

THANK YOU BOCCA FOODS



Farewell to Bocca Foods – End of Semester 1, 2026

On behalf of our school community, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bocca Foods, led by Michael LiRosi, and to the wonderful canteen ladies, Monica, Jacqui, Dao, Rosanna and Maria who ran our canteen over the past 12–13 years.

Throughout this time, their commitment and friendly service have supported countless students and staff, past and present, and helped make the canteen a welcoming part of school life.

Thank you for the many years of service, dedication and care. Your contribution has been greatly appreciated by the entire school community and we wish you all the very best for the next chapter.

WELCOME, JUDE FINA FOODS



Welcome to Jude Fina Foods – Semester 2, 2026

At the beginning of Semester 2, we were delighted to welcome our new canteen provider, Jude Fina Foods, led by Leo Cullia, to our school community. We look forward to working with Leo and his team to provide our students and staff with fresh, delicious and affordable food options.

Our new canteen ladies, Joanne, Maryann, Samantha, Carly, Gabbie, Nikki and Tanya have made a fantastic start and have shared how warmly they have been welcomed by our staff and students. They have greatly appreciated the kindness and support shown by our school community and we thank everyone for helping them settle in so smoothly. We look forward to getting to know our new canteen team and to the wonderful contribution they will make to our school in the years ahead.

Qkr! Lunch Orders

A reminder that the Qkr! Lunch Order app is now live. Families can access instructions on how to download and set up the app on their mobile phone, via Favourites (using the star icon) on Compass. Alternatively, please contact the school if you would like a hard copy of the instructions.

Kelly Panousieris

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TERM 3 START

We have had a very smooth start to Term 3, with students and teachers quickly settling back into their learning, teaching and routines.

Our Curriculum Day on 22nd July provided a highly productive opportunity for staff professional learning and collaboration. Our very own Speech Pathologist, Tessa Bazzano, delivered a session to staff on the 'VTLM2.0 Elements of Learning : Student Self-Regulation'. This professional learning is important as it strengthens teachers' capacity to create learning environments that support students to manage their thinking, behaviour and emotions, helping them to become more self-regulated and independent learners. We also continued our professional learning around Artificial Intelligence (AI) and education. Dr Tim Kitchen, an education consultant and specialist in digital learning and the safe and ethical use of generative AI in education, worked with our staff last term and returned for a session on Curriculum Day to further explore the impact of AI on assessment. Staff then worked within their faculties to review and refine assessment tasks using the Five Principles for AI-Resistant Assessment Design. This ongoing work is helping us consider how we can design assessment that places greater emphasis on students' thinking, judgement and learning processes.

A sincere thank you to our School Council for supporting this valuable day of staff professional learning.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 10 students for their successful Work Experience week in Week 3. Feedback from employers was overwhelmingly positive and it was inspiring to hear the many stories of learning, growth and professionalism.

Thank you to our Pathways Coordinator and Careers Team for the enormous effort involved in organising placements and preparing students, as well as teachers who visited students at their workplaces. Your support was greatly appreciated. Well done to all!

2026 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 this up.

Over the coming months, we will analyse the NAPLAN data to deepen our understanding of students' strengths, identify areas for further growth and inform our teaching practices.

This analysis will help teachers tailor and adjust their teaching to meet individual learning needs, providing opportunities to extend students who are ready for greater challenge, while ensuring those identified as 'Developing' or 'Needing Additional Support' receive targeted teaching and intervention to help them make progress and achieve their potential.

PLANNING FOR 2027

This term also marks the beginning of the 2027 subject selection process, with students participating in a series of information sessions and pathway conversations designed to help them make well-informed decisions aligned with their interests, future studies and career aspirations.

Furthermore, workforce planning for 2027 has also commenced, with the school beginning to consider staffing needs and curriculum requirements to ensure we are well prepared to support our students and their learning next year.

2026 PARENT/CARER OPINION SURVEY

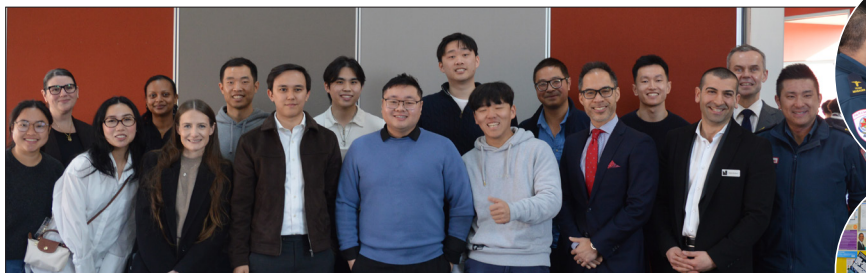
Shortly, a randomly selected group of parents and carers will receive a hard copy of the 2026 Parent/Carer Opinion Survey via their child. This annual survey which is managed by ORIMA Research on behalf of the Department of Education, gathers valuable feedback about families' experiences and views on student engagement, behaviour and the overall school climate. We highly value your feedback and use it to inform our school improvement priorities and ongoing planning. If you receive the survey, please take the time to complete and return it in the sealed envelope provided by Thursday 3rd September, 2026.

Kelly Panousieris

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Refocus Day commenced with the annual Steps to Success program, where our generous alumni return to Braybrook College to share their experiences and provide valuable insights into the journey that awaits students beyond secondary school. Through their reflections, alumni highlighted the importance of drive, building networks, developing strong social skills and remaining adaptable in an ever-changing world. Their advice and personal experiences provided our current cohort with valuable perspectives as they begin to consider their future pathways. Students then participated in an Elevate Education exam preparation session, gaining practical strategies to support their final assessments. The morning concluded with our Careers Team preparing students for the VTAC application process, ensuring they are ready to navigate the next steps towards their chosen pathways. It was a highly successful day, with students now equipped with the knowledge and motivation to approach their final semester with determination. Special thanks to our Academic Advisor, Hamid Diab, for liaising with our alumni and assisting with the organisation of the day.

Tania Gadea – Senior Sub-school Leader



Left to right: Vy Nguyen (2014 - Secondary School Maths Teacher), Laura Marsh (2000 - Magistrates Court Officer), Judy Hang (2017 - Communications Advisor, ANZ), Hiba Adam (2016 - Policy Officer), Maya Obucina-Ho (2006 - Psychologist), Dat Do (2011 - Gym Owner at Perseverance & Performance), Hekmat Fahimi (2019 - Solicitor), Tim Han (2019 - Platform Engineer - NAB), Terry Tran (2017 - Engineer), Patrick Daravong (2018 - Engineer), Lachlan Huynh (2018 - Electrician), Vu Nguyen (2001 - Special Education Teacher), Fred Truong (2001 - Director, Project Financier - NAB), James Chen (2020 - Analyst), Erden Karakurt (2010 - Nicholas Scott Real Estate), James McCracken (1998 - Oncologist) and Andrew Lee (2009 - Paramedic).

Absent from photo: Varnika Vaddiraju (2018 - Physiotherapist), Lisandra De Sagun (2018 - Embryologist), Andy Khong (2017 - Engineer), Ebony Ayres (2014 - VET), Yusra Idris (2017 - Economist) and Andreas Zakhari (2017 - Economist).





MARIBYRNONG YOUTH FORUM 2026

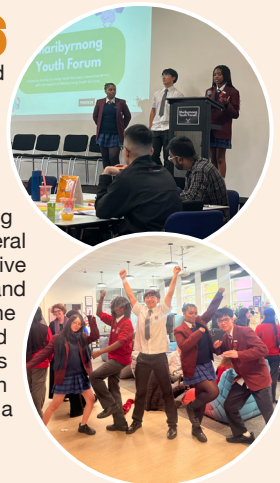
On 12 June, students from schools across the Maribyrnong City Council area, including Braybrook College, attended the 2026 Maribyrnong Youth Forum at the Phoenix Youth Centre. The event was facilitated by the Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) provided young people with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about issues affecting their local community.

Throughout the forum, Braybrook College students worked collaboratively with their peers to develop practical solutions to local challenges and explore ways to create positive change within the community. The experience enabled students to gain a deeper understanding of the issues

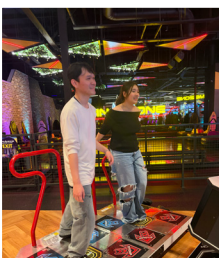
impacting young people and empowered them to contribute their ideas and perspectives on matters that are important to them.

A highlight of the day was the opportunity to meet and interact with Maribyrnong Mayor - Mohammed Semra and several Councillors. Students received positive feedback on their contributions and engagement throughout the forum. The atmosphere was both productive and enjoyable, with students taking photos with the Mayor and even participating in a TikTok video with him, making the day a memorable experience for all involved.

Nayna Addisu 9D



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CULTURAL EXCURSION



As an international student, going to Timezone with other international students was so much fun. Talking about our experiences of coping with life in Australia, we found many similarities in each other. As we have all come to Australia for study purposes, some of us do not have any relatives here, so we were quite lonely at first.



At least for me, coming to Australia at such a young age didn't seem like a wise decision to take. But discussing our problems with other international students, I found out that there are many people who share similar views as me. They all were feeling lonely, and missing their home country and families. That made me so relieved, knowing that I am not alone, having these problems.



Making friends with people who share so much with me and learning more about Australian culture, life and differences between life in Australia and Vietnam has really been a unique experience. I hope that we will visit somewhere else next time together, and that time, I want to welcome international students to Braybrook College and Australia, just like how they welcomed me.

Trong Vo - 10B



DEBATING EPIC STYLE

Debating Epic Style was heaps of fun and featured plenty of heated debates. Whether the topic was as trivial as whether a hotdog is a sandwich or as contentious as whether homework should be compulsory, each debater came armed with arguments that packed a punch.

A huge thank you to all the debaters, who ranged from Years 7-10 and competed just as fiercely as one another. However, only one person could come out on top and win a \$25 Myer gift card: Aonnesha Roy of 10J, who won an impressive three debates!

I would also like to thank the audience members, who filled a significant portion of the auditorium and responded with plenty of oohs and aahs to every mic-drop moment.

A special thank you goes to the Education Portfolio for managing the lights, judging the debates, and helping set up the event with less than five minutes to prepare.

Stay tuned for the Education Portfolio's next event on SRC Day!

Jaipal Grang 10J
SRC Education Portfolio Head



SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

After an undefeated run at the Maribyrnong Division Competition on 14th July where the girls won their 5 games including a Grand Final win against Strathmore Secondary College, they followed it up last week on the 29th July with a Runners Up result at the Western Metropolitan Sports Region Basketball Competition.

This is an extraordinary achievement for our girls. The first Braybrook College girls' team to win the Divisional competition in basketball, they played a strong Belmont Secondary College and Melton Christian College before meeting Maribyrnong Sports Academy in the Grand Final. Finishing 2nd in a region comprising of 115 schools is an amazing legacy to leave Braybrook College's future girls' basketball teams with.

Strong performances from Captain Isabella Schulz rounded out a 'team first mentality' from all players which included Year 11 and Year 12 students, many of whom had not previously played basketball.

Congratulations to all players.

Danielle Davenport - Coach



YEAR 9 & 10 LAW

On Friday 12th June, the Year 9 and 10 Law students went to the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, where we watched real court cases in action.

After lunch, everyone met on the steps of Parliament to hear from a former student, Hiba Adam, who is now a criminal law student. She talked about her experiences at Braybrook College, what she is doing now as a university student studying criminal law, and how she started the Power Collective, our anti-racism group.

We then had a tour of the Parliament and surrounding buildings with Paul Strangio, a professor of politics at Monash University who specialises in political leadership and political parties. He is also Mr Strangio's dad and a famous author.

I really found this law excursion both interesting and fun. It was a really eye-opening experience. Watching real cases happen in front of us made the legal system more serious. Meeting Hiba Adam was really amazing, as I am a part of the Power Collective. Seeing her start her journey from Braybrook and now being a law student made me feel less stressed about my future because the way she talked about it was really inspiring. Thanks, Mr Strangio and Ms Hobbs, for taking us.

Safia Aman 9B



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier

On Tuesday 21 July, we celebrated a group of outstanding VCE students whose exceptional commitment and consistent effort across all subject areas throughout Semester 1 exemplify what makes Braybrook College such a special place: its students. The Sub-School chose to focus on the factors within students' control: effort, attitude, organisation and perseverance. To recognise their hard work, a celebratory luncheon featuring pizza, sushi, sandwiches, fresh fruit and an assortment of sweet treats was held in the VCE Centre. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight not only their academic dedication, but also the determination and resilience that underpin success. We congratulate them on an outstanding semester



and look forward to their continued commitment in Semester 2. We encourage all students to emulate this positive approach to learning.

Tania Gadea - Senior Sub-school Leader



World Cup Fever hit the Senior school in June and July. Each homegroup received two countries to support. Though 12G had both Argentina and England, it was 11C with Spain who celebrated with a pizza luncheon in the VCE Centre. Students also received a bonus Chupa Chup to add a twist of Spain. Vamos!

Tania Gadea - Senior Sub-school Leader



297 students from Years 10-12 sat the GAT on Tuesday 16th June. Rows of evenly spaced tables stretched across both the auditorium and library filled with students eager to show off their general knowledge as well as their Literacy and Numeracy skills. The GAT is a VCAA event and results will be available in December on students' Statement of Results.

Tania Gadea - Senior Sub-school Leader



On Saturday, the 20th of June, Tia Sale, Hanna Pham and Janet Imo were invited to perform at the Rotary 'Unite for Good' International Day. The trio were invited after their performance at Braybrook's Multicultural Week Celebration, where the group represented Samoa with a dance choreographed by Ms Te'o.

Virginia Hobbs - Equal Opportunity Coordinator



On Wednesday 5th August, 276 students proudly represented Braybrook College in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), the largest mathematics competition of its kind in the world. The AMC challenges students to apply their mathematical knowledge, reasoning and problem-solving skills through a range of engaging questions, with participants from across Australia and many other countries.

We are incredibly proud of every student who chose to take on this challenge. Participating in the AMC demonstrates curiosity, resilience and a willingness to challenge yourself beyond the classroom. Regardless of the results, every participant should be proud of their effort and commitment.

Students will receive certificates based on their level of achievement: Participation, Proficiency, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction and Prize.

Congratulations to all of our participants, and we wish them the very best when the results are released!

Eva Dyba and Rebecca Thom - Maths Coordinators

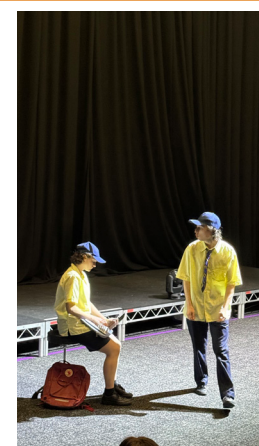
VERBAL COMBAT

On Friday, 31 July, the College welcomed Brainstorm Productions, who presented their engaging performance, Verbal Combat, to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students.

The performance explored important topics including resilience, bullying prevention and help-seeking, providing students with practical strategies to support their wellbeing and positive relationships.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and demonstrated respect and appreciation throughout the session, showing their gratitude to the actors at the conclusion of the show.

Danielle Cooper
Anti-Bullying and Harassment Coordinator



INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE



In late June, the VET Community Services students had the honour of attending an intergenerational lunch with a group of elders from the Aera Life retirement community to aid our connections within our local community. The experience was enlightening, allowing each student to deeply connect with our guests over tea and desserts. The event began by sharing stories of travels to such places as England, Lebanon and Vietnam, as well as fond memories with family and friends.

As well as sharing stories, students gained insight into life in a community service role by talking with the residents' caretakers. The event's organiser, Kate Bywaters, works as lifestyle coordinator at Aera Life, planning fun and engaging outings for the residents of the retirement community. Through our discussions with both the community workers and residents, we were able to gain a clear understanding of how our knowledge can be applied, along with the potential fulfilment of helping others.

Thank you to the elders, Aera Life workers and our teachers for facilitating this wonderful opportunity!

Saige Quinney - 11H
(On behalf of all Unit 3 & 4 VET Community Services Students)



GLAMOROUS BRAYBROOK!

Our Year 12 students dressed to impress for the 2026 Year 12 Formal, held on Saturday 27 June at Lakeside Banquet & Convention Centre.

The night was a fantastic chance for students to relax, enjoy a great meal and celebrate together. The photo booth was busy, the dance floor was packed and the atmosphere reflected just how connected this group has become.

What made us proudest was the way students supported one another throughout the night. They made sure everyone felt included, encouraged each other to join in and genuinely celebrated together.

I was slightly less grateful when I was dragged onto the dance floor, much to my mortification. Thankfully, several students helped me with the moves as I tried, unsuccessfully, to keep up with Mr Truong.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke for helping throughout the evening as our resident button-sewer, hair and makeup fixer, first aid officer and all-round problem solver.

It was a memorable night and a wonderful celebration of an exceptional group of students.

Logan Fewster and Alison Ryan
- Year 12 Coordinators

