



BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

No: 11

July 24th 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Tuesday 28th

Create My Footprint
Years 9 & 10
A-mazing day out
Years 7 & 8

AUGUST

Monday 3rd

Mid Year Awards Assembly

Tuesday 4th

Japanese sister school visit

Monday 10th

Production Camp

Thursday 6th August

Pat Cronin Incursion
'Violence is never ok'
Years 7,8 & 9

Thursday 13th

Production VIP Night

Friday 14th—Saturday 15th

School production Mamma Mia

Friday 21st August

Student free day

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd

Year 7 Immunisations

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

My name is James Blay, and I would like to introduce myself as the Acting Principal of Broadford Secondary College for Term 3 while Tania Pearson enjoys some well-earned long service leave. Tania will be enjoying some holidays in Bali and Europe throughout the term, and we wish her a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming her back to the College at the beginning of Term 4.

My substantive role is Assistant Principal at Alamanda College in Point Cook, one of Victoria's largest schools with over 3,200 students. I also recently completed a 12-month Acting Principal appointment at Rutherglen High School. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead Broadford Secondary College this term and look forward to working with our students, staff and families.

In my first two weeks at the College, I have had the pleasure of speaking with many of our students. I have been particularly impressed by the respect they show towards one another and to staff, which is a wonderful reflection of the Broadford community.

Overall, students have settled into the new term extremely well. It is an important stage of the year for our senior students as they work towards their final assessments, while our middle school students will soon begin considering their pathways into senior education and beyond.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

As someone joining the school from outside the community, I can also say objectively that Broadford Secondary College is supported by an incredibly dedicated and hardworking staff. Their commitment to providing the very best opportunities for students is evident, and the positive culture across the school is something the entire community should be proud of.

I would also like to thank our families for their patience, understanding, and cooperation during this week's industrial action. We appreciate that the disruption may have created challenges for many families, and we are grateful for the support you showed throughout the day.

There are many exciting opportunities ahead this term, including our school production of *Mamma Mia!* I was fortunate enough to watch one of the first full rehearsals, and I can confidently say it will be a fantastic performance that is not to be missed. I encourage everyone to come along and support our talented students and staff.

Please do continue to keep an eye on Compass and future newsletters for updates on the many events and celebrations taking place across the College this term.

I look forward to meeting more members of our community over the coming weeks. If you see me around the school, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and say hello.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards

James Blay

Acting Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mid-Year Awards

Our Mid-Year Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, 3 August, commencing at 10:30 am.

The ceremony recognises students for their achievements during Semester One, including academic excellence, improvement, and commitment to learning. We warmly invite parents, carers, and family members who are available during the day to join us in celebrating our award recipients. Having family members there to share these achievements makes the occasion even more special for our students.

Award recipients and their families will receive further information via Compass.

Create My Footprint

On Tuesday, 28 July, Broadford Secondary College will once again host Create My Footprint, an important careers event for our Year 9 and 10 students.

The day gives students the opportunity to meet with employers, training providers, and education organisations to explore future pathways and career options. We encourage all Year 9 and 10 students to make the most of the day by booking appointments with our teachers via COMPASS.

While Create My Footprint is running, Year 7 and 8 students will attend an excursion. This also needs to be consented to via COMPASS. VCE students will participate in an English intensive, and our VCE VM students will take part in Create My Footprint throughout the day.

If Year 9 or 10 families have any questions about the day or appointment bookings, please contact Ms Boyd.



POSITIVE CLIMATE = CORNER =



Celebrating our positive highlights from Semester 1

TEACHER POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LEADERBOARD



1	Mr Maxwell A.	2,141
2	Mr Aaron G.	1,789
3	Ms Mary Anne V.	1,484
4	Ms Daisy D.	1,423
5	Mr Joseph T.	1,231

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT MERIT LEADERS



STUDENT	YEAR	MERITS
Hunter W.	Year 7	25
Harrison W.	Year 7	24
Cooper R.	Year 7	23
Grace H.	Year 7	23
Cleo B.	Year 7	23
Charlie W.	Year 7	22
Eli H.	Year 7	22
Kevin Z.	Year 7	22
Louise D.	Year 9	21
Zaine T.	Year 7	21
Thomas B.	Year 7	21
Evan M.	Year 8	21
Darcy B.	Year 7	20
Willow P.	Year 7	20
Jasmine H.	Year 7	20
Brendan L.	Year 8	20
Natasha P.	Year 8	20
Annabel S.	Year 8	20
Caleb B.	Year 8	20
Julian P-S.	Year 8	20

POSITIVE CLIMATE BY THE NUMBERS



28,433

POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
ISSUED THIS YEAR



449

FREE LUNCHES EARNED BY
STUDENTS THIS YEAR



499

TOTAL FREE LUNCHES
LAST YEAR

POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Positive Acknowledgements are issued on Compass when students demonstrate the school rules and values through their actions.

Merits are issued on Compass when a student goes "above and beyond" through their actions.



For every five positive acknowledgements, a student will receive a Merit.



A student who achieves five Merits in a given term will receive a free lunch.



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



ORGANISATION



PERSISTENCE

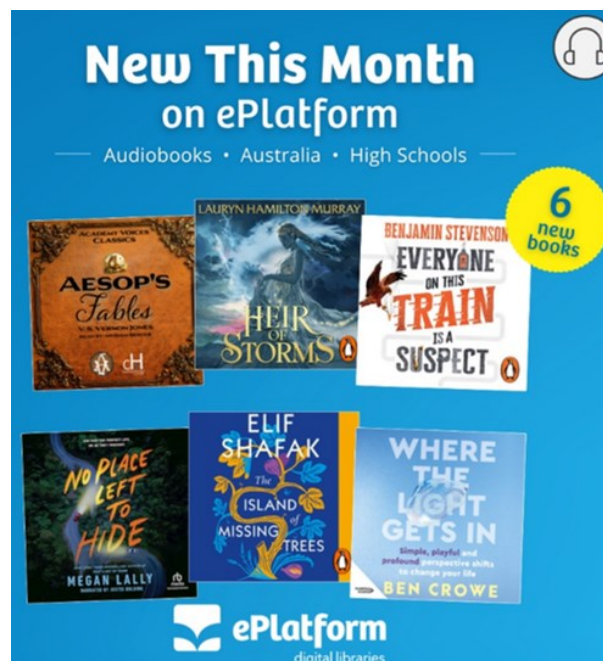


EXCELLENCE

LIBRARY NEWS

New eBooks & audiobooks in Platform

Some of the latest eBook and audiobook additions to our ePlatform, are:



Book Week

Have you organised your costume for Book Week? This year's theme is "Symphony of stories" which can be interpreted in many ways, and I am really looking forward to seeing what you all come up with.

However, you don't have to follow the theme if you already have a book or book character in mind.

Book Week will be in Week 7 of this term, and the book week dress-up day is **Friday 28th August**. To give you some ideas, here is the group photo from 2025.



See you in the library. Ms. Slater

Family Overview – Violence Is Never OK Presentation

As part of your school's commitment to student wellbeing, your child will soon take part in the Violence Is Never OK presentation delivered by the **Pat Cronin Foundation**. This session empowers young Australians to say no to violence by helping them understand its consequences and the importance of making wise, safe choices.



Pat's Story

In 2016, Pat Cronin, a kind, caring 19-year-old, was killed by a single Coward Punch while helping a friend who was being attacked. The force of that punch fractured his skull, causing an inoperable brain bleed. Two days later, his parents, Matt and Robyn, made the heart-breaking decision to turn off his life support.

Pat's story sits at the heart of the Foundation's work. It's a powerful reminder of what can happen when violence is chosen over walking away. Sharing his story encourages young people to reflect on their own choices and consider safer alternatives when faced with conflict.

Why This Session Matters

Violence destroys lives, families, and communities. Many young people underestimate the risks of "just one punch" or joining a fight, and many also lack the tools to manage anger constructively.

This session encourages students to:

- ▶ Explore how anger, aggression, and choices drive conflict.
- ▶ Understand the real and lasting consequences of violence.
- ▶ Build empathy, kindness, and resilience.
- ▶ Recognise that walking away is a sign of strength.
- ▶ Learn practical strategies to prevent harm and deescalate situations.

These lessons align with the Pat Cronin Foundation's mission:

Be Wise. Think Carefully. Act Kindly.

Think



Be Wise Education Programs

For more information, visit patcroninfoundation.org.au



PAT CRONIN
FOUNDATION



What Will the Session Include?

- ✓ Pat's story and the tragedy of the Coward Punch.
- ✓ The links between anger, aggression, and violent behaviour.
- ✓ How words, choices, and actions affect themselves and others.
- ✓ Practical strategies to navigate conflict and prevent harm.



How Is It Taught?

- 👤 Storytelling and real-life scenarios that build strong emotional connections.
- 👤 Group discussion and reflection linked to students' own experiences.
- 👤 Relatable examples that give tools for managing conflict safely.



Follow-Up at Home

You can make a big difference by continuing the conversation at home. Try:

- 🏠 Asking: "What part of Pat's story stood out to you the most?"
- 🏠 Reminding your child it's okay to feel angry – but never okay to hurt others.
- 🏠 Encouraging them to use conflict resolution strategies they've learned.
- 🏠 Highlighting that choosing not to fight shows real strength.
- 🏠 Talking about how walking away takes courage.

If your child needs extra support, these services are available:

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| ♥ School wellbeing support | ♥ Headspace |
| ♥ Kids Helpline | ♥ Lifeline |
| ♥ Beyond Blue | ♥ 13Yarn |

Be Wise Education Programs

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**PAT CRONIN
FOUNDATION**

Term	Month	Date	Details
Term 2 2026	April	24	EE semester 2 applications open
	May	22	EE semester 2 applications close
		25	CHES Expo (onsite and hyflex for selected sessions)
		29	VCE and HES applications open
	June	2	VCE Information Evening and Open Night (hyflex)
		10	HES Information Evening (online)
		12	Students and schools informed of outcome of EE semester 2 applications and sent enrolment forms to complete as acceptance of offer
26		EE semester 2 enrolment forms due	
Term 3 2026	August	3	EE semester 2 classes begin
		21	Applications for VCE and HES subjects close
		24	EE semester 1 2027 applications open
	September	11	Students and schools informed of outcome of VCE applications and sent enrolment forms to complete as acceptance of offer
		18	EE semester 1 2027 applications close
Term 4 2026	October	9	VCE enrolment forms due
		16	Students and schools informed of outcomes of EE applications and sent enrolment forms to complete as acceptance of offer
		30	EE enrolment forms due
		November	27
	December		7-9
		11	HES enrolment forms due
		18	Final day for students to submit semester 2 reports and grades for HES applications
Term 1 2027	January	mid	Students and schools informed of outcomes of HES applications (unconditional offers)
	February	early	VCE classes begin
		late	EE semester 1 classes begin
	February/March	-	HES classes begin


national science week

15 - 23 AUGUST 2026 - AUSTRALIA WIDE

Science Week 2026

Theme: "Seeds of Science"

Join in the fun daily Lunch 2 activities and enter the Daily Quiz Questions (theme based) to win some cool Science prizes!



Date	Activity at Lunch 2 in S2
Monday 17/8	Flower Dissection
Tuesday 18/8	Convection Tank
Wednesday 19/8	Colourful Chemistry
Thursday 20/8	Dancing Seeds
Friday 21/8	Making Rainbows



Celebrate the first Cuppa Connect

Tuesday 28 July
(and every fourth Tuesday of the month)
10:30am - 12:00pm
7-11 High Street Wallan

Hey Mob, come have a cuppa and connect over morning tea. Let's yarn about what Omnia Community Health can help you with.

For more information contact Aboriginal Engagement Officer, Kerry Williams:

☎ 0494 530 418 ✉ kerry.williams@omniach.org.au



Kerry Williams
Aboriginal Engagement
Officer

YAMMA | WELCOME
Come and Yarn

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I support Aboriginal and Torres Strait community members access culturally safe care and services. I work with individuals, communities and local organisations to build strong relationships, support referrals and strengthen community connections across the region.

Omnia Community Health offices are on the Country of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Our Values

Our focus and our strength
Kind and compassionate
Deliver by listening



Designed with you
Evidence led innovation
Service excellence

From and for the
communities we work with
Collaborate and partner
Strengthen community

Advance health equity
Advocate for dignity and belonging
Celebrate diversity

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
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Term 2	5 June 2026	19 June 2026
Term 3	28 August 2026	11 September 2026
Term 4	20 November 2026	4 December 2026



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HOST A WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT



14–18 SEPTEMBER

Broadford Secondary College is seeking local businesses and organisations willing to host a student for **one week** of work experience.

HELP YOUNG PEOPLE:



Explore career pathways



Develop workplace skills



Gain valuable industry experience



**INTERESTED IN
HOSTING A STUDENT?**



Contact Broadford Secondary College
(03) 5784 1200



Thank you for supporting our local youth and community.



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ASPIRE | STRIVE | ACHIEVE

CREATING MY *Footprint*

SUBJECT SELECTION & PATHWAYS DAY



SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY
28 JULY



10:00AM – 6:00PM



Students currently in **Year 9** and **10** will have **mandatory** course counselling sessions on this day.



Appointments can be made from the **13th July**.



External Providers will be attending our **Creating My Footprint** Day.

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE



SUBJECT
SELECTION



VCE & VCE VM
PATHWAYS



VET
OPPORTUNITIES



TAFE & TRAINING
INFORMATION



CAREER
PLANNING



EXTERNAL
PROVIDERS

Aspire

Strive

Achieve



KILMORE NETBALL CLUB

THE GREAT
AUSSIE
TRIVIA
NIGHT



FROM THE MAKERS OF
BOGAN BINGO!

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

★ ★ **DOORS OPEN AT 7PM** ★ ★



BYO NIBBLES



THEME YOUR TABLE



**PRIZES UP FOR GRABS
& SILENT AUCTION**



\$30
PER PERSON



Gather your mates and put your Aussie knowledge to the test!

BOOK NOW: ➔ <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFHS>



ALL ABILITIES COME & TRY DAY!

ALL
WELCOME!
NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY!



COME & TRY SESSIONS

NEW!

A great opportunity to try football in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment.

- ✓ Open to all abilities – everyone is welcome!
- ✓ Inclusive, adapted activities
- ✓ Highly experienced all abilities coaches
- ✓ Small group sizes and individual support
- ✓ A safe, respectful and encouraging space



SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026



9:00AM



MITCHELL RANGERS
SOCCER CLUB
BROADFORD



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Valley Sport
Goulburn Valley Sports Assembly Inc.

Bendigo Bank

Plan Partners

FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDS & FOOTBALL!

COME ALONG, HAVE A GO AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!



*Everyone
Belongs Here!*

QUESTIONS? ✉ secretary@mitchellrangers.org.au

📱 Mitchell Rangers Soccer Club

ALL ABILITIES GALA DAY



SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026



BROADFORD



INCLUSION



RESPECT



COMMUNITY



FUN

EVENT SCHEDULE

TIME	MATCH LENGTH	PITCH 1	PITCH 2
9:00am – 10:30am	90min	 COME TRY SESSIONS (SCHOOL PITCH)	
11:00am – 11:45am	40 mins	OAKLEIGH CANNONS FC vs NORTHERN FALCONS	MITCHELL RANGERS vs DOC FOOTBALL ACADEMY (WATSONIA HEIGHTS FC)
12:00pm – 12:45pm	40 mins	HAMPTON PARK UNITED SFC vs GLEN EIRA FC	
12:30pm – 1:15pm	40 mins	NORTHERN FALCONS FC vs DOC FOOTBALL ACADEMY (WATSONIA HEIGHTS FC)	HAMPTON PARK UNITED SFC vs MANSFIELD DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB
1:00pm – 1:45pm	40 mins		
1:30pm – 2:00pm	30 mins		MITCHELL RANGERS SC JUNIORS vs WHITTLESEA UNITED SC
2:00pm	MAIN EVENT	MITCHELL RANGERS	VS WANGARATTA



BBQ AVAILABLE
FROM 10:30AM



FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!



CELEBRATING INCLUSION
THROUGH FOOTBALL

EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!

ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY. **TOGETHER WE RISE.**



Young Driver Program: Cool Heads Initiative

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Victoria Police and local agencies

WEDNESDAY 12 August, 2026

Wallan Secondary College, 100 Duke Street Wallan, Victoria 3756

Arrive by 6.40pm for a 7pm Start (concludes approx 9pm)

FREE ENTRY – Bookings essential.

Tickets available now

Enquiries:

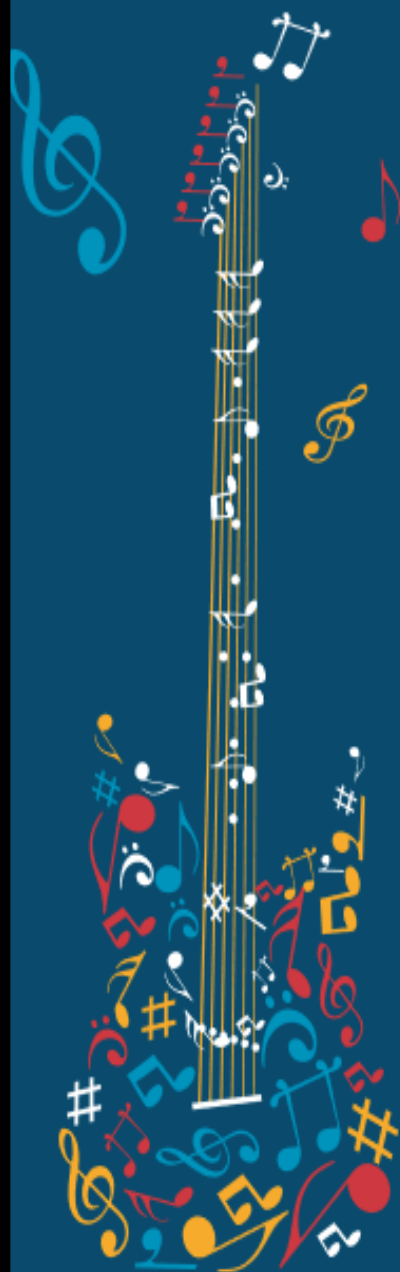
Leading Senior Constable Brooke Alexander
03 5820 5777

If an Attendance Certificate is required,
please register at the Coolheads Desk
prior to taking your seat.



Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!





INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

(ALL INSTRUMENTS & VOCALS)

BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE



DETAILS FOR TERM 3 PROGRAM

- COMMENCING TERM 3 WEEK1
- LOCATION – MUSIC ROOM H2
- ALL YEAR LEVELS 7-12 WELCOME
- COST - \$200 PER TERM
- 1 x 35 min LESSON PER WEEK
- INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING
- ENSEMBLE & PERFORMANCES

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS TO MAIN
OFFICE
DUE 26 JUNE, 2026

MUSIC MANAGER – MR AARON GUNDUZ
aaron.gunduz@education.vic.gov.au

TUTOR – MR WILL THOMPSON
william.thompson@education.vic.gov.au





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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	- 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	- 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