

WELCOME BACK

We were excited to welcome students to school last week after a long summer break. We said a special 'welcome' to our Prep students and other students who are new to our school. See page 4 for a photo of our Prep students.













COMMUNICATION

Parents / guardians / carers, your main form of communication from school will continue to be Compass in 2023. We also have an official Facebook page, where we share news and photos. The school newsletter is sent out via a Compass link every two weeks during term-time. Our website is a useful source of information and our staff at the front office are available to answer any questions.







For parents of primary students, your child's classroom teacher will send you regular updates throughout the term. Year Level Coordinators are a useful contact for parents of secondary students. Assistant Principal Primary Mat Gray, Assistant Principal Secondary Phil Rigby and Principal Jean Olley are also always happy to help with any queries.





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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! Welcome to all students, from those embarking on their journey with us as brand new Prep students, to students who are new to our school in other years, and students who we welcome back from 2022.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff at Bright P-12 College and know parents and students will make our new staff feel very much a part of our community.

A timely reminder now we have started a new school year to please talk to your children about their mobile phone use at school. Since the start of 2020, a statewide policy for **all** government schools has been in place. Students who choose to bring their mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, so between 9am and 3:20pm, including during recess and lunch. Secondary students need to put their mobile phones in their lockers and Primary students should hand them to their teachers at the start of every day. We thank you for your cooperation in supporting the wellbeing of our students. This policy

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will start on Thursday 16th February at 8:30am and continue weekly throughout the term. All students are welcome to attend. Many thanks to our supporters Woolworths and Beechworth Bakery.

2022 YEARBOOK

Our 2022 Yearbook is currently being printed.

If you have pre-ordered a copy, you will be contacted when it is ready for collection from school.



is in place to support students' physical health, emotional wellbeing and social connections. Please note: if parents need to contact students during the school day, please call the office in 5755 1166.

As we look ahead to 2023, I am excited to share our learning journey with the school community. We have a range of camps, excursions and incursions to look forward to. Our sporting calendar is coming together and we are back in the swing of our cultural exchange program, with planning for trips to Japan and Germany well underway. We are only in Week 2 but we already feel settled into the school routine and our staff are reporting a strong commitment from students to our school values of Respect, Effort and Collaboration. A great start to the year!

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

9 FEB Secondary House Swimming
10 FEB Primary House Swimming
20 FEB Yr 11/12 O&M Cricket
21-22 FEB Primary 'Reptile Encounters' incursion
27 FEB Primary O&M swimming
27-28 FEB Yr 12 Retreat

MARCH

1 MAR Primary Hume swimming2 MAR Secondary O&M swimming3 MAR Yr 5/6 Apex walk

13 MAR LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NOTE: School photos are booked for Thursday 4th May

NEW STAFF

My name is Melody Gabriel. I love Chemistry, Science and problem solving which is perfect for teaching Science and



Maths and I am very happy to be at Bright P-12 College. I have been teaching 20+ years in the UK, Melbourne, and the Ovens Murray region. I recently took a few years of leave after having my son, but he has just started Prep. I am originally from the UK (Yorkshire) so have an 'interesting accent'. I have been in Australia for 19 years and in the Alpine area for 9 years, which I love, especially in the autumn and winter.

I really enjoy spending time with my small family including my two whippets 'Sooty & Sweep'. I enjoy walking, skiing and the occasional bike ride and I am so happy to be able to get back to travelling this year. I've been made to feel very welcome by the whole school community. I look forward to deepening connections, answering interesting Science questions, and supporting the students to be the best they can be.

Hi Bright P-12 College. My name is Daniel Sgambelloni and I am teaching Grade 2 this year. I am coming from Myrtleford P-12 College, where I taught for a number of years as a Numeracy Learning Specialist and Grade 1 & 2 teacher. I am also a past student of Bright P-12 College, so I am excited to be returning.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and exploring what Bright and surrounds has to offer, including football and golf. I am really looking forward to getting to know the students and their families this year.





Hi Bright P-12 College students, friends and family members. My name is Emma Rhys and I am teaching Grade 6B this year.

My recent history involves lots of parenting for my 3 year old daughter, substitute teaching in both primary and secondary schools as well as snow sports instructing. I decided to challenge myself and take up a full time role so I could develop a better connection with my students.

In my spare time I enjoy gaming, reading and snowboarding in the winter.

Hello, my name is Michelle Porter and you will find me working in the school office on a Monday and Thursday. When I am not at the school, you will find me enjoying being out and about with my lovely family and friends, gardening, planning my next trip to the coast and I can't walk past a good op shop.

Before joining the school administration team, I worked for many years in local and state government and private consultancy doing all sorts of different projects, with a particular interest in those to do with waste, environment and community. Now I am looking forward to my new role and being part of the Bright P-12 College school community.





My name is Nathan Gray and I will be teaching Design and Technology, Digital Technologies and VCD this year at Bright P-12 College. My family and I moved to Bright at the end of 2021 from the Adelaide Hills, where I worked as Middle School Wellbeing Leader / Technologies teacher.

Since a trip to Canada/Europe in 05/06, I've been drawn to the mountains so after a few family holidays to Bright where we fell in love with the scenery and lifestyle, it was an easy decision to make the move over. I love snowboarding and surfing but with limited opportunities for the latter, have recently gotten into mountain biking.

I'm super excited about returning to teaching after 12 months off and look forward to helping students build some cool projects that they can be proud of.

NEW STAFF CTD...

My name is Kohei Sakashita and I'm from Japan. I am looking forward to meeting you. I came here to work in the role of Japanese language assistant and I had never been to Bright before.

I'd like you to give you some information about myself and invite you to talk to me anytime. In my spare time, I love playing tennis and I was a tennis coach in Melbourne before coming to Bright. As well as playing tennis, I also enjoy playing lots of other sports like basketball, baseball and soccer. I'm here for one term and in that time, I'm looking forward to having lots of different experiences and leaving with wonderful memories of Bright P-12 College.





Hi, I'm Rijan Young. I'm from Colorado in the US. I came to Australia 12 years ago to work as an engineer on ships in the ocean. In 2020, I left my job to pursue a career in education and now I'm teaching Maths and Health & PE. This is my first teaching job and I'm so excited to start this journey with all of you.

I've received such a warm welcome here at Bright P-12 College which has been wonderful. In my spare time, I like to mountain bike at Mystic and climb at Mt Buffalo.

PREPS FIRST DAY



Our 23 Prep students on their first day at school. They've settled in very well and are doing a great job getting to know their teachers and making new friends.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2023

Notes for the Instrumental Program for 2023 will come out later this term. There have been some changes in the Instrumental Staff for this year and some of these are yet to be finalised. We are currently contacting students who were learning in 2022 and still want to continue with their lessons. I will let you know when the notes for this year are out. The ideal age would be for students from Year 3-4 and above to learn an instrument. This in some cases depends on the students involved. There are other musical opportunities for students at this college such as choirs and ensembles. I will let you know when these are taking place later this term.

Jason Campbell, Music Coordinator

LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISING

The reciprocal relationship between the Lions Club of Bright and Bright P-12 College students continues, to the benefit of both organisations. In preparation for the iconic "Duck Race" which was held on January 14th at Centenary Park, students from Bright P-12 assisted with the sorting and checking of 1000 rubber ducks which had been in storage for the last 3 years.

The Lions Club of Bright proudly support the Bright P-12 German exchange students each year with a donation, and to show their appreciation, the students (and at times their families) provide additional "people power" to the Club to bolster their numbers for certain activities.

Many thanks to Taylor, Scarlett, Holly, Jasper, Julian, Sam, Daniel and Claire.

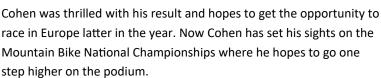


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - ROAD CYCLING



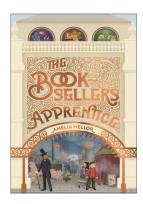
On the 7th of January, Year 12 student Cohen Jessen competed at the National Road Cycling Championships in the U19 Category in Buninyong. The race is a gruelling 104kms long and they summit Mt Buninyong 9 times.

This was one of his target races for the year and he was lucky enough to come second and be awarded the most aggressive riders jersey.





STORIES FROM OUR LIBRARY



Former teacher at Bright P-12 College and award-winning author Amelia Mellor has written her second novel, following the success of her fantastically creative debut *The Grandest Bookshop in the World.* Her first book won an Australian Book Industry Award, an Indie Book Award, a NSW Premier's Literary Award and a Booksellers' Choice Award. It also won the 2021 Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature and was voted #5 on the Better Reading 2022 Top 50 Kids book list.

This action-packed prequel, *The Bookseller's Apprentice*, is another race-against-time adventure. Set twenty-two years before *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*, this new novel is a beguiling work of historical fiction that can be read as both a prequel and standalone. Loaded with tricks, riddles, magic and mayhem, this book is sure to entrance readers.

PE UPDATE



We have introduced a new Physical Education (PE) program for students in Prep to Year 6. Classroom teachers have previously taken their own PE classes. Going forward, Primary PE lessons will be taken by Daniel Saville as a specialist teacher. This follows the same model as our other specialist teacher roles in Primary for Art, Japanese / German and Music.

We are excited about having a learning specialist to teach PE to Primary students as we believe this will produce a cohesive program which delivers the best outcomes for students. We live in a community where physical activity plays a key role in our lives and this teaching model will deliver positive results for the health of our students.

Mr Saville's passion and enthusiasm for sport in schools and the community will be harnessed and he is already enjoying his new role at Bright P-12 College.

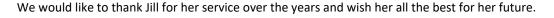
As part of this newly created PE specialist role, Mr Saville will also be leading the Prep-Year 6 and Year 7-12 Sport programs.





FAREWELL

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Jill Chalwell, who retired at the end of 2022. Jill had been teaching piano at Bright P-12 College since 1990. She has taught hundreds of students in that time from early primary to upper secondary aged children. Jill has supported college events, was always present at our Soirees and over the years has acted as an accompanist at many competitions and performances. Jill has a very patient and caring attitude towards her students and quickly develops a rapport with all who are taught by her.





FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2022.
- changed family circumstances, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023.

Applications close June 2023

 $If you have any queries, please don't he sit at e to contact Jenni - \underline{Jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au}\\$

Yr 9 CAREERS BIG DAY IN

On Monday the 5th of December, the annual Careers Big Day In for 2022 was held for our Year 9 students. The day involved students participating in a variety of career activities, which included:

Career Exploration. Community members were invited to come in and share their career pathway journey with the students. A number of the visitors were past students and our Year 9 cohort enjoyed hearing about our guests' career journeys. In addition, the students visited a business in Bright to help them understand the diversity of skills involved in setting up and running a small business. Thank you to Espire, Bright Brewery, Foresight Engineering, Cyclepath and DELWP for hosting small groups of students.

Work Experience 2023. Students completed Safe at Work modules, obtained USI numbers and discussed work experience options for Term 1 2023.

Job application process. Students applied for a job by writing a resume and then participating in an interview in response to this application. Learning these critical life skills was embraced by the students and the interviewers were very complementary of the effort that they put into the process. Thank everyone involved in volunteering their time. We commend the students on their participation during this busy and valuable learning experience. Jane Mildren (Careers Educator and advisor)

























STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - MOUNTAIN BIKE RACING



Year 10 student Zac Bradley came away with the win for Mt Beauty last month in the Vic Downhill Series R2.

Challenging seeding run with a stack at 'the bus stop' - breaking a brand new chain and bending the axle on a pedal - he came 13th. All Terrain Cycles Bright came to the rescue with speed and professionalism as usual. Thanks to Riley and Adam who fixed Zac up with new chain and switched pedals over for him. Thanks to mum having brought the Enduro bike 'for parts' apparently!! With some fine tuning ... ready to race again.

With looming bad weather and thunder echoing all around the hills we didn't know whether the racing would be ended on seeding run results as prior to Zac's seeding one U17 had a very bad crash down the chute.

Racing was paused for an hour and therefore it was doubtful whether riders would get another go.

Very late to start all the racings after seeding runs but they were called for transport and off they went.

Cracker of a run - got all the lines that he had planned out and took the win. It had just started to rain and got heavier as the U19 and Elite had their race run for the day.

Thinking of fallen riders. Sending good thoughts your way and hope to see you trackside soon.

See you at Mt Baw Baw and then straight afterwards - National Champs at Thredbo - Cannonball.

Thank you to all who support and encourage Zac we so appreciate it - congratulations to ALL riders - a VERY gnarly downhill track - not for everyone - very tech and challenging. Thank you to Markee Mark Matt Rousu and others who spent many hours creating, shaping, moving dirt and manicuring what was to be a wild ride for them all.

Thank you also to All Terrain Cycles; Club MUD; Team Mount Beauty; Dean Lucas; Dean Lucas Racing; Sam Purdie; KRUSH; Loose Riders Goldfields; Fist Handwear; SCOTT DH Factory; Yarra Valley Cycles.



VET 2023

This year, we have 31 students undertaking VETDSS courses as a part of their studies. VETDSS (Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students) is ideal for secondary students who are completing their VCE or Year 10 and want to gain practical skills in a specific industry. Undertaking VETDSS while at school allows students to mix general and vocational education and to make a start on training for a career before they leave school. This year we have students studying the following courses:

GOTAFE Wangaratta Certificate II in Electro technology, Building and Construction, Plumbing

and Automotive, Certificate III in Equine and Make up.

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Certificate III in Information Technology, Design Fundamentals and

Screen and Media, Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies

VET at School with Mr Steer Certificate II in Outdoor Recreations, Certificate III in Sport and

Recreation (Partial competition)

Congratulations to all the students undertaking VETDSS this year.

Yr 2 ART

Demonstrating their imagination, Year 2 students started the year in Art by designing a recycled bag for a music festival. Using mixed media techniques to create a graphic image, pupils had fun creating their unique pieces.











GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

During Term 1, we are hosting 6 German Exchange students from our sister school, die Wirtschaftsschule Alpenland in Bad Aibling Bavaria. These students are enrolled in Year 10 and are living with host families (from our students who spent Term 4, 2022 in Germany). They are completing the 2022-2023 'Long Term' program between our schools. We welcome them to Bright P-12 College and hope they gather many experiences during their time in Bright and surrounds, with their host families and at our school. Each student has written a short introduction text to share in the newsletter.



My name is Emma Zegas. I am 15 and I live in Nicklheim in Raubling. Here in Australia I am staying with the McKees and my partner is Ava. In Germany I am living in a house with my mother and my older brother Louis. We also have two dogs and three horses. My hobbies are riding my horses and playing tennis. I also love reading and listening to music.

Hello, my name is Lucy Schäfer and I'm 14 years old. In Germany I live in Waldheim, it is near Bad Aibling. In my family are my father, my mother, my little sister, our cat and our dog. For the exchange time, I'm standing with Kira Mack and her family. My hobbies are tennis, table tennis and photographing. Music is also a favourite thing from me. I found some different things to Germany. For example, the school system is very different and the food is also different. From the exchange, I hope that I can learn better English.

Hello, my name is Lisa Ungar I'm 15 years old. I'm from Westerberg which is near Bad Aibling. I have one older sister and two cats. I stay with the Gillham's and my partner is Ryley she got two younger sisters. They have chickens, four horses, one dog and one cat. I hope I can see here a lot of animals which we don't have in Germany. I like the warm weather here because at home is winter.

Hey, my name is Dorina Varga and I'm 16 years old. I live in Bad Aibling, Germany although I was born in Hungary. I play soccer in my free time, and I also can play guitar. I stay with the Michie's and Billy is my exchange partner. I am looking forward to spending the next months in Australia and visiting Sydney with the other Germans.

Hello, my name is Viktoria Meier I'm fourteen years old and I come from Weiching, near Bad Aibling. I have three sisters and a dog. I play tennis and I love skiing. I love the weather here. I like to go swim and riding with horses. I live with family Ciolli and my partner is Alison Ciolli. She live in Bright and have a dog Clover.

Hey, I'm Tizian Töpfer a fifteen year old boy from Rott am Inn, near Rosenheim. I really like soccer, swimming, skiing. Hanging out with friends and partying is something I could do at daily bases. My dad, mom, sister, and I live together without pets. Things I love about Australia: the always beautiful weather, the scenery and the very kind people.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Local Support -St. Vincent De **Paul Society**

St. Vinnies are a group of volunteers who are available to assist families and individuals who are suffering adversity in their lives and are struggling to make ends meet. If you need assistance with rent, paying your electricity bill, or you or your family need food or clothing items, the St. Vincent De Paul Society can help.

The service provided is confidential and can be accessed by calling one of the friendly team

- 0437 288 638



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All

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:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure



COMMUNITY NOTICE



JOIN THE FUN!

Whorouly - T1 All Girls Auskick Centre

Whorouly Recreation Reserve Tuesdays - February 21st - March 21st 4pm-5pm

> Register via the link below or the QR code For further details: cam.green@afl.com.au



State Schools Relief - Uniform support for families

If you require assistance with the provision of essential uniform items, please contact your child's Classroom teacher, Year level co-ordinator, Primary/Secondary Assistant Principal, or Jenni for further information

jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au

Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and Compass Notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading
 our newsletters, by checking Compass and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff
 about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website see http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)





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