



# BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

#### Monday 19th

Pupil Free Day

#### Tuesday 20th

Round Robin Sports

#### Thursday 22nd

Year 11 Geography  
Excursion

#### Friday 23rd

Year 9 Careers Expo

#### Monday 26th

Year 10 Immunisations

#### Friday 30th

Southern Rangers  
Cross Country

### June

#### Thursday 5th

VET Building &  
Construction First Aid  
Training

#### Monday 9th

King's Birthday Public  
Holiday

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all the mothers and other significant women, who attended our annual Mother's Day afternoon tea. It was lovely to see our students look after the special women in their life, offering them flowers, tea/coffee, delicious snacks and having a photo taken together. Our Wellbeing team go above and beyond to care for our extended school community members.

Today we celebrate and acknowledge the great work our Education Support staff do at the school with chocolates and a morning tea. They include all non-teaching staff, from the ladies in the General Office, the Laboratory Technician, Library Staff, ICT staff, integration/Disability Inclusion, Food Studies support person, School Nurse, Maintenance men, Business Manager, Finance Manager, Sub-School Administration staff, VET Coordinator, Re-Engagement Officer, Wellbeing staff and Canteen staff. These people are the backbone of our school and are highly valued for their contribution to the smooth running of the College. As you can see, teachers make up only a portion of a successful school. I would like to publicly thank all Education Support staff at BSC for their wonderful ongoing support of all students.

A great way to finish the week, today with our annual school Cross Country event. Students either ran or walked the course around Broadford, earning house points and some students will progress to compete at regional level later in the term.

Last week our year 7, 8 and 9 students were fortunate to have Brainstorm Productions perform for them. The skits focused on Bullying, including cyber bullying and the negative effects it can have on others. The actors performed a scenario, so students could see bullying from both the victims and the bully's perspective. Students could ask questions at the end and came away with a new appreciation of the detrimental effects that any form of bullying can have on others. Please take the time to discuss this with your child/children and reinforce the valuable lessons they would have learnt.

Finally, a reminder that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May is a Curriculum Day for staff, this is a student free day. Buses will only run for Broadford Primary School students. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May is Round Robin Day for those who are part of a sporting team. I wish you well and hope you enjoy the experience.

Tania Pearson  
Principal

## Japanese Sister School Visit – Term 3 2025 – Seeking Host Families.



In term 3, 20 students from our sister school in Japan will visit BSC. We are seeking host families from our school community who would be interested in providing accommodation (bed and meals) for 4 nights. The students' ages range from 14 to 17 years old. They have been studying English in Japan and are hoping to practice their language skills while here.

**Dates: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July until Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. (4 nights)**

Students will arrive by coach on Saturday afternoon and depart from BSC (by coach) on Wednesday morning.

The Japanese students will stay with host families over the weekend and join in with your regular family activities. (Sports, shopping, just hanging out)

On Monday and Tuesday, students will attend BSC with their host students and take part in school activities. (Cultural presentations, language classes and games).

If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please don't hesitate to contact Stephanie Paton (Japanese teacher) via email or phone. If you believe you would like to take part, you can complete an expression of interest form, linked here:

<https://forms.gle/eabBrB7KV5BVUQeH9>

I will be running lunchtime meetings throughout term 2 to answer students' questions and provide further information as the homestay draws nearer.



## YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY

On Thursday 8th May, the year 10s went on an excursion to Shepparton for the Careers Exhibition.

The Exhibition gave students a valuable opportunity to explore, and ask questions about different pathways for higher learning and employment. Many major universities were present with a large variety of areas of study. Some including Science, Health and Medicine, Art and communication, Engineering and manufacturing, IT, Hospitality, and Education.

In addition to universities, other career paths such as Tafe, army training and various courses provided a variety of practical demonstrations. This let students have a glimpse into what many different occupations entailed. Some highlights being Microscopes displaying different specimens for agriculture, horticulture and animal science. CPR and medical dummies for practice in various medical occupations, free cheese samples from Saputo, and three adorable kittens representing the animal shelter.

The careers exhibition provided a valuable opportunity to explore several options for after highschool. Many useful demonstrations and engaging conversations let us collect information for our future career pathways.

Written By Charlotte Nichols and Jasmine Anderson



## CONTACT DETAILS

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up-to-date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 5784 1200 or [broadford.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:broadford.sc@education.vic.gov.au) so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

## ABSENCES

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school on 5784 1200 or email at [absences@broadfordsc.vic.edu.au](mailto:absences@broadfordsc.vic.edu.au) or log your child's absence using COMPASS early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school, so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow up student attendance and absence, please read our Attendance Policy found on our website.

## VET NEWS



Congratulations Zenith Pongrac  
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Certificate III in Electrotechnology  
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# 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

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.



HP PROBOOK 445 G10



LENOVO 500W

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/](http://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/](http://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/)  
 Call: 1300 730 548  
 Email: [byodsupport@jbhifi.com.au](mailto: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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# 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