



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Monday 7th

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 8th

Year 10 Careers Day Out

Special Persons Afternoon
Tea 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 9th

Year 7 –9
Brainstorm Production
Incursion

Friday 16th

Year 12 Careers Show

Monday 19th

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 20th

Round Robin Sports

Thursday 22nd

Year 11 Geography
Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Mary Anne Villa, teacher of Maths & Science. Mary Anne joins us from Indonesia and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team. Andrew Lloyd joins the PE/Health department, and we welcome him on a more permanent basis. Staff member for the Month of April is Dannielle McCrow. Dannielle has taken on extra tasks in the General Office during a difficult time. Wishing Jo Whiteman all the best for her upcoming long service leave. Homework club on Monday after school will be run by Catherine Hoey in Jo's absence. All students are welcome to attend this club after school every Monday in the Library. Staff are available to support students with their homework or any other schoolwork, no booking required.

As we head into the cooler months, I once again remind families that hoodies and leggings are not part of our school uniform. The green polo tops, jackets and jumpers have now retired and are no longer part of our uniform. If you require assistance with uniform items, please contact the college and speak with either our Business Manager or your child/ren's year level coordinator.

I had the pleasure last week of visiting the Year 7 students at Camp Howqua. The feedback from BSC staff and Camp Howqua staff was very positive, all commenting on how well behaved our students were. It was fantastic to listen to the students talk about their positive experiences and how they challenged themselves with new activities. Some of the School Captains joined me on the visit and interacted with the students over lunch and in some of the activities.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

The College, along with students from Broadford Primary School, paid tribute to Australia's servicemen and women at our ANZAC Day assembly last Thursday. Soldiers from the School of Armour from Puckapunyal formed the catafalque party adding to the atmosphere. All School Captains had a role to play in the assembly, the Junior Captains laying the wreaths, the Middle and Senior Captains reading the Requiem, the Ode, reading one of their own speeches and leading the students into a minute's silence. A very moving event and I congratulate all students for showing respect and resilience. On ANZAC Day our college was again represented by our School Captains, reading prayers, collecting donations from the public on behalf of the RSL and laying wreaths at both Broadford and Kilmore services. Once again, I congratulate the School Captains for their commitment to remembrance and proudly representing all school members.

Congratulations to Ayla McGrath in 8D who has been successful in obtaining a scholarship to attend a Space Tour in the USA. This is organised by the One Giant Leap Foundation and will include Ayla participating in educational visits and experiences in known science and space facilities in America as well as attending Space Camp USA. She will also have the opportunity to meet with Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) engineers and scientists, participate in astronaut training simulators, visit La Brea Tar Pits, Griffith Observatory and California Science Centre. Have a fabulous time Ayla, we are so excited for you and look forward to hearing all about your experiences.

Tania Pearson
Principal



Mum, Grandma and significant other women are invited to help us celebrate Mother's Day by attending an afternoon tea to pay tribute to the special woman in our students lives.

Join us in the School forum

When: Thursday May 8th

Time 3.30 – 4.30pm

Year 7 Camp Howqua Adventure

Last week, our Year 7 cohort set off on an exciting two-night adventure to Camp Howqua. The air was filled with a mix of excitement and nerves as students boarded the bus for the two-hour journey ahead. Upon arrival, students and staff wasted no time, quickly eating lunch before launching into their first activities.

Over the course of the camp, students embraced a wide range of challenges and adventures—including horse riding, archery, the high ropes course, a muddy "Survivor"-style challenge, and the thrilling waterslide. Each activity provided opportunities for students to step outside their comfort zones, work as a team, and have loads of fun.

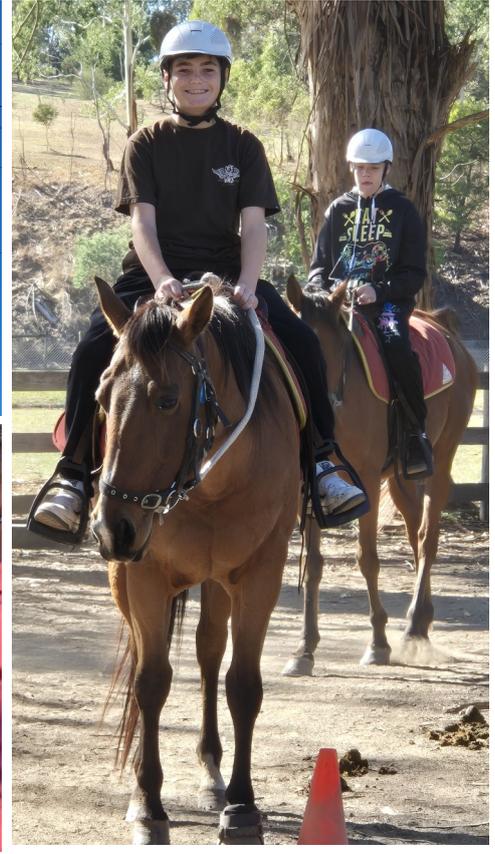
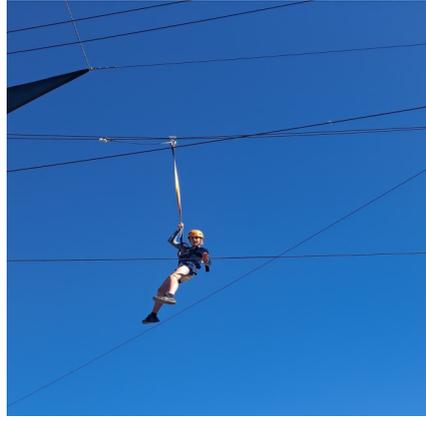


Camp Howqua



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Year 7 Camp Howqua Adventure Continued



The first night saw students compete in a lively Mini Olympics, expertly run by Mrs. Coppinger. Events included flying paper plates, balancing beach balls, and a hilarious game of human ring toss. That evening also featured a sweet surprise: birthday cake to celebrate Oliver and Jenson's special day!

On the final night, Mr. Boland stepped into the spotlight as game show host, leading a spirited round of *Cabin vs. Cabin Trivia*—a definite camp highlight. By the time the bus rolled back into school, the chatter had quietened—students were worn out from two days of non-stop adventure.

A huge well done to all of Year 7 for their outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm, and willingness to try new things. Thankfully, the public holiday gave everyone a well-earned chance to rest and recharge!

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2025 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2025 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which all government school students in Years 4 to 12 will be invited to complete.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to manage the collection of the online survey and will provide support to schools through a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 12th May to 13th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and helps schools plan programs and activities to improve your child's engagement with school, their wellbeing and their learning. The survey data also helps the Department of Education understand how to improve student learning.

What are the risks?

We don't expect many risks of participation, but some students may find some questions personal or sensitive. If you agree for your child to take part, they can still skip questions or withdraw at any time whilst completing the survey if it makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions come from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world. They focus on your child's strengths and are designed for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. We are not "testing" your child. Please note:

- Students can choose if they want to take part, skip questions if they don't want to answer, and can stop doing the survey at any time.
 - There are different versions of the survey to let all students take part.
 - The survey will take around 20-40 minutes to complete.

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How is my child's privacy protected?

A teacher will give your child a unique login to complete the survey. This unique student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research only. Some student demographic data such as year level, gender, age, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status are provided to ORIMA research, and linked with the unique student login ID to administer the survey. This information helps to support analysis and research, to paint a clearer picture of how Victorian school students are faring.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To keep your child's survey answers private, ORIMA Research won't include any personally identifiable data in the survey answers file that is provided to the department.

All data is stored on servers located in Australia, and only staff who are working on the project can access it.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic), as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

The department will only use aggregated state-wide survey data to report on initiatives and this data may also be used in public discussions of issues about student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community. The department will not share any identifiable student data with any other party.

Your child's school will only get reports about groups of students. Information about individual students and the student answers data file will not be shared with schools. If there are low numbers of student answers to a question, the report will not show results for this question to protect the privacy of those students.

Your school may share the survey report back to you.

What if I don't want my child to do the survey?

This survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** want your child to do the survey, please opt out by emailing your school at broadford.sc@education.vic.gov.au before the survey starts on Monday 12th May. In the subject title of the email please write: Attention-Mark Boland

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a "Refusal of Consent" email from you before the survey begins, we will assume that you agree for your child to take part in the 2025 Attitudes to School Survey. Please remember, as noted above, the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or stop doing the survey at any time.

For more information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

Health & Wellbeing

Viral Illness

As winter approaches, so does the season for colds, flu, and other viral illnesses.

Viral illnesses are easily spread through tiny droplets in the air from coughing and sneezing, or by touching surfaces contaminated with saliva or mucus. There are hundreds of viruses, and while knowing the exact virus may not be necessary, it's important to recognize the common signs and symptoms of illness.

Common Signs and Symptoms of Viral Illness:

- Fever (38°C or higher)
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Loss of appetite
- General unwell feeling
- Runny or blocked nose
- Sore throat or cough
- Vomiting or diarrhoea
- Aches and pains
- Rashes that turn white when pressed (blanching)

How to Stop the Spread:

- Wash hands regularly with soap or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Avoid sharing cups or drink bottles
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow

Keep your child at home if they are sick

Caring for Viral Illness at Home:

Antibiotics do not work on viruses. The best treatment is rest and plenty of fluids to help the body fight off the virus. Here's how you can help:

- Encourage your child to drink fluids like water, juice, or oral rehydration solutions
- If your child doesn't feel like eating, don't worry they will eat when they feel better
- Use saline spray to help clear the nose

Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help with aches and pains

Note: You don't always need to treat a fever. If your child has a fever but doesn't seem distressed, let the fever run its course while keeping them hydrated. This helps fight the virus

When to Seek Medical Help:

Call an ambulance (000) if:

- Your child has trouble breathing
 - Your child is unresponsive or unusually drowsy
- Your child has a rash that doesn't change colour when pressed

See a doctor if:

- Your child has persistent pain (e.g., headache) that doesn't improve with medicine
 - They have ongoing vomiting or diarrhoea
 - They are not drinking fluids and refuse even an icy pole
- They show signs of dehydration (e.g., peeing less, dry mouth, sunken eyes)

Helpful Resources:

[Royal Children's Hospital - Viral Illnesses](#)
[Better Health Channel](#)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember to take good care of yourself and others during this cold season!

Music Lessons

TERM 2

2025 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

If your child would like to continue music lessons in Term 2, please detach the note below and return it to the office with payment ASAP.

Please note that payment must be made before students can attend the music program.

The fee for our music program is \$150 per term

Mr Aaron Gunduz
Music Co-ordinator.

TERM 2 - 2025 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

REGISTRATION FORM

"....."

Student Name: _____

Please circle your choice: Guitar / Bass Guitar / Drums / Flute

Homegroup: _____

Home Phone: _____

I give my consent for my student, details above, to participate and agree to pay the relevant fees.

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please tick payment option: \$150 cash EFTPOS BPAY

Secondary school Immunisation program

The secondary school immunisation program offers free vaccines provided by the National Immunisation Program each year to students in Year 7 and Year 10. The local council immunisation service visits the school to provide the vaccination program. Please click into the links below to advise us if you consent/do not consent for your child receiving the following vaccines.

DIGITAL CONSENT or NON CONSENT

YEAR 7's: one dose of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - vaccine Gardasil 9
and/or
One dose of Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis *ie whooping cough* (DTPa) –
vaccine Boostrix

LINK: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=9c64dc20-de94-ef11-8a69-000d3a79e2bf&Year7>

Yr 7: Please copy or click into the above link to advise either yes or no

YEAR 10's: one dose of Meningococcal ACWY – vaccine MenQuadfi or Nimenrix

LINK: <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=ad41f669-e194-ef11-8a69-6045bd3e9252&Year10>

Yr 10: Please copy or click into the above link to advise either yes or no

Any problems with advising consent/non consent please contact Mitchell Shire Council via email: immunisation@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

Students who missed school vaccines from previous years

Some students now in Year 8 and Year 11 may need to complete their vaccine program this year to catch-up the missed vaccines. The local council immunisation service will advise parents/guardians and work with the school to deliver any catch-up vaccines due to students. The consent that you provided previously for the school-based immunisation program remains valid and you do not need to complete another consent form.

Please note if you consented for your child to be immunised for their Year 7 or Year 10 immunisation but then obtained this immunisation elsewhere, you must notify the Mitchell Shire Immunisation Team on 5734.6355 or email to immunisation@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au advising your child's name and school, to ensure your child has completed all required vaccinations. Please make sure your immunisation provider has reported the vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register if this immunisation was administered elsewhere.

For further information about the diseases, please visit either of the following sites:
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/reminder-free-vaccinations-for-students-in-high-school>

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Secondary school Immunisation program

Collection Statement

Official

Dear parent/guardian

The Secondary School Immunisation Program offers free National Immunisation Program schedule vaccines to all eligible Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Year 7 students

Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough)

Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10 students

Meningococcal ACWY

Your local council will work with your child's school to implement the immunisation program and will inform you of the steps you need to take. *The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019* authorises secondary schools to provide their local council with student and parent/guardian contact information for any student scheduled to receive a vaccination. This information is only used to assist local councils to follow-up parents/guardians of students with incomplete or missing immunisation consent forms.

Every day vaccination saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases.

For further information please go to the following links:

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

Immunisation in Secondary Schools:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_reg/phawr2019331/s112.html

From your Principal

Tania Pearson

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Frequently Asked Questions:

What information is given to local council?

The school provides the following basic student and parent/guardian contact information to the local council immunisation service:

student name

date of birth

gender

year level and class group

parent/guardian contact details

language(s) spoken at home.

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SAMS ATHLETICS JOURNEY TO CANADA (AND USA)

Who am I

I am a year 12 student and school captain at BSC who is passionate about sports, a healthy lifestyle, and community pride. I am highly involved in the community as a worker, an athlete, a gymnastics coach, a student and a volunteer. I always enjoy helping others and making an impact in the world.

What is the opportunity?

This year, I have been given an incredible opportunity to represent the community by competing in **high jump, triple jump, shot put, and long jump** across **America and Canada** from **June 25th to July 13th**. Over the 19 days, I will not only push my athletic limits but also experience the amazing locations of **British Columbia, Vancouver, Iowa, Los Angeles, and Hollywood**.

How can you help?

This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. However, there is a hefty \$10,000 cost associated with the full coverage of everything entailed within the trip. I am seeking support to help cover the costs of this journey.

Any donation, big or small, will bring me closer to making this dream a reality.

You can donate via my GoFundme page by scanning the QR code or going to <https://gofund.me/e061c655>

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and consideration

CSEF APPLICATIONS

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)

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

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 are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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:

\$154 for primary school students

\$256 for secondary school students

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria:

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- Attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Please follow the link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/conveyance-allowance-form-1-car-private-travel.docx>

Closing Dates:

Claim period	Claim submission closing date	Estimated pay run date
Term 2	13 June 2025	27 June 2025
Term 3	28 August 2025	12 September 2025
Term 4	21 November 2025	5 December 2025

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:
- Go to www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/
 - Enter the BYOD code as supplied by your school.
 - Once logged in, select a student program.
 - Choose your preferred delivery method.
 - Follow the prompts to select your products, accessories and nominate for insurance. Enter your details to proceed.
 - 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

What will BSC Provide?

BSC will provide students with a school e-mail, and full access to the G-suite (google). G-suite allows students to edit, share and store documents online and can be accessed at home and school. Therefore, Families are not required to purchase Microsoft software. Students will learn how to use the G-suite and e-mail at the beginning of the school year.

Who do I contact for more information?

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

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.





Broadford
Secondary College

BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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

BRING YOUR BEST

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

- 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

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

- 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

BE RESPECTFUL

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

- 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