

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### THE UNIFORM SHOP

During the Year - The Uniform Shop is open every Monday lunchtime between 12.36 and 1.20pm and Tuesday after school between 3.06 and 4.00pm

Especially for the start of the 2026 School Year -

Uniform measurements and sale will occur on days before school starts:  
**Saturday 17th, January 2026** (9.00am-1.00pm)  
**Monday 19th, January 2026** (9.00am-4.00pm)  
**Tuesday 27th January, 2026** (10.00am-4.00pm)  
**Wednesday 28th January, 2026** (3.00pm-5.00pm)  
Uniforms can also be purchased online at [www.dcsuniforms.com.au](http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au)

### 2026 - BOOK ORDERS

Books ordered from our supplier Campion School Supplies through the booklist will be available for pick-up from the Library on:

**MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026**

**10.00am - 2.00pm**

Please note: If families do not collect books on this day, only pre-paid books will be kept for collection when school resumes (from the General Office).

### SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1: 28TH JANUARY - 2ND APRIL  
TERM 2: 20TH APRIL - 26TH JUNE  
TERM 3: 13TH JULY - 18TH SEPTEMBER  
TERM 4: 5TH OCTOBER - 18TH DECEMBER

### YEAR 9

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**

### YEAR 12 STUDY DAYS

**THURSDAY 12TH AND**  
**FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

### YEAR 7 WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

### YEAR 11 FOCUS DAY

**FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

**FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**

### YEAR 11

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

### TWILIGHT EXPO

**WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH**

## 2026 SUB SCHOOL TEAMS

### YEAR 7 & 8

Sub School Leader - Ms Nada Peric  
Year 7 Coordinator - Mr Con Karvelas  
Year 7 Deputy - Ms Sylvia T'eo  
Year 8 Coordinators - Mr Brooke Connor  
- Ms Virginia Hobbs  
Admin Assistant - Ms Jenny Campbell

### YEAR 9 & 10

Sub School Leader - Ms Caroline Brereton  
Year 9 Coordinators - Mr Matthew O'Sullivan  
- Ms Keziah Gutierrez  
Year 10 Coordinator - Ms Erin McLean  
Year 10 Deputy - Ms Michele Bauer  
Admin Assistant - Ms Katie Stathakopoulos

### YEAR 11 & 12

Sub School Leader - Ms Tania Gadea  
Year 11 Coordinators - Mr Ross van Brink  
- Ms Mirsadet Osmani  
Year 12 Coordinators - Ms Alison Ryan  
- Mr Logan Fwyter  
VCE VM Coordinator - Ms Maria Petrides  
Admin Assistant - Ms Tuyen Trinh



## TERM 4 SNAPSHOTS

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we approach the close of the 2025 school year, the past few weeks have once again showcased the breadth of opportunities and rich learning experiences available to our students at Braybrook College. Students have completed final assessments and exams; taken part in our START Programs in preparation for their 2026 VCE studies; presented their creativity and innovation at the annual Art/Design Exhibition in our Auditorium; entertained the community through Theatre and Music performances; undertaken the Year 10 into Year 11 Peer Support Training; been recognised for their academic and co-curricular achievements at our Annual Awards Evening and House Awards Afternoon; represented the college in a range of sporting competitions; completed the Year 9 Safe @ Work Program; enjoyed the Year 11 Tasmania Camp and Year 7/8 Adventure Park excursion; participated in House Challenge Days and stepped confidently into leadership roles during Grade 6 Orientation Day. There is always something happening at Braybrook... and always so much to celebrate.

Throughout Term 4, we have also been preparing for next year, with significant work undertaken across our improvement, planning and review processes. Together with Faculty Leaders and Portfolio Heads, we have completed the 2025 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) End-cycle Review, drawing on rich reflections and data to finalise our report. Building on the recommendations from our 2025 School Review, we have now completed the new **2026-2029 School Strategic Plan**. In collaboration with the Leadership Team and the School Improvement Team, we are currently preparing a draft of the 2026 AIP, which will be shared with the college community early next year.

Our staff have been working tirelessly to prepare their 2026 programs and resources and to finalise the many tasks required before the break. My sincere thanks go to every member of our teaching and education support teams. Your professionalism, dedication and passion for making a difference in the lives of young people continue to strengthen Braybrook College's standing in the community.

### Year 12 Graduation and Awards Evening

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we gathered at the Melbourne City Conference Centre to celebrate the Graduation of the Class of 2025. It was a wonderful evening that recognised the achievements, growth and resilience of our Year 12 students. A wide range of awards were presented and our Year 12 Music students performed beautifully for the audience. Thank you to Suzie Bourne for addressing the cohort on behalf of School Council and to Ms Hadzisavas, Ms Hristoforidis, Ms Bailey, the VCE Team, Music staff and

our Student Leaders who contributed to making the evening such a success. We wish every graduating student the very best in their future endeavours.

### Staff Farewells and Leave for 2026

As is the case each year, we farewell a number of staff who are moving to other schools, resigning or taking periods of leave in 2026. Sam Coombs (English/Humanities) and Con Lekakis (Health/PE) have resigned. A number of staff will be extending their leave next year, including Kevin Boswell, William Dellas, Christopher Lee, Kirstie Hoskin-Elliott, Kate Phillips, Louise Latina, Christina Psevdos, Jordan Sharma, Julia Lindblad and Cornelia Elmelid. Several staff members will be commencing Family Leave: Rebecca Allinson, Tina Zammit, Tammy Huynh (from the end of February), Annele Cook (from mid-February) and Erin McLean (from March). Others will be undertaking a full or partial year of leave, including Ljubica Bacak, Ben Ladbroke, Rowena Archer, Eleanor Gunter (Semester 1 only) and Travis Waring (Term 1 only). We also farewell a number of staff who will be commencing at other schools in 2026: Kathryn McLeod, Ashley Holt, Michael Dundon, Matthew Greer, Katrina Wilson, Caspian Jacobson and Sarah Allen.

We thank all departing staff for their contributions to our community, whether over many years or a shorter time, and we wish them every success in the next stage of their careers. The Assistant Principals are currently finalising recruitment for 2026 to ensure continuity and stability across all programs.

### Thank you to our families

This year has been marked by strong partnerships between the college and our families. Your support of our programs, events and new initiatives continues to enhance the learning experiences available to our students. We greatly value your engagement with the school and look forward to strengthening this partnership even further in 2026.

### Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports are enclosed with this newsletter and will also be available on COMPASS. I encourage all families to take the time to discuss the report with their child, celebrate the progress they have made and review the constructive feedback provided by teachers to support sustained growth.

### In closing...

Thank you to our students, staff, families and School Councillors for your contributions to another productive and successful year at Braybrook College. I hope all members of our community enjoy a safe, restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

**Kelly Panousieris**

## Outstanding achievement in the Australian Mathematics Competition takes student to Canberra

Over 260 Braybrook College students entered the Australian Mathematics Competition this year, which is the biggest number of entrants ever. Between them they received 86 Proficiency, 73 Credits, 24 Distinctions and 1 Prize.

The Prize Award is the highest award possible, awarded to the top 300 students in the State. The recipient of this award was Ngoc Phuong Trinh Nguyen of 9B, who was offered a place at the Curious Minds Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Program in Canberra in recognition of her performance. Only 120 students from across Australia are selected to participate in this program, so we are very proud of her achievement. The week-long STEM camp is just the beginning of an eight-month hands-on extension and mentoring program that empowers girls with high potential in STEM to explore education and careers in STEM.

**Bec Thom and Catherine van Vliet - Maths Coordinators**



**Congratulations Trinh!**





# A FINAL FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Dear Teachers and Students of Braybrook College,

## To our teachers:

Thank you for your patience, guidance, support, and inspiration. Most importantly, thank you for being such an integral part of our children's journey. Never forget the difference you make—you are truly remarkable and appreciated more than words can express. Time may move forward, but the memories you've helped create will always remain. We wish you continued success and joy as you welcome the new Year 12 class of 2026.

## To the Year 12 Students of 2025:

Congratulations! We are so proud of each of you. There are no limits to where your mind and heart can take you—so reach for your dreams with courage and determination. As you step into new adventures, remember to be kind, stay curious, and never stop learning. Your future is bright, and we hope you find success and happiness in everything you pursue. We wish you all the very best in this exciting next chapter of your lives.

With pride and gratitude,

Thanh Ngoc Du - Parent of a 2025 Year 12 student

## Deakin University Congratulates Thy Ha

We would like to congratulate Thy Ha on being chosen as the recipient of the 2025 Deakin Young Influencer Award. This award is open to all Year 11 students, and Thy was selected as Braybrook College's winner, which is an incredible achievement.

The Deakin Young Influencer Award recognises excellence and celebrates students who are truly motivated to make a positive difference in the world, now and into the future. Deakin strongly believes in acknowledging outstanding students who embody the values of Community Leadership, Change Advocacy, and Progressive Thinking. The University has rewarded Thy's efforts and achievements with a \$5000 scholarship to support her first year of study at Deakin in 2027.

Thy has demonstrated exceptional commitment to community and service both in Australia and abroad. She has volunteered at Sunshine North Primary

School through the Kitchen Garden Program, helping students build independence and confidence, and supported early childhood educators at Goodstart Early Learning Centre. During family visits to Vietnam, she has taken part in charity work distributing essentials, preparing low-cost meals, assisting temples, and teaching children English. At school, she has been a leader in multiple roles, including House Captain, SRC Vic Ambassador and Peer Support Leader, advocating for student voice, inclusion and wellbeing. Her experiences reflect compassion, humility and a deep belief in the power of small actions to create meaningful change.



Congratulations, Thy! We wish you all the best and can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Rowena Archer - Careers and VET

## Additional Work Experience Placement at KPMG

Congratulations to Joanna Kallis (Year 12) for undertaking an additional Work Experience placement at the end of her Year 12 year.

Joanna spent over a week working with multiple corporate teams at KPMG (Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler). The Melbourne office is a local branch of this global professional services firm, which provides audit, tax, and advisory services to clients in Australia and around the world.

During her placement, Joanna worked closely with staff across several departments to gain insight into their roles. She also attended training sessions to learn more about the important work that KPMG undertakes.



Ms Archer - Careers and VET

## VCE VET Hospitality Students Explore Training Opportunities for 2026

Students undertaking VCE VET Hospitality in 2026 spent the day at William Angliss TAFE to learn more about the training that they will undertake in 2026. The day involved a tour of the various facilities, a scavenger hunt, working with students from other schools and a catered lunch. It was great to see a preview of the training that these students will be involved with.



Ms Archer - Careers and VET.

## Congratulations to our Young Historian Aonnesha Roy

Aonnesha Roy (9J) investigates Britain's colonisation of South Asia with the National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a national research competition where students choose historical events and topics related to their own interests related to a specific theme. In 2025, the theme was "Conflict and Resolution".

This semester, with only this theme in mind, Aonnesha plunged deep into historical research about South Asia's colonial history. Aonnesha is to be commended for her participation which required her to conduct independent historical research using her own time.

Aonnesha writes, "I wanted to learn more about the history of my parents' country, Bangladesh, and how its current state came to be due to the conflict caused by British colonisation and the resolution of partition. I researched by reading articles about British colonialism in India to form a general understanding of the topic. I then studied primary sources in the National Archives UK, from the time period of the East India Company and British Raj".



The Humanities faculty is proud of students like Aonnesha who challenge themselves by entering competitions like the National History Challenge. History is an exciting discipline that provides all people with the opportunity to increase their awareness and appreciation of the world and their important place in it.

Well done, Aonnesha!

Allison Hommelhoff - Humanities Teacher

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIOR FUTSAL TEAM!

The Braybrook College Senior Futsal Team proudly represented the College at the Australasian Champion of Champions Tournament held in Brisbane in November. The tournament brought together some of the best school futsal teams from across Australia, providing an incredible opportunity for our students to compete at the highest level.

Throughout the tournament, the team displayed remarkable determination, teamwork and resilience. They faced a number of highly skilled opponents and produced a series of impressive performances, demonstrating both technical ability and a strong competitive spirit. Their hard work and commitment saw them progress through the group stages and knockout rounds, ultimately earning a place in the grand final.

In a thrilling and hard-fought final match, Braybrook College was narrowly defeated by Suncoast Christian College with a score of 4-3 in golden goal extra time. Despite the heartbreaking finish, the team's effort, sportsmanship



and composure were exemplary.

This is an outstanding achievement and one that reflects the dedication, preparation, and passion of everyone involved. The College community is extremely proud of the team's success and the way they represented Braybrook with pride, respect, and integrity both on and off the court.

Congratulations to all players on their exceptional performance

Christopher Martino and Luke Predic - Proud Coaches



# END OF YEAR TWILIGHT MUSIC CONCERT

Once again, our annual End-of-Year Music Concert was performed in the College Auditorium—and what a night it was! This sold-out event was filled with excitement as professional staging, sound and lighting created the perfect setting for our talented students to shine. And shine they certainly did!

This year's concert featured 127 performers, supported by a dedicated team of nine music staff, along with backstage crew and interval helpers—all contributing to a vibrant and unforgettable evening.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every music student who took part, whether it was their first performance or they were returning to the stage with experience. Students from across all year levels united to deliver a spectacular two-hour showcase of high-quality entertainment to a capacity audience. Their growth throughout the year has been remarkable, and their passion continues to enrich Braybrook College's thriving Music Program.

A special thank you goes to the IT Department, the Braybrook College Maintenance Team, Nick from Austage and our incredible lighting technician Michele Bauer, whose hard work and expertise ensured our students had the opportunity to perform under professional lighting conditions. We also sincerely appreciate all staff who supported additional rehearsals in the lead-up to the show.

Finally, we extend our thanks to the wider Braybrook community for their unwavering support. Your presence, encouragement and applause gave our students the confidence to overcome nerves and perform with energy and pride. The involvement of parents, carers, families, friends, peers and staff made this a truly memorable occasion.

We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the performance, and we look forward to presenting an equally exciting event in 2026.

**The Braybrook College Music Faculty**



# 2025 HOUSE AWARDS



The 2025 House Awards ceremony recognised the dedication, participation and school spirit demonstrated by students across all four houses throughout the year. After compiling results from a range of academic, sporting and co-curricular events, the final standings for 2025 have been confirmed.

- In 1st place is Phoenix, whose consistent effort and strong participation across all major events secured them the top position for this year.
- In 2nd place is Gryphon, who maintained a high level of commitment and performance throughout the program.
- Centaur placed 3rd, demonstrating steady involvement and teamwork across all house activities.
- Finishing in 4th place is Pegasus, who showed admirable determination and house spirit and will look to build on their efforts in the year ahead.

Braybrook College extends its congratulations to all students and staff for their contribution to the house program in 2025. The achievements of each house reflect the strength of our school community and the value we place on participation, teamwork and positive engagement.

We look forward to another successful year in 2026.

**Tam Tran - Co-curriculum coordinator**

# GRADE 6 ORIENTATION

On Tuesday, 9th December, Braybrook College welcomed our incoming Year 7s for 2026.

Our 210 Grade 6 students came from 41 different Primary Schools to explore the College grounds, meet some of the teachers who may teach them and get an overall 'feel' for what a day at high school will be like. With students being placed in their Home Groups, they were able to meet and get to know their classmates and establish the connections that are so important for this stage of their lives.

The day was a success - students had fun and the day ran smoothly. We would like to thank the many people who made the day possible and everyone who participated. A special mention must go to Ms Tola Hristoforidis. Without your expertise and attention to detail, the day would not have been what it was. And, of course, to the wonderful Braybrook students who volunteered and helped on the day, thank you for coming back for the day to lead the Grade 6 students around, guiding the Home Groups, and being excellent role models.

**Mirsadet Osmani & Ashley Holt  
Transition Coordinators**



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR 7 VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 boys, who were crowned SSV State Champions! This is an incredible achievement, especially as it marks the first state volleyball title for Braybrook College since 1999. The boys' dedication, teamwork and consistent effort throughout the entire year have led to this historic win.

Well done!

**Tam Tran - Co-curriculum coordinator**



# YEAR 11 LOL APOLLO BAY ADVENTURE

The Year 11 Leaders of Leadership enjoyed a wonderful trip to Apollo Bay, filled with fun, laughter and plenty of unforgettable moments. We began with a stop at the Chocolaterie, where—despite the delicious treats—most of us were far more interested in feeding the guinea pigs and chickens. After a relaxing lunch in Lorne, we explored the coastline with plenty of beach walks, taking in the fresh air and great company. Our visit to the 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge was a highlight, especially hearing the story of the shipwreck and the incredible tale of the two survivors.

We finished the trip on a sweet note with amazing ice cream in Timboon before heading to Berry World, where the three-legged dog quickly stole our hearts. The two ponies



and friendly sheep also made up for the lack of strawberries, which were scarce due to the weather. Overall, it was an amazing experience where we made fabulous memories together. A huge thank you to Ms Hadz and Ms Gadea for making the trip possible and so enjoyable.

**Emily Chia - Year 11**



# 2025 STUDENT AWARDS - CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

