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# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



On National Walk Safely to School Day, students braved a damp and chilly morning to join school staff who lead walking trains from three locations in Bright to our school.

Our Canteen Manager Christian served a healthy breakfast of muesli, yoghurt, honey and fruit salad to students under the Primary shade sail.

## UNIFORM - HOODIE

The Bright P-12 College Hoodie is now available for Primary and Secondary students.

There is a one-off order window until 31st May.

Sizing is the same as the school windcheater (samples at the front office to try on if needed)

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

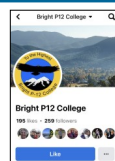
Delivery is expected around the start of Term 3.

There is currently **ONLY 1** order period and there will be no stock on hand to buy later. Please choose your sizing carefully as there is little scope for change with no stock on hand. We have chosen a higher quality, made-in-Australia option for this garment.

Please let Mr Rigby or Mr Gray know if you have any questions.



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## Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

As I reflect on the achievements and progress made this term, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the wonderful community we have here at Bright P-12 College. The support and partnership of our parents and carers has been instrumental in our success. Thank you. I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers and support staff. Together, we have created a nurturing and enriching environment where our children can thrive and grow. Your confidence in our school is greatly appreciated, and we are committed to continuing to provide the best possible education for your children. Thank you for entrusting us with their learning journey.

We have partnered with TheirCare to provide an OSHC service on site at Bright P-12 College commencing Term 3 - Monday 15th July 2024. For more information, see the ad on page 13 of this newsletter.

As we are in a period of assessment demand for our

senior students. Your support at home can make a significant difference in their achievement and wellbeing. Encouraging a balanced routine that includes dedicated study time, regular breaks, and sufficient sleep is crucial. Providing a quiet and organised study space can help students focus. Additionally, offering emotional support by listening to their concerns and reassuring them can alleviate stress. Simple things like preparing healthy meals and snacks or even just checking in on their progress can boost their morale. Your involvement and encouragement is invaluable during this demanding time, and together, we can help our students achieve their goals. To help support our students with their school work, we have a Homework Club after school each Tuesday organised by our Wellbeing Leading Teacher, Tash Tough. Students are encouraged and welcome to come along.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

## STUDENT ABSENCES

We would like to remind to all parents / carers of the process for letting us know if your child will not be attending school. There are several options for letting us know. Please select the option which works best for you. It's never too early to let us know!

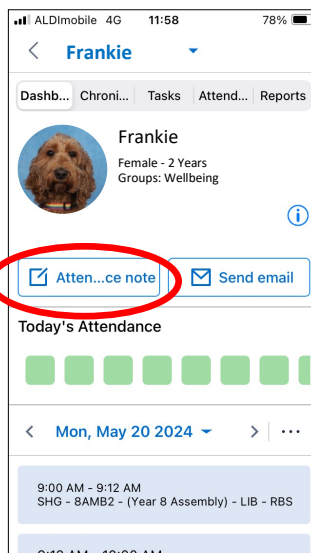
**Phone.** Call 5755 1166 and press 1 to speak to a staff member or press 2 to leave a voice message.

**Email school**  
bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au

**Email teacher**  
john.citizen@education.vic.gov.au

**Note.** Can be written to a teacher or office staff.

**Compass.** Click on your child's photo, then on the next screen, under their photo there's an option to add an attendance note (see screen grab).



## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### MAY

- 24 MAY Secondary casual day - gold coin donation for UNICEF
- 27-31 MAY Yr 9 Morrisby interviews
- 29 MAY Yr 7-12 O&M Girls AFL
- 31 MAY Yr 5/6 Basketball Hoop Time, Albury

### JUNE

- 3-7 JUN Yr 7-11 exam week
- 4 JUN Yr 9-12 Hume Boys AFL
- 5 JUN Primary O&M Cross Country, Wangaratta
- 6 JUN Secondary O&M Cross Country, Beechworth

**NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 14 June**



## CANTEEN NEWS

Our school has recently become part of the Vic Kids Eat Well movement. We have joined a community that is passionate about making sure children and young people have the fuel they need to learn, play, grow and thrive. These are the steps we have taken:

- Refreshing the drinks fridge in our school Canteen for healthier low sugar/fat options. Including fresh fruit juices in reusable glasses with a BYO cup option
- Changing up the snacks section in the Canteen by reducing the confectionary and introducing popcorn, cheese and crackers, and nut-free scroggin
- Shifting our fundraising events to include healthier options
- Making the most of the fresh produce from our gardens in our Canteen



**VIC KIDS  
EAT WELL**



**BRIGHT P-12  
COLLEGE HAS JOINED  
THE MOVEMENT!**

## Yr 3/4 SCIENCE

Year 3 and 4 students have been exploring a range of materials to investigate their properties, notice how changes can be reversible or irreversible, and learn how materials are used for specific purposes.

As they explore, they test theories, discover new ideas, and ask more questions while having fun!





## HUME VOLLEYBALL

Bright P-12 College had representation at the recent Hume Volleyball event in Albury. The tightknit group of boys, who were predominately a year younger than their opponents, achieved a commendable third place and pushed the top two teams to tiebreaks in both matches.



The team represented our school with distinction, displaying sportsmanship and skill throughout the event.

Congratulations to Lachie R, Daniel L, Nicholas C, Cade McG, Tom R, Rihan K, Bodie McC, Max G and Tom G for their efforts and we hope to see them at this level again next year!

## BRIGHT LIBRARY EXCURSION

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students took turns last week visiting the local library. The excitement level was high as we set off into town. We were treated to a tour by the friendly librarians, learning about the various sections of books and how to become a library member. Highlights include testing out the afterhours book chute and being given a free book to take home. Thank you to Bright Library for hosting us.





## Yr 6 ART

Year 6 students were introduced to the new technique of Dry Felting, also called Needle Felting.

Dry Felting is like sculpting with wool! Instead of using water and soap like traditional felting, you use special needles with tiny barbs on them. You take loose wool and shape it with these needles, poking the wool until it forms the design you want. It's a fun way to make cute little animals and decorations out of soft, fluffy wool. The students quickly learnt to be careful with the needles and mastered the technique, creating impressive, felted images.

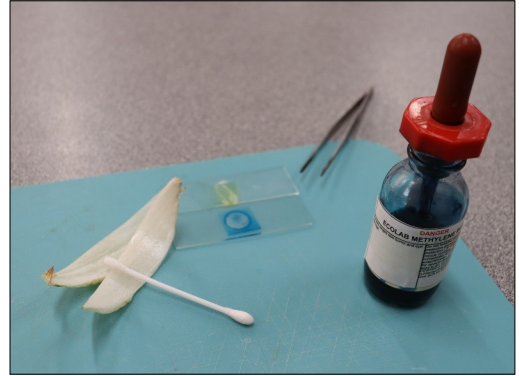
Great work Year 6!





## Yr 8 SCIENCE

Year 8 students created wet-mounts of plant and animal cells for viewing under microscopes. This allow students to see the difference in size and structure of these cells that form part of multi-cellular organisms.



## Yr 10 'THANK YOU' TO CAREERS TEAM

Year 10 students took the opportunity to thank our Careers Team for all their fantastic help with the recent Work Experience placements.



Each year, Jane Mildren and Chris Blazek put a huge amount of work into arranging placements for Year 10 students and supporting them through the process. Thank you, Jane & Chris!



# Yr 6 PE



In Years 3-6 Physical Education, students are launching into AFL football, learning and mastering essential skills, then applying these skills in modified game play, fostering teamwork and strategy.

With each lesson, students are demonstrating more confidence and having lots of fun on the field.





# MELBOURNE WRITER'S FESTIVAL - EXCURSION

Ten budding writers from Years 7-9 attended our Writer's Camp to Melbourne. They took part in a Creative Writing Workshop at the National Gallery of Victoria and attended the Melbourne Writer's Festival schools program, along with hundreds of other secondary students from across the state. We were lucky to hear from notable writers such as Karys McEwan, Mike Lucas, Astrid Scholte and, our favourite, Biffy James who took the time to speak to our students after the presentation about self-confidence, resilience and determination.

Our students represented our school brilliantly and asked fantastic questions about what it takes to be a professional writer. Here are some excerpts from the students' NGV writing workshop, looking at personification of various sculptures, objects, furniture, and other art works.

"Sandy loves the beach. She seems fine from a distance but when you get to know her she is quite closed off. She doesn't like anything bright and colourful or loud. Sandy likes to blend in. She is quite soft spoken but stubborn. She has very neat handwriting. Her friends bring out the best in her." Elaina H

"Bethany loves a glass of wine while watching the ships pass by. She thinks a lot of herself, and makes sure everyone knows it. Although she has been ruffled by the past she still acts like the classy queen she is." Stephanie A

"This is Angelica, a kind, gentle soul who also loves a big of a splash of colour. She loves being outdoors and her favourite tree is a willow. She is smart, loves reading and also loves animals. When she's with people she knows she is fun, outgoing, and excited. When she is not, she can be shy and quiet until she warms up to you." Evie H





## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

48 Year 3-6 students recently travelled to Porepunkah for the annual District Cross Country event. It's always an exciting time when we start competing against other schools and as always, there were lot of outstanding results. Congratulations to everybody for running to the best of their ability. Some students had the bonus of a medal for finishing in the top three in their age group. A huge group of 36 students have progressed to the next stage of competition, which is the O&M Division Cross Country in Wangaratta on Wednesday 5th June.



## Yr 5/6 STEM INCURSION

Year 5/6 students were part of a STEM incursion. We made rockets out of bottles filled with water and launched them high into the air. We learnt about pressure (psi) and weight and what factors made the rockets travel the furthest. Thank you to Emma from the Victorian Space Sciences Education Centre (VSSEC).





# VOCATIONAL LEARNING AT BRIGHT P-12 COLLEGE

Vocational Education and Training (VET) ensures skills development in a wide range of occupational fields, through school-based and work-based learning. It plays a key role in ensuring lower school dropout rates and facilitates the school-to-work transition. <https://www.oecd.org/education/innovation-education/vet.htm>

Students at Bright P-12 College have access to a wide range of VET courses to allow them to upskill in vocation that they are interested in. In 2024, students are studying 17 courses that are being delivered by GOTAFE, Australian Interactive Education (AIE) and IVET at either a Certificate II or III level. See Table 1 for attendance data.

Engagement supports students to feel a sense of belonging and purpose as a learner and Bright P-12 College students are encouraged to follow a VET pathway from Year 10 if this is their preference.

We also currently have 7 students undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT's) This is a part time apprenticeship which allows them to continue attending school. These students all work 1-2 days per week and study a VET course at a Certificate III level.

**Table 1: Students attending TAFE to complete a VET course in 2024 (students must be 15 years old)**

Year	No of Students	SBATs	% of cohort
9	2	NA	4%
10	12	1	34%
11	20	4	40%
12	11	2	39%



Students also have access to short courses that will assist them gain employment and work experience. We currently have many students from Year 9-12 who have attended courses with external providers to gain specific skills to allow them to work in the construction industry, perform First Aid and handle food safely.

**Table 2: Short Courses**

Year	Construction Industry White Card	First Aid/CPR	Safe Food Handling
9	10	NA	NA
10	16	1	NA
11	13	16	9
12	4	5	1

If you have any questions regarding Bright P-12 College's VET opportunities, please contact Jane Mildren (VET Co-ordinator and Careers Practitioner) or Chris Blazek (Careers Practitioner). For more information about GoTafe courses available, visit <https://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/courses/vet-delivered-to-school-students>

## PRIMARY JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

The North East Regional Japanese speech competition will take place on Wednesday, June 19 at the Bright Community Centre. We are still finalising the timetable, but it is likely to be :

Years 4-6: 9:15-10:30

Secondary: 11:30-1:00

Years 1-3: 1:45-3:10

Students need to present the speeches from memory without the aid of any notes, so they will need to spend some extra time either at home or lunchtimes rehearsing. We appreciate any support you can give your child with this. We will be offering lunchtime practice sessions in the lead up to the speeches.

Please refer to the links sent out to parents / carers via Compass and don't hesitate to contact your child's Japanese teacher if you have any questions.



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

In recent weeks, we've taken a close look at the Instrumental Program at Bright P-12 College and have implemented a few minor adjustments to its operation. Our Instrumental Staff are now employed directly by the College Council, aligning them with the guidelines and support systems of the Department of Education & Training (DET). Consequently, the College will now issue termly invoices to families for instrumental lessons. This change ensures that our Instrumental Teachers are fully supported to provide a safe and effective learning environment, all while upholding the values of both the College and DET. We appreciate your understanding during this period of review, which was a proactive approach to ensuring all our staff are encased in the necessary supports to ensure we continue to achieve excellence in everything we do. We're excited to announce that our amazing Instrumental Program is up and running again. Thank you for your patience and support.

We offer tuition on a number of instruments including piano, guitar, drums, bass guitar, ukulele, trumpet, trombone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute.

Please contact your preferred teacher directly. The teacher will discuss the costs and the materials required for the lessons. The lesson time will be organised after consultation with the student's class teacher, music coordinator and deputy principal as necessary.

**Choir Eisteddfod.** The students in the P-2 and 3-6 Choir have started rehearsing for the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod. This Eisteddfod is on in the third week of Term 3. Expression of interest emails have been sent out to parents/carers. The P-2 Choir rehearse on Monday at lunchtime and the 3-6 Choir rehearse on Friday at lunchtime.



**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](mailto:Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au)

**Rachel Campbell - piano, keyboard, clarinet, saxophones (available on 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.



**Phil Stone - guitar-electric, acoustic, classical, bass, ukulele, music theory and arranging**

I have a Diploma of Music from Melba Memorial Conservatorium. I have been a guitar tutor at a number of facilities including the Murray Conservatorium and the Shanghai International School. I can teach beginner to advanced students. I have played with famous people including Darryl Braithwaite, Rick Price, Vanetta Fields and Renee Geyer. Contact Phil on 0488 288 587

**Akeidha Alexander - piano**

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



**Chris Hall - drum kit**

I have been a student of music since the age of 11. My knowledge of music is extensive, and I am a skilled teacher who brings concepts to life in creative ways. I have live performance experience across Sydney and Melbourne with original bands. AMEB music achievements in music theory, piano, saxophone and clarinet. Contact Chris on 0405 026 169

# Yr 8 HUMANITIES

Students in Year 8 Humanities have been learning about the Vikings. They recently completed a project focusing on a topic of their choosing, such as Viking technology, warfare and clothing. A component of this assessment tasks was to create an example or replica of a primary source artefact related to their topic. These are some examples of artefacts that students have made.

## Viking poem by Skye S

As the Vikings conquered lands  
They spilled much blood with their hands  
As they sailed from place to place  
They were not recognised by their face  
From swords to shields, from boats to bows  
They did not seek things like friends or foe  
What they wanted was a place to settle  
Before sailing to their next hard battle  
As their settlements grew and grew  
They started to sail to lands anew  
Their boat technology improved some more  
So they sailed to a much further shore  
But soon their reign would come to an end  
And you can no longer meet them with your friend



Stop motion video showing the Battle of Stamford Bridge & Battle of Hastings, which saw the end of the Viking Age. Jasper G.



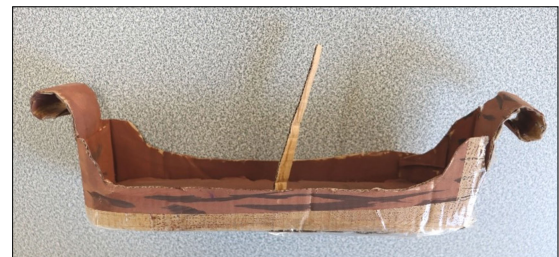
Viking Antler comb. Caitlan S.



Mammen-style Viking axe head. Julian K.



Decayed Viking sword. Laila S.



Queen of Oseberg ship. Skye S.



Ulfberht Viking sword. Harry W.



Viking robe with plaited belt. Wilson T.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Bright P-12 College Year 10 student Theo H is currently studying Media Studies and he took this fantastic photo of the recent Aurora which he was happy to share with us in the newsletter.

Theo also has also been studying other types of photography, including automotive, sports (mountain biking, skiing) and landscape.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ALPINE SHIRE YOUTH AWARDS

**Nominations are Open!**

Monday, 29th April 2024

**Nominations Close**

Monday, 5th August 2024

**Awards Night**

Friday, 30th August 2024

ALPINE YOUTH

### ALPINE L2P IS LOOKING FOR LEARNERS IN BRIGHT

There are vacancies for learners in Bright and surrounds, so if you are having trouble getting your 120 hours and need some assistance, this is the program for you. There are eligibility requirements but we look at each learner on an individual basis, so ask us first.

Contact the L2P Coordinator at 03 5755 0555 or L2P@alpineshire.vic.gov.au

### THE LIGHTHOUSE

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 2PM - 6PM  
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Bright P-12 College has partnered with TheirCare to provide this service to your school commencing Term 3. We would like to welcome you to a Parent Information Session on **May 22nd** at 9:15am at the College. For those unable to attend the morning session we are also providing an online session the same day at 6:00pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8212772084?pwd=dnNlTlJlTWVhPjQxIaDlVW9aNR80qVZ09>





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