



Bright P-12 College



Prep Information Booklet 2026

*We welcome you and your child to
Bright P-12 College*



Principal's Message

Dear 2026 Prep parents & students,

It is with great pride that I warmly welcome you to Bright P-12 College. Bright P-12 College is a combined Primary and Secondary school with an approximate student population of 475, evenly divided between Primary and Secondary. The College has a long and proud history, beginning in 1865 as a common school and evolving into the dynamic learning institution it is today.

It is a great joy to be constantly surrounded by students who are brimming with energy, passion and an incredible motivation to achieve in all areas of their lives and are striving to be the best people they can be.

Throughout the College, we are committed to providing a culture of inspiration, wellbeing and achievement amongst students and staff in their academic, creative, social, citizenship and sporting pursuits. Students from Prep to Year 12 engage in a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum designed to provide strong learning experiences in all areas of their development.

At Bright P-12 College, we are constantly striving to meet and exceed the expectations of our diverse community and provide opportunities for every student to nurture a lifetime love of learning and become inspired to engage in meaningful and productive work.

For a more in-depth look at the school, and to see for yourself the curiosity, passion and commitment that roam these bright learning spaces, come in any time to have a chat and explore everything that Bright P-12 College has to offer you.

Jean Olley
College Principal

Prep Transition

Family and Student Tours

You are invited to come along and meet our teachers, see classes in progress and ask questions. Primary School Tours run every Tuesday at 9:15 am. No RSVP required. Everyone's welcome to attend. If you would like to visit at another time, please call the school office.

Information Nights

7pm, Tuesday 19th August 2025 OR 6pm, Tuesday 14th October

Prep Transition Days

Tuesday, November 25th 2025 (9:15 am-12:30 pm)

Tuesday, December 2nd 2025 (9:15 am-12:30 pm)

Tuesday, December 9th 2025 (9:15 am-3:00 pm)

On each of the Transition Days the '2026 Preps' will come to the Prep rooms where Sally Kellett, Breanna Rouse and Nick Kenwright, the current Prep teachers, will meet them. Your child will need to bring a bag containing:

A hat, water bottle, a snack, and lunch. (PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE NAMED.)

Students are welcome to wear a school uniform, however, many won't have this until 2026.

Parents are asked to complete the sign-in sheet in the classroom on arrival.

Over the 3 days the '2026 Preps' will enjoy the following subjects:

- Art
- Japanese
- Physical Education
- Numeracy
- Library
- Respectful Relationships
- Music & Performing Arts
- Reading
- Writing & Phonics

We will spend time getting to know each other and finding out where specialist classrooms and play areas are.

If you have any questions you would like to ask us before the transition days, please don't hesitate to contact us,

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2026 PREP TERM DATES

Term 1

29th January – 2nd April

Term 2

20th April – 26th June

Term 3

13th July – 18th September

Term 4

5th October – 18th December

Special Routine for Preps:

- Prep children will finish school at 2:15pm on their first 2 days.
- Prep children will also **not** be required to attend school on the following days

Wednesdays: February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

This will enable the children to have a sleep-in and a mid-week break from school. Staff use these days for scheduled student assessment which your child will need to be present for a 90min appointment.

School Times

Music and lineup	8:55am
Commencement	9.00am
Morning Recess*	10:48am - 11:18am
Lunch*	12:54pm - 1:44pm
Dismissal	3:20pm

** Prep students will eat before these breaks*

Our Primary Curriculum

Art	Music
P-2 Choir & 3-6 Choir	Instrumental Program (Ukulele)
Japanese	German
Bright College Snow Sports	Junior Student Representative Council
Prep - Year 5 'Buddies'	Physical Education
Student Wellbeing Counselor	Student Wellbeing Dog

Excursions / Incursions:

During their time in Primary at Bright P-12 College, your child will participate in the following activities.

Mt Buffalo bush walk	Reptile encounters
Victorian High Ability Maths program	Theatre excursions to Wangaratta
Prep-Year 12 Cross Country	Bright town Library & ice creamery
Victorian High Ability Literacy program	Gala Day
Winter Sports Day	Music concerts
National Simultaneous Storytime	Mt Buffalo Snow Day
Indigenous Art Workshop	Japanese Speech Competition
Year 10 Music performance	Swimming Carnival
GRIP Leadership Conference	Coding Challenge
Dress-up days	Art exhibition at Bright Art Gallery
Mt Buffalo teddy bear's picnic	Wellbeing incursions
Tutoring program - student support	AFL Day
German Speech Competition	Australian Maths Trust Competition
Athletics Day	Student-led fundraising
Sustainability projects	Swimming program
Walk to Bright Arboretum	
Soccer Day	Bike Ride to Wandiligong
Indigenous incursions	Apex Walk
Cricket incursion	
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths) online workshops	

Camps:

Students participate in school camps from Year 2. Primary school camps include trips to Beechworth, Harrietville, Melbourne, Sovereign Hill, Canberra and Howmans Gap.

Communication

Our primary form of communication with families is through Compass. All students and parents have access to **Compass**, an online student management system which opens up Parent/Teacher communication on a daily basis. Compass has a wide range of tools and functionality accessible via a website or mobile app.

You can use Compass to:

- Access your child's attendance data
- Advise the College of expected absences for your child
- Communicate with teachers via email through Compass
- View the College calendars
- Receive news item alerts about College events and reminders
- View your child's reports
- Book interviews
- Give permission and make payments for camps/excursions

At the start of the school year Parents will receive Compass login details and instructions. Prior to the start the college will send relevant information via email.

You can also follow our official Facebook page to see what's happening at school.

Our School Uniform

Uniform orders can be placed at www.fcw.com.au (Click 'school shops' and then 'Bright P-12 College')

There is also a try-on rack at the school office for sizing, which can be accessed 8am - 4pm on school days.

Parent Payments

Parent payments details (previously known as school fees) will be sent out via Compass at the beginning of the school year.

Booklist

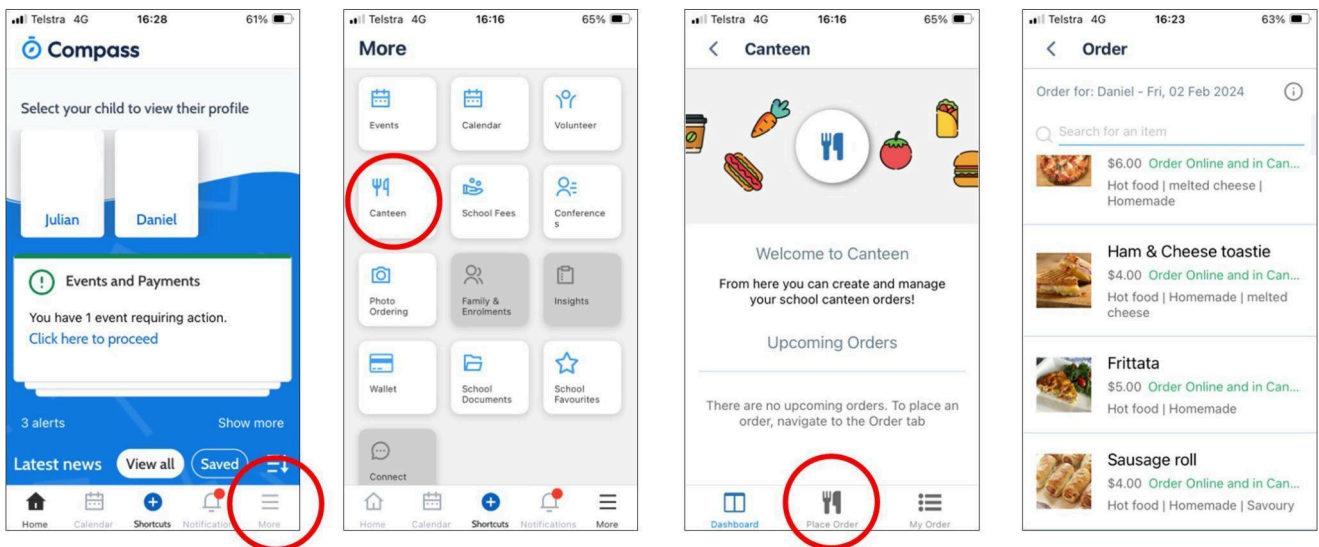
Booklist order will open on the 3rd November 2025. Parents can elect to have them delivered to their home or pick up on our school collection day on 22nd January 2026. Please note that the due date for school collection is 5th December 2025.

Ordering link: [School List | Lilydale Books](#)

On the first Prep transition day, we will provide parents with a flyer to remind you about the booklist.

Canteen

You can order school lunches from the canteen using the school app Compass. Click on the More button on the right at the base. On the next page, click on the Canteen icon and then on the Place Order icon.



Things to Know Before the First Day of School

To ensure you and your child are ready for the first day of school, here are some things to know.

- Reader Bag - Students require a school reader bag to take home readers to and from school each day. These can be purchased at the school office. They are \$13.50.
- Library Bag- Students will receive a library bag during their first week of school.
- School Hat - Students will receive a hat on their first day of school.
- What to bring:
 - All items purchased on the booklist
 - Drink bottle (named)
 - Lunch Box with snacks and food for lunch
 - School bag - large enough to fit the student's drink bottle, lunch box and reader bag.

Helping Your Child

Once your child starts school, your help at home is still very important. Here are a few hints for parents:

- Talk to your child about school, but don't greet your child with a series of questions. Let him/her chat after he/she is comfortable eg. drink, rest, then talk
- If your child is worried or a sad event has occurred in his/her life please email/speak with their teacher as it is important that we support them to deal with these times.
- Help your child feel good about himself/herself. Praise rather than criticise. Always promote the school as a good place to be.
- Read with them daily - there is no better way to create a desire to read.
- Always feel welcome to visit the College Library with your child to borrow a book to read with them. Your child will have a designated weekly Library session when they will have the opportunity to borrow books.
- As your child progresses, listening to him/her read can make the difference between being a reluctant reader or an interested one.
- Try to use Maths in everyday life - counting, sorting, ordering, comparing and measuring. Enjoy the time with your child!
- Listen to your child; good talkers are often good readers.
- A sense of security and the knowledge of love are all-important to them.
- Take time to discuss everyday happenings. Regularly give your child one of the most precious gifts you can - **your time!**

Enrolment Checklist

- **Enrolment Form**

Completed and handed into the school

- **Proof of Age (*Birth Certificate or Passport*)**

Present at the school office.

- **Immunisation Certificate**

Present at the school office.

- **Media Opt In Form**

Complete if you consent for your child to be photographed and their image to be published in the school newsletter, website and/or social media platforms.

- **Bus Form**

(if your child will be travelling to and from school by bus, please request a bus form from the school office).

- **Digital Technology Form**

Agreement for using digital technology at school.

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