



# BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **DECEMBER**

##### **Monday 1st**

Year 8 Creating My Story  
Conferences

##### **Tuesday 2nd**

Year 7 2026 information evening

##### **1st - 4th**

Year 11 2026 Orientation

##### **Friday 5th**

Last Day for Year 10 Students

Funfields excursion

##### **Tuesday 9th**

State wide Orientation Day

##### **Monday 8th—Wednesday 10th**

Year 8 Surf Camp

##### **Wednesday 17th**

Awards Evening

##### **Friday 19th**

Last Day Of Term  
1:30pm Dismissal

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Class of 2025 has officially completed their 13 years of schooling. Congratulations to each and every one of this year's cohort, you were a pleasure to have as part of the school community and on behalf of the entire school we wish you all the very best in the future. It was wonderful to see so many proud families at Graduation last week, celebrating this milestone. This month's staff member of the month is shared between two staff members who volunteer their time three mornings a week to cook and bake delicious goods for Breakfast Club. Students select from a variety of cookies, toasties, hot apple crumble and hot chocolate. Thank you and congratulations to Allie Snelling and Rachelle Kutz, you are both appreciated for your care of our students and your work in this space.

As our year 12 exams finished, our year 11 followed by Year 10 students commenced their exams. Year 11 students have spent a week starting Unit 3 subjects and I am sure now have a significant amount of summer holiday homework in preparation for a big year ahead. They enjoyed a great last day of 2025 at the local pool with pizza for lunch. Our VCE English tutor is still available for year 11 students, offering times to work together on reading the year 12 English novels. I highly recommend students attend these workshops with Mrs. Whiteman.

Year 10 students will spend next week starting VCE and then finishing the week with a great send-off on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Fun Fields. Again, English novels are to be read over the summer break. All year 10 students have had individual conferences with next year's Year 11 Coordinator Rachael O'Dowd and our Senior School Manager Nick Egan. These conferences involved analysing the student's current individual data and discussing the requirements for successfully completing VCE.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

Last week our Senior Art Expo was held, showcasing some amazing pieces of art. It is always inspiring to see the end results of a year of dedication to student's creations. Every year I am blown away by the quality of work of our students.

As we progress towards the end of yet another year, we have welcomed year 6 students needing additional support, into the College offering additional transition time. It is always a pleasure to meet new families and get an understanding of their child's individual requirements and work on how we can meet their needs.

Year 7 for 2026 parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6:30pm in the Hall, followed by orientation day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Tania Pearson Principal

## BSC Year 8 Creating My Story

Create My Story day for year 8's will be held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. These conferences are compulsory for all students and are parent - student - teacher conferences, (in place of SPAC.)

During the session we will be reviewing each student's Year 8 learning data to reflect on their progress and set learning goals to move into Year 9.

### Details:

These conferences will run from 10am to 6pm and will be for ten minutes each.

Each student with their guardian, is to have **ONE** conference only

There will be **no** Year 8 classes on this day, instead, students will attend with their parent/ carer for the session

You must book with any available teacher (even if the teacher does not teach them this year) and it will be first in; best dressed.

Bookings are now available and should be made as soon as possible.

## PBS Awards Cabinet



Starting from next week, other than receiving a lunch voucher for accruing merits and possies, students can choose a prize from the new PBS awards cabinet. Prizes range in price from 5 merits up to 25 merits (next year, we will be looking for ways to allow students to carry merits from one term into the next so they can work towards the more valuable prizes).

## Social Media Ban

### How to support your child under 16 with the new social media age restrictions

From 10 December 2025, the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 will require social media platforms to:

- Prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- Deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age-restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

### How to help under 16s prepare for the change

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people](#).

### What the change means for our school

At our school, most age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network. Our school allows student access to YouTube in a logged-out state. However, this access is restricted so mature content cannot be viewed.

To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the [eSafety website](#) and [subscribe](#) to their newsletter.

Matthew Willison  
Assistant Principal

## Warhammer Club

Over this year, the Warhammer Club has been a fantastic space for students to explore creativity, maths and problem-solving in a hands-on and engaging way. It's been amazing to witness their talents shine as they collaborate and support one another.

To celebrate the learning and progress made throughout the year, the group visited a Games Workshop store in Melbourne. It was an exciting opportunity for students to see where their hobby sits in the wider world and connect with a community that shares their interests.

A big thank you goes to Mr Burn for his time, support and enthusiasm in helping run the club. Most importantly, thank you to the students, who showed persistence, creativity and commitment all year. Their dedication is a credit to them and a great example of the value of persistence.

Well done!



## Free public transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services. To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the myki types webpage on the Transport Victoria website.

For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the Travelling to school webpage on the Victorian Government website.

## Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE.

The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE

- what to expect at school

- help with school costs and fees

- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health. Please refer to the New year of learning webpage <https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

# LIBRARY NEWS

## ***Library books due back***

It is that time of the year when our senior students undergo Start-up for their VCE subjects and they finish before the rest of the school. If you are in **Yr 10 or Yr 11** and you have library books, please return the books as soon as possible. The other year levels 7, 8, & 9 will need to return their library books by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to return the books that you have been reading at home.

## **LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**

The library will be closed for our annual stocktake from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Students can go to the Forum instead of the library during the lunch breaks.

## ***Reading during the library stocktake.***

I know that a lot of you are avid readers, and I do not want you to stop reading while we are completing our stocktake, so I strongly encourage you to try our eBooks. Everyone has access to our eBooks through the ePlatform app. If you are having trouble logging in to ePlatform or have questions, please speak to myself or Raelene and we will help you.

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



Alternatively, if you prefer a real book (and who doesn't!) you can join the Mitchell Shire (MS) Library at any of their locations -Broadford, Kilmore, Seymour & Wallan; take your photo ID (student card and they will sign you up). The MS membership gives you access to books at other libraries and you can order them through the online page. I am happy to walk you through it if you are interested in joining.

## ***ePlatform***



To access eBooks, log into your school Google account, open a new tab, click on the Google waffle icon, and scroll down the list of apps until you get to the bottom of the list (Figure 1), then select the ePlatform icon and login with your school Google account details.

If you are using an iPad, you will need to download the **ePlatform app** first and then login with your school Google account.

*See you in the library.*

*Ms. Slater*

## Technology World

These are the wonderfully designed and crafted Bar Stools created by the Year 9 Product Design and Technology class.

They belong to Harry Hemphill, Cooper Saunders, Jacko Fraser and Levi Massara-Zandt.



## From the Year 12 English Team (2026)

Over the past two weeks, the 2025 Year 11 cohort has taken part in *Step Up*, beginning their first units of Year 12 study. As part of this program, the Year 12 English team hosted a VCE Panel featuring 2025 graduates Rowan, Sam, and Izabella, who generously shared their insights on navigating Year 12 English. They reflected on their own experiences, offered practical advice, and answered thoughtful questions from our incoming 2026 Year 12 students. This session gave students a valuable opportunity to clarify expectations and build confidence as they transition into their final year of high school.

Holiday Homework – Year 12 English 2026

Read:

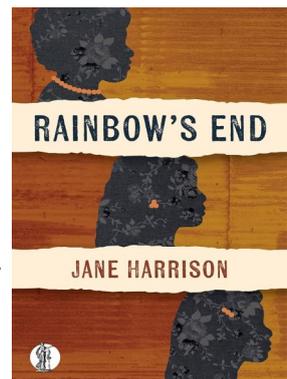
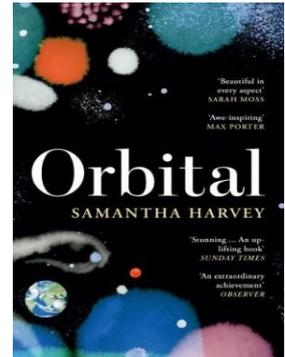
- *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey (You'll complete a quiz on Day 1 of 2026!)
- *Rainbow's End* by Jane Harrison

Complete on Google Classroom:

- *Orbital* Notetaking Table
- Reflective Letter

*These tasks are designed to support student learning and ensure a strong start next year. Aim to complete them sooner rather than later. Remember, Mrs Whiteman is also available if you need support.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Year 12 English team.



The Year 12 English Team





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## 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

# BROADFORD U17 NETBALL

## »» Season 2026 THE DETAILS

### Training

**Pre-season:** Monday's at Harley Hammond Reserve from 6pm including a specialised Strength and Conditioning Program provided by VNL S&C Coach to support development and preparedness.

**Pre-season dates:** Final session for 2025 = Monday 15 December. Returning Monday 19 January 2025.

**Trials:** Wednesday 4 February, Monday 9 February and Wednesday 11 February.

**In-season:** every Thursday night at Harley Hammond Reserve from 5:30pm to 7pm followed by club dinner (family/friends welcome to meals nights to mingle with whole-of-club - meal purchase optional).

### Games

**Saturday matches:** 8 home and 8 away (on average).

Possibility of 1 x Sunday game. 10:00am or 11:30am starts.

**Round one:** Saturday, 28 March 2026 at home.

See Bendigo FNL website for details of away venues and opposition: <https://www.bendigofnl.com.au/>

### Uniform

**On-field:** Approved Broadford FNC socks, dress and black shorts. Costs TBC. Dress can be loaned.

**Off-field:** A range of apparel available to purchase from the club at own cost. Orders taken on club training nights.

### Meet Our Team!

**President:** Bonnie Cavanagh (0430 152 342)

**Head of Development and Pathways  
(Netball):** Jaimie Hooper (0403 223 012)

**Club Coach - Under 17s:**  
Renee Sari (0451 152 118)

**Club Coach - Under 17s:**  
Chloe Zol

**U17s Team Manager and Trainer:**  
Cassie Zol

**Child Safety Officer:**  
Brooke Currell (0408 177 894)

Come  
Join  
us!



For more information please contact Renee, Chloe or Jaimie or email the club secretary on email below.

[www.broadfordfnc.com.au](http://www.broadfordfnc.com.au)    [secretarybfnc@live.com](mailto:secretarybfnc@live.com)

# Christmas Craft Market



Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
10am to 4pm  
Gavan Hall, High Street  
Broadford  
Gold Coin Entry

Art and Craft | Jewelry | Bric-a-Brac  
Plants | Christmas Goodies | Unique Gifts  
Raffle | Devonshire Tea

## ALL WELCOME

All purchases  
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Zonta Club of  
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