



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

No: 2

February 20th 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Friday 6th

VCE Physics Excursion
Luna Park

Defence Land Engineering
Stem Day

Friday 13th

VPC Numeracy Zoo Excursion

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

Due to unforeseen weather conditions our annual welcome BBQ was cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused but considering the number and location of fires we were alerted to, the strength of the wind and the possibility of thunderstorms approaching, we decided safety for our school community was paramount. The food didn't go to waste, it was utilized at the swimming carnival, much to the students' delight.

The annual Swimming Carnival was another successful day for Piper House, winning convincingly. It's always great to see our staff and students get into the house spirit by dressing up and cheering on their peers. Mr. James Boland has become a swimming celebrity for competing and winning against the staff relay team on his own. Hickey House has just snuck in winning the House Tennis competition by one point. Their green flag currently flies proudly in the courtyard this week.

Earlier this week our 2026 School Captains lead our first full school assembly for the year. They all had the opportunity to introduce themselves and encouraged all students to continue to uphold our school values and to participate positively in all school activities. I look forward to working closely with each one of our leaders. An article and photo of this year's captains will appear in next week's North Central Review.

Mrs. Tenille Matthews is currently on leave for the next 5 weeks, Ms. Monica Isip will act as Year 10 Coordinator in her absence. Mrs. Matthews is due to return on 23rd March 2026.

Today was school photo day, with all students having the opportunity to have their school photo taken. If your child was absent today and missed out, there will be a catch-up day next week Friday.

Tania Pearson
Principal

World's Greatest Shave

16th March 2026

Help us take a stand against blood cancer

Right now, over 170,000 Australians are facing the devastating impact of blood cancer, and 17 lose their life every single day.

That's why we're taking on the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. By donating to our page, you'll help us raise funds and awareness for blood cancer, and fuel life-changing research projects and support services for patients and their families.

Any amount – big or small – will make a real, tangible difference.

We have a qualified Hairdresser prepared to come in on the day to assist with those students who are brave enough to shave their heads.

Students who are wishing to take part in the shave or coloured hair spray will need permission from a parent/care giver by completing the online Compass consent form.

Join the team and help raise funds (feel free to share this link on your socials!

<https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/fundraisers/broadfordsecondarycollege>

Easing into adolescence: resources for families

Free resources for families of adolescents aged 10 to 14 years.

The Department of Education has launched an [Easing into adolescence](#) webpage for families of students aged 10 to 14 (Grade 5 to Year 8).

The webpage has information and strategies you can use to help ease your child into adolescence and secondary school. These include:

a guide to emotion coaching. Staff from The University of Melbourne's Tuning in to Teens Kids program developed the guidance.

how to support your adolescent with their studies and more generally. Parenting expert and clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller helped develop this resource.

Subtitles for videos by The University of Melbourne on the webpage are available in 10 languages. You can select your preferred language on the [translations page](#).

For questions about these resources, contact the Strategic Partnerships, Transitions and Student Voice team. You can email them at Secondary.School.Transition@education.vic.gov.au.



Your home can change a life

Become a foster carer with Berry Street

What does a safe place look like to you? Maybe it's a cozy bedroom, a lively kitchen, or just the feeling of belonging. For a child who has experienced trauma, a safe place is more than a location—it's a chance to recover from their trauma and thrive.

At Berry Street, we believe every child deserves a chance to heal and thrive. That's why we're looking for people like you to become foster carers for local children in need.

You might be single, in a partnership, have a family of your own, or rent your home. You could be a young professional or enjoying retirement. There is no "typical" Berry Street foster carer—only a person with an open heart and a spare room.

Our carers are a diverse community from all walks of life. They do wonderful work to give children the support they need to grow, develop, and feel safe.

[Learn more](#)

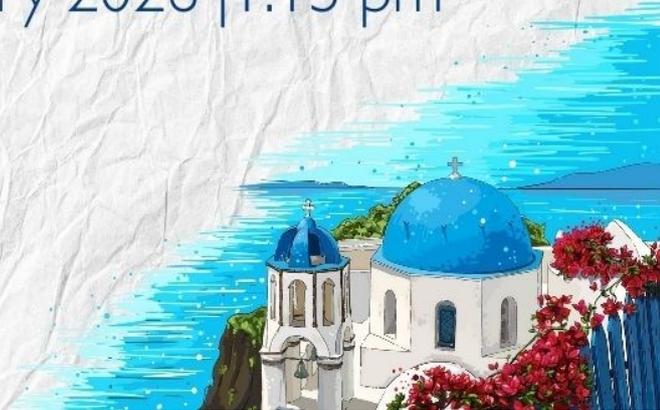
Ph. 03 5822 8100
berrystreet.org.au/fostercare



MAMMA MIA!™

Audition Workshop

23rd February 2026 | 1.15 pm



Mamma Mia Audition Workshop

Thinking about auditioning for our upcoming production of *Mamma Mia!*? This audition workshop is for you!

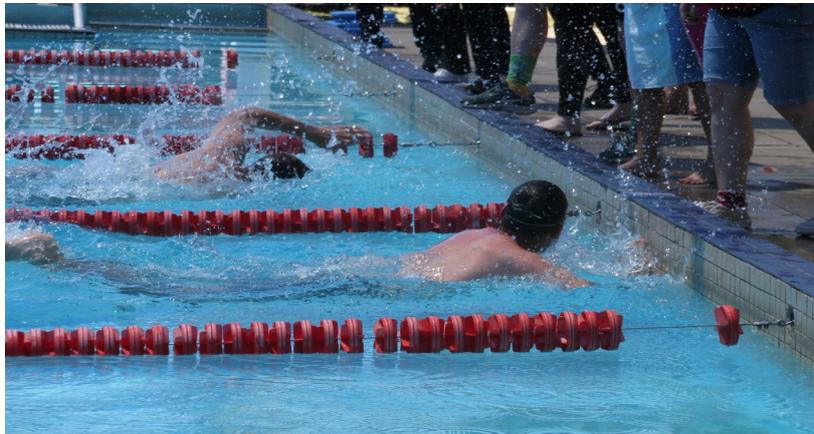
All students who are interested in being involved in the production are strongly encouraged to attend. During the workshop, students will learn the audition dance, find out what to expect on the day, and gain confidence as they prepare their best performance.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or thinking of giving it a go for the first time, this is the perfect place to start. We can't wait to see you there!

The workshop will take place on the 23rd Feb at 1:15 in the Hall



2026
Swimming
Carnival



Careers and Pathways Newsletter

Important Dates and Reminders

Defence Land Engineering STEM Day- 6th March

The Department of Defence is hosting an event on International Women's Day (IWD) for 40 passionate, STEM-focussed female students from regional Victoria, we are fortunate to be taking 10 of our students who are interested in their pathway in the future. This event has been developed to showcase the variety of STEM careers available in the Land Engineering Agency (LEA) and wider Defence.

On the day students will be given:

- Information on how STEM professionals work to support Australia's Defence and Sovereign capabilities;
- A valuable opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with female STEM professionals to discuss their experiences and lifestyle;
- A tour of LEA facilities, giving students the opportunity to view equipment up close that is not normally open or accessible to the public;
- An opportunity to ride in Defence vehicles; and
- A presentation from ADF Careers team.

Year 9

Morrisby Profiling- 25th March

The Department of Education gives every year 9 Victorian Government school student free access to the world leading Morrisby online career education tool. Morrisby helps your child make informed choices for senior secondary school and beyond by exploring their strengths, interests and career opportunities.

The My Career Insights program pairs your child's Morrisby profile with a free one-on-one expert career consultant session, supported by the Australian Centre for Career Education. This is an important opportunity in year 9. It will help your child update their career action plan, make big decisions and stay motivated to learn

The Department of Education needs your consent to give your child access to Morrisby, please make sure you provide permission for the profiling through Compass.

Year 10

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo- March 19th

This event will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages.

The event is for school students looking for courses and workers seeking new training and career options.

The Expo is packed with Free advice, students can...

- Talk with over 130 Training Organisations & Employers
- Gain Free Career Advice
- Discover Jobs of the Future
- Talk with Leading Organisations about Training & Apprenticeships
- Experience the Free Career Seminars
- Learn how to write a Winning Resume

Enjoy the Try'a Skill Zones

Please make sure you have returned your permission form through Compass.

Careers and Pathways Newsletter Continued....

Year 11 and 12 VCE VM and VPC

Students completing the VCE VM and VPC pathways are required to participate in Structured Workplace Learning (SWL). SWL is an important opportunity for students to gain real industry experience, build confidence, and develop employability skills in a career area they are interested in pursuing.

Families play a valuable role in helping students secure a placement. You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to speak with family, friends, or community contacts about potential opportunities
- Helping them prepare a short introduction about themselves and their career interests
- Supporting them to make phone calls or send professional emails to local businesses

Assisting with transport planning and ensuring required paperwork is completed on time
SWL helps students connect their classroom learning to the real world, develop workplace communication skills, and build networks that may lead to apprenticeships, traineeships, or future employment.

If you or someone you know may be able to host a student, please contact the school — we greatly appreciate community partnerships that support our young people in building their future pathways.

Prior to students being able to go out on placement they need to complete 2 Safe Work Assessments (1- General Module 2- Industry Specific) from the Department of Education.

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/safeatwork/quiz/\(S\(deg0w20pxufmudjoqycec5eu\)\)/default.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/safeatwork/quiz/(S(deg0w20pxufmudjoqycec5eu))/default.aspx)

Students are also required to complete the SWL paperwork to ensure they have Department of Education insurance while on placement. These forms can be collected from Deb or Ann, or found on the Broadford SC Careers page.

<https://www.broadfordscareersandpathways.com/workplace-learning/required-documents>

Year 12

La Trobe University Talk and Tour Sessions

Are you starting to consider your next steps after school?

La Trobe Bendigo's would like to invite you to attend their Talk and Tour sessions, running Monday, 13 April to Wednesday, 15 April 2026.

These sessions allow students to meet course academics, gain insight into what it's like to study at La Trobe, ask questions, and feel confident about their future study options

They'll also connect with our Student Ambassadors and experience a guided tour of the Bendigo campus, showcasing key facilities and our on-campus accommodation.

Use the poster and scan the QR code to sign up or come and see Deb in the Careers and Pathways Office for help.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
**TALK &
TOURS**

13-15 APRIL 2026 | 10AM-3PM

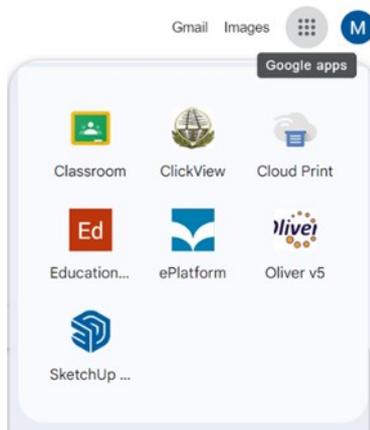
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GET TICKETS NOW

LIBRARY NEWS

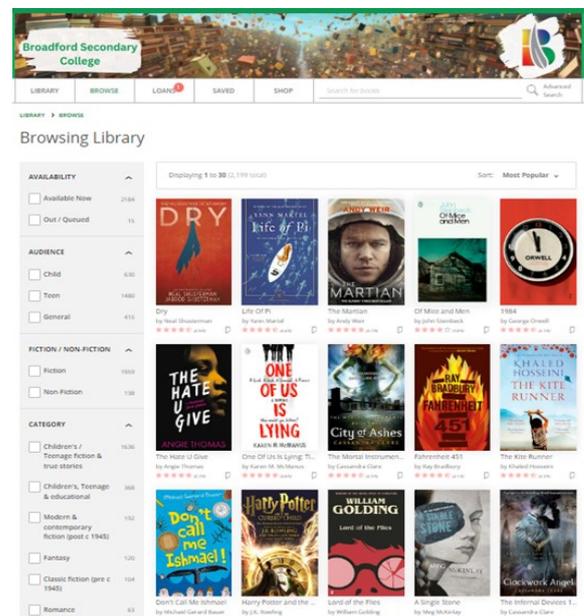
eBooks (ePlatform)



The library has eBooks available for students which can be accessed using your Google account. Open a Google account (Gmail or Drive), open a new Google tab, click on the Google waffle icon and scroll down the list of apps until you get to the bottom list (Figure 1). Then select the ePlatform icon and log in with your Google account details.

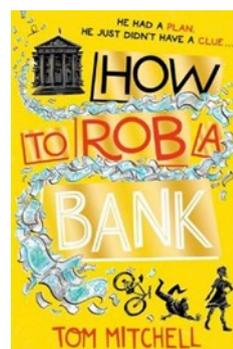
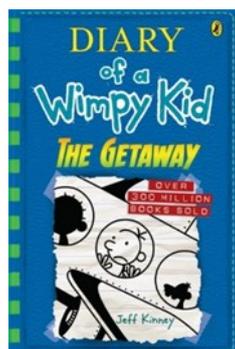
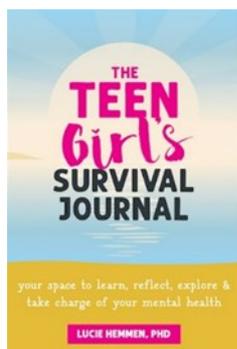
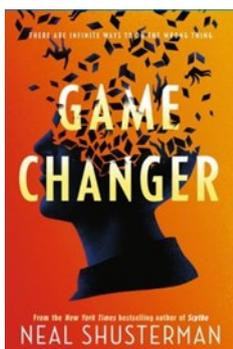
To find genres, go to the Browse tab and choose which category you like to read. Click on a book image to see if you are interested in reading the book.

Feel free to talk to a librarian if you need any assistance with eBooks.



New eBooks in ePlatform

Check out some of the new eBooks.



Students can recommend books for the library.

If there are books that you would like to see in the library, you can fill out one of the library suggestion forms for consideration. When we purchase books, we start with the list of books that the students have suggested.

If you have suggestions, please share them with the librarians so that we can create a collection with your interests in mind.

See you in the library. Ms. Slater

Master Builders Victoria was established in 1875 by a group of distinguished builders intent on raising standards within the industry.

Since that time the organisation has grown to become a pre-eminent industry voice with members universally renowned for their reliability, skill and professionalism.

A broad based organisation, Master Builders services the needs of the entire industry, from residential to commercial and engineering businesses, principal contractors to subcontractors, tradies, manufacturers and suppliers.

We continually assist in developing the skills of our members by providing access to a wide range of services, an impressive degree of recognition, as well as representation to government and industry.

Use this link to [MBV Events](#) website to enquire or book for these upcoming events



Women in Sustainable Construction Session – East Melbourne (Session 1)

EVENT | 30 April 2026 at 5:00 pm

📍 MBV Head Office

Member: Free

Non-Member: Free

Book Now



Oracle NetSuite Webinar: Demystifying AI – 7 Practical Steps to Get Your Business Ready for AI

EVENT | 18 March 2026 at 3:30 pm

📍 Online Via Zoom

Member: FREE

Non-Member: FREE

Book Now



Women in Sustainable Construction Session – Shepparton

EVENT | 25 February 2026 at 11:00 am

📍 Terminus Hotel

Member: Free

Non-Member: Free

Book Now



Women in Sustainable Construction Session – Bendigo

EVENT | 12 March 2026 at 11:00 am

📍 All Seasons Hotel

Member: Free

Non-Member: Free

Book Now



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:

\$400 for primary and 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 1	12 March 2026	26 March 2026
Term 2	5 June 2026	19 June 2026
Term 3	28 August 2026	11 September 2026
Term 4	20 November 2026	4 December 2026



Broadford
Secondary College

BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

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



**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



Register here online now

or call RPS Coordinator
0459 656 790



QR code to register



COBRAM

**A FREE five session program for parents and carers of
2 -12 year old children**

Would you like to learn how to

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

**Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm
10th February - 10th March 2026
FamilyCare, 49 Broadway Street, Cobram**



**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 Valley
(Greater Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi)

OPEN REGISTRATION

2026 REGISTRATIONS

BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB INC

REGISTER NOW TO GET A FREE PAIR BNC SOCKS



CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK OR EMAIL
broadfordnetballclub@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE:
CLOSING 15TH MARCH
OR EARLIER DUE TO CAPACITY

UNDER
9S, 11S, 13S & 16S

CHOIR

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 Ament
- 'You're the Voice' John Farnham
- 'This is Me' - Greatest Showman
- 'Bohemian Rhapsody' - Queen
- 'Wonderwall' - Oasis



<https://forms.gle/ArtDHmb5PQPHCjkh9>



WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL?

JOIN US NOW!



Majors
BROADFORD VICTORIA

2026 Young Women in Aerospace & Defence

RMIT City Campus · 4-Day STEM Program for Girls (Grades 7 - 12)

A high-impact, in-person school holiday program giving girls direct exposure to aerospace, defence and advanced engineering careers through hands-on STEM, industry visits and real engineers.



Who can apply

Girls in Grades 7 to 12 attending a Victorian school. No prior experience required, just curiosity, creativity, and interest in STEM.

Program dates

Students are placed into a program based on application order.

- Program 1: 13 - 16 April
- Program 2: 6 - 9 July
- Program 3: 21 - 24 September

Important

Successful applicants may indicate their preferred program, but places are allocated in the order applications are received. Once a program fills, students are moved to the next available session.

Cost

FREE!

What students will do

Each program runs for 4 full days and includes:

- ✨ **Hands-on aerospace & defence STEM** – Programs feature a mix of drone flying, coding, electronics, aerodynamics and engineering challenges (varies by session).
- ✈️ **Exclusive site visits** – Visit real aerospace and defence companies (RMIT provides transport)
- 👩 **Meet engineers & scientists** – Q&A sessions with women working in high-tech STEM careers
- 🏆 **Final-Day Competition** – Teams compete for prizes and trophies
- 📄 **Certificates & Merchandise** – Each holiday program features different themes and activities.



How to Apply

📹 Step 1 - Create a video

Students record a **2-minute video** answering: *Why should you be selected for the Young Women in Aerospace & Defence program?*

🔗 Step 2 - Upload your video to YouTube

Make sure you set your video as **UNLISTED** for privacy.

📧 Step 3 - Fill out the Google form and share your YouTube video link with us

Students paste their YouTube link into the Google form and complete their details. Use this address to access the form

<https://forms.gle/dSyVMrD6nkK3bgYA7>

📅 Application Deadline: **15 March 2025.**

Applicants will be notified via email by **20 March 2025.**



If you have any questions contact us on wackettSTEMprogram@rmit.edu.au

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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/>





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 email, 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