



# BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

No: 14

September 4th 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Monday 7th**

Talent Show

**Tuesday 8th**

Dreamscape VCE VM  
Year 12 Excursion

**Friday 11th**

Broadland Stalls

Army Careers Open Day  
@ Puckapunyal

**Monday 14th**

Parent Teacher  
Interviews

**Friday 18th**

Last Day Of Term 3  
2.30pm Dismissal

### **OCTOBER**

**Monday 5th**

First Day Of Term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been another busy and positive week at Broadford Secondary College, with plenty to celebrate across our school community.

### **Broadland Stalls**

Our Year 8 students officially opened their Broadland Stalls to the community today, and it was fantastic to see their hard work come to life. In preparation for opening day, students have been working diligently on their businesses, including planning their products, setting prices, considering food safety requirements and preparing their stalls. We had an amazing range of products on offer, including waffles, lolly stations, 3D-printed models, handcrafted bracelets, desserts and much more.

Importantly, the learning doesn't stop after the first day of sales. Students will now review how their business performed, consider what worked well and what could be improved, and refine their business models before opening again.

The Broadland Stalls will be open again next Friday from 1:00 pm. If you are able to come along, please do, and bring some cash to support our budding young entrepreneurs!

### **Book Day**

Our Book Day dress up was a big hit with students and staff, with some fantastic costumes on display across the College. While dressing up is certainly part of the fun, Book Day also provides us with an important opportunity to celebrate and promote reading. Developing strong reading habits remains incredibly important throughout secondary school, supporting students not only in English but across every learning area. We encourage families to continue promoting reading at home and helping young people find books and topics that genuinely interest them.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

### **Interschool Athletics**

A group of students proudly represented the College at the interschool athletics competition, with a number of excellent performances and positive results throughout the day. A particular highlight was an extraordinary performance from our very own Poppy, who broke the state record in the 400 metres by a whopping 10 seconds! This is an amazing achievement and something Poppy should be incredibly proud of. Congratulations to all of our students who competed and represented Broadford Secondary College so positively.

### **SIX the Musical**

Students involved in our recent College production had the opportunity to attend a performance of SIX the Musical. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show, which was particularly fitting given the enormous amount of work they recently put into their own production. We were also delighted to have a member of the public reach out specifically to compliment our students on their highly respectful behaviour while attending the performance. Receiving unsolicited positive feedback about our students is always wonderful and reflects extremely well on them and our College.

### **Footy Colours Day**

Footy Colours Day was another great success today, with plenty of team colours and friendly rivalry around the College. Most importantly, the day raised money for BlazeAid, which does incredible work alongside rural communities, helping families rebuild fences and clear debris following natural disasters including bushfires, floods and cyclones. A big thank you to our senior students who led this initiative and to everyone who got involved and supported the cause. And, of course, Go Blues!

### **Father's Day**

Our Father's Day Breakfast was a fantastic way to start the day, with a great turnout from our school community. Thank you to the staff who led and supported this initiative and, importantly, to all of the family and community members who came along. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time together at the College.

I would also like to wish a very Happy Father's Day to all of our dads, stepdads, grandfathers and father figures within the Broadford Secondary College community. We hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday and know how much the role you play in supporting, guiding and raising the next generation is valued and appreciated.

### **Student Behaviour in the Community**

Unfortunately, we have received some reports regarding the behaviour of a small number of our students while travelling on school buses and the public train network.

If your child uses these services, please take a moment to remind them of their responsibility to behave in a safe, respectful and considerate manner while travelling to and from school. This includes following the directions of drivers and transport staff, respecting other passengers, and ensuring their behaviour does not impact the safety or comfort of others.

More broadly, we remind all students that when travelling to and from school or out in the local community, they are representing both themselves and our College. We appreciate families reinforcing these expectations at home and helping us ensure our students continue to represent Broadford Secondary College positively.

Have a wonderful weekend, and once again, Happy Father's Day to all those celebrating.

**James Blay**

Acting Principal

## Messages From Mr Willison

### **Preparing for 2027**

Broadford Secondary College will move to a five-lesson day in 2027. Five 60-minute lessons will replace the current four 75-minute lessons.

Staff discussed the benefits, challenges and practical details of this change before supporting the new model. With shorter lessons, students will see many of their teachers more often during the week. This will help students revisit their learning regularly, build stronger routines and receive support sooner when they need it.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will also have some core subjects more often. This will provide more regular learning in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities and help prepare students for their senior years.

The length of the school day and the total amount of learning time will not change. The time will simply be spread across five lessons instead of four.

We are still working through details such as break times, assemblies and subject allocations. Final bell times and arrangements for each year level will be shared with students and families once planning is complete.

### **V/Line introduced updated timetables**

From Sunday 23rd August Students and families who use V/Line services should check the current timetable to confirm whether their travel to and from school has been affected.

View the updated timetables on the V/Line website.

### **Parent and Carer Opinion Survey**

The 2026 Parent and Carer Opinion Survey remains open until Friday 18 September.

If you would like to provide feedback about what Broadford Secondary College is doing well and where we could improve, this is your genuine opportunity to do so.

The secure survey link, PIN and instructions are available in the Compass News Feed. If your household has already completed the survey, no further action is required.

### **Bell Music Theme**

Students who think they have worked out the connection can submit their guess via the link on Compass.

We are also looking for future theme ideas. Students, families and staff can email Mr Birks directly with a suggested theme and a few songs that could be included.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## ***Book Week 2026 - “Symphony of stories”***

This year’s Book Week included a Marvel Villains adventure escape room, Dr Seuss skilled games, Dr Seuss A-maz-ing Challenge, Big Games Experience, and the book costume day.

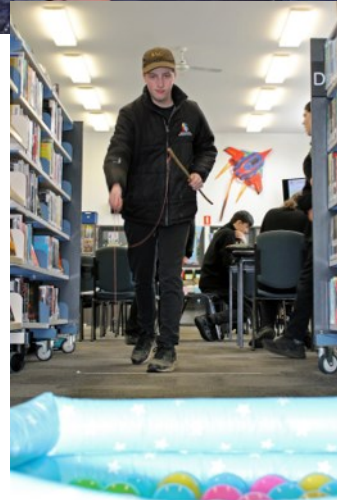
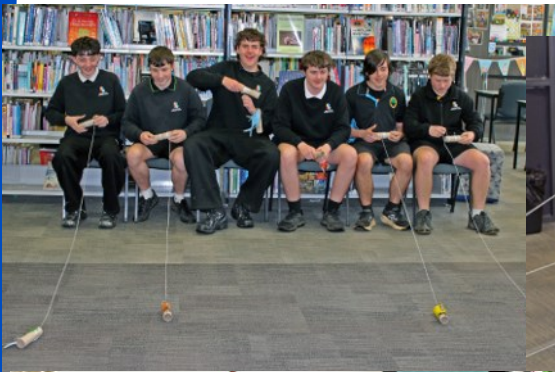
I need to give a HUGE thank you to Ms. Wate and the 11/12 VM VVCE students for creating the amazing Marvel Villains Escape Room. Thank you, Lisa Reed for taking the costume day group photo, and to Raelene for her photography and magnificent work during and leading up to Book Week.

Please enjoy a selection of photos from Book Week, we will have more on the walls in the library soon....

## ***Marvel Villains Escape Room***



## *Dr Seuss skilled games*



## *Big Games Adventure & A-maz-ing challenge*



# POSITIVE CLIMATE CORNER

STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

**JULIAN GREGORY**

(YEAR 7)



Staff celebrated Julian at morning briefing this week, where he received his certificate and voucher.



## OUR SCHOOL VALUES



### RESPECT

We treat others with kindness and consideration.



### RESPONSIBILITY

We take ownership of our actions and choices.



### ORGANISATION

We are prepared and ready to learn.



### PERSISTENCE

We keep trying and never give up.



### EXCELLENCE

We strive to do our best every day.

## WHY JULIAN WAS RECOGNISED

Throughout the month, staff observed Julian demonstrating the school values in various ways, including:

- ★ Regularly giving up his time to collect rubbish in the school yard
- ★ Making our yard look much cleaner
- ★ Julian even provided his own rubbish bin!



Thank you, Julian, for being a positive role model and showing what it means to live our school values every day. We are proud to have you as part of our school community!



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## 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 3 | 28 August 2026   | 11 September 2026 |
| Term 4 | 20 November 2026 | 4 December 2026   |

## White Card Training for Our Students

Over the past few weeks, our Year 10–12 students have had the opportunity to complete their **White Card training**, an important qualification for students looking to pursue careers in the construction industry.

The training was delivered onsite by the **Master Builders Association**, providing students with practical knowledge and an understanding of workplace safety requirements.

As part of the course, each student received a personal take-home kit containing essential personal protective equipment (PPE).

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the training and are pictured familiarising themselves with their new equipment and developing valuable skills for their future pathways.





BSC PRESENTS

# ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 7 • WEEK 9

1.15-2.10PM

BSC HALL

★  
**WANT TO PERFORM?**

Auditions & registrations: See Mr Gunduz



# Help shape the programs at the Broadford Living and Learning Centre.

Help us understand and plan programs that can support the Broadford Community.

Scan QR code to  
complete the survey  
and find out more



**Survey closes 18 September 2026**



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FREE  
ONE-DAY  
WORKSHOP

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

## Barista for Beginners

Are you aged 14-24 and interested in working in hospitality? Join our one-day workshop and increase your chances of finding work as a barista by gaining the essential skills employers are looking for.

### Barista for Beginners

Barista for Beginners is a FREE, one-day hospitality workshop. Learn from an industry professional and business owner and gain practical experience making coffee on a commercial machine.

- Hands on learning
- Develop customer service skills
- Learn from an industry professional

Be quick. Places are limited.

*This course is funded by Mitchell Youth Services as part of Youth Fest 2026.*

### Course details

📍 Kilmore Customer and Library Service Centre (John Taylor Room)  
12 Sydney Street, Kilmore

📅 Choose from two dates:  
29th September or  
30th September  
10am - 4pm

### Reserve your place



Complete our registration form:  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eKivs3JeJn>

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# THE SEYMOUR SHOW 2026

Friday 2nd October 4pm - 9pm

Saturday 3rd October 9am - 4pm

Kings Park, Tallarook Street, Seymour

Tickets online  
or at the gate

**The Grand  
Parade  
is BACK**



Kids under 12

**FREE**



[SEYMOURAGSHOW.ORG.AU](http://SEYMOURAGSHOW.ORG.AU)



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Secondary College

## BROADFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

|                        | LEARNING AREAS                                                                                                                                                                      | OUT IN THE YARD                                                                                                                                                             | IN THE COMMUNITY                                                                                                                                                                    | ALL SETTINGS                                                                                                                                                                     | DIGITAL SPACE                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>BRING YOUR BEST</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be on time for class with your equipment</li> <li>Do your best work and take pride in your work</li> <li>Be prepared to have a go</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being responsible for the school environment</li> <li>Be inclusive of others</li> <li>Going to class when the bell sounds</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represent the school with pride</li> <li>Offering to help members of our community</li> </ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear uniform with pride</li> <li>Model the school values</li> <li>Call out poor behaviour</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the internet as a learning resource</li> <li>Submitting work via Compass by the due date</li> <li>Having our devices charged and ready each day</li> </ul> |
| <b>BE SAFE</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be safe when moving around the class</li> <li>Use furniture correctly</li> </ul>                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play safely with others</li> <li>Play games in appropriate spaces</li> <li>Remain on the school grounds</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to trusted adults</li> <li>Be aware around roads and public transport</li> </ul>                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be mindful of ourselves and our surroundings</li> <li>Follow and observe the school rules</li> <li>Report bullying to teachers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informing a trusted adult if we have trouble online</li> <li>Keep passwords secure</li> </ul>                                                                  |
| <b>BE RESPECTFUL</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow teacher's instructions</li> <li>Respecting the learning space</li> <li>Respect others right to learn</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing friendly attitudes toward others</li> <li>Standing up for others</li> </ul>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be mindful of the needs of people in the community</li> <li>Use appropriate language on public transport</li> <li>Respect the law</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address everybody with respect</li> <li>Use respectful language</li> <li>Being respectful of others right to learn</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take care of devices</li> <li>Report cyber-bullying to an adult</li> <li>Make positive contributions about others</li> </ul>                                   |