

PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS



On the 5th of July, I had the honour of attending the 2024 Premier's VCE Awards, which recognise students for outstanding achievement in their VCE studies. I was proud to receive an award for VCE VET Community Services, a subject I thoroughly enjoyed and was fortunate to accelerate in.

It was a memorable experience meeting the Deputy Premier of Victoria and Education Minister, Ben Carroll, and celebrating with high-achieving students from across the state. I'm incredibly grateful to my Community Services teacher, Ms Archer for her support and guidance, and to my parents for always encouraging me to do my best.

Receiving this award is a reminder that hard work truly pays off and I'm thankful for the opportunity to be recognised in this way.

Joanna Kallis - Year 12

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

It has been a fantastic start to Term 3, with students quickly settling back into their learning routines.

On 30th July, we held a very productive Curriculum Day. Our Mental Health Practitioner, Souher Mohamad, led professional learning for staff on the first of the High Impact Wellbeing Strategies – 'Building Relationships with Students'. This is a critical focus area, as we know that strong, positive teacher-student relationships are the foundation for student wellbeing and academic success. Our Learning Specialists also presented on 'Intentional Differentiation' and faculties had time to further explore and apply this work. A sincere thank you to our School Council for supporting this valuable day of staff professional learning.

This term also marks the beginning of the 2026 subject selection process. Students have taken part in a series of information sessions and pathway conversations designed to help them make well-informed decisions that align with their interests, future studies and career goals.

STAFFING UPDATES

Christina Psevdos (English/Humanities) has accepted a teaching position at Northcote HS. We warmly welcome Michele Bauer from Epping SC who has replaced Christina from 4th August, 2025.

Michael Dundon has been appointed as the Year 7 Deputy Year Level Coordinator to backfill Christina in the Junior Sub-school team.

We also welcome student teacher, Erin Tsubono, who is joining us through the Teach Today, Teach Tomorrow program. Erin is a trained ceramicist and holds a qualification in Design and Technology, covering Ceramics, Food Studies, and Product Design and Technology. Over the next six months, Erin will support students as a Learning Inclusion Aide, while gaining classroom experience. In early 2026, she will step into a Paraprofessional role, with the goal of transitioning into a Graduate Teacher position after that.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the 2024 Premier's VCE Awards on 2nd July, alongside Rowena Archer (VCE VET Community Services), to celebrate Joanna Kallis, who received a prestigious Premier's Award for her outstanding achievement in Community Services - a subject she completed as an accelerated student in 2024.

Joanna's family also attended and expressed their deep gratitude to Rowena and to all the teachers who have supported Joanna and her siblings during their time at our college. Congratulations, Joanna!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 10 students for their successful Work Experience week in Week 3 this term. The feedback from employers was overwhelmingly

positive and it was inspiring to hear the many stories of learning, growth and professionalism.

Thank you to our Careers Team for the enormous effort in organising placements and preparing students and to the teachers who visited students onsite - your support was greatly appreciated.

2025 SCHOOL REVIEW

Our formal School Review will take place on the following dates: Monday 1st, Wednesday 3rd, Monday 8th, and Monday 15th September.

We are pleased to have Lucy Glover as our appointed Reviewer and with our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), Natalie Bakai currently on leave, Acting SEIL, Karen Harris will join the panel.

Our Challenge Partners are Danny Dedes (Principal, Taylors Lakes SC) and Laurence Guttman (Principal, Western English Language School).

Suzie Bourne, our School Council President, will also participate in the review, alongside our Principal Class Officers: Arlene Bailey, Mary Liokos, Sean McMahon and myself.

As part of the review process, members of the panel (excluding PCOs) may wish to interview School Councillors and parents, teachers and Education Support Staff and students. If you're interested in participating, please contact me.

The review will help shape the goals and targets of our new 2026 - 2029 Strategic Plan.

2025 NAPLAN RESULTS

Families of Year 7 and 9 students should now have received their child's NAPLAN results by mail. If you have not yet received them, please contact the school and we will follow up promptly.

We are pleased to report that our students have performed strongly with Year 7 and 9 results in Reading, Writing and Numeracy exceeding those of Similar Schools and the State average. In Writing, results were also higher than the average of schools in our Network.

These results reflect the strength of our teaching programs and our commitment to continuous improvement, particularly through the middle years. Our Year 7 cohort shows great potential, and we are focused on extending our capable learners while continuing to support those identified as 'Developing' or 'Needing Additional Support.'

2025 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A randomly selected group of parents have recently received a hard copy of the 2025 Parent Opinion Survey via their child. This annual survey, provided by the Department of Education gathers insights into families' views on student engagement, behaviour and the overall school climate.

We highly value your feedback and use it to guide our school improvement efforts. If you receive the survey, please complete and return it in the sealed envelope provided by Thursday 4th September, 2025. Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with our college. I look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

Kelly Panousieris

LOOK WHO VISITED SOME OF OUR YEAR 10s ON WORK EXPERIENCE



One of the exciting things about Term 3 at Braybrook College is the Year 10 work experience program. This year we had well over two hundred students complete work experience at a diverse range of workplaces including cabinet making, retail, real estate, automotive, childcare, hospitality, finance, law, veterinarian services and medical services. Two very lucky students (Sarah Mohamed 10E and Marietta Giradi 10J), even had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during his visit to the Sunshine Urgent Care Clinic on Ballarat Road, through their work experience placements at Daniel Mulino and Alice Jordan-Baird's electoral offices. A big thank you to all the parents and family members who helped the students find their placements and complete the required paperwork. A big thank you also to the employers who gave students the opportunity to learn about an industry and learn about the skills and attributes needed to succeed at work. Finally, thank you to Saia Iatrou, Rowena Archer, Natasha Latin and Danielle Davenport from the Careers team for their hard work in making it all happen.

Ross van Brink - Pathways Coordinator

VCE MID YEAR MUSIC CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

In the final week of Term 2, our talented VCE Music students lit up the stage at the Mid-Year Music Concert! The Music Performance space was buzzing with energy as our Year 11 and 12 students delivered over an hour of music, spanning a range of genres and eras — showcasing their dedication, creativity and growing musicianship.

As our Year 12s begin preparing for their final performance exams, we take a moment to congratulate all of our students on their hard work and achievements so far. We're incredibly proud of the momentum they've built and look forward to what's to come — both in their final exam and our End-of-Year Concert.

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in such a fabulous evening of entertainment — and thank you to all the staff, parents, families and friends who came along to support!

Melissa Mills and Sylvia Teo
- Music Events Coordinators



YEAR 7 PEER SUPPORT THANK YOU

Yuna: Hello students and teachers, we hope you have all had an amazing day so far. My name is Yuna.

Monty: And my name is Monty, and we are here today to recognise and thank a special group of students, our Year 11 Peer Support leaders. When we first arrived at Braybrook College, we were immediately greeted by new faces. Some of us were lucky enough to have a few or a lot of friends, while others had no one that they knew.

Yuna: But that's when the Peer Support program came in; a program run by Year 11 students that aims to develop positive relationships among Year 7s and help them gain friends and build confidence.

Monty: Over the course of the program, we participated in a range of icebreakers that promote teamwork, communication and lateral thinking. From "getting to know you" games to group challenges, every activity had a purpose. Behind every session were the Year 11 students who had taken time out of class. This means they would have had to catch up on work in their own time.

Yuna: This kind of dedication shows real responsibility and commitment. Being a Peer Support leader isn't easy (as some of us are a bit wild), but despite the challenges, all of you showed maturity and consistent dedication to your role last semester. You didn't just show up, you gave it your best, coming to each session with a smile on your face, ready to lead by example.



One of my favourite memories from Peer Support was when we had to direct one another while one person was blindfolded. It was a blast, and heaps of laughs and giggles went around. I have also made long lasting friendships from the program, that I'm extremely grateful for and will always remember our incredible leaders and approach them in the yard.

Yuna: I know when I'm in Year 11, I want to be a Peer Support leader. What about you Monty?

Monty: Yes, definitely and I strive to be just as amazing as our current leaders.

Yuna: So, thank you, Year 11 Peer Support leaders. You have helped us new Year 7 students find our feet in a whole new world and we couldn't be more thankful.

Monty: Can all of the Year 11 Peer Support leaders please stand up?

Yuna: Lets give them a big round of applause! Thank you for listening.

Yuna Dao and Monty De Lacy-Leacey (7J)

CITY CITE

"It showed me that learning doesn't just happen from books or lessons, it can also come from real-world experiences", Tina from 9A states as she and the rest of her class reflect on their week-long excursion to Melbourne CBD. As part of the City Cite Program, Year 9 students researched a growing issue in our backyard, such as homelessness and safety and crime. Students also got to see a whole new perspective of Melbourne, with students living and breathing the cultural side of the city, from Art that decorated the building walls to hundreds of different food delicacies. As Huzaifa says, "Now I know that the city is where there are a bunch of communities with their own stories".

As part of their research, the Year 9 students developed their communication skills by interviewing members of the public and public servants alike, as they delved deeper into understanding the communities around them. It allowed students, like Ngoc Kim, to see Melbourne's different sides as she reflects, "It made me more aware of things I didn't notice before". Through it all, the Year 9 students not only learned something new about Melbourne, but something new about themselves. Naman, for example, learned to "appreciate the things I have and think more about how I can help others". These experiences shape the thinking of our students, and help them to become better citizens of our community.

Keziah Gutierrez
- City Cite Coordinator



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION



Over 260 students from Years 7 to 12 competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition (ACM) this year. This is up from 198 in 2024. The AMC is Australia's longest running, largest and most well-known maths competition for school students, with tens of thousands of students participating. It contains a wide range of mathematical concepts and unique problems designed to challenge and extend students' problem-solving skills. Students answer 30 questions of increasing complexity over 75 minutes. The aim is to engage, enrich and extend students in Mathematics. All students receive an award ranging from Participation to High Distinction. All participants are to be congratulated for taking on the challenge!

Rebecca Thom and Catherine van Vliet - Maths Coordinators

YEAR 11 PE STUDENTS VISIT THE VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

On Thursday, 31st July, the Year 11 Physical Education class had the incredible opportunity to visit the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS).

Throughout the day, students heard from a range of professionals including Dr Sue White, a leading sports doctor who works closely with elite athletes to manage injury and recovery; Siobhan Crawshaw, an experienced sports dietitian who supports athletes with personalised nutrition plans; and Stacey Hymer, a dual Olympian in Taekwondo who is currently training to represent Australia again at the next Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gaining valuable insight into the demands of elite sport, the precision behind nutrition and medical care and the dedication required for Olympic-level performance. They were deeply grateful for the opportunity to meet and learn from profes-



sionals working at the pinnacle of Australian sport.

Chris Martino - Year 11 PE Teacher



2025 ALPINE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Maya Dao, Asha Kelly, Harry Patching, Ebonie Rose Ciavella, Gerard Flowers and Drake Wehi from Year 9 arrived at the Alpine School – Don Valley Campus at the end of Week 1 and will be there for the remainder of the term.

This unique program gives students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and personal growth skills in a challenging and inspiring environment away from home. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and the valuable lessons they learned during their time at the Alpine School.

We wish them all the best for the remainder of their journey!

Chris Martino - Alpine School Coordinator

Congratulations NIKITA LEDOVSKI State Cross Country CHAMPIONSHIPS

A huge congratulations to Nikita Ledovski for not only qualifying for the State Cross Country Championships but also achieving an outstanding result in his first major competition. Nikita finished 23rd in the state, completing the 5km course in an impressive time of 18 minutes and 18 seconds!

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication and talent.

Ben Ladbrook - Coach



The Braybrook College Alumni showed up in force with our best support yet for Steps to Success. The program gives former students an opportunity to enlighten our current cohort on the transition from secondary school and the wonders and challenges of the world beyond.

We appreciate the generosity of the alumni for taking the time out of their busy lives to give back. Staff and students alike were invigorated by the visit.

A special shout out to Gemma Truong who came along on the day her film 'Together' debuted. Gemma is a stunt double/contortionist.

Current Year 12 via email: "Thanks for arranging Steps to Success...it was probably one of my favourite things we have done this year!"

Winston Churchill: 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give'.

Tania Gadea - Senior Sub-School Leader

SRC DAY Brings School Spirit and Student Voice to Life!

Held on July 4th, SRC Day was a vibrant celebration of student voice, leadership, and community spirit! Organised by the Student Representative Council, the event showcased the creativity and dedication of our five SRC portfolios, each hosting their own unique and engaging activity for the student body.

The Wellbeing Portfolio brought laughter and creativity with a lively game of Pictionary.

The Social Events Portfolio amped up the energy with an intense and crowd-pleasing Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament.

The Environment Portfolio invited students to get their hands dirty with a DIY pot planting station, offering sunflower, carrot and tomato seeds.

The Education Portfolio put minds to the test with a round of fun trivia, rewarding correct answers with tasty snacks.

The Fundraising Portfolio satisfied appetites while supporting a good cause, selling delicious pizza to raise money for charity.

The day was a huge success, filled with fun, laughter and school pride. Most importantly, it was a brilliant example of students coming together to lead, participate and celebrate — truly, an event by students, for students.

Emily Chia - SRC President
Wangari Berhanu and Hillary Phung - SRC Vice Presidents



Group Shot: Top left to right: Brae Hand-Howden - 2016 (Technical Director at Weta FX), Kevin Duong - 2019 (Radiographer), Vu Nguyen - 2001 (Special Educationist), Andreas Zakhari - 2017 (Economist/Consultant), Laura Marsh (Corda) - 2000 (Courts-Support and Diversion Services) and Skye Sobing - 2015 (Membership - AFL)

2nd Top: Sunny Nguyen - 2019 (Environmental Consultant), Vy Nguyen - 2014 (Secondary Teaching), Qeeran Lee - 2018 (Accountant/Performer), Piper Huynh - 2012 (Project Officer)

3rd Top: Justin Tran - 2023 (Barber), Ebony Ayres - 2014 (Veterinarian), Tanya Phan - 2020 (Nursing), Nikki Truong - 2018 (Surgical Nursing), James McCracken - 1998 (Oncology), Christine Basco - 2014 (Nursing), Andrew Le - 2009 (Paramedic)

2nd Row: Tim Han - 2019 (Platform Engineering), Ryan Nguyen - 2024 (Retail), Lachlan Huynh - 2018 (Electrician), Judy Hang - 2017 (Communications Associate), Rose Nguyen - 2012 (Communication and Events Advisor), Erden Karakurt - 2010 (Real Estate)

Front row: Terry Tran - 2017 (Business System Coordination), Michelle Pham - 2015 (Cafe owner/Injury Management Consultancy), Gemma Truong - 2019 (Performing Artist)

Absent from photo but participated: Kevin Truong - 2014 (Policing), Mai Duong - 2015 (Chemical Engineering), Maya Obucina - 2006 (Psychologist) Emma Chapman - 2013 (Management), Fred Truong - 2000 (Financier), Daqlan Lee - 2020 (Software Engineering)

GLAMOROUS BRAYBROOK!

To celebrate the milestone of Year 12 and the end of Semester 1, the Class of '25 glammed up for the annual formal. Held at Lakeside Banquet and Convention Centre on Saturday 5th July, the cohort dressed to the nines and danced until their feet hurt. Kenny, Layeeq and Mr Johnston particularly tore up the dance floor. There were smiles all around for selfies, the photobooth and our official photographer to capture the moment. Squeals of delight were frequent and as always, the venue applauded the conduct of our students.

A special appreciation goes out to the staff who supported the students by attending - on holidays!

Tania Gadea - Senior Sub-School Leader



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SCIENCE WEEK
MONDAY 25th - FRIDAY 29th AUGUST

YEAR 8 PGL ADVENTURE CAMP
MONDAY 25th - WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST

BOOK WEEK
MONDAY 1st - FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

YEAR 9 BOGONG CAMP
MONDAY 1st - FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

NUMERACY WEEK
MONDAY 8th - FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER
10.00am - 12.00noon
1.00 - 3.00pm
and 4.00 - 7.00pm

It is important that every parent/guardian makes an effort to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews. It is recommended that your children accompany you so that they can be included in the conversations. If you have any concerns prior to the interviews, please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator.

Please note that the Interim reports received on the day are not posted home - they are designed as the basis of a dialogue for developing improvement strategies for the remainder of the year. Interpreters in a variety of languages available.

YEAR 12 DRESS UP DAY
FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER
2.18pm FINISH

UNIT 3/4 OCTOBER TESTS
TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER - THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

VCE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP

In 2026, Braybrook College will be awarding four VCE Academic Excellence Scholarships valued at \$2,000 each (over 2 years) for students entering Year 11. These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of Academic Excellence and are sponsored by the School Council.

Successful applicants will receive \$1,000 at the commencement of their Year 11 studies to go towards school expenses. Another \$1,000, will be issued at the commencement of the recipient's Year 12 studies at the college. Application forms are available from Ms Bailey or Ms Hadzisavas.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO BRAYBROOK COLLEGE BY FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER, 2025

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

END OF TERM 1	PHOENIX	1,096
	GRYPHON	1,072
	PEGASUS	936
	CENTAUR	895
END OF TERM 2	PHOENIX	1,546
	GRYPHON	1,530
	CENTAUR	1,350
	PEGASUS	1,302

BICYCLE SAFETY REMINDER FOR ALL STUDENTS

We would like to remind parents and guardians of the importance of safe bicycle riding for all students. By law, every student must wear an approved bicycle helmet when riding. Unfortunately, we have noticed some students riding without helmets, which is both unsafe and illegal.

It is also important that students follow pedestrian safety rules when riding near the school. **Students must dismount and walk their bikes while on school property** to ensure the safety of all pedestrians, especially during busy times of the day.

When leaving through the school gates, students should be mindful of people on the footpath and give way to pedestrians. In addition, **students must not ride their bikes across the nearby level crossings**. Bikes must be walked across until it is safe to ride again.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these safety messages with your child. Together, we can help keep everyone in our school community safe.

