



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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February 2nd

COMING EVENTS

February

Mon 12th
House Swimming
Carnival

Wed 14th
Whole School Welcome
BBQ

Fri 23rd
School Photo's

March

Fri 1st
Photo Catch up

Mon 11th
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Thur 28th
Last Day of Term
Finish 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2024 school year, I trust all families had an enjoyable and relaxing break. A special welcome to our new year 7 students and new students in other year levels.

This year we also welcome a few new staff members:

Luke Sherman – English/Humanities teacher

Alaska Benkovich – Psychology teacher

Emer O'Shea – Maths/ICT teacher

Meabh Donohoe – Maths/Science teacher

Landon Smith – Maths/Science teacher

Sean McNicholl – PE/Humanities teacher

Jeanine Ghantous – Maths/Humanities teacher

Emma Dwyer – Art teacher

Jon Bailey – Math teacher

Soile Keskinen – English/Humanities teacher

Toby Dans – PE/Health teacher

Adam Ferrys – PE/Maths teacher

Sarah Fitzmaurice – Maths/Science teacher

Emily Brunton – Education Support Disability Inclusion (ESDI) staff member

Lorena Naicker – ESDI staff member

Alexya Gauci – ESDI staff member

Lyndal Browne – ESDI staff member

Tanya Fraser – Business Manager

Jodie Halton – Laboratory Assistant

Regi McKinlay – Mental Health Practitioner

We welcome Chris Reid to the Leadership team. Chris is our new Junior School Manager.

Welcome back to the following staff from leave: Michael Burke, Carin Kohlar, Danni McCrow & Steph Paton.

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PO Box 108
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<https://broadfordsc-vic.compass.education/>

Principal: Ms Tania Pearson

The first point of call for families is usually the year level coordinator, to discuss your child's individual needs. Please see below the year level coordinators for 2024.

Junior School – Chris Reid (Junior School Manager)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Rylee Majerczyk	Luke Sherman	Chris Reid

Senior School – Nick Egan (Senior School Manager)

Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Erin Burton	Gerard Hughes	Trevor Nye

School Captains for 2024 are as follows:

Cassie Zolnierczyk & Matthew Whitfield – School Captains

Eliza Dawson & Dominik McKinlay – Vice School Captains

Evie Birks & Jordan Russell – Junior School Captains

Getting your child up, dressed in uniform, fed and off to school isn't always easy. But it's super important for their education. There are no safe number of days for missing school. Everyday missed can put a student behind with their studies, with their friends and with their connection to school. Illness is a valid reason to stay at home. But there are very few other reasons and every day missed adds up.

Missing a day, a fortnight adds up to four weeks a year, or an entire year of education by Year 12. A child missing a day a week, will miss 2 ½ years of school, placing them well behind their peers. Even missing 30 minutes a day adds up to four weeks a year.

With school starting, we encourage parents and carers to set routines and talk positively about the importance of attending school every day. Try to avoid doctor or dentist visits during the school day and plan for family holidays during the school break.

Schools always want to positively work in partnership with their families. Act early if you have attendance concerns by contacting the office on 5784 1200 and asking for advice and support. Because EVERY DAY COUNTS.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our school values of: Respect, Responsibility, Organisation, Persistence and Excellence. Families can support our values by ensuring all students are in full school uniform, use appropriate language, leave phones in their lockers, bring all equipment to all classes (including devices), are punctual, polite, show genuine care for others and strive to always do their best.

As a safety precaution, please drop off and pick up students on either Pinniger St or White St. Snodgrass Street is very busy in the mornings and after school with school buses. Please stay clear of the bus zones during these times.

Please keep the evening of Wednesday 14th February free, to join us in our whole school welcome BBQ. All Coordinators, junior school and Senior School Managers, and Junior school advocates will be in attendance for you to meet and chat with. I look forward to sharing a meal with you all then.

Tania Pearson
Principal

First Day Year 7.11 & 12 Assemblies



Mobile Phones

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff, and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the relevant school manager or coordinator if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here:

<https://broadfordsc.vic.edu.au/our-school/#policies>

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the General Office on 5784 1200.

Tania Pearson

Principal

House Swimming Carnival

The BSC House Swimming Carnival will be held at Coburg Olympic Swimming Pool on Monday 12th February. All students are expected to attend, proudly sporting their house colours, and cheering on their teammates. It is a day to showcase our school spirit and unity!

Buses will transport students to the venue leaving the school at approximately 9.00am and will return in time for the buses at 3:20pm.

Please submit permissions via Compass by Thursday, February 8th. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For more information please contact Jaymee Egan-Ford.



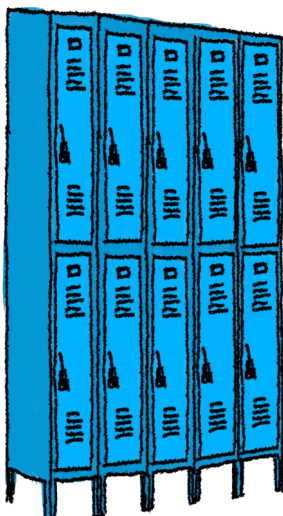
Lockers

All students are allocated a locker when they begin at Broadford Secondary College.

Students are also allocated a combination padlock to use during their time at the College. If by chance the lock will not open due to mechanical error we will replace it with another lock, but any lock that is damaged due to misuse or misadventure or is lost by the student will incur a \$15 replacement fee.

Students are also expected to remain in their allocated locker within their House area.

Student Locker locations are also rotated on a yearly basis.



Attendance Information

If you require your student to depart school early, can you please provide a *signed note* for the student to hand to their teacher, this will enable them to leave the classroom and make their way to the General Office.

Parents are asked to collect their student from the General Office and sign them out via the *Compass Kiosk*.

Can parents ensure that all attendance be updated before 12pm on the day of the student's absence.

There are several ways to do this.

Call the schools attendance line- **57841200 – extension 1.**

Call the general office- **57841200.**

Log onto Compass and update attendance- **on homepage find + add attendance note-then add reason, date, and time.**

Email absences@broadfordsc.vic.edu.au or broadford.sc@education.vic.gov.au

An unexplained absence message is sent to families at 12.45pm daily- **follow the link to add attendance note.**

Late arrivals to school need to enter via the General Office and sign in on the *Compass Kiosk* using their *Compass Card*, we also ask that you provide a written note to explain why the student is late. Students who can't use the *Compass Kiosk* are asked to speak to the general-office staff and they will sign them in.

Notes and Medical Certificates can be handed to staff in the General Office.

Thank you.

Child safety and wellbeing at Broadford Secondary College: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Broadford Secondary College has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school's website, via or at the school's front office].

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the Principal, or one of the Assistant Principals.

Broadford Secondary College 1:1 Device Program 2024



HP PROBOOK 445 G10

LENOVO 500W

At Broadford Secondary College, we recognise the increasing presence and importance of technology in students lives. Technology bridges the gap between school and home and provides students with fun and engaging learning opportunities. That is why we are steadfast in our commitment to being a 1:1 device school.

In 2024, we strongly encourage students to own a 1:1 device that will accompany other essential learning materials each lesson. As a school, we are no longer recommending i-Pads for student use at BSC. Below you will find two school recommended devices that can be purchased through the JB-HIFI Parent Portal which is linked to our school.

FEATURES	Price	Screen Size	Pen	Supports Adobe Suite	Operating System	Battery Life	Memory & Storage
HP PRO BOOK 445 G10	\$978	14-inch	No	Yes	Windows	Up to 14 hours	8GB RAM 256GB SSD
LENOVO 500W GEN 4	\$772	12.2-inch	Yes	Yes	Windows	Up to 11 hours	8GB RAM 256GB SSD

*If your child is interested in undertaking art based subjects, it is strongly recommended that families consider purchasing a device with a pen that supports the Adobe Suite

How to purchase a device through the JB-HIFI portal

- Here's how it works:
1. Go to www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/
 2. Enter the BYOD code as supplied by your school.

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3. Once logged in, select a student program.
4. Choose your preferred delivery method.
5. Follow the prompts to select your products, accessories and nominate for insurance. Enter your details to proceed.
6. Choose a payment method and complete your order. **No surcharges on credit card purchases.**

If you have any questions, we're here six days a week:

Web: www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/
 Call: 1300 730 548
 Email: byodsupport@jbhifi.com.au

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it compulsory for students to have a 1:1 device?

While it is not compulsory for students to have a 1:1 device, it is strongly recommended. With a 1:1 device, students will be able to access the full range of learning opportunities available to them at BSC.

Will students be using their devices in every subject, every day?

Each lesson is composed of a variety of learning activities, some that involve devices whilst others do not. Therefore at times there may be lessons where devices aren't used by students, however it is recommended that students bring their device to every lesson.

Where will students store their devices when it is not in use?

It is strongly recommended that students purchase a protective case to store and secure their device. Devices should be stored in student lockers during break times.

Can a student add their own software to their device?

Specific software required for each subject area can be purchased and installed at the discretion of the family.

Will my child be able to print at school?

Yes. Students will be able to print from school.

Is my child expected to take their device home every day?

Yes, students are expected to take their device to and from school each day.

What IT support is provided by the school?

The school will provide support to connect your child's device to the school network and basic troubleshooting. Any physical repairs to the device will be the responsibility of the family.

What about i-Pads?

As a school, we are no longer recommending students purchase i-pads as their 1:1 device. i-Pads restrict the use of a number of software platforms accessed by students at BSC, most notably the G-Suite. In our experience, students have expressed their preference to have a keyboard, particularly as writing demands increase from Year 7 to 12. Finally, i-Pads provide opportunity for greater distractions from learning as the school has limited ability to monitor inappropriate use of apps such as Snap Chat and various online games.

Can I recharge my device at school?

No. It is expected that students will bring their device to school each day, fully charged.

Can my child access games on their device?

Any games or applications are not to be accessed, used or downloaded via the school network unless instructed by school staff.

What happens if my child leaves their device at home?

It is expected that student devices will be at school everyday. Students who do not bring their device will be significantly disadvantaged as their ability to access lesson activities and materials will be compromised.

Will the device be covered by school insurance while it is being used at BSC?

No. It is the responsibility of families to insure their device if they choose to.

Does my home need internet access?

No. Students will be provided with access to the school network while at school, where they can access the information and basic software they require. If you do have internet access at home, you are welcome to connect the device to your internet connection.



For more information please contact Cara Fiebig - Leading Teacher or Chris Treven - Specialist Technician at BSC on (03) 5784 1200



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SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

LEARNING AREAS OUT IN THE YARD IN THE COMMUNITY ALL SETTINGS DIGITAL SPACE

- Be on time for class with your equipment
- Do your best work and take pride in your work
- Be prepared to have a go

BRING YOUR BEST

- Being responsible for the school environment
- Be inclusive of others
- Going to class when the bell sounds

- Represent the school with pride
- Offering to help members of our community

- Wear uniform with pride
- Model the school values
- Call out poor behaviour

- Use the internet as a learning resource
- Submitting work via Compass by the due date
- Having our devices charged and ready each day

- Be safe when moving around the class
- Use furniture correctly

BE SAFE

- Play safely with others
- Play games in appropriate spaces
- Remain on the school grounds

- Listen to trusted adults
- Be aware around roads and public transport

- Be mindful of ourselves and our surroundings
- Follow and observe the school rules
- Report bullying to teachers

- Informing a trusted adult if we have trouble online
- Keep passwords secure

- Follow teacher's instructions
- Respecting the learning space
- Respect others right to learn

BE RESPECTFUL

- Showing friendly attitudes toward others
- Standing up for others

- Be mindful of the needs of people in the community
- Use appropriate language on public transport
- Respect the law

- Address everybody with respect
- Use respectful language
- Being respectful of others right to learn

- Take care of devices
- Report cyber-bullying to an adult
- Make positive contributions about others