

Principal's Report

End of Term 2 Reflections

As Term 2 draws to a close, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a dynamic and productive term. It has been fantastic to witness our students deeply engaged in both their academic learning and a wide range of extracurricular activities. Congratulations to:

- All students undertaking a Year 12 subject who recently completed the GAT
- Our Year 8-11 students for their responsible and focused approach to mid-year exams
- The many sporting teams who have proudly represented our school in interschool competitions
- Our dedicated staff for organising engaging events throughout the term
- Our Year 9 students for navigating the City Cite Experience with resilience—embracing the use of public transport, exploring Melbourne's many resources, and collaborating effectively with peers
- Our student leaders, whose enthusiasm and commitment continue to inspire our school community
- And to all students across every year level who have earned 'shout outs' for demonstrating our core values of **Respect** and **Excellence**—well done!

Update on Principal Suspension and Expulsion Powers

You may be aware of recent changes announced to suspension and expulsion powers that will be available to Victorian Principals from day one of Term 3, (Monday 21st July, 2025). Our school is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all students and staff.

We know that students' behaviour outside of school, particularly online, can sometimes impact the safety of students and staff at school.

In exceptional circumstances, Principals of Victorian government schools will be able suspend or expel students for behaviour that occurs outside of school grounds and/or hours including online, if it poses a significant danger to the safety and wellbeing of students or staff.

These powers apply only to serious incidents where there is a clear and close connection to the school and the behaviour of a student, unreasonably impacts the safety and wellbeing of students or staff at school, and their ability to learn or work. Suspension and expulsion will remain measures of last resort – our primary approach continues to focus on proactive and positive behaviour support, including working with you to teach students the behaviours we expect of them, in school and in life. Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership to educate and support our young people.

Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools

The new 'Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools' policy, announced by the Minister for Education on 3rd June, will be implemented in all Victorian government schools by the beginning of Term 3. We are proud to be at the forefront of this important work. Congratulations to Mr McMahon, Ms Wilkinson and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Working Party for leading our school's efforts in creating a more inclusive and anti-racist culture. Their pioneering work has been recognised by the Department of Education and showcased in a Case Study highlighting our whole-school approach—focusing on staff capability building, student voice, strong reporting processes and community awareness. A special

mention goes to the student-led Power Collective, whose video presentation on anti-racism is a must-watch. If you haven't yet viewed the resources, please visit my post on Compass. Thank you to everyone involved. We are proud of this work and excited to continue our school-wide commitment to anti-racism and inclusion.

Uniform Expectations – Winter Reminders

As winter sets in, we remind all students to come to school prepared for the colder weather. It's also important that students wear the correct College uniform, as outlined in our policy, including the correct footwear and ties, and do so with pride.

Permitted warm options include:

- Thermals, a white skivvy, or a plain white tee under the uniform
- College blazer and scarf (navy blue for Years 7-10 and black for Years 11-12).

Please note: Hoodies, puffer jackets and non-uniform scarves are **not permitted**.

If your child needs support accessing appropriate uniform items, please reach out to one of our Assistant Principals who will be happy to try and support.

Looking Ahead to Term 3

Semester 2 begins on Monday 21 July 2025, and we know it will be another busy but rewarding term. I encourage everyone to rest and recharge over the holidays. Find moments to fill your buckets and participate in activities that bring you joy and happiness. See you in Term 3, well rested and ready to learn.

Kelly Panousieris

TERM 2 SNAPSHOTS



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 21ST JULY
1ST DAY OF TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
CURRICULUM DAY
STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 28TH JULY - FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST
DRAMA WEEK

MONDAY 21ST JULY - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTION

MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
NAIDOC WEEK

MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

MONDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST
YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

MONDAY 11TH - FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST
ENVIRONMENT WEEK

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST
SCIENCE WEEK

MONDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
BOOK WEEK

MONDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 9 BOGONG CAMP

MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
NUMERACY WEEK

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 12 DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

YEAR 7 & 8 BREAKFAST CLUB



Join us at Breakfast Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 8:40am in B2.

Enjoy a warm hot chocolate and choose from a selection of breakfast options like toast or cereal. There are also plenty of fun activities to take part in, including colouring, puzzles, board games, and card games. It's a great place to catch up with friends, have a chat, or get some help with homework from our friendly SRC representatives.



Ella Gent 9E (SRC)

BRAYBROOK COLLEGE DRAMA PRESENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

PUFFS

SEVEN INCREASINGLY EVENTFUL YEARS
AT A CERTAIN SCHOOL OF MAGIC AND MAGIC

BRAYBROOK COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

Thursday 21 Aug 2025:
7pm-9pm
Friday 22 Aug 2025:
7pm-9pm

Student tickets: \$5
Adult tickets: \$10
Family-of-four ticket: \$25

Cash at the door

Business Management Food Stalls



Another exciting and fun-filled week was once again had during Business Stalls week. The Year 11 Business Management students had been working on their stalls for several weeks and were able to showcase their hard work at the front of the library.

Members of the school community were able to savour a variety of foods, including fried chicken, fruity milkshakes, burgers, pizza and sushi. Sausage sizzles seemed to be popular, with several groups in the cohort choosing to offer the Braybrook community their best version of a Bunning's staple.

The students found it a valuable experience, putting their culinary skills to the test and having the chance to promote and attract customers on the day, with many stalls selling out early! This is the highlight of the year for these students, as it enables them to put the concepts behind running an effective business into a practical setting. It also gives students a taste of experiencing the operation of a business, which they can use in future endeavours.

A big thank you to the members of the school community who made purchases from the stalls, showed their support for these hardworking students, and to all the students who took part in this activity.

Fred Johnston
Commerce Coordinator



MULTICULTURAL WEEK MAY 26TH - 30TH CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



TALENT SHOW

Multicultural Week. This special week is all about embracing the cultures that make up our school community, and we celebrate with a packed schedule of events showcasing talent, compassion and creativity.

The student group, The Power Collective, held a bake sale on Monday, raising over \$580 for the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), which supports displaced families and individuals worldwide.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Student Representative Council (SRC) organised the Student Talent Show to highlight our students' talents. We had performers from all year levels participate.

On Thursday, a traditional Welcome to Country and smoking Ceremony was held on the school oval by Uncle Colin Hunter from the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

The week ended in style on Friday with the Power Collective's International Fashion Show; a dazzling showcase of traditional and contemporary clothing from around the world. Students modelled outfits representing their heritage or countries of interest, celebrating global diversity and self-expression.

Multicultural Week is more than just fun — it's an opportunity to learn from each other, build empathy and strengthen the bonds within our diverse school community.

Virginia Hobbs
- Equal Opportunity Coordinator

Thank you for coming along to support and enjoy the SRC Talent Show, held as part of our Multicultural Week! The event was a fantastic celebration of Braybrook College's diverse talents, with musicians, singers, dancers and a wide range of performers lighting up the stage with spirit and energy.

With such an enthusiastic audience, it was truly heartwarming to see Braybrook cheering on our talented performers. A heartfelt thank you goes to the amazing Ms Hobbs, the Power Collective and our dedicated music staff. Their detailed planning and unwavering support were vital in organising this event. Their efforts were instrumental to the success of our Talent Show.

Day 1 winners:
Jacob Lai and Amy Gavran (9I)

Day 2 winners:
Phuong Pham and Han Huynh (11I)
We hope you enjoyed the Talent Show as much as we did and we look forward to seeing you at future events!

SRC Social Events Portfolio – Ryan, Shine and Khoi



Year 12 THEATRE STUDIES CLASS



This term, the Auditorium was transformed into a theatre-restaurant for Oscar Wilde's timeless classic, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, proudly presented by the Year 12 Theatre Studies class.

Across Term 1 and 2, our Year 12 Theatre students (Maja Campbell, Marielle Gallano, Abby Hayes, Mia Minh-Tam Nguyen Hoang, Joanna Kallis, Emily Ko, Sienna Munteanu, Madison Prentice, Alyssa Scanlon and Jessica Scanlon) worked hard to act, direct and design all aspects of the performance. It was an outstanding and hilarious piece of theatre, enhanced by the elaborate costumes and set, the modern sound and lighting design and the intimate audience setting. Audiences loved the catering provided by our fabulous Year 11 Business Management students.

Well done to our amazing performers, Business students, and a big shout-out to all the students (and ex-students) and staff who helped across the show's season!

Chief Magistrate THE HONOURABLE LISA HANNAN visits Braybrook College



On Tuesday 27th May, we were lucky to have the Chief Magistrate of Victoria visit the College Auditorium to speak to all our Year 10, 11 and 12 Legal Studies students. She spoke about her role, her amazing journey through our legal system – she has been a barrister, a Magistrate, a County Court Judge, and is currently both Chief Magistrate and a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria – and her deep respect for and

confidence in the law. Her Honour told us what utmost faith she has in our Jury system, explained that her role is not one of law-making or reform, but of applying the laws made by the Parliament and spoke of the many reforms to our court system of which she has been instrumental in introducing.

Following her talk, Chief Magistrate Hannan willingly answered questions from the students including telling of some of the interesting cases with which she has been involved, how she has managed a work – life balance and how she came to be in her current position. Some of the comments that students provided after the presentation include:

"Meeting the Chief Magistrate as she spoke about her journey through the legal system and advocacy for change was an experience that left me both inspired and empowered".

"Her Honour's ability to answer questions in a manner that upheld her integrity and displayed her deep passion for the law definitely translated throughout her speech and was truly inspiring".

"The Chief Magistrate's visit was very informative, inspiring and honest. She shared a lot of her real-life experiences throughout the years of her career, including her proudest moments and the challenges she's faced along the way. The way she talked about her passion and love for her job showed her commitment and belief in the positive impacts that the legal system can have on the lives of people".

This amazing incursion would not have been possible without the assistance of one of our Year 12 Action Planning Coaches, Anne Connors. A big thanks to her for organising for Her Honour to come to our school and for inviting some Western Chances alumni and some current students from St Albans College to join us.

Arlene Bailey - Assistant Principal



YEAR 7 CAMP

Although the air was cold, adrenaline rushed through our veins every moment we spent at those thrilling activities, keeping us energized and excited. The activity that gave the biggest rush was the giant swing. With a simple pull of a string, you were launched into the air while your eager friends watched as you slowly descended. The nature walk was both informative and enchanting, with a chance to spot a small rock wallaby along the way. In the games room, new skills were learned as students picked up pool cues for the first time and played their inaugural games, guided kindly by new faces. Each day brought new experiences that not only challenged us but also brought people closer together, making the fun even more memorable.

Camp is truly a memorable experience that I will always cherish.

Jessica Kwok - Year 7



IDAHOBIT DAY Standing Together for Equality



On May 16, our school joined millions around the world to observe IDAHOBIT Day—the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexphobia, and Transphobia.

This year, our **Wavelength Student Group** and their supporters held a bake sale to raise money for Minus18, Australia's leading charity dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth. By raising funds for Minus18, we contribute to their efforts in providing life-affirming events, leadership programs, and education that empowers young people to feel safe, celebrated and supported in their identities. These initiatives are crucial in combating social isolation and discrimination, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate community. Together, we raised over \$400 for Minus18.

Virginia Hobbs - Equal Opportunity Coordinator



YEAR 8 VOLLEYBALL TEAMS SHINE at VICTORIAN SCHOOLS CUP

From May 27–29, Braybrook College's Year 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams competed in the prestigious Volleyball Victoria Schools Cup. Both teams demonstrated incredible teamwork, skill, and determination across the three-day tournament. The Boys' Team advanced to the Grand Final after an impressive semifinal win over top-ranked Monbulk College, ultimately finishing as runners-up after a closely contested final against Keysborough College. The Girls Team also made it to the Grand Final, defeating Waverley Christian College in the semifinal and taking home Silver Medals after a tough match against Albert Park College.

A special congratulations goes to Victoria Kallis, who was named Tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) – a fantastic achievement. All players displayed outstanding sportsmanship and proudly represented Braybrook College.

Well done to all the students and coaches involved!
Duy Nguyen - Volleyball Coach



- Year 8 Boys Volleyball Team**
- Josef Ram Lian Bik - 8E
 - Van Hruai Bik - 7B
 - Nathan Chu - 8B
 - Ryan Lam - 8I
 - Phat Thanh Lam - 7D
 - Lucas Luong - 8B
 - David Mai - 8I
 - Khang Nguyen - 8i
 - Andrew Tran - 8F
 - Dinh Giang Vu - 7B
- Coaches:** Duy Nguyen,
 Melissa Tran & Trung Viet Lam



- Year 8 Girls Volleyball Team**
- Lucy Summer Aguilar - 8H
 - Matea Hristoforidis - 8I
 - Natalie Huynh - 8G
 - Victoria Kallis - 8I
 - Aliona Makohon - 8I
 - Ella Meyer - 8I
 - Jada Rose Muli - 8G
 - Kayla Vo - 8H
 - Jennifer Wani - 8B
- Coaches:**
 Peter Kotsakostas &
 Andrew Makohon



2025 WEST VICTORIA SCHOOL FUTSAL TITLES UNDER 19s CHAMPIONS!

For the second year in a row, the Senior Boys Futsal team has taken out the West Victoria School Futsal Titles Under 19s Championship—undefeated!

The boys dominated the group stage with strong wins against Kew High School (3-1), Sirius College (2-1), Hume Central Secondary College (4-2), and Lyndale College (1-0). In the semi-final, they outclassed Sunbury College with a commanding 5-1 win. The final was a rematch against Sirius College, where our team delivered another outstanding performance to seal the championship with a 3-1 victory.



A big thank you to all the players from both teams. The team now qualifies for the Australasian Champion of Champions tournament later this year.

Congratulations!

Best of Luck to Jonathan Galvan and Jason Lam – Representing Australia in Spain!

Braybrook College is thrilled to announce that two of our talented students, Jonathan Galvan and Jason Lam, have been selected to represent Australia in the 2025 V-Sport Cup – an international futsal tournament held in Barcelona, Spain.

Jonathan and Jason will be travelling from Friday 21 June to Sunday 7 July, where they will compete against teams from across Europe and gain invaluable international experience. The tour also includes training sessions, friendly matches and opportunities to explore the rich culture and history of Spain.

This is a remarkable achievement and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for both boys to develop their sporting skills on the world stage. On behalf of the entire Braybrook College community, we congratulate Jonathan and Jason on their selection and wish them the very best of luck for a successful and memorable trip!

Christopher Martino - Futsal Coach

News from the Pathways Team

The VCE and Managed Individual Pathways staff provide an extensive VCE subject selection process for Year 10 students. However, if you or your child require additional support, please contact either Ms Brereton or Ms Gadea.

Year 10 Course CounsellingTimeline

TERM 2	WEEK 7 & 8	- Year Level Assembly on providing information about VCE, key dates and the process of selecting their course and subjects 'Three Year VCE' Information lessons for Year 10 EAL students
	WEEK 9	- Year 11 VCE Information Evening for parents/guardians of Year 10 students on Thursday 19th June 6.00 - 7.30pm in the Library "Introduction to the VCE" lesson to each Year 10 class - Homegroup sessions will contain VCE information/subject selection activities
	WEEK 10	"Introduction to the VCE" lesson to each Year 10 class - Homegroup sessions will contain VCE information/subject selection activities
	WEEK 11	- Year 10 Exam Week - Year 11 VCE Information Subject session for Year 10 students - Thursday 3rd July, periods 1 and 2 in the Auditorium - Homegroup sessions will contain VCE information/subject selection activities
TERM 3	WEEK 1	Homegroup sessions will contain information/subject selection activities
	WEEK 2	Individual student subject selection (with a MIPs member or Year Level Coordinator)
	WEEK 3	Year 10 Work experience
	WEEK 4 & 5	Individual student subject selection (with a MIPs member or Year Level Coordinator) and subject selections finalised

HOMEWORK Club

- Need help with your homework?
- Stuck and don't know how to move forward?
- Got a test coming up?
- Big assignment due?
- Doing group work and need to meet up?
- No space to study at home?

Come along and get some help!

YEAR 7 TO 12

Monday to Friday - 3.06 - 5.00pm - VCE Centre
 Expert tutors are there to assist.

FIRST AID - Please note that the school is unable to treat or bandage injuries that were sustained in out of school hours or on previous days. If your child was hurt during weekend or evening activities, please seek the appropriate medical attention, as required.

Any concerns, please contact
 Mrs Colleen Clarke - First Aid Coordinator

Student Early Dismissal Procedure

PARENT INFORMATION

If you know in advance that you are going to collect your child from school before the end of the day, please complete a Compass Attendance Note online or provide your son/daughter with a hard copy note. Either way, your child must see their Year Level Coordinator and obtain a Temporary Pass. Please pick your child up in person from the General Office.

In the case of an emergency, proceed directly to the General Office. If possible, phone the General Office prior to arriving.

STUDENT INFORMATION

If you will be leaving school early, go to your Year Level Coordinators' Office before school and collect a Temporary Pass (Green Slip). If you are leaving during a lesson, show your teacher the Green Slip at the beginning of the class. When it's time to be picked up, you are required to wait at the General Office until your parent/guardian arrives.

