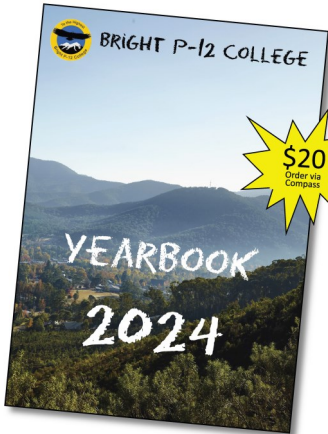


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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

2024 YEARBOOK - DEADLINE EXTENDED



We have extended the deadline to order a copy of the 2024 Yearbook. It is only available via pre-order, so this is your last chance.

The Yearbook includes articles and photos about everything we've done at school this year, including Art, Music, Science, Sport, Languages, school camps, special events, etc. The cost is \$20 and they will be professionally printed and delivered to school early in Term 1 next year. If you'd like a sneak peek at some of the inside pages, head to www.brightp12.vic.edu.au

If you would like a copy, please order through Compass by 13 December.

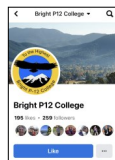
The Yearbook is listed as an 'Event' so you can pay for it like you would for a school camp or other event. If you would like to see a copy of the 2023 Yearbook, we have one to view at the front office.

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Primary Christmas Concert last week was a fantastic event, full of festive cheer. Parents, carers and students dressed up to celebrate the occasion and everyone had a great time at the picnic BBQ on the school oval. Our students battled the heat to perform solo and group pieces with amazing energy and much enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to the Parents & Friends who hosted the BBQ.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

We are now nearly at the end of the school year before we head into the school holidays. The last few weeks of term are always very busy, and this year is no exception.

We have been watching our Prep in 2025 students take the first steps in their education journey with us at Bright P-12 College over the past few weeks during Transition Days. It's been wonderful to witness their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they become familiar with their peers and teachers over this period. The Year 7 in 2025 students also did a great job during their Transition Days, where our current Bright P-12 College Year 6 students welcomed students from other schools. We are excited to see what these new Prep and Year 7 students bring to our school next year.

Looking through this newsletter, there are so many achievements to celebrate. Congratulations to everyone involved with the Bright College Snowsports Team for their recent award from Snow Australia. It is a huge effort for our students and parent volunteers and this well-deserved recognition of all the hard work is wonderful. Another cause for celebration is the recent Careers Big Day In. We welcomed members of the community to take part in mock interviews and talks to our Year 9 students. The feedback from everyone involved was extremely positive. Students were very forthcoming with their praise for the event and they appreciated people taking time to come and share insights with them.

2025 PUPIL FREE DAYS

We have two pupil free days at the start of Term 1 2025 - Tuesday 28th January and Wednesday 29th January.

The first day of school for students in 2025 is Thursday 30th January.

The other pupil free days for 2025 are:

Term 2	Friday 20th June
Term 3	Thursday 28th August
Term 4	Friday 5th December

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Awards Night at the Bright Community Centre on Monday evening where we will take the opportunity to celebrate achievements across all areas of our school.

To wrap up 2025, I would like to thank every student, parent, carer, staff member and member of our broader community for your incredible support during 2024. You are all important members of our Bright P-12 College team and I value your passion for our amazing school.

Wishing you all a fantastic, restful break over the holidays and I look forward to another inspiring year with our students in 2025.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

11 DEC	White Card course
12 DEC	VCE results released
12 DEC	Prep-Yr 2 movie excursion, Bright
12 DEC	Yr 6 Graduation
13 DEC	Yr 5/6 House Netball Tournament
14 DEC	Yr 9 Marlo Leadership School ends
16-20 DEC	Secondary Activities Week
16 DEC	White Card course
16 DEC	Yr 5/6 Mt Buffalo excursion
16 DEC	6pm Prep-Yr 12 Awards Night
18 DEC	School reports published
18 DEC	Yr 5/6 Wandiligong bike ride
20 DEC	Last day Term 4. School ends 1:30pm

JANUARY 2025

23 JAN	Book collection day 11am-4pm
30 JAN	Term 1 starts for students

AFL PLAYER VISIT

We welcomed players from the Melbourne Demons Football Club to our school recently. Students were very excited to meet Jack Viney, Tom McDonald, Christian Salem, Jacob van Rooyen, Will Verrall, Kynan Brown and recent draftee Harvey Langford.

The special guests had a kick-to-kick at lunchtime with students. Afterwards, we headed to the stadium for a Q&A session, where students asked the players lots of questions. Thank you to Melbourne FC for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time with our students.



Yr 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 10 Outdoor Education students had a final trip of 2024 with a bushwalk up Mount Bogong. This was a tough walk, providing many challenges for all involved. Well done to everyone for supporting each other through the experience.



SUSTAINABILITY

Exciting Updates from the Outdoor Learning Classroom!

Students in our Outdoor Learning Classroom have been hard at work on a variety of recycled projects, including crafting café tables, building raised garden beds and nurturing our school garden. Their dedication to sustainability and hands-on learning is truly inspiring!

Last week, the excitement reached new heights with the arrival of several new tools that will enhance their projects even further. Thanks to the generous donations from parents to the Sustainability Fund and the efforts of student fundraisers, we have added the following tools to our collection:

- Drill
- Impact driver
- Blower
- Electric mower
- Two new wheelbarrows

These additions will significantly boost the students' ability to create and maintain their innovative projects.

A special mention goes to Trae T for his persuasive presentation to our Finance Manager, Lisa Flew, which was instrumental in securing the release of the necessary funds.

Stay tuned for more updates as our students continue to transform their learning space and contribute to a greener future!



Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 students went kayaking at Eildon. This was their final trip for the year and all students showed fantastic enthusiasm and had a great time in perfect weather.



Yr 9 CAREERS BIG DAY IN



Our Year 9 students recently experienced a full day in our annual 'Careers Big Day In' event. Students participated in a range of activities, both at school and in the community.

In small groups, students heard from community members about their career pathways since leaving school, learning that no-one's pathway is a straight line and many decisions influence the direction taken in work and study.

Students also participated in a mock interview for a job they applied for during their careers classes leading up to the day. Community members acted in the role of interview panel members, providing a realistic interview situation for students. Students were given scores, including in resumé writing and presentation, and the highest scorers for each job were awarded a prize. Students displayed fantastic preparedness, confidence and provided relevant well-thought-out examples during the interviews.

Our Year 9 students also visited local businesses in small groups, to get a first-hand understanding of the scope of a small business or organisation. They were able to consult with many professional and skilled people about what is involved in running a business or providing a service.

We would like to thank Alpine Shire, DEECA, Espire Clothing and Foresight Engineering for the time and commitment taken to provide this opportunity to the students. We would also extend our gratitude to the community members who volunteered their time throughout the day. Without their time and commitment, the day would not be possible.

Student feedback was very positive and constructive, giving us a great insight into the value of running the day, now in its 8th year.



Yr 8 MT BUFFALO EXCURSION

Year 8 students recently embarked on a Geography fieldwork excursion to Mt Buffalo, deepening their understanding of this unique environment as part of their Case Study.

The day featured the challenging but rewarding Chalwell Galleries walk and students completed surveys and sketches capturing key aspects of Mt Buffalo. Students have also had the opportunity to talk to Chief Ranger Julien Atherstone who shared valuable perspectives on the sustainability challenges and significant environmental issues facing the region.

This hands-on experience provided students with a deeper appreciation of the delicate balance required to manage such a treasured natural area.



Yr 1/2 BRIGHT MUSEUM EXCURSION

It was an exciting afternoon as Year 1 and 2 students headed down to the Bright Museum to learn about the local history of our area and explore interesting artefacts.

We were lucky enough to have a historian from the Bright and District Historical Society show us old photographs and paint us a picture of what life was like over a hundred years ago!

Thank you to the volunteers, Pauline McCall and Diann Talbot, who generously gave up their time to share their knowledge and show us around.



SNOW AUSTRALIA COMMUNITY SPORT AWARD

Bright P-12 College has been awarded the Outstanding School Achievement as part of the 2024 Snow Australia Community Sport Awards.

This award highlights an outstanding or unique school snowsports activity, program, or initiative, that grew and/or supported participation at the school level.

The BCST (Bright College Snowsport Team) program has been running for over 20 years, with over 1500 students involved in the education, passion and progression in skiing and snowboarding at Mount Hotham.

Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to our amazing volunteer parent committee!



STUDENT EXCHANGE

"My host family took me to visit their cousins in Austria. We spent the weekend there and it was snowing the whole time. The highlights of the trip were definitely the Christmas Markets, which were very cold but very beautiful and also going hiking in the snow to a gorge. I really enjoyed being in Austria. During the week, we had a pupil-free day on Wednesday and my host family took me to Neuschwanstein, a really old and beautiful castle. It was snowing but very sunny. We went for a walk through the castle, which I loved.

My German is slowly improving day by day, with the help from my friends, host family and teachers. I've also tried more traditional Bavarian food which I have



mostly enjoyed. It's very different being in a country that speaks a different language but also very interesting. Bad Aibling has been snowing a little bit this week but it's still sunny and not too cold." By Year 10 student Jemma D



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2024 Stuart Hargreaves Youth Development Scholarship

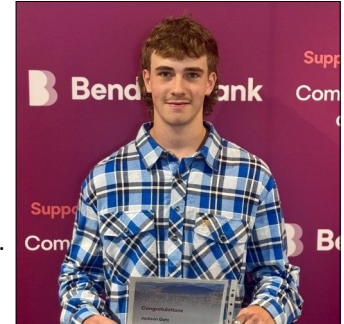
Community Bank Bright and the Hargreaves family were thrilled to award the 2024 Stuart Hargreaves Youth Development Scholarship to Jackson G.

Jackson has been undertaking his Cert II in Carpentry at TAFE in Wangaratta, whilst studying at Bright P-12 College and working one day per week under the mentorship of local builder, Ray Gregory Projects. Jackson has secured a full time apprenticeship with Ray in 2025.

Jackson plans to use the scholarship funds to help purchase some of the many tools required to begin his career in carpentry and dreams to become a local builder one day.

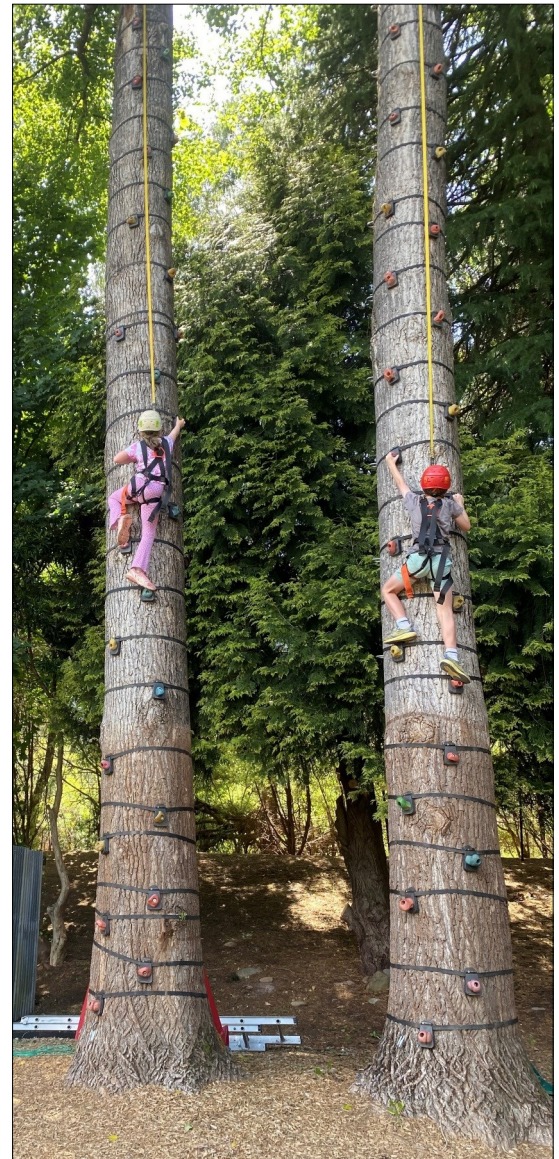
The scholarship is named in honour of the late Stuart Hargreaves, founding member of Community Bank Bright, and aims to assist a local young person in beginning their career.

Congratulations Jackson, we wish you all the best for the future.



Yr 2 CAMP

Year 2 students had their first overnight camp at Feathertop Chalet in Harrietville on November 21st – November 22nd. They had a wonderful time. Activities included giant swing, rock climbing, archery and lots of collaborative games. It was wonderful to see all the students challenging themselves and supporting each other.



Yr 11 ART

“Australian Animals” is a collaborative piece created by the Year 11 VCE Creative Practice class. This body of work showcases native animals and plants highlighting the beauty of our country. Each panel will be attached on a door in the Bright p-12 College Secondary courtyard to bring life and colour into the area.

The Year 11 VCE Creative Practice class have worked over the last term to plan and create these beautiful pieces. Each student researched and designed their own Australian animal and plant composition. All works include the blue background symbolising the Australian sky, thus connecting and creating a cohesive flow throughout the 12 unique artworks.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 6 student Layla S was recently Awarded the iDance scholarship 2024.

From iDance “Congratulations Layla - you showed persistence, hard work, dedication, awesome teamwork and have also become an amazing role model for the younger students of iDance. You truly and without a doubt deserved this award tonight and we cannot wait to see what you can achieve in 2025! The sky is the limit. Well done!!!!”

After the end of year dance concert and announcement of the scholarship, Layla’s Mum said “I could not be more proud of Layla. All the students improve each and every year, it is a joy to see. The kindness they showed each other when preparing and performing was delightful.”

Congratulations, Layla!



NEW STAFF



G’day! My name is Emma Feltrin and I’m the Art Assistant for the art department and am mainly working with Ms Ward in Primary. I’ve always been passionate about art, whether creating or simply enjoying it. I’m also a part of the Bright Art Gallery committee and volunteer there regularly, which I love.

In my spare time, I like to read, bake, go walking, play video games and spend time with my cat Alby. I’ve lived in Bright all my life and as a past student who graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2017, it feels great to be back and see many familiar and new faces around.

Please feel free to come and say g’day if you catch me around, and I look forward to getting to know everyone.

Yr 12 IN 2025 STEP-UP DAY

On Monday 25th November, our Year 12 students (of 2025) attended an organised 'Step up' day at LaTrobe University Wodonga and TAFE in Wodonga, as an integral part of the Headstart week program. They joined Year 12 students (of 2025) from Beechworth Secondary College, Marian College, Myrtleford P-12 College and Tallangatta Secondary College. These schools are part of our Ovens and Murray network which our leading teacher teams collaborate with for better student outcomes and opportunities and this day had been a year in the planning.



Students began the day with a welcome from the university and then broke into VCE and VCE-VM focused workshops. VCE students moved into an hour long presentation specifically on developing effective strategies going into Year 12 English with English lab presenter Ben Taylor. The rest of the VCE sessions at the uni were half hour workshops focusing on particular study skills, enabling students to explore areas such as Business/Education area, Psychology/Social work and Biomedicine/Science. At Wodonga TAFE our VCE-VM students were involved in workshops around

developing portfolios, Trades/ Early childhood and Creative industries, a campus tour and a study skills focused session.

At morning tea and lunch students enjoyed a chance to mingle in the relaxed lawn setting and participate in an optional 'race around LaTrobe' activity.

It was a great way to start the Year 12 Headstart program and we look forward to using the student's feedback to refine the day even more for next year. Thanks to Libby Dean, Cass Devereux and Jane Mildren for being involved in the day.



Yr 12 IN 2025 STEP-UP DAY ctd...



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$150 for Primary school students and \$250 for Secondary school students

For more information about CSEF visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF (SSR) Prep in 2025 and Year 7 in 2025 Summer Uniform Package

SSR offers two uniform packages every year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding and one uniform package every year to all Year 7 students who are eligible for CSEF funding.

For more information, including application forms, please contact school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lifesaving education program

We are hosting lifesaving education programs for **schools at the river!**



Alpine Shire Council has partnered with Belgravia to bring the **Bush Nippers Education Program** back to the Alpine region this summer. Bush Nippers is a regional and rural inland adaptation to “Beach” Nippers, which aims to build lifesaving and water safety knowledge and skills of children aged **5 to 14 years** in open water environments. Bush Nippers is an iconic program for many Victorians which teaches lifesaving skills whilst extending swimming and water safety competencies.

Dates: Wed 14 Jan - Fri 16 Jan 2025
Time: Timeslot 1 (12:00-1:30pm)
Timeslot 2 (2:00-3:30pm)
Cost: \$110 Per Candidate (inc Kids Rash Vest)
Location: Porepunkah River Pool
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In addition to our Arts and Crafts, Indoor and Outdoor play based activities we run Theircare initiative programs that are embedded into our OSHC program, TC Tucker and WeCare. We have added our own program to the Bright service Parks Victoria Nature Mascots Program.

TC Tucker is an initiative aimed at nurturing healthy eating habits in children. Each week we are given a choice of recipes to provide a cooking experience for the children. Some things we made this term are Guacamole, Banana Fritters, Bruschetta.

WeCare all Theircare services support a charity. Each term the services across our region choose the same charity to support donating \$50 from each service to the chosen charity. For term 4 our charity is Kids Helpline.

The Nature's Mascots program is a place based, inquiry program which connects students to their local green spaces through one of ten Nature's Mascots that represents their local ecosystem. Activities and learning modules are provided by Parks Victoria. We have chosen the Platypus as our mascot.

Holiday Program
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<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/>



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<https://engage.ornp.vic.gov.au/illite-bit-relief-agricultural-expo>



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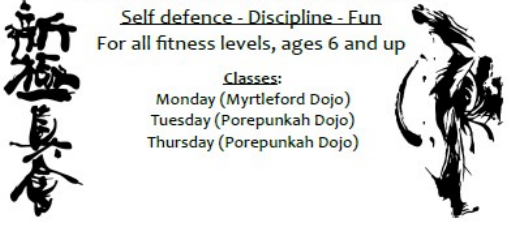
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