

YEAR 7 INFORMATION A World Of Opportunity





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are looking forward to encouraging, challenging and inspiring you. We strongly believe that focusing on the individual is the key to future success.

Your progress towards becoming an independent, responsible and caring citizen, equipped with valuable skills for life, begins from the time you join our college community.





OUR HISTORY

Brauer College officially commenced in 1913 as Warrnambool Technical School, located in Timor Street.

The first classes to be held at the school actually preceded this date but it became a legal entity in that year. The original school offered classes in art, engineering and commercial subjects.

The school was very successful and expanded rapidly to include additional courses and a Junior Technical School. Although it remained at the Timor Street site until 1973, by then its success had created campuses at Albert Park (Warrnambool North Technical School) and Hyland Street ("The Annexe").

In 1972, building commenced on the Caramut Road site and the new school was officially opened on 15

November 1974. In 1989, Warrnambool Technical School officially became known as Brauer College.

Brauer College's main aim is to nurture students' needs and enhance their full potential. It has maintained strong vocational programs but for many years has also had excellent academic results. These outcomes have been achieved by offering a vertical curriculum structure alongside a diverse range of programs in areas such as accelerated learning, performing arts, sports academies, public speaking and debating, community service and leadership skills.

Brauer College is a community that fosters active citizenship and an appreciation of scholastic and cocurricular achievement.



CORE VISION, VALUES & COLLEGE STRUCTURE

Brauer College aims to maintain and extend the provision of excellent educational opportunities within a supportive teaching and learning environment so that students are empowered to become lifelong learners.

VALUES

The College values underpin all aspects of teaching, learning and relationship building at Brauer College.

- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- PARTICIPATION

These values act as a guide to the way in which our college community interacts on all levels.

Brauer College provides a learning environment that is safe and supportive. The College encourages purposeful work and provides all students with equal access and the opportunity to achieve success in each of the eight Key Learning Areas (KLA). Restorative Practice (RP) is the key strategy in building, maintaining and repairing relationships across our college. It is our core belief that people are happier, more co-operative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes in their behaviour, when those in positions of authority work with students, rather than to impose on them or do the work for them. Students are encouraged and required to reflect upon and take responsibility for the manner in which they approach the learning behaviours of themselves and others, and to fix any harm that has been caused.

Brauer College has the explicit expectation that all students, staff and parents will conduct themselves in a restorative manner when interacting within the college setting.



A VIBRANT PLACE TO BE!

Moving from primary to secondary school can be an exciting and challenging time for young people and their parents. Brauer College aims to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We believe our transition program is comprehensive and allows students many opportunities to participate in a range of activities and become connected with the college community even prior to commencing a full Year 7 program.

TRANSITION LEADER VISITS

All students enrolled at Brauer next year will receive a visit from our Transition Leader during Term 4. This will take place at each child's primary school. Students will be reminded of the information night, hear about orientation day expectations and what to bring and will be asked about their interests, and any concerns they may have about starting secondary school. We aim to alleviate some of their concerns even before orientation day. This visit also starts the process of students having a familiar face when they attend Brauer.

"Experience Brauer Program" is a program between Brauer College and Year 6 students from some of our local primary schools. It provides an opportunity for students to come to Brauer and participate in a range of trial classes and activities. By the time these students actually start Year 7, most feel quite at home in their new surroundings. We are always keen to expand this program and involve more primary school students.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

INFORMATION NIGHT

A tradition of Brauer College for a number of years now has been our information night. It provides an opportunity to introduce parents and students to the expectations, leadership tier, provisions and opportunities available at the College. The evening allows our Pastoral Care Leaders to initially meet with their Year 7 class and for students to meet with not only their Pastoral Care Leader but also the other students in their Pastoral Care group who are more than likely experiencing similar feelings and anxieties themselves. This evening takes place prior to the orientation day.

ORIENTATION DAYS IN DECEMBER

These day enables all Year 6 students to experience a normal school day, following a Year 7 timetable. All students will have been briefed on what to expect on this day when our Transition Leader visits. Students are encouraged to practice all aspects of being a secondary school student; especially if they are a bus traveller. On orientation days, and the first couple of weeks, we have many supports in place to assist making this task less daunting. Students will again spend time with their Pastoral Care Leader and the class they will be part of the following year.

HOW WILL YOUR CHILD BE SUPPORTED?

The Middle School team at Brauer works to ensure all new students settle in happily. This team includes the Middle School Assistant Principal, the Year 7 Coordinators, the Transition Coordinator and the Year 7 Pastoral Care Leaders and staff.

One of the challenges at secondary college is getting used to having a greater number of teachers. Wherever possible Year 7 students have their Pastoral Care Leader as a classroom teacher. Some students may have the same teacher in multiple subjects e.g. English and SOSE or Maths and Science.

After the orientation days, students complete the rest of the year at their primary school before having a well-earned break over Christmas.

Our transition program continues to support each student as we commence their secondary education journey together.

COMMENCING YEAR 7 AT BRAUER COLLEGE

The first day of each student's year will be a three way Pastoral Care Interview with their Pastoral Care Leader, parent and the student to talk about goals, collect planners and timetables, work through what to bring on the first day, etc. This day, again provides an opportunity to discuss any concerns, which may be still lingering, or questions, which may still require answers.

From here, the second day has only Year 7 and Year 12 students attend for the day. Year 7 students will be welcomed by the Year 12's with a BBQ and embark on their timetabled classes.

The settling-in phase continues throughout February, where Year 7 students are dismissed 5 minutes early for recess, lunch and at the end of the day to get to their lockers, the canteen and buses. Year 7 students have access to Year 7 only areas at recess and lunch if they choose.

ORIENTATION CAMP

The Year 7 orientation camps are held in Term 1. These camps give all Year 7 students, their Pastoral Care Leaders, and the Year 7 team, the opportunity to get to know each other by enjoying fun activities aimed at cooperative learning and team building in the relaxed, informal atmosphere of our Dunkeld Annexe.

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide support between teenagers by applying the student-help-student principle, and gives the opportunity for friendly contact between Year 10 and Year 7 students. The nature of the program and the interaction between students achieves positive results by helping to develop self-esteem, self-acceptance, confidence, and the ability to make sound decisions. Year 7 students and their Year 10 Peer Support Leader meet once a week during their Learning for Living time throughout Term 1.

FAMILY POOL NIGHT

By the time we approach the Term 1 break, students and parents are feeling relaxed, confident and connected with the Brauer College community so we celebrate the journey we have been on together. In March, we invite and hope to see ALL families at the Aquazone outdoor pool for a fun filled Family Picnic evening. It is a fantastic opportunity to come together in a relaxed atmosphere for some dry land and pool games for those who choose to partake – alternatively parents can sit and chat and cheer the students as they kick, splash, bomb and scramble their way around the pool.





LEARNING SUPPORT & INDIVIDUAL NEEDS PROGRAM

Year 7 students complete a range of compulsory subjects from the Key Learning Areas (KLA). Year 8-12 students undertake a Personal Learning Program (PLP) which allows them to select units for each semester from Key Learning Areas.

The table on the right illustrates the subjects student undertake in Year 7.

Personal subject timetables are distributed to students to assist them to be at the right place at the right time. It is advisable to make a copy and display prominently at home and to keep a copy in the Student Planner.

TUTORING PROGRAMS

Year 7 to 12 students are able to access once a week after school tutoring for numeracy and literacy skill enhancement. Mathematics and English faculty staff conduct these sessions. Contact the Year 7 Coordinator on 03 5560 3888 for more details about the program.

The College actively supports students with a range of individual learning needs. The College offers a multi-facet approach tailored to individual student needs to assist them in achieving academic success particularly, literacy, numeracy, organisation and physical goals and conducts academic assessments.

Our Learning Support Centre team closely liaises with local primary schools to ensure the smooth transition of nominated and potential additional needs students into. Year 7.

Whole Year Core Subjects		
5 periods per week	English Maths	
3 periods per week	History & Geography (SOSE) Science	
Whole Year Con	re Subjects - Personal Development	
2 periods per week	Physical Education Sport	
l period per week	Learning For Living	
	Semester Subjects	
3 periods per week	LOTE (Japanese) The Arts: Art	
2 periods per week	The Arts: Music Drama	
	Term Subjects	
3 periods per week	Technology: • Food Technology • Woodwork • Computer Studies (ITC) • Textiles	

UNIFORM

Brauer College takes great pride in the personal presentation of our students.

The College profile is always important and this profile can very often support our students when looking for opportunities in the wider community.

By having a compulsory uniform the College aims to:

- Promote a positive image of our College in the community;
- Encourage a sense of pride and belonging amongst our students;
- Identify our students as representatives of Brauer College; and
- Remove peer pressure for fashion items at school.



TUESDAY'S 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM THURSDAY'S 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Please Note: Hours Subject To Change





SUMMER (TERMS 1 & 4):

Blazer (compulsory) (*BC)

Summer Dress (*BC)

White socks (*BC)

Black lace up school shoes

Tie (compulsory) (*BC)

Grey tailored shorts (*BC)

White short sleeved school shirt

Grey socks (*BC)

Black lace up school shoes

WINTER (TERMS 2 & 3):

Blazer (compulsory) (*BC)

Tie (compulsory) (*BC)

White long sleeved school shirt

Green & maroon plaid skirt (*BC)

Black footed tights

Black lace-up school shoes

Blazer (compulsory) (*BC)

Tie (compulsory) (*BC)

Grey tailored pants (*BC)

White long sleeved school shirt

Grey socks (*BC)

Black lace up school shoes

SPORTS UNIFORM:

Green Polo Shirt (*BC)

Maroon microfibre sports shorts (*BC)

Rugby Top (Optional) (*BC)

Appropriate sports shoes

SPORTING INDUSTRY PROGRAM UNIFORM:

Organised through the Sporting Industry Program.

Please note that the general sports uniform is not needed in addition to the required SIP uniform.

^{* (*}BC) These items are to be purchased from the Uniform Shop only as they are the correct Brauer College uniforms colours.

^{*} No T-bar, boots, skate or surf brand shoes are allowed.

^{*} Brauer College school bag is the only bag highly recommended by the college due to its orthopaedic design and tough construction.

^{*} Brauer College jumpers are optional. Blazers and ties are compulsory.

^{*} All shirts must have suitable collars with a top neck button to enable the College tie to sit correctly.

^{*} Acceptable jewellery/hair wear: Watches and small studs (one small sleeper or stud per ear), maroon hair ties/bands only.



COLLEGE TIMES

The College is in session between 8:55am and 3:25pm each day. Students should reach the College 15 minutes before starting time.

All students are expected to be punctual in arriving at school at the start of the day and to be on time to all lessons throughout the day.

Late-comers to school need to obtain a pass from the front office. Lateness to class without suitable reason will be

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY		
8:30 - 8:55am	Lockers	
9:00 - 9:24am	Year Level or Pastoral Care Meeting	
9:27 - 10:12am	Period 1	
10:12 - 10:57am	Period 2	
10:57	am - 11:25am RECESS	
11:30am - 12:15pm	Period 3	
12:15 - 1:00pm	Period 4	
1:00	pm - 1:40pm LUNCH	
1:49 - 2:37pm	Period 5	
2:37 - 3:25pm	Period 6	

recorded and may result in the student making up time at recess or lunchtime.

Parents must notify the College of their child's absence from school. This can be done by contacting the College Absence Hotline on 03 5560 3855 and leaving a message. Students must also provide written letters signed by a parent/guardian to their Pastoral Care Leader following an absence. Absences can also be added on Compass by following the prompts at "Add Attendance Note".

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY		
8:30 - 8:55am	Lockers	
9:00 - 9:12am	Year Level or Pastoral Care Meeting	
9:15 - 10:03am	Period 1	
10:03 - 10:51am	Period 2	
10:51	am - 11:24am RECESS	
11:24am - 12:12pm	Period 3	
12:12 - 1:00pm	Period 4	
1:00	pm - 1:40pm LUNCH	
1:49 - 2:37pm	Period 5	
2:37 - 3:25pm	Period 6	



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Students starting at Brauer College often express concerns about missing their bus, or going home on the wrong bus. Our local school bus network is organised, predictable and timely. Students are usually very comfortable with their bus travel arrangements after they have made the first trip to and from school.

When the school day finishes, students catch their usual bus home from the bus exchange shelter located between Brauer College and the Enterprise, Industry & Skills Centre (EISC).

Students should always check the bus service number on the front of each bus to make sure they are entering the right vehicle. Bus supervisors are always on hand to assist students with safety and directions.

Students travelling from specific areas and residing outside the Warrnambool urban area may be eligible for free school bus travel (if available) and if they are travelling to their closest government school. They MUST also register with the Bus Coordinator before the end of Term 3.

Where no bus is available or you need to travel more than 4.8km's to the bus stop, a conveyance allowance may be payable. Applications for conveyance allowance are made to the College.

Fare paying bus travel is available for students residing outside the Warrnambool urban area and not attending their closest government school.

Students travelling within the Warrnambool City network can contact Transit South West on 03 5562 1866 or download timetables and maps from: http://www.transitsw.com.au/

Detailed information on the School Bus Program (SBP) along with application forms can be found on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/schooltravel.aspx



FEES

Brauer College has established a well-earned reputation for providing outstanding educational opportunities for students in the City of Warrnambool and its surrounding areas. Our school values the importance of building strong relationships and providing additional opportunities so that effective learning and personal development can occur as students move along educational pathways from Year 7 to Year 12.

Whilst Brauer College offers a wide range of opportunities we do rely on our families to support the range of opportunities through the payment of schools fees. Essential education items are calculated for each individual year level. It reflects the various costs specific to all students in that year level. Student selected program/s may attract extra charges as determined on a semester basis. Charges are invoiced and payable one semester in advance. Parents are encouraged to contact the College Office if they wish to organise alternate payment methods.

Families will receive a book and stationery list at the Information Night in November. College fees and charges are sent to families in November each year and payment is required before the commencement of the new school year.

Regarding voluntary donations, the College Council will use the buildings and grounds component only for the purpose of improving the quality of the environment at the College. The student wellbeing and engagement component will be used only for programs to assist students with their education. Every donation is entirely voluntary, and records of a voluntary donation are completely confidential - the College is under strict privacy law obligations.

ACADEMIES

Charges for Academies vary depending upon the specific activity.

UNIFORM

During October, there will be specials on uniform items. The Uniform Shop are happy to arrange individual appointments within or outside their opening hours. Phone: 03 5560 3877 to arrange an appointment or for pricing.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Families can either pay in full or contact the College to discuss a payment plan by the 2nd week in December.

PAYMENT IN FULL

- Cash or EFTPOS drop into the front office, Caramut Road, Warrnambool.
- Cheque made payable to 'Brauer College.'
- Direct Credit contact our front office for details.
- Credit Card contact our front office for details.
- BPay details on statements.

PAYMENT PLAN

You can organise charges to be paid regularly using the following option:

Direct Debit - we encourage families to take up this
option and pay their family accounts on a weekly/
fortnightly/monthly basis. Forms are available from
the front office and will also be sent out in welcome
packs to all students enrolling the following year.

For further information or to discuss your individual circumstances please contact Jodie Keast, Business Manager, 03 5560 3888.

Brauer College Year 7 fees for 2020 are as follows:

Essential Education Items: Materials & Services Outdoor Transition & Orientation Program - Year 7 Camp		\$575 \$225
Voluntary Donations	Building & Grounds	\$60
	Student Wellbeing & Engagement	\$30
	School Resources	\$50
TOTAL FEES & CHARGES 2020		\$960

Please Note: Costs subject to change

Making regular payments can assist families with the cost. For families who receive Centerlink benefits we also have a facility to enable a portion of your payments to be paid directly to the College.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is provided by the Victorian Government to ensure students have the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. Families will receive \$225 per secondary student under the age of 17.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) administers the Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term One, or: on the first day of Term Two;

Be an eligible holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)

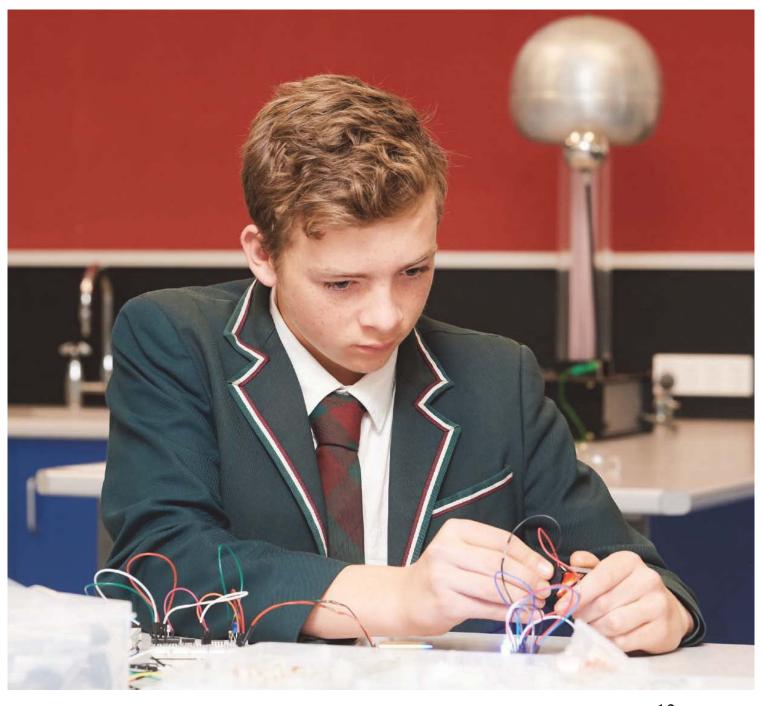
or Pensioner Concession card (PCC) or Veterans Affairs Gold Card

OR

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

Submit an application to the school by the due date.

(Application forms are available from the college).



BYOT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DETAILS

In 2012, Brauer College introduced a 1:1 Netbook Program across the school. The aim was to maximise opportunities for students to use technology as part of their everyday practice.

Brauer College has always believed the provision of a personal ICT device is an important asset for students. Annually, we review the way these ICT tools are integrated into the curriculum. Advances in the way curriculum is being delivered at the College, combined with the growth in ICT skills of both students and teachers, ensure the continued and streamlined development of 21st Century ICT skills for our students.

Students use a privately purchased device, chosen by them, as their principal 1:1 device at school. It should be noted that small mobile devices, such as iPods, iPad Mini, and eBook readers, are not eligible as the principal 1:1 device because of OH&S concerns. Brauer staff will provide access to the wireless network and the internet but will not provide any hardware or software support for BYOT devices. There is no booklist or support cost for this service.

WHAT DEVICE DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

We recognise that a "one size fits all" device approach does not suit all students. The BYOT program allows families to provide a privately purchased device which can be sourced from any vendor. The device can be one of the following types, provided the minimum specifications are met:

Laptop - This includes Windows 10 and Apple devices that meet the minimum laptop specification and usually have larger screens and keyboards.

Netbook - This includes Windows and Apple devices that meet the minimum laptop specification but are usually much smaller and lighter than a full-size laptop. They can have limitations like a smaller keyboard or no DVD player.

Tablet - This includes Windows 10 and Apple iOS devices that meet the minimum tablet specification. Examples of these devices are the iPad and the Microsoft Surface Pro.

Families should ensure the device meets the minimum specifications provided by the College and that the students have access to appropriate support for both maintenance and use, together with insurance. Currently, any Android and Linux devices are not 100% compatible with Education Department systems and should not be used as the primary 1:1 device for students.





DO I NEED TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE?

Laptops and netbooks will require no software to be purchased due to the extensive use of online tools in the College, such as the Google Apps suite. The College is also able to assist students by providing access to Microsoft Office 365 at no cost.

iPad owners will also have access to Office 365 for free but should allow \$30 to purchase other apps used in the classroom from the Apple Store.

Families should use their discretion when considering additional software purchases.

PURCHASING A DEVICE

Families have the option to purchase their BYOT from their preferred provider. If assistance is required, the College has worked closely with a number of local companies and have provided them with the College's requirements to enable them to give sound and accurate advice to families about devices that will best meet their students' needs.

The College website provides details of the providers we have worked with and the minimum device specifications:

http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au/byo

The website also contains a link to School Locker, an educational equipment provider and Apple Authorised Education Reseller, which provides a purchasing portal for parents with BYOT devices at very competitive prices. To view prices and order, you need to create an account on their website and log in.

Families should consider the products offered carefully and compare value with products from other suppliers. The College is not endorsing any products, payment or finance options available.

You may choose to use an existing device you already own. Provided it meets the minimum specifications, an existing device is acceptable for BYOT.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

BYOT programs have many advantages for students and families, but a few things should be considered when

selecting a device that will become the primary ICT tool for your child:

- Devices under a current warranty are strongly recommended. Insurance may also be advisable.
- Families are responsible for repair costs and hardware maintenance, including insurance and fixing damage.
- Families are responsible for all software support, except connection difficulties with the wireless network at school.
- The Department of Education does not allow schools to accept responsibility for damage, loss or theft of any personal device or belongings.
- Familiarity with a device and operating system will vary from student to student. Classroom support may also be limited, depending on how familiar a teacher is with the student's device, and also the student's own expertise.
- Families should consider the ergonomic impact of different size devices for both use and transport.
 The additional personal uses outside of school should also be considered. Tablet devices have limitations in the software that may be available compared to traditional laptop devices.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The Brauer College website provides more detail on the program, including minimum device specifications and the providers we have briefed on the program:

http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au/byo

If you have further questions, you are welcome to call Brauer College on 03 5560 3888 and ask for the IT Support Department.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Commencing at Brauer in 2020, as part of the Department of Education's updated Mobile Phone Policy, mobile phones and smart phones are **not** to be used at school during school hours. (For more information, including exceptions, please see our Mobile Phone Policy on our website.)



COMPASS PARENT PORTAL.

Compass offers a comprehensive window into each student's daily life here at Brauer College. You can view their timetable, upcoming excursions, attendance, check on due dates for homework and assignments, read and review reports and important Brauer notifications. You can also add notes for absences and email their teachers directly. Parents will receive log-in details at the beginning of the school year.

Visit: brauer-vic.compass.education

For mobile devices, download the "Compass School Manager" app from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

BRAUER COLLEGE PARENT BULLETIN

The Brauer College Bulletin is a newsletter published each fortnight and is made available in Compass and on the College website.

WEBSITE

The Brauer College website regularly features important dates and coming events. It also provides links to our Facebook Page with articles, work samples, photographs, events and information relating to the life of the College.

Visit us at www.brauer.vic.edu.au

The College Facebook and Twitter accounts are another great way to stay up-to-date with what is happening in the College.

Follow us on:



facebook.com/BrauerCollege



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STUDENT PLANNERS

All students are allocated a Student Planner at the beginning of each year.

COMMUNICATION

The Student Planner is a key means of organisation for students. Students should use planners to write down and organise homework tasks, assignment due dates, subject achievements and areas for improvement. Parents are encouraged to use these planners to communicate questions, notes and concerns to staff. Student Planners must be taken to each class and may be checked and signed by teachers, Pastoral Care Leaders and Year Level Coordinators. Parents are also invited to sign their child's Student Planner in order to keep up-to-date with the achievements, work requirements and events of the week.

REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Student reports are issued six times per year at approximately six weekly intervals. This enables parents and students to monitor and check learning progress in continuous assessment cycles.

These reports give an Achievement Goal, an Achievement Score and an Attitude and Effort Score which indicate clearly whether the student is working above, below or at the expected level. Each cycle of reports can be compared to provide an accurate and informative overview of the progress of a student's results. This can be followed up with parent/student/teacher interviews to discuss strengths and ways achievement can be improved. Parents can select interview times using the Compass online booking system.

NAPLAN state-wide testing for all Year 7 and Year 9 students occurs during Term 2. Results are sent home in the latter half of the year and interviews to discuss results can be arranged through the College.

If you have any concerns at any stage of the year regarding your child's educational progress or their wellbeing, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Leader or Year Level Coordinator to resolve any issues.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Brauer College has a long tradition of promoting the active involvement of parents and wider community members in the life of our College. Successful schools create positive and beneficial links across the communities in which they exist. At Brauer College, we encourage parents to become involved in the College through:

- Nomination and election to School Council.
- Membership in Parents and Friends' Association.
- Attendance at sporting carnivals, Pastoral Care interviews and parent-teacher interviews.
- Assisting with grounds maintenance through regular working bees.
- Involvement in various aspects of Brauer Amateur Dramatic (BAD) and College Musical productions.
- An open invitation to attend whole-school assemblies.
- Assisting with the needs of specific subjects and programs, as invited.

- · Hosting international students.
- Active involvement in the education of their children, assisting with homework, personal organisation and grooming.
- Contributing specific skills to the Parent Skills Register, and apply those skills, as invited.

Parent involvement and membership opportunities are advertised in the College newsletters. Please contact the front office or Assistant Principals if you have any further queries about becoming involved in the life our College.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Parents and Friends' Associations (PFA) make a valuable contribution to the Brauer College community through fundraising and constructive parental feedback. New members are encouraged to join. Please contact our front office for further information on 03 5560 3888.



