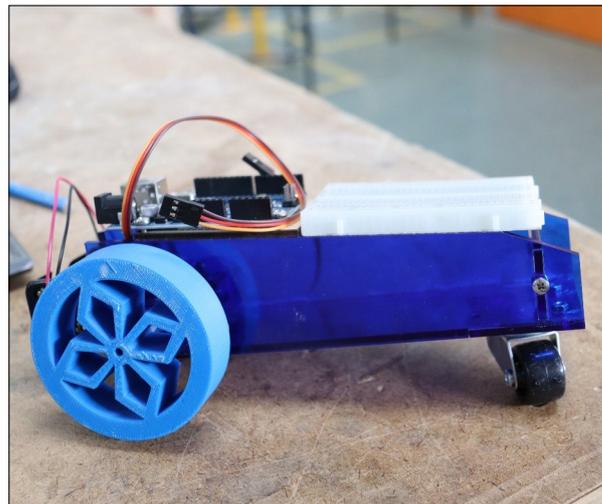
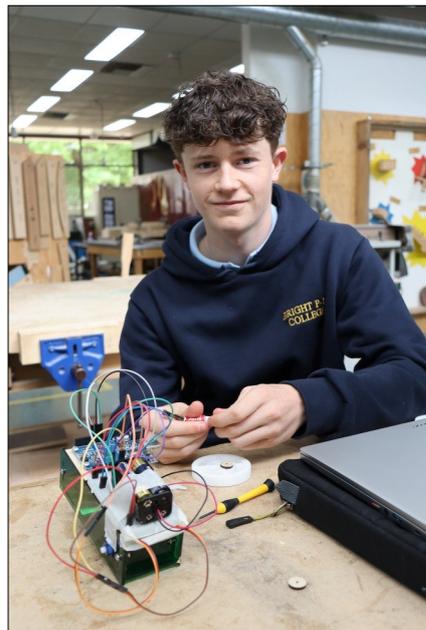
Students participated in a variety of games and acting exercises designed to make learning German interactive and fun. They practiced speaking, listening, and performing short scenes, gradually building confidence on a stage while exploring the language in a dynamic, hands-on environment.

The project encouraged creativity, teamwork and courage, allowing students to discover new ways to express themselves in German. This immersive experience proved that learning a language can be energetic, engaging, and full of laughter - showing that the stage can be just as valuable a classroom as the traditional one.



Yr 10 CAD/CAM/ROBOTICS

Year 10 CAD/CAM/Robotics students developed an understanding of basic mechatronic engineering principles during Term 3, which they put into practice by creating robotic vehicles in Term 4. Students first used AutoCAD to design their chassis, before going through the complex process of fitting the components and wiring. Finally, Arduino microcontrollers were programmed so the vehicle could travel a pre-determined route.



Yr 5/6 NETBALL - NIGHTINGALE CUP

In the Nightingale Cup Year 5/6 Netball Grand Final, Ovens defeated Kiewa 7 to 6. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Earlier this term, Year 9 Outdoor Education students attended kayaking training sessions on the Ovens River, preparing for their two day Goulburn River trip. During these training sessions on the Ovens, all students learnt skills to master the rapids and stay safe.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

WELCOME TO
THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.
Parents & Carers

Why?

1 in 4
adolescents have a
mental illness.

65%
of adolescents do
not seek help.

1 in 7
primary school children
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).

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

The imperfects podcast

The imperfects is hosted by Hugh van Cuytenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuytenburg, 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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- > Connect with other early childhood supports
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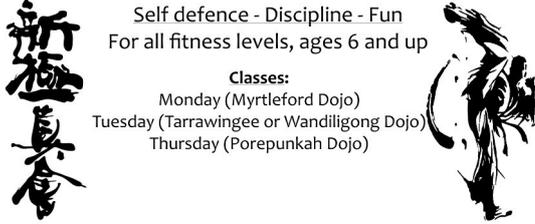
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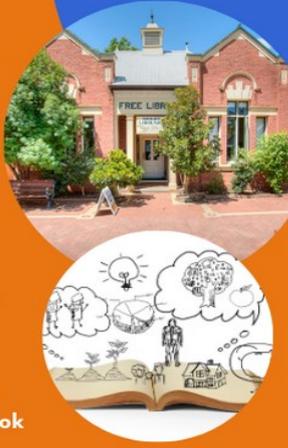
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- Weekly Rhyme Time!**
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- A range of school holiday activities for all ages to enjoy!**

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