



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 11

School BBQ

Friday 13th

House Swimming Carnival

Friday 20th

School Photos

MARCH

Thursday 19th

Yr 10 Victorian Careers &
Employment Expo

Monday 23rd

Athletics Carnival

APRIL

Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th

Yr 7 Camp

MAY

Friday 1st

Yr 11 VCE & Careers Expo

Thursday 7th

Yr 9 Careers Day Out

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. A special welcome to our year 7 students and all other new students to the school. Starting at a new setting can often be a daunting experience, from what I have already observed students have settled quickly and efficiently.

Our School Captains for this year are Abby Miller and Ava Collins, supported by Vice School Captains Ella Rodgers and Cruz Robinson. The team have already hit the ground running and are busily preparing for our first whole school assembly on 16th February. This year's Middle School Captains are Phoebe McDonald and Elaina Harrison. In Junior School we have Poppy Tempini and Logan Patford. I look forward to working closely with not only our school and sub school captains, but our Wellbeing Captains and Bus Captains.

At the start of each year, we welcome new and returning teachers. Returning to the college are Natasha Beggs, Ashley Mann, Mathew Watson, James Pateras and Ian Kyte. New teachers include Katrina Li (English/Humanities/Maths), Jake Laurie (English/Humanities), Chris Kumar (PE/Health/Science), Elizabeth Diacos (Art) and Sarah Perry (Art). Each month we celebrate staff member of the month. The selected staff member is recognised for going above and beyond their normal duties. Staff member of the month for the month of January is Andrew Dods. Andrew is one of our maintenance men who has worked tirelessly over the summer break on some large projects, in preparation of the new school year.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUE

Congratulations to year 12 student Mateen Goma for winning VETDSS Student of the Year in Electro Technology at Kangan TAFE. This award is an outstanding achievement acknowledging Mateen's commitment to the course and will be celebrated at the Industry Excellence Awards night next week.

Another student to be congratulated is Chloe Hall for being recognised and winning the Mitchell Shire Council's Access and Inclusion Champion award. Chloe received the award for her voluntary contribution to the Riding for the Disabled Association Victoria.

Congratulations to last year's year 12 cohort, with many students being offered first and second round offers to university and TAFE Colleges. There are a great number of teachers in the making, as many have been successful getting into Education, others will try their hand at Design, Fine Arts, Nursing, Sport & Fitness, and Engineering to name but a few. At the end of last year, the college was successful in obtaining an Active School Grant to the value of \$44 000. These funds will support our PE/Sports faculty with equipment and help to encourage student activity during class times and break times. The idea behind the funding is to help shape a generation of students who are fitter, happier and more engaged in their learning.

This year the school will be focusing very heavily on not only our values, but also on routines when entering and exiting classrooms. This is to ensure all students are ready to learn when they start a lesson and know what is expected of them when concluding the session. The entire school has adopted these procedures and already we are seeing a marked improvement, and students are acknowledging the benefits.

I remind parents that students are required to always be in full school uniform, please support the college with not allowing hoodies, leggings or black skins for shorts. The green jumpers and jackets are no longer part of our uniform, they were phased out last year. I thank you in advance, as working together will ensure a successful outcome. If you are having difficulty obtaining uniform, please contact the college and we will endeavour to help where we can.

When picking up students at the end of the day, could parents please avoid stopping on Snodgrass St due to the many buses filing in and parking in this area. Please use White St or Pinniger St as an alternative. The end of the day is often very busy at the front of the school and student safety is always our main priority.

Below are the 2026 first point of call for all concerns regarding your child/dren:

Junior School Manager: Chloe Price

Year 7 Coordinator – Rylee Majerczak

Year 8 Coordinator – Ian Kyte

Middle School Manager: Nicole Hoey

Year 9 Coordinator – Stacey Wate

Year 10 Coordinator – Tenille Matthews

Senior School Manager: Nicholas Egan

Year 11 Coordinator – Rachael O'Dowd

Year 12 Coordinator – Erin Burton

Tania Pearson

Principal

VET News



Tyla Hall has just commenced Year 12 at Broadford Secondary College. In 2025 he completed his VET Building course which was the introduction for him into the building industry. After the course, Tyla was now eager to experience working on-site. To get a better understanding of the workplace, Tyla sourced three different employers who specialize in different aspects of the construction industry. His last work placement was with J Built Carpentry. Tyla enjoyed this experience and felt part of the team. A conversation developed with Justin Jones the owner of J Built Carpentry, who was very supportive of Tyla and who committed to employing him as a school-based apprentice. Tyla has started his school-based apprenticeship working two days a week. Congratulations and good luck Tyla.

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>

Free Public Transport

Under 18's travel free on all public transport with a Youth myki.

Everything you need to know

What is Youth myki?

A Youth myki is a new type of myki card, which will provide free travel for everyone under 18 on public transport in Victoria. This includes trains, trams, buses and coaches in myki and non-myki areas.

Who's eligible?

Everyone under 18 can get a Youth myki card. It's for kids and teens aged 5 to 17. Kids under 5 already travel for free, so they don't need one.

You won't be eligible for free travel after you turn 18 though – and will need to make sure you're travelling with a valid ticket.

Where can I buy a Youth myki?

You can buy a Youth myki online and at most staffed stations. Details are available on our [website](#).

How much does a Youth myki cost?

A Youth myki card costs \$5. You won't need to pay for anything after this.

How much will you save with Youth myki each year?

Parents can save up to \$755 per child, per year.

Is a Youth myki card different to a Child myki card?

Yes. A Child myki was the myki used by children aged 5 to 18 to access a 50 per cent concession discount. Now that free travel is here, under 18s should get a Youth myki to access free travel.

Do you still need to tap on?

Yes, young people will need to tap on every time or flash their Youth myki card in non-myki, regional areas .

Who designed the card?

Charlie – an 11-year-old Victorian with amazing creativity. Charlie won a competition for young people to design the first ever Youth myki card, with his design chosen out of over thousands of entries.

HOMEWORK AT BSC

At Broadford Secondary College all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned
- appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher
- where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

The recommended time for Homework for each Year Level is as follows:

Years 7-8: 30 - 60 minutes per week

Years 9-10 1 - 2 hours per week

Years 11-12 at least 1 to 2 hours per day

Our highest achieving Year 12 students (ATAR scores above 90) acknowledge they committed themselves to 4 hours of study per night, including doing up to 12 practice exam papers for each subject.

The types of homework that teachers at Broadford Secondary College may include are:

- completing any work that is not finished during class, or due to absence
- reading English texts prior to class discussion
- completing consolidation exercises for mathematics
- revising/preparing for tests
- completing science investigation exercises
- making or designing an artwork
- practising spelling words
- practising sports skills
- practising words/phrases learnt in Japanese
- reading background material for a subject
- reading for pleasure
- researching topics associated with set class work
- applying new skills to home context such as:
 - planning and cooking food, including following a recipe
 - helping to plan a day trip or holiday, including timings, directions and costs
 - growing plants
 - reviewing their favourite film or book
 - writing a diary entry
- engaging with parents in learning activities such as:
 - rehearsing a presentation with parent/carers, and seeking their feedback
 - interviewing a family member as part of a research project.

Homework Policy can be found on the BSC Website

Welcome To Country

On Thursday 29th January we received a visit from Taungurung Elder, Aunty Jo offering a Welcome to Country to our Year 7s on their first day of school.

Students learnt about the significance of her possum skin cloak.



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy https://broadfordsc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/PhotographingFilming-and-Recording-students-policy_03_2023.pdf, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education (<https://arc.educationapps.vic.gov.au/software/26>) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



John "Jack" Dawson Scholarships for Kokoda Trek 2026 (VX6481)



The Euroa Electorate 2026 John " Jack " Dawson Scholarships (VX6481) of \$7,115 are being made available to **Year 11** students living in the Euroa Electorate Shire to trek the Kokoda Trail and understand the sacrifices made by men from this area for their generation. The trek will be in the June/July school holidays (28-9).

The successful applicants will be assisted with training and chaperoned on the trek. In addition to the scholarship, there will be around an \$800 commitment required from participants for items like hiking boots, medical expenses and some incidentals.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is to submit answers to a questionnaire (which your school has) and write a short essay of not less than 400 words outlining:

1. What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australians.
2. A Euroa Electorate connection to the Kokoda Trail.

The above must be received by the office of Annabelle Cleeland MP, Bridge Street, Benalla, by 5.00pm Friday, March 6, 2026, accompanied by a parental permission note and questionnaire completed (also provided to your school) indicating support for the student to trek Kokoda. Applications can be submitted via emailed , hand delivered or online @<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DBL8JCX>

Contact details (name, address, email and mobile) for students and parent(s) must be provided. Students must be available to attend a 20 minute in-person interview on a date to be specified, if shortlisted. From this interview process the successful applicants will be selected. These interviews will be held on a set day with a panel of three current or ex-service personnel, who will make the difficult final selections independently. Students must be available on this allocated interview day which cannot be altered. Applicants will be advised of this date.

At the interviews, people will be present to answer any questions parents may have.

KOKODA TREK DETAILS

- Duration of trek is nine days (11 day trip all up). Length of our trek is 138 km.
- A good level of fitness is required, in particular mental and physical endurance.
- International airfares (from Bris), domestic airfares (to Bris), PNG internal flight, accommodation, insurance, meals in PNG and personal porter costs are covered.
- Extensive detail about the trek company we use and Kokoda Trail can be found on the 'Adventure Kokoda' website: www.kokodatreks.com
- For any further details or questions email



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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

BROADFORD JFNC UNDER 16's FOOTBALL

SEASON 2026



TRAINING

Pre Season: Monday's & Wednesday's 6pm to 7pm Harley Hammond Reserve recommencing **Monday 16th of February**

In Season: Tuesday's & Thursday's 4:45pm to 6:00pm Harley Hammond Reserve **Dates TBC**

GAMES

Being part of the Goulburn Murray Junior League (GMJL) our BJFNC U16's squad will be playing on Sundays. The 2026 season will consist of approximately 14 Rounds + 3 weeks of finals, with the first 4 rounds being grading games. Round 1 is locked in for Sunday 19th of April.

MEMBERSHIP

BJFNC Player Membership - \$150

Includes all league/team fees, Roo's warm up top, supervised gym access and an invitation to specialised training sessions hosted by the BFNC Junior Development Program.

COACH

Stuart Frazer - 2026 U16's Coach

With a playing career spanning more than 300 open age games Stu is a two-time premiership player, NFL 300 Game Club inductee, Life Member of both South Morang FC and Wandong JFC and has chalked up over 950 career goals! Stu brings an incredible amount of experience, leadership and passion for developing young footballers, both on and off the field. Welcome to the Roo's Stu!

Enquire Today!



✉ secretarybjfnc@gmail.com

☎ Stuart Frazer 0403 571 960



Term 1 2026

REGIONAL PARENTING SERVICES PROGRAMS

DADS Tuning in to Kids - Shepparton

4th February - 18th March 5pm-7pm 19 Welsford St

Tuning in to Kids - Cobram

10th February 10.30am-12.30pm - 49 Broadway Street, Cobram

Emotion Coaching Kids (Single Session) - ONLINE

12th February - 11am-1pm

DADS Tuning in to Teens - ONLINE

4th March - 1st April 6pm-8pm

Circle of Security - Introductory Session

26th March, 10am-12pm 19 Welsford St, Shepparton

Emotion Coaching Teens (single session)

26th March 9.30am-11.30pm - OurPlace Seymour

All programs are FREE - Registrations required

Check the QR Code for more programs in 2026



www.familycare.net.au

Register here online now

or call RPS Coordinator

0459 656 790



QR code to register



EMOTION COACHING

CONNECTING WITH OUR KIDS ONLINE EVENT

A FREE online 2 hour workshop for parents of children 2-12 years

Help your child to :

- Understand their emotions and be able to communicate how they feel
- Regulate their emotions and calm themselves
- Develop resilience and positive self-esteem
- Develop problem-solving and social skills
- Develop kindness and empathy towards others



Thursday 12th February 2026

11am - 1pm

Register online now

or call RPS Coordinator

0459 656 790

QR Code to register

This workshop is for parents and/or carers in the Goulburn Region (Greater Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi)

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:

0434 481 350

training_bushidofma@hotmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Bushidofreestylekarate/>



CHORUS

Time: Monday Lunch

Location: L7

Come along and learn a mix of new and old songs

To stay up to date, please complete the Google Form.



Song List

'The Water is Fine' by Chloe Amont

'You're the Voice' John Farnham

'This is Me' - Greatest Showman

'Bohemian Rhapsody' - Queen

'Wonderwall' - Oasis

<https://forms.gle/ArnDhmbJ5PQPHCJk1g9>