



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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December 12th 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Tuesday 16
EOY Activity Funfields

Wednesday 17th
Awards Evening

Friday 19th
Last Day Of Term
1:30pm Dismissal

2026

JANUARY

Thursday 29th
Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12
VCE students commence

Friday 30th
Years 8,9,10 Year 11 & 12
VCEVM and VPC students
commence

FEBRUARY

Monday 9th
Swimming Sports

Wednesday 11
School BBQ

Friday 20th
School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well, this brings us to the close of yet another school year. At the end of every year, we say goodbye to a few staff members. I would like to thank the following staff members for their contribution to our school and wish them well in the future: Li Yang, Keed Williams, Jon Baly, Ted Guzowski, Andrew Lloyd, Regi McKinlay and Greg Sharp. I also wish Andrea Johnson all the best as she takes the first six months of 2026 on leave.

Congratulations to our 2025 DUX Harry Anderson who scored an ATAR score of 89, closely followed by Alanna Powell. Well done to all year 12 VCE students for your effort this year and wishing you all the best with your chosen courses.

Earlier this week we had the pleasure of meeting our new year 7 cohort for 2026 on Orientation Day. The students experienced a variety of subjects, undertook an orientation activity, explored the campus, enjoyed a free lunch and met some new friends. This is a large group of 161 students that we welcomed to our school community. Once again, our school numbers will grow in 2026 to an estimate of 880 students. The college is currently operating on a strict enrolment management plan due to increasing numbers of students. This means that BSC only takes students within our catchment zone or who have a sibling currently at the school.

Thank you to the year 8 families that took the time to attend the "Create My Story" day. Families had the opportunity to unpack their child's learning and wellbeing data and discuss learning goals for the student as they progress from the Junior School into the Middle School. I hope you found this information useful and with your assistance students will reach their individual goals.

I would like to wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing summer break. School finishes on Friday 19th December at 1:30pm. Students attending on Thursday 18th December and Friday 19th December will be supervised by CRTs with an alternative program.

2026 school year commences as follows:

Tuesday 27th January & Wednesday 28th January – student free days

Thursday 29th January – Year 7 students and Years 11 & 12 VCE students only

Friday 30th January – Years 8, 9, 10 and Year 11 & 12 VCEVM and VPC.

Tania Pearson

End of Year Activities

The EOYA programme starts next Monday and students should know what they have for each of the three days. If there are students who have not signed up but are attending school that day, **they will need to report to H4 at the beginning of each day where Ms. Taylor will allocate them to an activity (space permitting) for each of the sessions that day.** I hope that everyone enjoys their activities as it's a great way to move into the Christmas break.

Megan Taylor

EOYA coordinator

**HAVE A GREAT &
SAFE HOLIDAYS!**

Well done on a fantastic Year 9!

Don't forget to clean out your lockers and pick up your school magazine from the MSO before the end of the year.



Congratulations to our Middle School Captains for 2026: Elaina Harrison and Phoebe McDonald.

Congratulations to our Term 4 Merit Achievement award winners.



PBS Awards Cabinet



Congratulations to L Jones on being the first student to select a prize from the PBS Awards Cabinet

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



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>

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our school community. Chloe was recently named a **finalist** for the *Young Volunteer of the Year Award* with Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). She attended the awards lunch at the MCG on Saturday, where she discovered that she had **won the award!** This is a remarkable achievement that recognises Chloe's dedication, compassion, and outstanding contribution to the RDA community.

As part of her award, Chloe has also been offered a place in RDA's new **career and education program**, along with a **scholarship** to support her future pathway.

We are incredibly proud of Chloe and congratulate her on this well-deserved honour. Well done, Chloe!



Congratulations Claire Swift
Broadford Secondary College
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care
KEKECO CHILDCARE PTY LTD

GOULBURN OVENS MURRAY

headstart.gom@education.vic.gov.au



Claire Swift has commenced a school-based traineeship in Early Childhood Education & Care at Sutherland Street in Kilmore. Claire started working with Kekeco Childcare by completing work placement at the Sutherland Street Childcare Centre. From this experience, Claire really enjoyed the environment and the feedback from her employer was very positive. Discussions with the employer ensured and they were willing to support Claire into a school-based Cert III in Early Childhood Education & Care traineeship. As Claire is currently transitioning into her Year 11 VCE studies in 2026, it was agreed for her to work one day per week, during school with the opportunity to increase days during the school holiday period. The training provider, Practical Outcomes will conduct regular workplace visits to support Claire's training progress.

Congratulations Claire,

Year 11 Celebration Day



LEGO Club Excursion

This year BSC launched our first Lego Club, which has been a huge success. Each week students come along to make new friends, take on building challenges inspired by their favourite Lego Masters, show their creativity and problem solving skills and show off some awesome NPU's (Nice Parts Usage).

To celebrate a wonderful year together, on Monday 8th December, staff and students from Lego Club went on an excursion to Melbourne Museum to see the Lego Star Wars exhibition. The exhibit made jaws drop all around. We had an amazing time posing with life-sized figures like Han Solo and Chewbacca, craning our necks to see the craftsmanship on the enormous AT-AT and building our own droids, ships and lightsabres. Thank you to all staff, students and our amazing parent volunteer Michael for an unforgettable day.

Lego Club will continue to run in 2026 on Mondays during the long lunch. All students and staff are welcome to join at any time - no experience necessary.

Thank you!

Corryn Hicks (she/her)

Leading Teacher – Disability Inclusion





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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

PARENTS AND CARERS SURVEY

Talking about online content with young people

We want to hear from parents, carers & anyone else with a young person in their lives!



Tell us what would support you to talk to young people about online content that disrespects women

Join the conversation by answering our short survey

Just follow the QR code!

Or go to: forms.office.com/r/feJxjW9i8u



16
DAYS OF **ACTIVISM**
AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

WOMEN'S
HEALTH

Goulburn North East



BUSHIDO

FREESTYLE MARTIAL ARTS

COMING TO BROADFORD

ALL AGES ALL LEVELS

BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURS 6:30 - 7:30PM

COMMENCING 15 JAN 2026



DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING KARATE

Self-defense, physical fitness, mental discipline, personal growth, and social connections. At Bushido, our martial arts programs are designed to not only enhance technical skills but also to foster mental resilience and overall well-being. We strive to keep classes fun and exciting but also challenging.

Our team of experienced and certified instructors are dedicated to guiding and inspiring students across these various dimensions.

Some students join Bushido to improve their physical fitness, boost their self-confidence, or pursue personal growth. For others, the journey is focused on achieving their Black Belt.

Our grading program is self-paced and is evaluated on an individual basis. Bushido is open to participants of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels.

Register your interest for 2026 scan the QR code or contact:



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