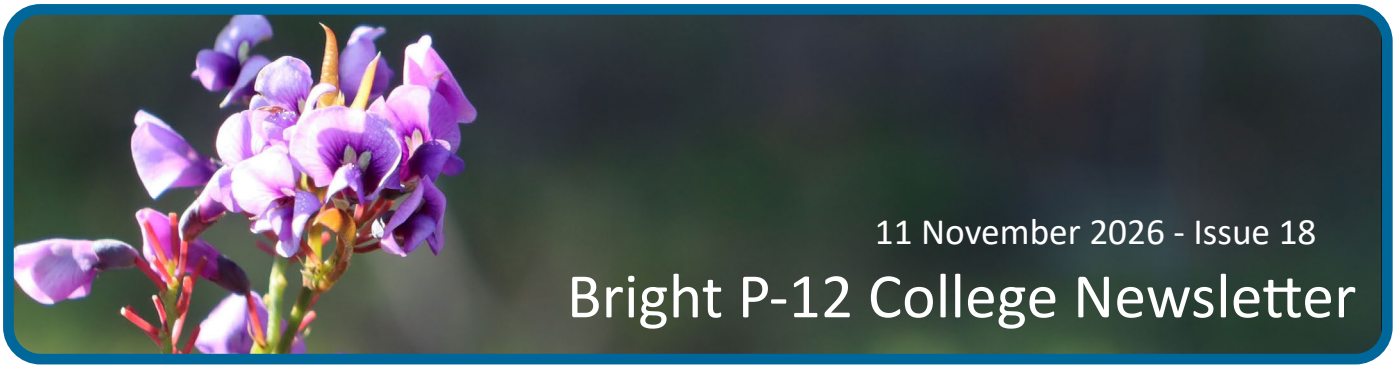


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# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

## ART SHOW - OPENING TONIGHT!

Featuring work from students across Prep to Year 12, our annual Art Show celebrates the imagination, technical skills and dedication of young artists and designers.

**Official opening:** 6:30pm on Wednesday November 11th, at the Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre. The opening will include live performances by Secondary music students, with light refreshments available for guests.

The exhibition will then be open to the public from Thursday November 12th, to Wednesday November 18th, with daily viewing hours from 10am to 8pm.

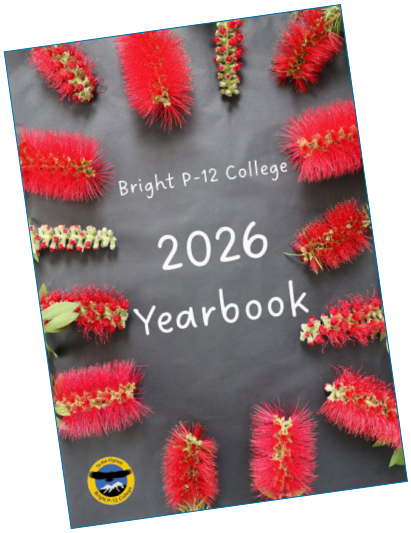
**Venue:** Bright Art Gallery and Cultural Centre, 28 Mountbatten Avenue, Bright.

We also have two College music soirees at the Bright Art Gallery:

- Friday 13th Nov 6.30pm - Secondary students
- Monday 16th Nov 6.30pm - Primary students




## 2026 YEARBOOK




We are working on the 2026 Yearbook. If you would like a copy, please order and pay through Compass by Friday 4th December.

The 2026 Yearbook includes articles and photos about everything we've done at school this year, from Prep to Year 12, including Science, Art, Music, Sport, Languages, school camps, special events, etc.

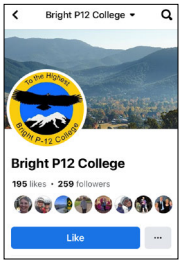
The cost is $25 and they will be professionally printed and delivered to school early in Term 1 next year. The Yearbook is listed as an 'Event' on Compass so you can pay for it like you would for a school camp or other event.

Please note, we will not be printing additional copies, so if you would like a 2026 Yearbook, you need to pre-order. You can also pay at the school office if you prefer. If you would like to see a copy of the 2025 Yearbook, we have one to view at the front office.

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# Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

As we move further into Term 4, there are some important milestones ahead for our students, with exams, camps and opportunities to develop greater independence and confidence.

This week, our Year 11 students began their revision week in preparation for exams the following week, before moving into Headstart the week after. This is an important period of transition as they prepare for their final year of schooling at Bright P-12 College.

Exams can sometimes feel daunting, but I encourage students to see them as a positive challenge and an opportunity to consolidate their learning, recognise how much they have achieved and identify areas for further growth. The work they will be assessed on is familiar — it is what they have been learning throughout the semester and year. The challenge is to organise that knowledge, practise retrieving it and demonstrate understanding.

For parents, a few simple strategies can make a real difference in supporting students through this period. Please see my Compass email from 8th November for ideas on how to support our young people.

It is also a wonderful week for our Primary students, with our Year 3/4 students in Melbourne for their camp from Monday to Wednesday, followed by our Year 2 students attending their very first school camp at Feathertop Chalet.

Camps are such an important part of the learning experiences we provide at Bright P-12 College. While students have a great deal of fun, they are also developing independence, resilience, confidence, friendships and the ability to work together in new and often unfamiliar environments.

For some students, especially our Year 2s, spending time away from home can feel like a big step. I encourage families to talk positively about the experience, reassure children that feeling a little nervous is perfectly normal and celebrate their willingness to try something new. These experiences often become some of the most treasured memories of school and are usually the most talked about experiences in the Year 6 Graduation speeches.

A huge thank you to the staff who organise and attend camps. Their commitment to providing these opportunities, including the considerable responsibility of caring for students away from home, is greatly appreciated.

Whether it is a Year 11 student preparing for exams, a Year 2 student attending their first camp, or a student working hard in class, there is a common thread running through these experiences — growth comes from being willing to take on challenges.

At Bright P-12 College, we see learning and wellbeing as equal partners. Developing confidence, resilience and a sense of achievement is an important part of helping our young people become capable, independent and happy individuals.

Thank you to our Bright P-12 families for your ongoing support and encouragement.

And finally, congratulations to Lucy G (Year 5) who competed at the State Athletics and came 16th in the 1500m. Well done, Lucy!

Jean Olley - Principal

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

## NOVEMBER

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| 27 OCT-18 NOV | VCE exams |
| 9-11 NOV | Yr 3/4 Melbourne Camp |
| 11 NOV | Remembrance Day |
| 11 NOV | 6:30pm Art Show opening, Bright Art Gallery |
| 12-13 NOV | Yr 2 Feathertop Camp |
| 16 NOV | Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayak training |
| 16-17 NOV | Yr 10 Outdoor Ed overnight hike |
| 17-20 NOV | Yr 8 Surf Camp |
| 18-20 NOV | Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp |
| 20 NOV | Yr 12 Graduation Dinner |
| 23 NOV | Yr 9 Careers Big Day In |
| 23 NOV | Yr 12 in 2027 Step-up day - La Trobe Uni, Wodonga |
| 24 NOV | Prep in 2027 Transition Day 1 |
| 26-27 NOV | Yr 9 Outdoor Ed kayaking trip, Goulburn River |
| 27 NOV | Yr 11 last day of school for 2026 |

**NEXT STUDENT FREE DAY: Friday 4th December**

# Yr 5/6 CBI

As part of our Concept Based Inquiry (CBI) lessons, students have been taking on the Talanoa Challenge, an exciting hands-on learning experience combining geography, science, engineering and teamwork. Working in small groups, students role-played being part of a community living on the fictional Pacific island of Talanoa, where a powerful cyclone was approaching. Their challenge was to design a safe community, build a shelter and develop an early warning system to help protect their people. Using natural materials collected from around the school grounds, students worked collaboratively to construct model shelters designed to withstand strong winds and flooding. They had to think carefully about the materials they chose, the stability of their structures and how their designs could protect people from the elements. The challenge will culminate in a simulated cyclone, where students will put their shelters to the test and discover how well their designs stand up to wind and water.













# COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

A big thank you to Vikki Dornom for organising Rotary Carols in the Park on Sunday, 20 December, and for providing our school students with the wonderful opportunity to perform on the community stage. If you or your child are interested in taking part in this performance, please contact Vikki Dornom. Her email address is: vikkijoymusic@gmail.com

# NEVR MUSIC CAMP

The NEVR Music Camp offers a wonderful opportunity for musically talented students to participate in a range of ensembles, including Orchestra, Choir and Contemporary Band. The camp will take place 22-24 March 2027, providing students with an exciting opportunity to develop their musical skills and perform alongside other young musicians. Students will have the opportunity to learn from experienced musicians and conductors who will guide and support them throughout the rehearsals, leading up to a final performance night.




Based on their instruments and musical interests, students will be allocated to suitable ensembles or bands. They will have the opportunity to rehearse alongside other young musicians, develop their musical skills and collaborate as part of a larger ensemble before showcasing their talents at the final performance. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience professional-level music instruction, similar to what they might encounter in a professional music conservatorium environment. This opportunity is only offered once a year, so don't miss out!

If your child is interested, visit https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1639478 for further information and registration. For enquiries, please contact Tricia Baggs: 0409 855 434 or Julie Taylor julie.taylor@education.vic.gov.au

# Yr 10 SPORT COACHING & THE COMMUNITY

As part of the Year 10 Sport Coaching and the Community elective subject, students have been enjoying different activities in our local community during their sessions. For each activity, students participated in multiple sessions, which helped develop skills, strategies, technique and confidence, as well as build a positive rapport with our local club volunteers and fitness centre instructors. For many of the activities, students had either very little or no prior experience. Activities ranged from Boxing and Strength Circuits at Alpine Fitness Centre, to Croquet at Bright Croquet Club, and then a combination of Squash and different mat Pilates sessions at the Bright Sports Centre, as well as Pickleball at Bright Tennis Club and lawn bowls at Bright Lawn Bowls Club.

Students researched aspects of these sports and completed journal entries evaluating their experiences as well as the accessibility of each activity to members of the community. It's been wonderful watching these students embrace learning new sports and fitness exercises and working with members of our local community.













# Yr 7/8 HUME GIRLS TABLE TENNIS



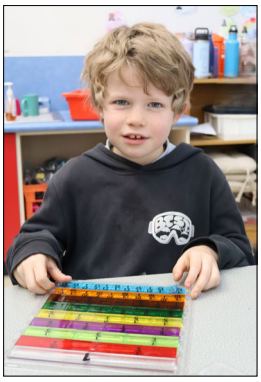
The Hume Table tennis event took place in Wangaratta on the 28th October.

It was exciting to have a team qualify in both the Year 7 and 8 girls' competition. Both teams battled against some much bigger schools from across the Hume region, including schools like Cathedral College and Shepparton CC.

Our students represented Bright P-12 College to a very high standard with both teams coming away as runners-up on the day. Well done girls.

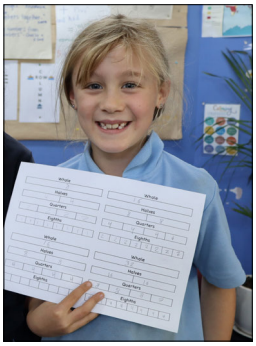
# Yr 1/2 MATHS

Our Year 1/2 students have been exploring fractions by learning how to find one-half, one-quarter and one-eighth of a collection. Students used hands-on materials to share collections into equal groups and worked out how many items belonged in each fraction. We also explored how fraction bar models can help us visualise equal parts and solve fraction problems.



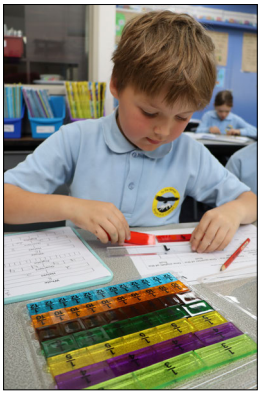












# VCE VM WORK PLACEMENT REFLECTION



Hi, my name is Harry D, I'm currently in Year 11 at Bright P-12 College, undertaking VCE VM. As part of my studies this year, I'm participating in a VET course (Cert 3 in Fitness). A Certificate 3 in fitness is the first step into becoming involved in the personal/ group fitness industry.

Currently I attend school 3 days a week, Monday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday and Wednesday I study and do my online coursework. Although I'm not currently doing work experience, that is a goal I have for the future.

Over the last 6 months I have been working through a case study. At the beginning of the case study I described muscles and functions of the human body. I would then apply this knowledge to human fitness.

I also learnt how to program exercises, I researched through slides, learning about exercises and their functions. Later on I will be making programs in my case study. I'm interested in the fitness industry as I'm currently a wheelchair tennis athlete wanting to expand my knowledge on exercise, parts of the body and how to be involved in the training industry. I would recommend going into VCE VM at Year 11 and 12 if you enjoy practical learning and have a clear pathway in an industry you want to follow. It is a great way to learn real life skills.

# PRIMARY SWIMMING

Our Primary swim program took place across Weeks 2 and 3, keeping our staff and students very busy.

Each class attended the Bright Sports Centre for 4 sessions - we are so lucky to have this facility so close to our school. The sessions were made up of water play, stroke instruction and water survival skills.

This is an incredibility valuable program the school is able to offer, giving all of our students a lifesaving skill.

Thank you to all the staff and our parent volunteers for their time and efforts to make sure the program can run.







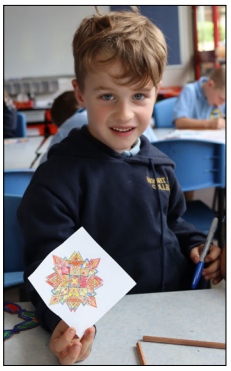


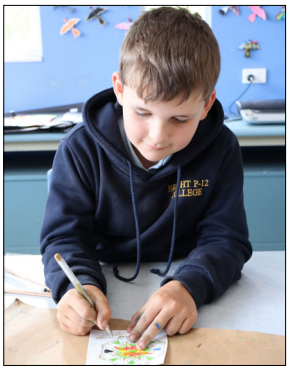

# Yr 1/2 ART

Years 1 & 2 watched the construction of a Buddhist sand mandala and showed concentration and development of fine motor skills whilst completing their miniature mandalas and frames.











# CREATIVE START TO THE DAY



We are pleased to offer 'Creative Start to the Day' sessions for students from Prep to Year 6 looking for a quiet, relaxed way to start their school day, encouraging self-expression, confidence and positive social connections with their peers through exploration with art and creativity. Sessions are facilitated by Esther Dudley, who is completing her Masters in Therapeutic Arts Practice placement. Esther is also a Science and Maths teacher at our school.

**When:** Term 4 Friday mornings, from 8:30am
**Where:** Wellbeing room
**Staffed by:** Clem Brasher and Esther Dudley
Please let your children know to pop by and get creative!

# NEW SCHOOL SHIRT

We are pleased to announce that College Council has approved a new school shirt for Bright P-12 College, which will be introduced in 2027. This new shirt is for all students, from Prep to Year 12. Our uniform supplier, FCW, is currently working on the production and distribution of the new shirt. Fabric is 60% cotton inner and 40% Cool-dry outer. Price approx $33 TBC.

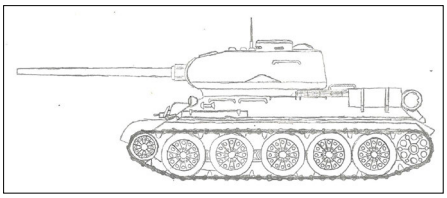


**Important information for families**

- New school shirt: Expected to be available for purchase through FCW in early December.
- Current light blue school shirt: Will remain an approved school uniform item throughout 2027. Students can continue wearing their existing shirts, with an overlap period in place for at least the next school year.
- Current shirt sale: FCW has discounted the current light blue school shirts. However, stock is reducing quickly, so families wishing to purchase these are encouraged to do so soon.

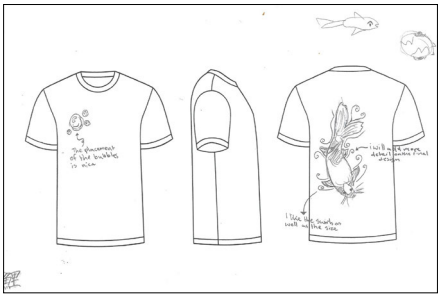
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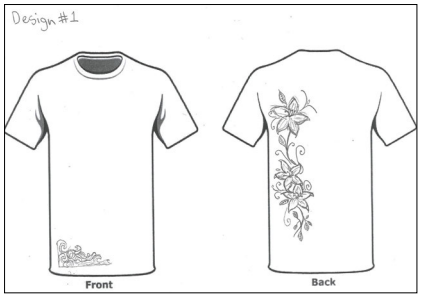
# Yr 9 VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN





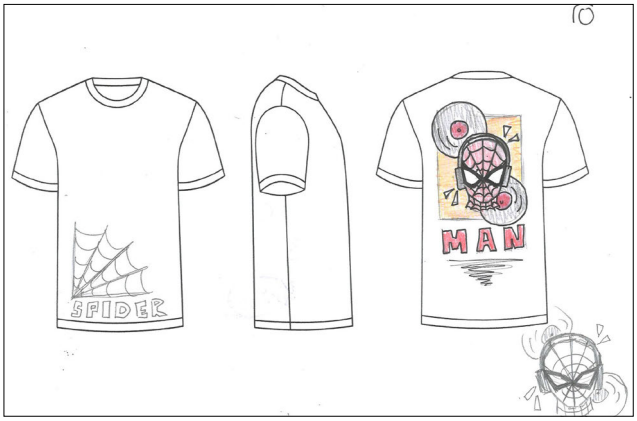

Year 9 VCD students have been continuing their T-shirt design projects, showcasing the development of their ideas and design process in their visual diaries. They've been learning how use Adobe Illustrator (professional design software) to produce their final work for printing. Thanks to Scott Liston from Alpine Armour for his mentorship.
















# Yr 3/4 PE

Students in Year 2/3C have been practising their tennis skills during their recent Physical Education lessons. By learning to play tennis, our Primary students are developing their hand-eye coordination, agility and balance - all while having fun with their friends!

















# Yr 10 HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During Term 4, the Year 10 HPE class in their practical sessions have been further developing their skills in different sports such as Indoor hockey, NFL and more recently Touch Rugby as you can see in the photos. These sports extend students in their tactical thinking and help them develop different strategies whilst under pressure in game situations. It has been great to see them adapt to these situations and work together in teams.













# Yr 9 OUTDOOR ED



Year 9 Outdoor Education students put their bushwalking skills into action with a 2-day hike on Razorback. Students tackled a sunrise summit to Mount Feathertop, the second highest mountain in Victoria at 1,922m above sea level. All students prepared well for this overnight hike, which made for a great trip.





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

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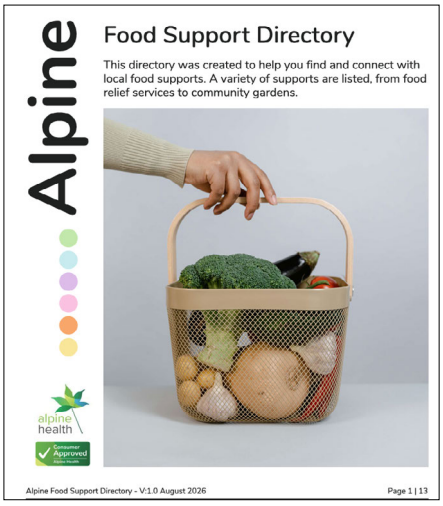


















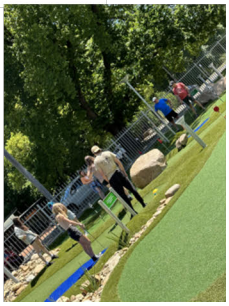






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