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**PROGRESS INTERVIEWS**
Students Only Required At School For Scheduled Interviews

**DEBUTANTE BALL**
Welcome to Brauer College. What a great start to 2020!

Welcome to all of our students, both those returning and those who are new to Brauer College. A special welcome to our new students and parents who now form part of our College Community. We very much look forward to meeting and working with you all to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children.

When moving to a new environment, it can appear to be daunting for students at first. However, it has been wonderful to see the way friendships have formed and how the older students have welcomed the new students. The Years 7 and 12 students had a fabulous start the school year last week, with Pastoral Care activities and a lunchtime ‘sausage sizzle’. It is fantastic to see the Year 12 students being such fine role models for all the students at the College.

The start of the year of the year is always a pleasure, watching the excitement, the smiles, the joy of students greeting each other after the break and the enthusiasm of returning to school. It has certainly been a great start to 2020. It was also wonderful to see so many parents and students at the Pastoral Care interviews last Wednesday week– a really important and practical opportunity to “touch base” with our Pastoral Care Leaders. This ensures that students have a clear direction for their pathways in 2020.

There is no doubt that the 2019/20 holidays were unlike any other set of holidays. We were, and continue to be, reminded daily about bushfires and the complete devastation of many small communities. This has also happened before in South West Victoria, so we can very much empathise with people in these communities and do our best to assist in any way we can to support these people. We are also all dealing with a virulent strain of the coronavirus. I will keep you updated with any information I receive. We are fortunate in that the World Health Organisation is working closely with global experts, governments and partners to rapidly expand scientific knowledge on this new virus, to track the spread and harmful effects of the virus and to provide advice on how to deal with it. We are reminded that one of the best protective methods against the coronavirus is to wash your hands with soap and dry them afterwards before eating or putting anything in your mouth.

Recently, we received the devastating news that two of our students lost their father in tragic circumstances. Words cannot express our deep sadness and the Brauer College community extends its deepest condolences and this most difficult time. All of these matters may have aroused or caused some anxiety in your children. They are welcome to access the Wellbeing unit for counselling.


We congratulate our Class of 2019 VCE and VCAL cohort on their fine results. More news to be so proud of is that 100% of students who completed the senior VCAL certificate secured full-time employment in apprenticeships & traineeships. Of the VCE students who applied through VTAC, most students received an offer in the first round. Quite a number of these students were offered places at Melbourne, Monash, La Trobe and Deakin universities. A number of our students will begin their studies in Warrnambool at Deakin University, whilst quite a few will also be studying at the Deakin campuses in Geelong and Melbourne. Many students will move to Melbourne and other places around the state to begin their studies.

When we asked our top students how they received their very high results, the answers had some very common themes and ideas. They said that they worked steadily throughout the year, ensuring that assessments and homework were not left until the last minute. They used their planners extensively so they knew when assessments were due and planned for all activities-a concept we can all incorporate into our thinking. It was also with great delight that I signed many Meritorious (personal best) and Achievement awards (best result in the class). These certificates were presented to students at the end of last year.
Attendance.

This year, the Department of Education has requested the focus to be on attendance again and punctuality. Whilst we appreciate that there are times when students may be late or absent, we request that parents provide an explanation for these times. This can be done on COMPASS. There will be a relentless focus by Pastoral Care Leaders and Year Level Co-ordinators to ensure that students are present and that they arrive to Pastoral Care Meetings and assemblies on time. Students’ best learning time is the start of the school day and that is when every minute counts the most. Please support your child to be at school on time and attend every day.

We have also changed our attendance administration package to COMPASS. This has enabled Year Level Co-ordinators to analyse student attendance with filtering and drill-down functionality. Students’ arrivals and departures will be easily accessed and this information will be readily available school-wide to assist in an emergency. We will be able to better support students who are not at school or who are arriving late regularly.

Uniforms at Brauer College.

Thank-you to the many parents who have supported their children by ensuring that they look very smart in their uniform at all times. Students are required to wear the blazers to school and when returning home. (We will advise students when this rule is relaxed for very hot weather conditions.) To ensure that everyone is aware of the rules regarding our College uniform, we have included a copy in this bulletin.

We are very fortunate to have parents supporting the College with items of clothing of our uniform that they no longer need. I am requesting items of uniform that are no longer required, especially school grey shorts, blazers, shirts and dresses, as we have run out of these four items. We would be most appreciative if any items of clothing of our uniform could be dropped off at the front office, which is located currently in the Enterprise and Industry Skills Centre, adjacent to the College buildings.

Relationships between Parents, Students and the College.

We look forward to all of the improvements strengthening the relationship between you, the parents, your child and the College, and will be seeking feedback from you throughout the year. 2019 was a great year and I am looking forward to 2020 being an even better year. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking to many of the students about their holidays and about their ambitions for the future.
Friday 7th & Saturday 8th February

Come along and show your support for the 2020 Brauer College Relay For Life Team.

6:30pm Friday until 11:00am Saturday

Relay For Life is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council’s research, prevention, information and support services. Relay is a chance for the Warrnambool community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay For Life each year in the fight against cancer.
Study Tips

Brauer Weekly Study Tips!
Welcome to the Brauer Weekly Study Tips! These tips are aimed at helping you to develop better study habits – this will result in more effective learning & better grades! Practice each strategy for a week to make it a HABIT!! Some will be easy to do – others will be more of a challenge, but try them out... any strategy you take on board will make a difference.

STUDY TIP #1: Make your Planner work for YOU!
Success at school starts with organisation - your Planner is an essential tool to help you stay organised! Use the following checklist to determine how well you are using your Planner so far – use this list also for tips on helpful strategies that you can use. Learn to LOVE your Planner!!

- Is your Planner clearly named?
- Are you taking it to all classes?
- Are you using it to record all commitments (eg. House meetings, Academy meetings, excursions, tutorials) & to help you remember all that you have to do?
- Are you double entering all homework (details of task on date given & on date due)?
- Are you using your Planner to plan homework & personal commitments (eg. Work, sport, family commitments) a week in advance? (This will help you to allocate times that you have available to complete homework in the week ahead)
- Do you use your Planner at the end of each day when packing your bag (to check that you have all the resources you need to complete homework)?
- Do you tick off/ cross out homework tasks as completed?

Happy studying!!

Kerri Morey
Psychology Teacher
Brauer College, Warrnambool

WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE: Brooke Gent says a 'soccer mums' program at Warrnambool Wolves is the ideal way to involve parents in the sport. Picture: Morgan Hancock
Click on the link:
https://www.standard.net.au/story/6612244/soccer-mums-program-kicking-goals/?cs=2611&fbclid=IwAR3KEmmkcnDjH0uj4bCC4JCOvWSr5DQj922G7F37xWl6aGLa36xTdwKg30

"Green laces to show our support for Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Warrnambool. 💚 Amazing initiative started by the Gillin brothers to raise money for Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation & Muscular Dystrophy Australia. Head over to their facebook page if you want to help - every little bit matters! #MuscularDystrophy #GreenLaces #OneLaceAtATime #MuscularDystrophyAwareness"
Seeking a Host Family for a young Japanese Teacher

Brauer College is lucky to have an assistant teacher from Japan arriving in a week, and staying for four weeks. We are looking for a friendly family with a spare bedroom to host her from 16th February to 15th March.

Misako is 20 years old, currently studying at university in Japan, plays the trombone and enjoys watching sport. The host family is asked to provide a bedroom, meals and transport to and from school. This can be by school bus, car or bike, if that is how your own students travel. A small subsidy is available to help the host family.

Please contact Andrea Sampson in the Japanese Department on 5560 3888 to register your interest or for further details.

Design & Technology

Bohan Houston, Harry Moss and Tahj Beardsley

These three very talented students are to be congratulated on the outstanding workmanship on the new Podium that they designed and built, including all the electrical work. The new Podium was used in all of the final assemblies at the end of last year.

The project was completed as part of their 2019 Year 11 Design and Technology class and will be showcased for many years to come.

Thank you.
The focus of the Brauer College Sports Academy program is to support skill development, improve sportsmanship and foster enjoyment of participation in the activities offered. Being a member of a Sports Academy may also aid the student’s organisational skills, provide opportunity to develop leadership and promote a sense of teamwork.

All Academy students will have regular training and the opportunity to trial for school representative teams at interschool level.

All Brauer College Academy Sports run on a user pay basis that aims to cover the cost of coaching, equipment, venue hire and incidentals. Fees for each Academy vary and some depend on the number of enrolments.

Over the next few weeks, there will be meetings for each Academy where students can register their interest in joining. Students will be given a registration form with details specific to their Academy at this meeting. Notification of meeting dates and times will be given via the Gym noticeboards, Compass and also at Year Level assemblies. It is important that students check for messages daily.

The Sports Academy Leaders and I are looking forward to working with many enthusiastic students in our Sports Academy program. If you have any queries after your child has received the information letter please contact the Academy Leader specified or me on the school number.

### Brauer College will offer 12 Sports Academies in 2020:

1. Basketball – roster in class time once a fortnight on Wednesday with Louise Brown
2. Clay Target – Monday morning or afternoon rotating once a week in Term 2 & 3
3. Soccer – Term 2, 3 & 4 lunch time once a week
4. Dance Academy – lunchtime once a week
5. Netball – Term 2 & 3, lunch time once a week on Tuesday
6. Football – Term 2 & 3 lunchtime once a week on Thursday
7. Cricket– Term 1 & 4 lunchtime once a week
8. Endurance Sports – lunchtime once a week
9. Volleyball - Term 2 & 3 lunchtime once a week on Fridays
10. Hockey – Term 1 & 4 lunchtime once a week
11. Golf – Wednesday after school at the Golf course
12. Equestrian – organised events are scheduled on weekends throughout the year

### SPORTS ACADEMY LEADERS

#### ACADEMY CO-ORDINATOR

**BASKETBALL & NETBALL ACADEMY**  
Mrs Roberts  
Gym Top Office

**FOOTBALL ACADEMY**  
Mr Kermeen  
Gym Top Office

**CLAY TARGET ACADEMY**  
Miss McKean  
Science Office

**GOLF & CRICKET ACADEMY**  
Mr Lenehan  
SIP Room D1

**DANCE ACADEMY**  
Leah McPherson  
C3

**ENDURANCE ACADEMY**  
Mr Jackson  
Careers Office

**EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY**  
Miss Gage  
Science Office

**SOCCER ACADEMY**  
Ms Keegan  
PE Office
This year a Big Life has started the year running! We are thrilled to be a part of some fabulous programs designed to build students’ personal capacities and contribution to their school community.

At the end of 2019, Melanie Schultz and Georgia Keegan guided a group of self-selected students through leadership training to allow them to be Peer Support Leaders for 2020. These students have stepped up to this challenge as Year 10s and ensured the new Year 7 students felt safe, supported and confident as they started their Brauer College journey.

Day 2 of the School Year saw the whole Big Life Team (Mel, Danielle and Rebecca) at the Year 12 Study Skills and Wellbeing Day held at Deakin University. Melanie flexed her mindfulness muscle by guiding the Year 12s through a yoga session. This highlighted how the students can choose a positive way to de-stress during their busy final year of school.

Meanwhile, Danielle and Rebecca facilitated a workshop that allowed the students to reflect on their core values. It is well known that living a life that accords with your core values increases personal wellbeing. By reflecting on their personal goals developed with the Rites of Passage Institute last year, the students were able to ensure these aligned with their core values going forward. It was a fun, fast-paced exercise that the students whole-heartedly engaged with. The images below show the collective values of the year. They will hopefully draw on these values to support the vision they developed as a year group in 2019. As parents, it can be useful to discuss these core values with your child when they are faced with difficult decisions, such as university or work choices later in the year.

Thank you to all those that completed the Parent Voice - Health and Wellbeing Plan. Danielle is busy collating the data to add to that collected from the staff and students. Our current Annual Implementation Plan has a key focus on Health and Wellbeing for the Whole-School Community. This information will help us to identify where the school is excelling in the area of wellbeing and where there is opportunity to develop.

Evidence identifies that a healthy school environment is developed through:

* Health promoting school policies & procedures
* Supportive physical and social environments, and
* Partnerships with parents, community organisations and specialist services.

If you haven’t yet had a say please follow this link to the survey. (There are no wrong answers & everyone's voice is important)

As in 2019, Melanie continues to teach Learning For Living, an explicit wellbeing class, to the Year 7 students. She looks forward to the opportunity to help the students identify their strengths, learn empathy and gratitude and foster positive relationships with each other.

If you want to know more about the Big Life activities, you can follow us @biglifewarrnambool
Brauer College

NEWS

ACCESSING COUNTRY BUSES ON A CASUAL BASIS

Brauer College would like to remind all Country Bus travellers that only students that are registered to travel on specific country buses can use this service; the service is not to be used for sports training/work/social purposes. Parent/Carers are to make their own arrangements in this regard.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter,

Jane Boyle
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parents are invited to nominate for parent category on the Brauer College Council. There are a number of vacancies and nomination forms are available at the front office and to be returned by Monday 18th February to the front office.

Jane Boyle
Principal

STUDENT DROP OFF PROCEDURES

For student safety we have outlined the locations for student drop off. The diagram shows the preferred flow of traffic and the area where, if you choose, you can drop off and pick up students.

Students are not to be dropped off on bus road.

Parents can also drop off and pick up at a number of other locations. These are located:
- Brauer Ander Park Car Park
- Caramut Road
- Katelyn Court
- Lucas Court
- Nicolls Drive

The Administration car park should not be used as a drop off or pick up area, unless visiting the office.

Lastly, when you are driving in the College please observe the 5km limit (walking pace) to ensure the safety of students. Please keep the bus road inside the College clear at all times.

These measures are to ensure all student safety.

Thank you.
TEXTILES HELPERS NEEDED

This is a 'call out' to all those ladies and gents that have a love for Textiles. The classes ranging from Year 7 - 12, this year need your assistance in their very busy classes.

A general knowledge of the sewing machine is necessary, knowledge of the overlocker would be helpful but not necessary.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Please give Mrs White or Ms LeFebure a call on 55603888 if you are available any day of the week.

Juli White
HEAD OF TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The PFA would like to invite all our school families to come along & join our friendly group.

Term 1 Meeting
Tuesday 18th February
7.00pm
@ Brauer College in the Pavilion at Brauer Ander Park
(Please note the change of venue)

All Welcome

DEVICE FREE DAYS

This year we are continuing with 2 device free days each week in the LIBRARY at recess & lunchtime on WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY!

This will begin next week (week beginning Feb 10). This practice enables students to participate in a range of other activities in the library, and provides a space for students to take a break from activities based around their laptops.

The students enjoy opportunities to socialise in cross-age groups playing cards, board games, lego, craft club, reading books... and many more choices provided by our well-resourced library!

If students would like to do homework that requires a laptop, they are to inform the teacher on duty in the library, and then use their device in the back fiction room.
MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Instructions for using your Mobile Phone Pouch as you enter school each day.

There are 7 entry points around the College where you can unlock the pouch to place your phone in it, at the start of the day and then unlock again at the end of the day to retrieve your phone. Please ask for assistance from a staff member if you need any help.
CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS IN THE SOUTHWEST

The Lights up Crew want YOU to play an awesome gig at a super cool venue in Koroit.

You’ll be playing alongside a soon to be announced headline act as well as some other wickedly talented artists from the region.

Yes this is a paid gig!
Interested?

Click the link below to apply for a slot in the line-up.

Applications close Feb 17

For questions and concerns email lightsupcrewmoyne@gmail.com or call 5568 0555 and ask for Bec Elmes
Karate is fun.
Karate is skills-based.
Karate is physically active.
Karate is mentally stimulating.
Karate boosts confidence.
Karate develops self control.
Karate helps combat bullying.

This voucher is valid for ANY of the following programs:

- Kinder Karate (3-4 yrs) - Tue/Thu: 4:00-4:30pm, starts 28/01/20.
- Peewee Karate (5-7 yrs) - Tue/Thu: 4:45-5:30pm, starts 20/01/20.
- Kids Karate (8-12 yrs) - Mon/Tue/Thu: 5:30-6:30pm, starts 20/01/20.
- Teens & Adults Karate - Mon/Tue/Thu: 5:30-6:30pm, starts 20/01/20.

Commencement of two week special (plus free uniform valued at $65) can take place any time from 20 January till 6 February 2020. To book a place, text Frank on 0437 226 615.

Offer expires 6 February 2020. For newcomers to Funakoshi Karate International Australia. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Warrnambool Rangers will host their

SOCCER OPEN DAYS

at

The Jones Oval, Ward Street

on

Saturday’s 8th & 15th Feb. (9.30 am)

Boys and Girls

14 to 17 years

Cost: FREE.

Come along – bring a friend.

For details phone John on 0417 777 938

Warraembool Action Squash Club

305 Timor St

Warrnambool

For enquiries please phone Kerri on 0428 1401 74

Our Focus is on “fun and mateship”

New juniors aged between 8 and 16 are most welcome.

Coaching included

Monday night’s 5 – 7pm

Equipment supplied

$5.00 per week plus
$20.00 registration (6 months)

JUNIOR SQUASH

COME AND TRY, BRING A FRIEND and
GRADING FOR NEW PLAYERS AND
EXISTING PLAYERS

MONDAY 3rd 10th and 17th February

5pm – 7PM
**Term 1 TENNIS COACHING**

**Hot Shots**
- Modified Equipment supplied for ages 5-12
- Commencing Week 3rd February 2020
- Coaching and classes for all ages

Group Sessions
- Private sessions
  - 30 min $10
  - 45 min $14
  - 60 min $18
  - 30 min $30
  - 45 min $45
  - 60 min $60
  - Discounts when booking for full term

Qualified coaching by Bounce About Tennis (Danielle Higgins)

Mailors Flat Tennis Courts

Bookings and Enquiries: Phone
Danielle: 0458926977 Debbie: 0428654482

**Cardio Tennis**
- Adults and Teenagers - cost $15 per 60 minutes session

**Open Court Tennis**
- Modified for Adults beginning or restarting tennis
- 6.30pm commencing Wed 5th February
- Check our Facebook page for registration & payment details
- $15 includes nibbles and soft drink

Bounce About Tennis & Mailors Flat Tennis Club

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**KOROIT SKATE PARK**

**SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY**

**SCOOTER CLINICS**
- 9AM & 10AM
- SCOOT, BMX & SKATE COMP
- 11AM - 4PM

Bourke Ave, Koroit | Free entry, all abilities welcome

This event is a Victorian Government initiative. Fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoking-free, all-ages event

**COMP TIMES**
- SCOOT: 11.00am
- BMX: 12.30pm
- SKATE: 1.30pm

WWW.SKATEPARKLEAGUES.COM

**Guitar Lessons**

Jacob West

BMUS (Contemporary Performance)

www.jacobwestmusic.com.au

experiencejacob@gmail.com

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**Midfield Proudly Supporting Brauer College**

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**Join the Moyne Youth Council**

Have your say / create events / raise youth issues

More info:

EMAIL: becelves@moyne.vic.gov.au CALL 5568 0555

*Anyone from 12 to 25 years old who lives in the Shire is welcome