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# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

## PREP-Yr 2 MUSEUM EXCURSION

Prep-Year 2 visited Bright Museum over the past two weeks as part of our study into 'Past and Present'.

We had great fun going on a guided tour of the museum, exploring local history and artefacts, and learning about the history of the town and surrounds. For more photos, see page 4.



## 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.

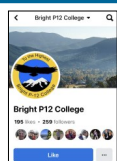
**If you would like a copy, please order through Compass by 5 December.**

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 front office.



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## Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

This week, I will be filling in for Jean while she takes Long Service Leave, returning on Wednesday, 5th November.

In the past two weeks, we have celebrated several milestones for our students, including the Year 12 last day of school, Year 11 Formal and VCE Media presentation. At Bright P-12 College, our Senior Secondary programs offer students a wide range of pathways, opportunities and support to help them achieve success and pursue excellence. The journey begins well before the senior years — our curriculum

and programs starting from Prep are designed to build character, confidence and belief in one's own abilities.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making Bright P-12 College such a special learning community.

We are now preparing for 2026 by beginning the Junior and Senior School Captain selection processes. These roles provide our Year 6 and Year 12 students with the opportunity to demonstrate and grow their leadership, representing our College at a range of events and initiatives throughout the year.

Mathew Gray, on behalf of Principal Jean Olley

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

## ART SHOW

BRIGHT P12 ART SHOW

**OPENING NIGHT**  
**12TH NOV 6.30PM**

**BRIGHT ART GALLERY & CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**MOUNTBATTEN AVE. BRIGHT**

EXHIBITION OPEN DAILY FROM 10AM-8PM  
 THURS 13 NOV-WED 19 NOV

ARTWORK BY LEXI MATHERS

See page 9 for details

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 27-30 OCT    PrepR & Prep/Yr 1G swimming program
- 27-29 OCT    Yr 11 Outdoor Ed 3 day kayaking trip
- 28 OCT-19 NOV    VCE exams

### NOVEMBER

- 4 NOV    Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)
- 5-11 NOV    VET Course Public Safety
- 5-6 NOV    Yr 9 Outdoor Ed 2-day Alpine hike
- 7-20 NOV    Japan Study Tour
- 11-13 NOV    Yr 10 Outdoor Rec Caving & Abseiling trip
- 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

**NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 5 December**



## Yr 8 SCIENCE

In Year 8 Science, we are learning about light and how we see the world around us. To help with this we dissected cow eyes to find out the different parts of the eye and how they function to help us and other animals see.



## JAPANESE TAIKO DRUMMING

Primary students and Year 9 Japanese students were given the opportunity to experience taiko drumming with Kiyomi sensei. Taiko is traditional Japanese drumming, performed in a group. Students learned the importance of concentration and stance when playing taiko - working to try and create a unified sound on the drums.





## PREP-Yr 2 MUSEUM EXCURSION ctd...



## MUSICAL SOIRÉES

We are delighted to invite you to our annual series of Musical Soirées, celebrating the incredible talents of our young musicians across the school. These special evenings will showcase soloists, small groups and ensembles who have been working hard throughout the year — all set within the inspiring atmosphere of the Bright Art Gallery, alongside the 2025 Bright P-12 College Art Exhibition. Dress code is neat, casual clothing. Concert Dates:

- Years 5-12 Soirée – Wednesday 12th November, 7:00pm
- Years 3-4 Soirée – Thursday 13th November, 6:30pm
- Prep-2 Soirée – Monday 17th November, 6:30pm

Performances include:

- Prep-2 Choir and younger ukulele groups (Prep-2 Soirée)
- Concert Band (Years 3-4 Soirée)
- Years 3-6 Choir (Years 5-12 Soirée)

Plus many wonderful student instrumental performances!

These concerts are a fantastic opportunity for students to share their musical learning with family, friends and our school community while celebrating the creative spirit that makes Bright P-12 College so special.

A Compass event invitation has been sent to most students involved. If you have any questions or if you believe your child has been missed, please email Mr Campbell [Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au) with the Soirée date they will attend and details of what they will be performing.

We look forward to seeing you there to support our amazing student musicians and artists!



# VCE VM PROJECT WITH Yr 3 STUDENTS

## Growing Goodness: Jayden's Healthy Eating Gardening Project with Jess Cox and her Year 3 students

As part of his Year 12 VM community-focused assignment, Jayden E - with assistance from Sustainability Coordinator Darren Wood and Year 12 student Luke A - has led a vibrant and hands-on gardening and cooking initiative that brought together fresh produce, healthy eating, and student engagement over three enriching sessions. Session highlights:

**Cooking with Colour and Crunch.** Students were surprisingly receptive to our kale, broccoli and snow pea stir fry. The focus was on simple, nutritious meals using organically grown garden-fresh ingredients, no packaging and low travel miles. The results were tasty and healthy!

**Planting for the Future.** Students planted up rosemary cuttings, silverbeet seedlings and a variety of spring seedlings. These additions will continue to grow and provide fresh produce for future cooking and tasting sessions.

**Sampling the Harvest.** Students also had the opportunity to taste some of the garden's current bounty, including: crisp lettuce, peppery radish, tart rhubarb (a surprise for some!), and vibrant purple broccolini. These tasting experiences sparked conversations about flavour, nutrition and the benefits of growing your own healthy food.

Jayden's project not only supports healthy eating habits but also builds community connections and practical skills. It's a great example of how learning can be active, meaningful and delicious! A big thank you to staff and students who supported the sessions and congratulations to Jayden for leading such a thoughtful and impactful initiative.





## FAREWELL, Yr 12 STUDENTS!

Last week, we celebrated a big milestone with our Year 12 students - their last official day of school. They dressed up in the days leading up to their last day, with themes including uniform mash-up, Greek mythology, the Wild West and movie characters. Dressing up culminated with a festival / carnival extravaganza, while activities ranged from a staff vs student soccer game and dodgeball challenge, BBQ and traditional leaving parade. During the parade, staff and students from Prep to Year 11 clapped and cheered Year 12 students as they made their way out of school.

Our Year 12 School Leaders gave a fantastic speech at their last assembly - here's an extract: *"It feels almost impossible to believe that this is it – that after all these years, this chapter of our lives is closing. Bright P-12 is more than a school. It's a community. It's where friendships form that feel like family. It's where teachers believe in you even when you don't believe in yourself. To our teachers – thank you. You didn't just teach us how to analyse poems and solve equations; you taught us resilience, kindness and patience."*

While we have said 'farewell' to Year 12 students, we will still see many of them around school when they attend study sessions ahead of their VCE exams. Our Careers Team have been working with students during the past several years to help them discover their strengths and passions, and we will continue to support students into the future. Their plans cover a range of options, including studying archaeology at university to training through TAFE to become a chef; from spending time working and travelling overseas to undertaking a building traineeship. More photos on next page.





# FAREWELL, Yr 12 STUDENTS! ctd...





## PRIMARY O&M ATHLETICS



As part of the Alpine cluster, Bright P-12 College sent a group of 25 students to compete at the Ovens & Mitta Division Track and Field Event in Wangaratta on Friday 10th of October.

On a lovely warm spring day, students competed in High Jump, Triple jump, Long jump, Discus, Shot Putt as well as all of the running events. Our

students combined with students from Porepunkah Primary School and Harrietville Primary School to compete in the relay events.

The highlights for the team were that the following students progressed on to the Hume event in Albury the following week:

Oscar D - High Jump 2nd (placed 6th at Hume)

Emmy M - High Jump and Discuss 2nd in both (did not compete at Hume due to injury)

Tommy F - 800m 2nd (placed 5th at Hume)

Addison D - Shot Putt 2nd (placed 5th at Hume)

Well done to all the students who participated. You represented our school to a really high standard.



## SECONDARY HUME ATHLETICS

A small group of Secondary students made their own way across to Albury for the Hume Track and Field events on October 9th.

We were represented by:

Lexi M (100m, 200m and Shotput)

Mason A (Javelin)

Ewan L (800m)

Dylan S (200m)

Karen H (Javelin)

And with much delight to our school, both Lexi and Ewan had wins, giving them the opportunity to compete and the state event on October 20th.

At the State event, Ewan placed 8th and Lexi placed 4th in the 100m. Both students should be extremely proud of their efforts as they are in a small percentage from across all of Victoria to make it to this level.

We are definitely proud of them!



# WORK-BASED LEARNING APPLICATION

## Introducing digital work experience and structured workplace learning forms

Work experience and structured workplace learning are important parts of our career education program at Bright P-12 College. They help students to explore potential jobs, develop employability skills, understand workplace expectations and make informed education and career choices.

We are excited to be introducing digital forms for work experience and structured workplace learning placements. They replace the paper forms we've used previously and simplify the process for everyone. You and your child can fill out and sign these forms online at your convenience, from a mobile phone or computer, saving you time. These digital forms are securely stored and handled in compliance with records management policies and Victorian privacy laws.

We are always on the lookout for quality work experience and structured workplace learning opportunities for our students. If you think you can provide a placement for one or more of our students, please contact our Careers team.

If you do not wish to use the new digital forms or have any questions, please contact school.

## ART SHOW ctd...

Our annual Art Show, showcasing the creative talents of students from Prep to Year 12, is on from 13th to 19th November. The official opening night will be held on Wednesday, November 12 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 by the college's Secondary music 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.

A standout feature this year is the artwork selected for the official event poster, created by VCE Year 12 Art Creative Practice student Lexi M.

*"One of the highlights this year was having my artwork chosen for the official event poster. I'm a VCE Year 12 Art Creative Practice student, and my sculpture, Human Potential, was inspired by Michelangelo's 15th-century sculpture David. His work played a big role in shaping my piece. Overall, this year has been both challenging and rewarding."* Lexi M.

The exhibition will remain open to the public for one week, from Thursday November 13 to Wednesday November 19, and can be viewed daily from 10am to 8pm at the Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre, 28 Mountbatten Avenue.





## Yr 7 SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

### Year 7 Science in Action: Exploring Plant Growth & Garden Care

Our Year 7 students have been digging deep into the science of plant growth through a hands-on investigation of abiotic and biotic factors. Their project explored how elements like light, nutrition, soil type and environment (greenhouse vs. outdoor) influence the development of seedlings.

Over several weeks, students carefully measured and recorded the progress of seedlings growing in two different mediums, comparing growth rates and health indicators. This real-world experiment helped them understand how environmental conditions shape plant development — a perfect blend of theory and practice!

Beyond the science lab, students rolled up their sleeves in the school garden. Their contributions included planting new plants; watering garden beds; mulching to protect soil; weeding to support healthy growth.

These activities not only supported their learning but also helped maintain and beautify our College garden.

To celebrate and inspire their work, students were treated to a special session in the Outdoor Classroom, where pizza chefs Mr Gargiulo and Mr Wood guided them through the art of pizza making. Using fresh ingredients and plenty of enthusiasm, students created their own pizzas — a tasty reward for effort and learning.



## GAMAGORI VISIT



Mr Ozawa, the Principal of Nishiura Junior High School and Mr Adachi, a supervisor from the Gamagori Board of Education in Japan visited our school recently.

This visit cements the friendship and reciprocal study opportunities for students from Gamagori and Japanese language students at Bright.

This was an important visit as we head off to Gamagori with 11 Year 9 and 10 students in November.



# 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).

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

### 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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

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**About Karen Young**

Karen has worked as a psychologist in private practice, and organisational and educational settings. Karen is a sought-after speaker, educator, and consultant, and works with parents and schools.

Karen has written five books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior' and 'Hey Awesome', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.

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- The different ways anxiety can manifest, and what to do
- The connection between anxiety and learning, and how to switch on the learning brain
- The connection between anxiety and performance (exams, on stage, sports) and how to get anxiety out of the way
- Why anxiety can look weird, and how to respond
- The power of parents to model children towards brave behaviour, and how to do this when anxiety is in the way
- How to respond to anxiety in the moment to make way for calm and courage
- Building their toolkit: the proven strategies for young people to calm anxiety
- How to build the solid neural foundation of resilience in all children

**WHEN & WHERE**

Monday 3rd November, 2025  
TIME: 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
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**2025**

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**BRIGHT HOLIDAY**  
*Accommodation*

## Experience Bright Library

#### Weekly Story Time!

Every Thursday from 10am

#### Weekly Rhyme Time!

Every Friday from 10am

**A range of school  
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 page for updates and  
 news on upcoming events  
 at the Bright Library!**



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