

Principal's Report

Celebrating a Successful Term 2

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and experiences that have shaped Term 2. It has been wonderful to see our students embracing opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, demonstrating resilience, curiosity and a commitment to excellence. This newsletter showcases many of these highlights.

Congratulations to:

- All students enrolled in Unit 3/4 VCE who have recently undertaken the General Achievement Test (GAT)
- Our Year 8-11 students for their focused and mature approach to mid-year examinations
- The numerous sporting teams who have proudly represented the College, demonstrating determination and outstanding sportsmanship
- Our dedicated staff who continue to create engaging learning experiences and memorable events for students
- Our Year 9 students for their participation in the City Cite Experience, where they developed independence, navigated Melbourne's public transport system and worked collaboratively to complete a range of challenges
- Our student leaders whose energy, initiative and commitment continue to make a positive difference within our school community
- All students who have received recognition throughout the term for demonstrating our values of **Respect** and **Excellence**

Every success, big or small, contributes to the positive culture we are proud to foster at our College.

Building a Safe and Inclusive School Community

Providing a safe, respectful and inclusive learning environment remains our highest priority. Throughout the year, we have continued to work closely with our students to promote positive behaviour, strengthen relationships and ensure all members of our community feel valued and supported.

We recognise that the challenges young people face today often extend beyond the school gates, particularly in online spaces. As a school, we remain committed to educating students about responsible digital citizenship and the importance of treating others with respect, both online and offline.

While positive behaviour support remains our primary approach, we also continue to uphold clear expectations and consequences where behaviours impact the safety, wellbeing or learning of

others. We appreciate the ongoing partnership of families in reinforcing these expectations and supporting our young people to make positive choices.

2026 Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitudes to School Survey is conducted annually across all government schools and provides students with an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about school. The survey explores a range of areas, including learning and engagement, relationships with teachers and peers, wellbeing and resilience, bullying and school safety, health and physical activity and life in general. The survey is administered online, with ORIMA Research Pty Ltd once again engaged by the Department of Education to manage its delivery. The valuable feedback gathered through the survey helps us better understand our students' perceptions and experiences, informing our ongoing efforts to enhance student engagement, wellbeing and the quality of teaching and learning across the College. Thank you to Ms Bailey for coordinating the administration of the 2026 Attitudes to School Survey.

Staying Warm While Wearing Our Uniform with Pride

As the colder weather continues, we encourage all students to come to school prepared for winter conditions while maintaining pride in our College uniform.

Students are required to wear their school-issued College Blazer and may also choose to wear:

- Thermals beneath their uniform
- A plain white t-shirt or white skivvy under their school shirt
- An approved College scarf (navy blue for Years 7-10 and black for Years 11-12).

We remind families that hoodies, puffer jackets and non-uniform scarves are not permitted.

If your family requires support accessing uniform items, please contact one of our Assistant Principals, who will be happy to discuss available options and support.

Term 3 on the Horizon

Term 3 promises to be another exciting and productive term, with many opportunities for learning, growth and involvement in school life.

I hope the holiday break provides students and staff with a chance to rest, recharge and enjoy time with loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful semester on Monday 13th July, 2026.

Kelly Panousieris

50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO STATE EDUCATION



On Sunday 24th May, the Minister for Education and Deputy Premier, Ben Carroll, awarded Kevin Boswell a certificate commemorating 50 years of service as a teacher in Victorian Public Schools, at a celebratory event at the Pullman on the Park Hotel.

Kevin began his teaching career at Sunshine High School in 1977. After 3 years, he moved to what was then Braybrook High School, where he has remained ever since. Kevin is the longest serving teacher in Braybrook College's history. He has taught thousands (perhaps tens of thousands?) of students Maths or Chemistry over the years and is often stopped in the local community by past students, many of whom are now the parents of current students at the college, wanting to say hello. Surprisingly, he remembers most of them!

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Celebrating EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL DAY



To recognise and celebrate Education Support Personnel Day (16th May), Braybrook College organised a special breakfast for our Education Support (ES) staff as a small token of appreciation for the incredible work they do every day.

Our Education Support staff play a vital role in the life of our college. Through their dedication, care and professionalism, they provide invaluable support to students, staff and families across a wide range of areas. Whether assisting in classrooms, supporting student wellbeing, managing administration, maintaining our facilities or helping behind the scenes, their contributions are essential to the success of our school community.

The breakfast provided an opportunity for staff to come together, connect with colleagues and be recognised for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

On behalf of the entire Braybrook College community, we extend our sincere thanks to all of our Education Support staff. Your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed and we are grateful for everything you do to make Braybrook College a welcoming and supportive place for all.

Thank you for the important role you play in helping our students and our college to thrive.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Host Family Training



On Friday 29th May, we held our annual Homestay Host training session. Our Homestay hosts are amazing people that welcome our International students into their homes and their families. International students leave their home country to come and study in Australia, usually from Year 10 onwards. It takes a special type of person to be able to help these young people to feel comfortable and to thrive while they are here, away from their own families. But that is exactly

what they do – from the time the young person arrives in Australia, the Homestay Host looks after them, feeds them, introduces them to a new way of life and ensures they are able to make the most of their experience in a Victorian school. During the training session, Ms Thanh Nguyen, our International Student Welfare Coordinator, translated (into Vietnamese) a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the legislative requirements and responsibilities of Homestay Hosts. The afternoon also provided an opportunity for Homestay Hosts to mingle with each other and share some of the experiences they have had while looking after our International students and for us to thank them for the important role they play in our International Student Program at Braybrook College.

Arlene Bailey
Assistant Principal

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



During Week 5 of Term 2, Year 11 Business Management students took their learning beyond the classroom by launching their own business stalls during lunchtime. Offering a variety of products and services to students and staff, the activity provided an exciting opportunity to experience the realities of running a business.

The project gave students valuable hands-on experience by allowing them to apply key concepts studied in class. From developing and evaluating business plans to understanding different business structures and the qualities of successful entrepreneurs, students were able to put theory into practice in a real-world setting. The experience also encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and collaboration, helping students strengthen relationships with their peers while developing important business skills.

The week proved to be a great success, with many stalls generating profits and

demonstrating strong planning and organisational skills that students can carry forward into future studies and careers.

One standout business was our Dipped & Dripped. After researching current food trends on social media, the team decided to sell strawberry cups with a range of popular toppings, including Dubai Chocolate, Biscoff and traditional chocolate. Our product quickly became a favourite among students, attracting a queue that stretched beyond the library. Thanks to thorough preparation, effective teamwork and strong customer demand, Dipped & Dripped sold out of all their stock, making the venture both highly successful and profitable.

The Market Day project was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience entrepreneurship firsthand and showcased the creativity, initiative and business acumen of our Year 11 Business Management cohort.

Linh Nguyen, Jana Trajkovska, Jessica Nguyen and Poppy Campbell - Year 11



Multicultural Week was a vibrant celebration of the many cultures that make up our school community. The week's events were organised through the combined efforts of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Power Collective student group, whose hard work and dedication helped make the celebrations such a success.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, learn from one another and recognise the many cultures that enrich our school community. The enthusiasm and participation shown by students and staff throughout the week made it a memorable and meaningful celebration for all involved.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Music staff, who generously volunteered their time, expertise and support throughout the week. Finally, thank you to all staff members who assisted with the events and supported students along the way. These celebrations would not have been possible without their encouragement and involvement.

Virginia Hobbs - Equal Opportunity Coordinator

Monday 25th May

Talent Show #1 – Students showcased their talents through singing, dancing and comedy performances in the auditorium at lunchtime.

Tuesday 26th May

Multicultural Games Day – The SRC ran a variety of cultural games, including Thirteen, Say Hello, Shuttlecock and European Handball, giving students the opportunity to learn and have fun together.

Wednesday 27th May

Talent Show #2 – School bands performed in the second Talent Show, with support from Music staff Ms Mills, Ms Te'o, Mr Harris and Mr Taylor.

Thursday 28th May

Cultural Dress Day and Fashion Show – Students and staff proudly wore cultural clothing or casual dress to celebrate their heritage. A lunchtime fashion show featured traditional dress from many cultures, with a traditional Samoan dance performance by Ms Te'o and students. A photo booth, run by David Mafileo, captured the celebrations throughout the day. The SRC raised \$1,300 for Multicultural Australia through the Casual Clothes Day.

Friday 29th May

Bake Sale – The Power Collective held a bake sale to raise funds for UNICEF. The event was well supported by students and staff and helped raise money for an important cause.



SRC EDUCATION PORTFOLIO EVENT

The 2026 SRC Education Portfolio's first event - The Formula One Contest was a success! We have been consistently working on it for the past two months and it feels great to finally see it come to fruition. Though it was originally meant to commence in Term 1, we decided to postpone it until Term 2 to allow for further potential for engagement. This decision proved very worthwhile as many teams ranging from Year 7-11 turned up to the event. We were very lucky to have such beautiful weather on the day of the event, a definite vibe-booster for the participants. It was awesome to see how pumped up and competitive the participants were when answering questions and running as fast as they could with their friends. It goes to show how fun education can be. Be sure to look out for the next event from the Education Portfolio; it will only get better from here!

Jaipal Grang - 10J

MEDIEVAL EDUCATION DAY

On Friday 29th May, Year 8 students participated in Medieval Day where they learnt about Medieval Europe through professionally guided, hands-on experiences. Students participated in sessions such as fashion, crime and punishment, tournament, archery, games, and weapons and armour. These activities had students play Medieval games, use training swords, actual bows, experience punishments from Medieval Europe and try on garments and armour from the era. Through unique practical experiences, students were able to gain a deeper understanding of Medieval Europe outside of the classroom.

The Year 8 students enjoyed the day of learning and time away from their normal schoolwork. They were able to bond with many of their classmates through this rare and special opportunity. Thank you to the teaching staff who organised the day and the experts who came into the school to deliver the sessions.

Monty de Lacy-Leacey - 8J

IDAHOBIT DAY

Standing Together for Equality

This year, our school celebrated IDAHOBIT Day early, on 15 May. During lunchtime, the Wavelength student group hosted a bake sale to raise funds for Minus18, with the school community raising an incredible \$362.40. Free badges, ribbons, and stickers were also available for anyone wishing to show their support and celebrate diversity within our community.

IDAHOBIT Day stands for the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia. The day raises awareness of the discrimination and bullying experienced by LGBTQIA+ people, while also recognising and celebrating diversity in identities, relationships, and communities.

The organisation Minus18 works to improve the lives of young people through social inclusion, education, and advocacy. We are incredibly proud to have raised money for such an important organisation and to support young LGBTQIA+ people who may be struggling or in need of connection, support and acceptance.

On behalf of the Wavelength student group, thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success — whether you donated baked goods, volunteered your time, purchased something from the stall, or simply joined in celebrating and showing support. Your contributions helped create a welcoming and positive celebration for our school community.

Virginia Hobbs - Equal Opportunity Coordinator

Braybrook College 2026 MUSIC/DRAMA PRODUCTION

We are thrilled to welcome our community back into the Braybrook College Auditorium. This year, our annual college production returns with the much-loved musical Little Shop of Horrors, to be performed in Term 3, Week 5.

A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash, Little Shop of Horrors follows Seymour Krelborn, a shy florist who discovers a mysterious plant, Audrey II. As it grows, so does its appetite for blood, and its plans for world domination! This year's production has expanded enormously, with over 50 students involved across cast and crew. With a dedicated backstage team and opportunities for more students to take to the stage, our program continues to grow as an inclusive and vibrant space for creativity, collaboration and performance. Our students have been working incredibly hard and are so excited to share their work with you.

Performance Dates:

Thursday 13 August - 6:00pm

Friday 14 August - 6:00pm

Saturday 15 August - Matinee time to be confirmed

Keep an eye out for ticket booking information coming soon. We look forward to welcoming families, friends and the wider Braybrook community to celebrate this fantastic production.

Claire Wilkinson and Alex Joy - Drama Production Coordinators
Poster by Maeve Drago 8I



YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

The Year 7 girls Netball Team showed great spirit and high energy throughout the whole day competing against other schools. Leading up to the competition day, the girls showed lots of effort in their training sessions and it was amazing to see how much they improved. The girls have shown their skills through many great intercepts, passing, shooting and communicating with each other in all matches. Their hard work was definitely demonstrated on the court and they really shone as a team. Despite a hard loss, the



girls gave it their best effort and supported one another.

Coach Victoria Tran - 10D

YEAR 7 DOXA CAMP

What was the best thing about camp?

The best thing about the Year 7 Doxa Camp was nighttime, because the food was so delicious. My favourite dish was the butter chicken. The cabins were also really good, as it was like living with your friends or having a sleepover. We roasted marshmallows and had a trivia night. My marshmallows caught on fire, but they tasted delicious! We watched Mulan on the big screen. It was a good time to relax after the first day of doing really fun activities!

What was your favourite activity? Why?

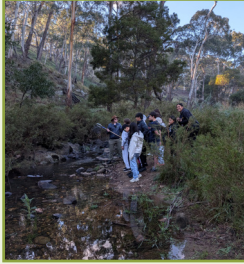
My favourite camp activity was the 'Leap of Faith' because climbing up was challenging since it rained and the climbing staples were slippery. I was also very proud of myself when I actually stood up on that small platform, since a lot of people sat down instead. When you jump off the platform, you have the option to try to touch the ball. I jumped off and reached for the ball, but I chickened out at the last second, and I kind of stopped the big jump in mid-air and didn't reach for the ball, if it makes sense. But I still had a great time!

Did you make any new friends?

I made a few new friends when I was grouped in Group 4 with Ms Toovey. My close friends weren't with me, so I socialised with other people. They turned out to be really kind, so I hung out with them a lot during camp! I'm so glad I went to Year 7 Camp and got to try so many new activities. I would highly recommend that any student go to camp! It's the best!

Thank you to the teachers who took us to camp: Ms Te'o, Mr D. Nguyen, Mr Glico. Mr Predic and Ms Toovey.

Syklar Chan 7E



Every Day Counts
Every Class Counts
Every Moment in Class Counts



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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 week-end 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 13TH JULY
1ST DAY OF TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY
CURRICULUM DAY
STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 20TH - FRIDAY 31ST JULY
YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTION

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST JULY
NAIDOC WEEK

MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST
YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
ENVIRONMENT WEEK

MONDAY 10TH - SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
DRAMA WEEK + DRAMA PRODUCTION

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
SCIENCE WEEK

MONDAY 17TH - WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST
YEAR 8 PGL ADVENTURE CAMP

MONDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
BOOK WEEK

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST- FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
NUMERACY WEEK

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
YEAR 12 DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
2.18PM FINISH

YEAR 10 SUNNYSTONES CAMP



"Sunnystones Camp was such a chill and fun experience. It gave me the chance to connect with people I don't usually hang out with, and I really enjoyed getting to know everyone better. Even though it was raining, the hike was still really fun and made the whole experience more memorable. Geocaching gave us a chance to explore and work together, which I really enjoyed. The survival game was also one of my favourite activities and the hut building was hilarious, especially when we got water poured on us. Overall, camp was a great experience full of fun memories, teamwork and lots of laughs with everyone."

"The cabins were great and my favourite activity was definitely the hut building."
- Tamsin Winnell
10K



"Personally, my experience at camp was truly a highlight. I enjoyed every second of it and I hope for opportunities at Camp Sunnystones in the future."
- Rebecca Gebremichael
10E

"I really liked hanging out with my friends in the cabins and playing card games as well as the food."
- Peter Le
10C



2026 SEMESTER 2 CAMPS

Year Level	Camp	Dates	Places	Approximate cost
Year 8	PGL Campaspe Downs	Term 3, Week 6 17th - 19th August 3 days, 2 nights	50	\$410
Year 9	Bogong Outdoor School (Winter Connect program)	Term 3, Week 10 14th - 19th September 5 days, 4 nights	20	\$590
Year 11	Tasmania Trip	Term 4, Week 10 7th - 11th December 5 days, 4 nights	40	\$1,630