

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

In very hot conditions, students made their way to the Myrtleford pool to compete in the annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to Ovens on winning both of our school swimming carnivals! Both days were well attended, with Year 12 and Year 6 students both showing amazing leadership and giving the younger students some terrific role models. Team colours where everywhere on both days and the level of support for students racing was outstanding.

Secondary and Primary results were both comfortable wins for Ovens but second and third were only split by 20 points in Primary and 90 points in Secondary.

Age Group Champions

Primary: Under 13/12s – Oscar D & Amelia W; Under 11s – River S & Sophie J-B; Under 10s – Joint, Lockie M, Callen G & Olivia H; Under 9s – Nicholas G & Aisha S

Secondary: Under 20s – Samuel G & Alexis M; Under 17s – Tyson B & Jenna S; Under 16s – Fraser S & Tasmyn C; Under 15s – Zeke P & Bridget S; Under 14s – Caelan T & Nina C; Under 13s – Harvey D & Maisy C







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Dear students, parents and carers,

Thank you everyone who attended the parent/ teacher/students conferences earlier this month. They were a huge success and I received very positive feedback from the parents I talked to during the two afternoons.

A fantastic result from the P&F Sunflower Fundraiser. where volunteers raised \$859.20 for our school. Thank you to Pepo farms for donating the flowers and to everyone who was involved! We received this email from parent Rochelle "Just want to give the Parents & Friends committee a BIG thank you for organising the sunflower fundraiser. Special thanks to Marcus and the team at Pepo farms for the donation."



SCHOOL HOODIE

School hoodies are now available to order.

https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/bright-p-12-college-hoodie/

Due to limited space in the uniform shop, we will not be stocking this item.

The order window for this one-off order is open now and will close on 7th March to allow manufacturing for estimated delivery before Term 2.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Bright P-12 College official photographer will be visiting our school on Thursday 26 June to take individual, sibling (if preordered) and year level photos. Information about how to order photos will be sent to parents/carers later in the year.

Nominations are now open for five parent vacancies on the Bright P-12 College Council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students. Nominations close on Friday 7th March at 4pm and forms are available from the Front Office. If you would like further information please contact me via email jean.olley@education.vic.gov.au or by phoning the school.

And finally, I wanted to let you know that you can customise lunch orders when you're ordering online through Compass for your child. For example, you can add ham to a salad sandwich, select a vegetarian burger patty, or make the order gluten free. This can be done do when you're reviewing your order (click 'customise').

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

26 FEB	Primary O&M swimming
26 FEB	Yr 7&9 Alpine Health excursion
28 FEB	Yr 11 Sport & Rec climbing excursion,
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MARCH

3 MAR	Halogen Young Leaders excursion, Melbourne			
5 MAR	Primary Hume swimming			
6-7 MAR	Yr 6 Harrietville bike/hike/camp			
6-7 MAR	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayak excursion, Eildon			
10 MAR	Labour Day Public Holiday			
14 MAR	Secondary Hume Athletics			
NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 20 June				

Yr 2 ART

After reading 'The Rainbow Serpent' book by Dick Roughsey to Year 2 students, their task was to create their own rainbow serpent hiding in the grass. The project consisted of making a background sky by collaging tissue paper, and cutting long grass, before students drew and used oil pastels to colour their rainbow serpent in various patterns. The task was great for them to practice their cutting skills, as well as experiment with oil pastels and collaging and creating texture with tissue paper.



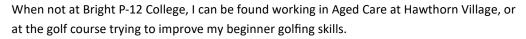
Yr 12 EXCURSION TO CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Earlier this month, Year 12 students visited Charles Sturt University (Albury Campus) as a part of the Year 12 retreat. Students were given information from staff and students about applying for university and what life is like when you live and study on campus. They also undertook a tour of the facilities including the residence, health faculty laboratories and lecture theatres. Lunch was eaten in the cafeteria and the students enjoyed playing pool and foosball during this time. The day finished with a session with Ms Mildren (Careers Practitioner/teacher) reminding students about how to apply for tertiary courses through VTAC and to start thinking about their pathways beyond Year 12.



NEW STAFF

My name is Mandy, I am the new Secondary School Nurse at Bright P-12 College. My role at the school includes providing students with individual health consultations, participating in health education classes and health promotion activities at the school. I am at the school every Monday and Tuesday. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, you can contact me on the school number on these days.



I am excited to be working in this new role and look forward to getting to know all involved with the school community.



Hi, my name is Gen Taberner. It feels so nice to be back at Bright P-12 College, after finishing school here many years ago!

I have been teaching Secondary Science in Melbourne at an all girls school for the past two years but moved back to Bright to save some money before heading to Europe after Easter. I am taking all Primary Art classes for the term, and so far, am loving it and having so much fun. I love how excited all the students are to be in the Art room, seeing them be creative and adding their own personality to their art and experimenting with different materials. I am looking forward to the rest of the term and doing some Easter art as we move towards the holidays!

My name is Pip Vietz and I work in Student Administration. You will find me in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I have previously been involved with Bright P-12 College in a volunteer role as the Mountain Manager for the Bright College Snowsports Team over the last few years.



Before coming on board in this position I primarily worked in a Business Manager and Director role for our family business, Streamology. Prior to that and before moving to Bright nearly 11 years ago I worked in major event management and have worked on the Commonwealth Games, World Youth Day in Sydney, the Jayco Herald Sun tour and a number of mass participation cycling events for Bicycle Victoria.

For fun outside of work, I love to ski, ride my bikes and run in the mountains and spend time at the river with my family and crazy golden retriever Barney!



Hi, my name is Lisa Neville and I've joined Bright P-12 College in the role of OH&S admin support.

I've been connected with Bright P-12 College for many years having two children attend from Prep through to Year 12, holding numerous volunteer roles over those years: Treasurer of Parents and Friends, School Council, Bright College Snowsports Team committee member.

Professionally I've had a wide and varied career, as a Professional Make-up Artist and Wig specialist working in Film, Musical Theatre and Television for many years. Then as a Primary Prevention Practitioner at Alpine Health and Women's Health Goulburn North East

undertaking Mental Health and Wellbeing, Family violence prevention and Gender Equality portfolios, with a focus on families and young people across the Alpine Shire.

My spare time is spent with friends, off-grid camping, hiking, gym sessions, going to the theatre and reading. I am passionate about women's health, fairness and equity and helping to create an environment where everyone feels safe from harm and can thrive.

POST-SCHOOL PATHWAYS

As our current Year 12 students focus on their studies, they are also thinking about what they would like to pursue after they finish school. The majority of Open Days for Universities and TAFE are held in July/August, but some are as early as March. Parents/carers, we encourage you to talk about which Universities and TAFEs your children / young adults are interested in and support them to visit as many as possible to get a flavour for what might suit them.

MyFuture is Australia's national career information service. On the website, there are sections for students and parents/carers. Students can use Edupass to login and access more features.

https://myfuture.edu.au/home

This website contains useful information, including dates for upcoming open days, videos about various pathway options for school-leavers and job seeker resources including resume templates and interview tips.

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Students who graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2024 are currently undertaking a range of activities, including taking a 'gap' year before starting University or TAFE courses in 2026. They have accepted offers from education providers including Deakin and Monash to study courses ranging from nursing/midwifery to aviation, music and dance. . Several students are in the workplace, gaining experience in fields including real estate and hospitality. Our current Year 12 students are looking at post-school opportunities in diverse settings, including medicine, trades and education.

Current Year 10-12 students who were at Bright P-12 College in Year 9 will also have access to the Morrisby profiling which provides useful insights into which fields of further study and employment might be the best fit for each individual student. As always, our Careers Team are available to help guide students through their options post-school.



Yr 10 PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Students are working through the early construction stages of their Cape Cod Chairs. While plans are used to create the initial frame, it's great to see the creativity come through when students start to consider their backrest and base slat designs. This year, some students are also considering additional features to really demonstrate their creative and innovative thinking.





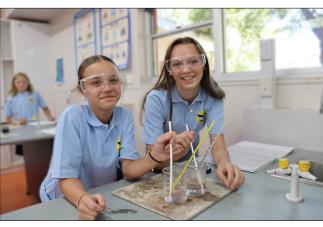
Yr 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 students gained experience in working in the Science Lab during their recent Science class.

In this experiment, they were working on collecting data and learning to use new equipment.







PRIMARY ART ROOM

There's a giant dragon with their babies in the Primary Art room! Primary students painted their hands to make the body and then made the babies, all in less than a week. It was a fiery, mammoth effort which brings the Art room wall to life.





CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE & MEDICAL EXPENSES

Bright P-12 College wishes to remind students, parents and carers that students and parents/carers are responsible for a student's personal item/property, including if it is lost, stolen or damaged at school. Claims for the reimbursement of the cost of a personal item/property brought to school will not be paid by the school and are not covered by school insurance. Parents/carers will only be liable for costs incurred by a student damaging school property in certain circumstances (for example, when the student was acting as an agent of the parent). Parents/carers are responsible for all medical expenses, including ambulance costs if they are incurred by a student at school. We may not contact parents/ carers if, in the Principal's opinion, an ambulance is required without delay. We encourage parents/carers to have up-to-date ambulance cover for your child. Parents/carers are liable for student medical expenses, including ambulance costs, unless the injury or medical incident resulted from a negligent act or omission on behalf of the Department.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the school on <u>bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au</u> or 03 5755 1166

Yr 10 FOOD

Year 10 Food students made use of in-season produce - apples and berries - to create shortcrust sweet pies.

Students were encouraged to decorate the tops of their pies by using strips of pastry to complete a lattice effect.



GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hello, my name is Kristina B and I am an exchange student from Germany and I am currently in year ten. I have been here in Australia for three weeks already and in total I am staying for three months. My exchange partner is Jemma D and she has already been to Germany for three months. I am living with Jemma, with my host mother, their cat and their dog in a house with a big garden right next to the river in Porepunkah.

I already saw kangaroos, which was exciting for me. I also noticed a few differences compared to Germany, for example the driver in the car is on the opposite side and on the street, the car is also on the other side. I only saw a few buildings here that have two storeys while in Germany nearly every building has at least two storeys. Back at home my school starts earlier, at 7:55am, and finishes earlier, at 12:50pm, but we only have one break that is 25 minutes long and our periods go for 45 minutes.



I am excited to be here and I am looking forward to the next few weeks that I am in Australia.



Hello, my name is Lukas L and I'm an exchange student from Germany.

I live with Jack B's family in Bright and have been in Australia for 20 days now. I am in Year 10.

I've noticed a lot of differences between Germany and Australia. For example, the school here is very different compared to Germany, the breaks are very long and there are two (instead of just one), the whole school day is very long, there are different subjects like health and media. The school yard is also huge.

The weather is different, and it is also very warm.

So far, I like my stay here very much and I am already looking forward to the next few weeks here.

MUSIC NEWS

Skunkworks Music Camp. In January, students from Bright P-12 College participated in a week-long music camp run by a community music organisation based in Melbourne called Skunkworks. Each day the students participated in a morning Choir session, followed



by two rehearsal sessions in the Training Band. At the end of the week, students performed in a couple of concerts. Congratulations to all students involved in this camp.

Bright P-12 College Choirs. Primary students have the chance to participate in two different Choirs. They are FREE and fun! Throughout the year, students perform at assemblies and events. Parents/ carers, please encourage your child to get involved if they are at all curious/interested.

MONDAY: Prep-Year 2 CHOIR. First half of lunchtime. Mr Campbell will announce that practice is on and collect the students from the Primary shade sail and walk them to the Music Room. Students can bring their lunch if necessary.

WEDNESDAY: Year 3-6 CHOIR. First half of lunchtime. Mr Campbell will announce that practice is on and the students walk themselves to the Music Room. Students can bring their lunch if necessary.

Instrument lessons. We offer an extensive instrumental program for students. Learning a musical instrument has been shown to provide many benefits to a child academically, personally and socially in their development. Students who learn an instrument will be encouraged to perform at regular concerts at school and out in the community. The recommended age to start to learn an instrument is Year 3 and above. Please contact Bright P-12 College Music Coordinator Jason Campbell if you have any questions about the Instrumental Program, choirs or ukulele groups (info in last newsletter). 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.





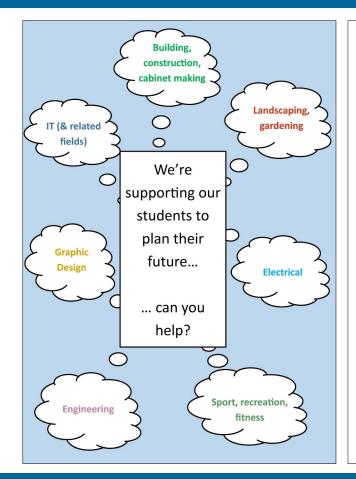
Joe Davis - guitar, bass, vocals (available Wednesdays and Fridays). I have many years of teaching experience in different educational settings. I also work professionally performing. I have a Grad Diploma of Music Performance.

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



CAREERS



Helping students plan for their future

Can you help? Know someone who can?

At Bright P-12 College, we offer a comprehensive work placement program for students completing VCE, VCE Vocational Major and for Year 10 students.

We are interested in hearing from suitable businesses (large and small) in and around the area who can provide work experience opportunities for students. Work experience provides an invaluable chance for students to learn about career paths and gain on-the-job experience.

If you operate a business or know someone who does who could support students with work-place experience, please get in touch with our Careers Team, Jane & Michelle, on 5755 1166 or jane.mildren@education.vic.gov.au

We are particularly looking for placements in Information Technology/Technology (or related fields), Building, Carpentry and Cabinet Making, Electrical, Landscaping and Design.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Soft Plastics Recycling in Alpine Shire

If you haven't heard, Alpine Shire is now participating in a Soft Plastics Recycling Program with Halve Waste. Residents can recycle their soft plastics at home by collecting them in Council-supplied orange soft plastic collection bags. Once full, these can be placed in your yellow recycling bin for collection.

You can register to participate in the program here:

https://halvewaste.com.au/soft-plastics-recycling-trial-sign-up/

and collect your orange bags from Council's Customer Service Centre in Bright, local libraries and Visitor Information Centres.

Watch this handy video from Alpine Shire Council to learn what can and can't be recycled through the program:

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=843121134446736&rdid=Su1V0d88q5RRVIgs



HVP Plantations wish to advise of a potential forest operation in the Bakers Gully area of Bright from February to March 2025.

There will a be requirement to haul through Bright, including Bakers Gully Road, Ireland Street, plantations Anderson Street, and out onto the Great Alpine Road at Gavin Street. Drivers are committed to safely sharing the road with other users. GPS technology tracks speed and professional driving

standards. For community safety, trucks will travel slowly and steadily – for everyone's safety, do not overtake trucks in the local neighbourhood. Please visit our website <u>www.hvp.com.au</u> for further information about the plantation lifecycle and the range of HVP operations.



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