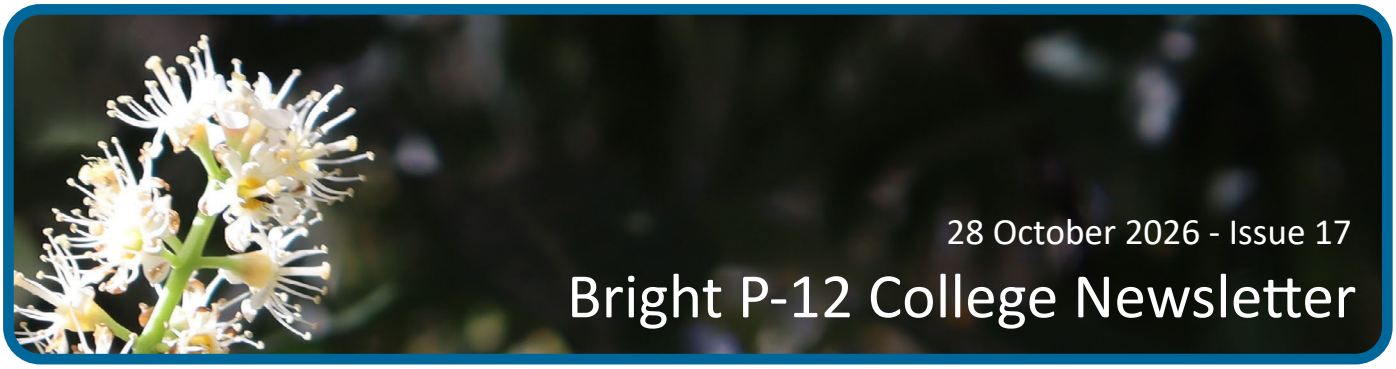


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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY EVENT

Last week, we hosted an Energy Efficiency & Sustainability community event at Bright P-12 College. At the event, students and staff showcased several of our many sustainability projects. Thank you to our supporters for being part of our sustainability initiatives. For more, see pages 6 & 7.





JAPANESE EXCHANGE

We were delighted to welcome 14 students from various schools in our sister city, Gamagori, Japan. During their stay, they joined some regular classes alongside their host brothers and sisters. They also organised and ran fun activities for our Japanese classes. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships, share cultures and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to our wonderful host families for warmly welcoming the Japanese students into their homes and making their stay so special! For more photos, see page 10.

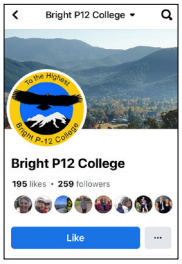






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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Congratulations to our Year 12 students, who have finished their formal classes at Bright P-12 College. See pages 4 & 5 for photos and an excerpt of their inspiring speech, which was delivered at our all-school assembly last week. We are very proud of our Year 12 students, as they reach this special milestone of finishing school.

Last week's VCE Media presentations at the Courthouse were another wonderful celebration of student achievement. The variety and originality of the ideas, the quality of the productions and the confidence and professionalism of our students were exceptional. It was particularly rewarding to see students taking creative risks, solving problems, working through challenges and producing work of which they can be genuinely proud. These are the learning experiences that develop confidence, independence, resilience and the skills young people will carry well beyond school.

The event was also a terrific example of the value of our community partnerships. We greatly appreciate the support of the Bright Film Societyand the Courthouse in providing such a wonderful venue.

A huge thank you to Darren Wood for organising the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Showcase. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the innovative work happening across our school and share it with representatives from government, education, industry and our wider community.

Through our gardens, food production, biodiversity, waste management and energy projects, our students develop practical skills, curiosity, creativity and an understanding of how they can make a difference. This authentic, purposeful learning connects the curriculum to the world beyond the classroom and highlights the importance of our partnerships with the broader community and the opportunities these create for our students.

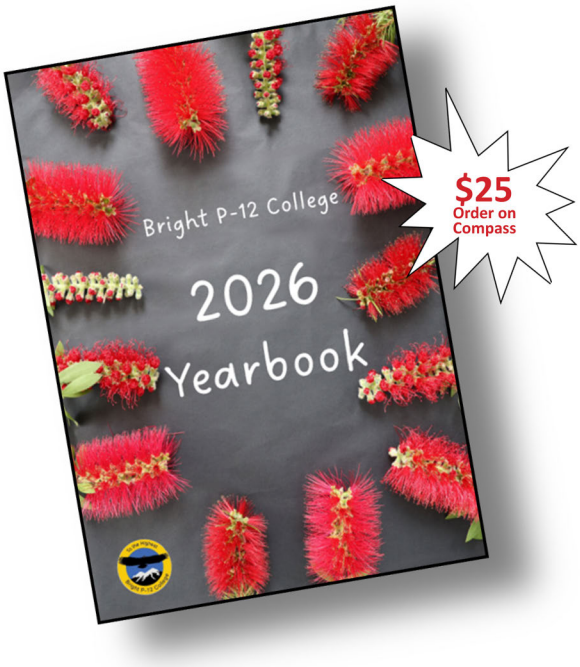
Our German Study Tour concludes this week, bringing to an end another wonderful international learning experience for our students and staff. These opportunities are about so much more than language learning. They build independence, broaden perspectives, develop friendships and help our young people understand their place in an increasingly connected world.

Reflecting on the past week, I am reminded of the breadth of opportunities available to our students at Bright P-12 College. From academic learning and examinations to creative productions, international experiences, outdoor education and community events, our aim is to provide an education that develops the whole child. Excellent classroom teaching remains at the heart of what we do, but the experiences that surround this learning are equally important. They help our young people discover their interests, develop their strengths, build relationships and gain the confidence to contribute positively to the world around them.

Thank you to our staff for the energy, care and commitment they bring to these opportunities, and to our families and wider community for your ongoing support.

Jean Olley - Principal

Order before 4 December



COLLEGE CALENDAR

All calendar events are subject to change.
Please check Compass for most up-to-date calendar.

OCTOBER

27 OCT-18 NOV	VCE exams
28 OCT	Yr 7/8 Hume girls table tennis, Wangaratta
29 OCT	Primary State Athletics, Melbourne

NOVEMBER

2 NOV	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayaking
3 NOV	**Melbourne Cup public holiday**
5 NOV	P-2 Sports Day
9-11 NOV	Yr 3/4 Melbourne Camp
11 NOV	6:30pm Art Show opening, Bright Art Gallery

NEXT STUDENT FREE DAY: Friday 4th December

Yr 9 VCD

Bringing Design to Life: Year 9 T-Shirt Project



Our Year 9 Visual Communication Design students are taking their creativity beyond the classroom through an exciting, real-world design project. Students have been developing their own T-shirt concepts, learning how to respond to a design brief, identify target audiences, build customer profiles and refine their ideas through concept sketching.

We are delighted to be working with Scott Liston from Scott Liston Designs and Alpine Armour, who has generously donated his time to visit our students and share his professional knowledge. Scott has provided valuable advice and feedback on the students' initial designs, helping them develop their ideas and gain insight into the design process from an industry perspective. Opportunities like this allow our students to connect their classroom learning with local industry, build practical skills and see how their creative ideas can become real products. We sincerely thank Scott for his generosity, expertise and support of our young designers.

Keep an eye out for the finished designs at our school's Art Gallery Exhibition in November! With the T-shirts set to be printed by Alpine Armour, the exhibition will showcase the students' work and celebrate what can be achieved when creativity, community partnerships and real-world learning come together.

To find out more about Scott's work, check out Scott Liston Designs and Alpine Armour.

VCE VM WORK PLACEMENT REFLECTION

Hi, my name is Noah K. and I am currently in Year 11, undertaking the VCE VM. As part of my VM I am completing a school-based apprenticeship in Business at Auto 8 in Wangaratta. This requires me to work there one day a week to gain a useful, hands on experience in the business industry.



At Auto 8, I help with selling products and assisting customers with their needs. I also spend a lot of time creating, updating and organising spreadsheets to keep information accurate and up-to-date. This has helped me improve my communication, customer service, computer and organisational skills. Working one day a week allows me to gain real workplace experience and learn more about how a business operates.

I believe this is a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience, develop new skills and learn more about working in a business environment. I am grateful to have the chance to learn at Auto 8 while completing my education. After finishing school, I plan to continue my employment at Auto 8, build on the skills I have learnt and continue developing my knowledge and experience in the business industry.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 student Harry D competed against players from around the world in the International Tennis Federation Junior Wheelchair Series in South Africa recently. Harry was in South Africa for two weeks and he competed in two lots of three-day singles tournaments. He won both tournaments - congratulations, Harry!



Harry said the experience was great - he got to see Johannesburg, which he found interesting but chaotic and he found the people lovely.

Harry is heading to Japan to compete in the next stage of the Junior Series - good luck!

Yr 12 LAST WEEK AT SCHOOL

What a wonderful day we had celebrating our Year 12 students last week! It was such a pleasure to share this special occasion with them, to see their happiness and excitement, and to recognise the end of such an important chapter in their lives. They really are an amazing group of young people, and we are incredibly proud of the individuals they have become. We know they leave Bright P-12 College with many happy memories, lifelong friendships and the confidence to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

"One of the greatest privileges of being part of a P-12 school is watching young people grow from their earliest years of schooling into the capable, confident and thoughtful young adults we farewell at the end of Year 12. Their journey reflects not only their own efforts, but also the support of families, teachers and our wider school community over many years." Principal Jean Olley

"We've all had different experiences, different challenges and different plans for what comes next. Some of us are heading to university, some into apprenticeships or work, and some are still figuring it all out. And that's completely okay. To our teachers, the staff, the younger students and everyone who's been part of our school journey, thank you." Year 12 leaders

To our Year 12 students, congratulations! We wish you every happiness and success in whatever path you choose. You will always be part of the Bright P-12 College community, and we look forward to hearing about the next chapters in your lives.





Yr 12 LAST WEEK AT SCHOOL ctd...













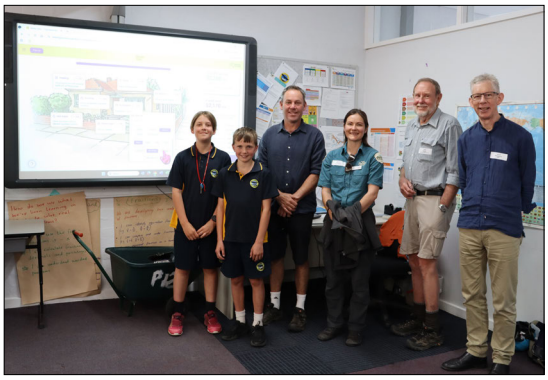
ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY EVENT ctd...

Participants were divided into 3 groups and toured different areas of the school. Principal Jean Olley said “Living in a region of outstanding natural beauty, we are committed to helping students understand their environment and recognise the role they can play in creating a more sustainable future. Our aim is to develop curious, capable and confident young people with the knowledge, skills and motivation to contribute positively to their communities. The showcase demonstrated the strength of our students, staff and community partnerships, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead.”

In the new (still under construction) Primary playground area, visitors saw a ‘before’ photo of an uninspiring space which was a dust bowl in summer and a mud pit in winter.



With help from local families who have donated time, materials and expert advice, the area is being transformed into a creative play space with natural elements including lots of greenery.



Visitors also spent time in a Year 5/6 classroom, hearing from students about how they’ve been using the gadgets in the Energy Efficiency Kits at school and at home.



To the Outdoor Classroom, where students explained how our hydroponic system words, and visitors had the opportunity to prepare a seedling to be added to the existing thriving food forest.

Visitors got a lesson from students in how the food grown at school is sold via the Bright Food Co-op or used in the school canteen.





Students also demonstrated how the worm farm is used to turn scraps from the vegetable gardens into a valuable resource.







ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY EVENT ctd...

The Bright Food Co-op was another destination on the tour.

Visitors heard from Julie Savage, Chair of the Food Co-op, about how this volunteer-run organisation is going from strength-to-strength, selling locally grown fresh produce and bulk food items to the community.

At the end of the event, participants gathered in the school vegetable gardens to enjoy lunch made in the school canteen using fresh produce from the gardens.



Quotes from attendees

"I saw outstanding student sustainability projects at Bright P-12 College. With few signs of nervousness, students explained their garden systems and the knowledge they apply to grow and supply food to their community through the Food Co-op based at the school. Other students demonstrated measuring the cost of running electrical appliances to decide the cheapest way to use energy at school and at home. Another demonstrated the wonderful online home electrification helpmate, Electric Saul. Bright P-12 students are learning truly useful life skills and stretching these beyond the school and into the community. And the community is giving back to the school. What a terrific way to learn about the benefits of everyone working together for the general good." John Naylor, Electrify Wangaratta

"I was truly inspired by our visit to Bright P-12 College. It gives us hope for the future. The children were inspirational in their enthusiasm for learning every aspect of sustainability - from insulating homes and measuring electricity usage to hydroponics and growing their own food. Just as exciting was what the school are doing to protect the children for the future by making shaded spaces outside for them to learn and play safely as temperatures rise each summer. The teachers and staff need to be congratulated for what they are doing and it is so rewarding that Sustainable Upper Ovens environmental group are able to be involved in helping them." Petula Edwards, Sustainable Upper Ovens









VAIL APPRENTICESHIPS



Two students from Bright P-12 College have recently secured first-year apprenticeships with Vail Resorts – Mt Hotham, commencing in January 2027.

Matt M will undertake a diesel mechanic apprenticeship while studying a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology. In this role, he will help maintain the resort's grooming machinery and other heavy vehicles. Hudson G will study a Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade and will be responsible for maintaining the resort's lift systems.



To secure these exciting opportunities, both students completed work experience on the mountain, participated in relevant courses at GOTAFE and ultimately impressed the Vail Resorts recruitment team, earning offers for these positions. Congratulations to Matt and Hudson on this fantastic achievement! We are incredibly proud of their efforts and wish them every success as they embark on their future careers.

ASH DARGAN EXCURSION

Year 4-6 students enjoyed an excursion to the Bright Community Centre to hear Ash Dargan telling stories through words and music.

About Ash Dargan: Ash is an indigenous recording artist world-renowned for his mastery of the didgeridoo. He has performed around the world, including in Japan and Canada. A member of the Larrakia Nation, the traditional land owners of Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia, Ash is an ambassador of his culture through his music, storytelling and live performances.

"It was really good. We'd never seen some of the instruments before. We liked the flutes from the Amazon rainforest and the nose-flute, which sounded like something you might hear at the beach - that's what it made us think of" Maya M & Lyla V. "I liked the music, and I particularly enjoyed the way Ash told stories through the didgeridoo. I also liked that the instruments weren't just from Australia. I'd give this excursion a 9/10." Murphy T.







UNIVERSITY EARLY OFFER PROGRAMS

Early offer programs allow students to access a conditional offer to their chosen institution ahead of receiving their VCE results. Having the guarantee of an offer can take the pressure off students' final year of school if there is a course that students would like to study the following year. Students who have achieved early entry for 2027 have completed applications at their chosen institutions and in many instances a place can be offered based on their Year 11 results.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an early entry to attend University in 2027.

Jemma D - Swinburne: Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science
Lily S - Latrobe: Bachelor of Nursing
Zoe K - Latrobe: Bachelor of Nursing
Heidi M - Swinburne: Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

Yr 1/2 PERFORMING ARTS

Term 3 sees the Primary classes return to Dance as their focus in Performing Arts, along with lots of rehearsal for their performances in the Primary Christmas Showcase, which is set for Thursday 3rd December.

Here we see 1/2H practising a tableau from their Drama syllabus and striking a pose as a dance troupe.





PRIMARY O&M ATHLETICS

24 students across Year 3 to 6 competed in the O&M Primary Athletics day on Friday 9th October. The weather was very warm and the students all did a great job of representing our school as they participated and supported their peers. Well done on everyone's efforts! Highlights of the day included:



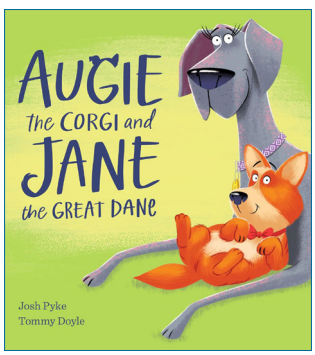
- Under 10 Boys and Girls (combined Alpine) relay teams - 2nd in their heats
- 3rd Owen S (11 boys) Discus
- 3rd Luis S (12 boys) Long Jump
- 3rd Hazel P (10 Girls) Long Jump
- 3rd Alex C (10 Boys) 200m
- 3rd Aisha S (10 Girls) 200m
- 3rd Lucy G (11 Girls) 800m

The following students progressed to the Hume event on Friday 16th October:

- Lucy G (11 Girls) - 1500m, 2nd at Hume - went on to qualify for State Athletics on Thursday 29th October
- Ava B (12 Girls) - 1500m
- Alex C (10 Boys) - 100m, 6th at Hume

BOOK REVIEW

Our younger students have been enjoying one of the new books in our library - Augie the Corgi and Jane the Great Dane.





This book, by Josh Pyke & Tommy Doyle, explores the relationship between two unlikely friends who are very different. A story of triumph over adversity and the strength of a friendship, this book has a positive message and an unexpected twist at the end.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE ctd...















GERMAN EXCHANGE

Personal reflection from Year 9 student Stephanie A:
"The German Exchange trip has felt unreal to me and I can't believe it's already coming to an end. I've loved so many things about this amazing journey: the stunning scenery, my caring host family, all the new people I've met and become friends with, going to school every day and simply getting the opportunity to try my hardest to develop a better understanding of the language. One of my favourite parts of the German Exchange was the trip to Berlin. I found the trip extraordinary, learning about German history, taking part in a unique eerie experience called the Berlin Dungeon, connecting with some of the Australian students who I wasn't close to before the exchange, and discovering so much more! I genuinely think this exchange has improved my German skills a lot and I'll forever be grateful for this incredible experience."









Yr 5/6 O&M BASKETBALL

We entered a Boys and Girls team into the O & M Basketball event at the YMCA in Wangaratta. Although both teams were unable to progress to the finals on the day, the teams competed in good spirits and showed great improvement with every game they played. Thanks to Leonard C (Yr 11), Theo G and Jordan P (Yr 7) for their assistance coaching on the day. Everyone had a really fun day!





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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.**

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Evidence-based

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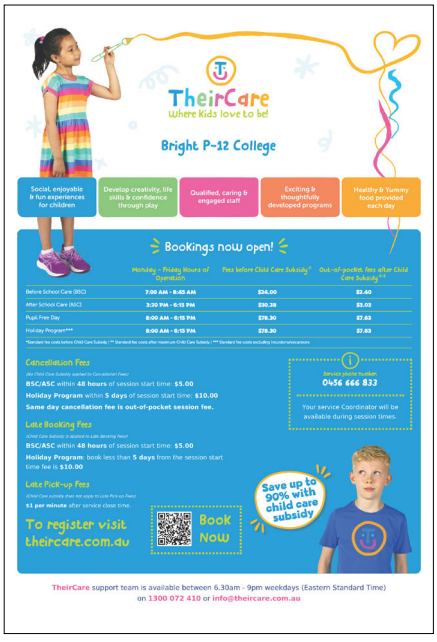
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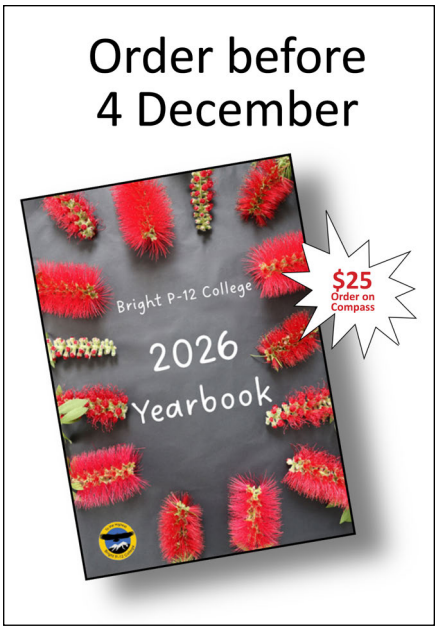












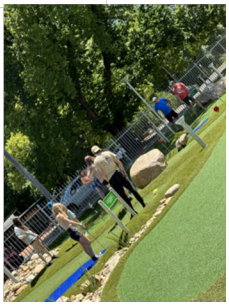






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