



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Newsletter

Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together



Senior Social

Our Senior Social goes to show it well and truly is the season of celebrations.

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Important dates...

- 15 DEC** CAMP BORNEO RETURNS
- 18 DEC** JUNIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION DAY
- 19 DEC** AWARDS EVENING
- 20 DEC** GRADE 6 GRADUATION
- 21 DEC** LAST DAY TERM 4
- 21 JAN** GENERAL OFFICE RE-OPENS
- 26 DEC** AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 30 JAN** YEAR 1 - 7, & 10 - 12 FIRST DAY T1
- 31 JAN** FOUNDATION, YR 8 & 9 FIRST DAY T1

See page 8 for more important dates



Meagan Cook

It is hard to believe that another year is over and here I am reflecting on all that we achieved as a community in 2018. Again, I feel a sense of pride at the work we have done as we continue to strive to improve outcomes for our students and the community of Boronia.

We are not the same school that we were at the end of 2017. We continue to be a school community that is on the move and I for one am enjoying the journey immensely.

To the students of Boronia K-12 College, thank you for your involvement in all aspects of the school throughout 2018. I have enjoyed watching you showcase your diverse talents, passions and views through your active participation in College productions, musical performances, school council, student advocacy and leadership groups, sporting endeavours, community projects, art shows, debutante balls, formals, overseas trips, and the list goes on... I have also enjoyed seeing you succeed as learners, growing both academically and socially through engaging with our strong teaching and learning program. None more so than seeing our Prep students develop across a school year, our 4 year old kinder group prepare for primary school and celebrating the completion of Year 12 with the first group that attended Year 7 at Boronia K-12 College in 2013. You are big-hearted, compassionate and ambitious and my commitment to you is to continue to focus on your strengths and to ensure that we harness your ambition and hear your voice.

My advice, to our students, can be best summed up in the following quote:

*"You are not a product of your circumstances –
You are a product of your decisions" -
Stephen Covey*

So make good ones because we believe in your ability to make a difference in this world.

To my staff, both teaching and support, thank you for your dedication and professionalism. You are passionate educators and support staff all working together to provide a better future for our students. You have continued to embrace change as we re-envisioned our sub-schools; implemented our Instructional Model; delivered on new programs in Years 9 and 10; continued our journey to be a restorative school and become a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate in the Primary Years Program. Not to mention our 1:1 Laptop Program from Year 5 and up and new assessment and reporting practices; despite all this you have continued to find the joy in your work and continued to advocate for the students in your care, making a difference to their lives.

The opportunities that you provide our students both in and out of the classroom do not go unnoticed. Like me, our students and families recognise strongly that they have a staff in our school who care about them, who they can rely on and most importantly who they can learn from.

To our families, thank you for being strong partners in educating your students. I appreciate all that you do to contribute to the growth of our school. I want to thank Drey Baldwin, School Council President, and all school councillors for their guidance and support throughout the year.

I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. You are all tireless advocates for our school and give up many hours to support us in driving continued improvement. Our Parents Club, although small in number, is making a big impact. Take, for instance, the Colour Run.

What an amazing community event that raised a lot of funds for our school and brought all year levels

together.

This year we farewelled Brooke Cross, our Assistant Principal, as she took up a well-deserved Principal position at Bayswater Primary School. At the end of this year we will say goodbye to Sandra Kimpton who will be transitioning to retirement during the year and moving North to chase the sun and be closer to her daughter. Sandra's contribution to Boronia K-12 College will not be forgotten and her legacy lives on in the many lives that she touched during her time at our school.

As with any year we have some temporary and permanent departures from our College for 2019. In education, there is no better way to develop and grow than by experiencing and working within other school settings.

Sarah Dent, Tess Dixon, Carlos Galvez, Nayani Gunaratne, David Husk, Daniel James, Simon Kearney, Troy McGown, Catherine Primerano and David Risteski will all be moving on and taking up new opportunities and positions in the new school year. We thank them for their contribution to Boronia K-12 College and know that they take with them fond memories of their time here. Rhiannon Smith will take leave in 2019; we hope to see her back in 2020 and wish her well during her time off.

I still consider myself very fortunate to have been selected to lead this school community and even more fortunate to work with my brilliant leadership team, including my three hardworking and talented Assistant Principals, Kathryn Middleton, Matt Scammell and Adrienne Tanner. I look forward to all that we will achieve together in 2019 and beyond.

Return Dates

JUNIOR SCHOOL: Grade 1 to Grade 6 is Wednesday 30 January

JUNIOR SCHOOL: Foundation is Thursday 31 January

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Year 7 is Wednesday 30 January

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Year 8 and 9 is Thursday 31 January

SENIOR SCHOOL: Year 10-12, including VCAL is Wednesday 30 January

Prior to the student start dates our General Office will re-open on Monday 21 January, with staff available between 10.00am and 2.00pm, but will be closed on Friday 25 January.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. We will see everyone in the new year!

Meagan Cook

Principal

Camp Borneo 2018



Matthew Scammell

Child Safe Standards

Victorian schools are required under the Child Safety and Wellbeing Act to ensure that they implement compulsory Child Safe Standards to protect children from harm.

At Boronia K-12 College we are committed to child safety. As a community we want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and visitors. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Boronia K-12 College is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. We have robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff. Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks. As a community we support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. Boronia K-12 College has specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and visiting external services to achieve these commitments.

AT BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of

children

- We have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being constantly strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. As policies are ratified at school council, they will be made available to you through Compass and on our web page
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children, set out in our school's Child Safe Code of Conduct. This will be available through Compass and on our web page

In our commitment to Child Safety Standards, Boronia K-12 College has:

DEVELOPED A CHILD SAFE POLICY

This child safe policy outlines our commitment to promoting children's wellbeing and protecting children from abuse.

This document is available to you through Compass and on our web page.

DEVELOPED A CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT

Boronia K-12 College has developed a code of conduct that specifies the standards of conduct and care required when working and interacting with children. The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) under the Victorian Teaching Profession Code of Conduct regulates teachers.

The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) developed the Code of Conduct as required by Part 2.6 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. The Code of Conduct is a set of principles or standards for the behaviour and conduct of all Victorian teachers in the Victorian Government Teaching Service and the non-government sector.

The following principles are of particular relevance

when using social media tools:

Principle 1.5: Teachers are always in a professional relationship with the students in their school whether at school or not. Teachers hold a unique position of influence and trust that should not be violated or compromised. They exercise their responsibilities in ways that recognise that there are limits or boundaries to their relationships with students.

Principle 1.7: Teachers work in collaborative relationships with students' families and communities.

Principle 2.1: The personal conduct of a teacher will have an impact on the professional standing of that teacher and on the profession as whole.

While teachers can be friendly with students, parents and communities their relationship must always remain professional and should never be on a personal footing. It is important for teachers to consider the consequences of their actions. The world of social media can seriously damage reputations and propel bullying to new levels. Even with security settings in place, issues may still arise.

Boronia K-12 College has also developed a specific Code of Conduct that encourages appropriate behaviour between children called the Student Code of Conduct.

This document will be available to you through Compass and on our web page.

CHOSEN SUITABLE EMPLOYEES

Boronia K-12 College takes all reasonable steps to ensure that it engages the most suitable and appropriate people to work with children. Alongside the Department of Education and Training (DET) recruitment processes, it will ensure it includes:

- Selection criteria in job descriptions
- Police record and identity checks
- Working with Children Checks where required
- Face-to-face interviews

- Detailed reference checks from previous employers, including from the applicant's most recent line manager

SUPPORTED, TRAINED, SUPERVISED AND ENHANCED PERFORMANCE

Boronia K-12 College ensures that employees who work with children have ongoing supervision, support and training so that their performance is developed and enhanced to help protect children from abuse. In particular, the principal, leadership team and the child safety officer understand their responsibilities. Our child safety officer at Boronia K-12 College is a person who has knowledge of child safety issues, and could be a point of contact for others who have questions or concerns or want to report an allegation of abuse.

PROMOTED INCLUSION

Boronia K-12 College is inclusive to all children and families. In particular, establishes a culture that supports:

- Cultural safety for Aboriginal children, for example by working in partnership with Aboriginal peoples and Aboriginal community controlled organisations
- Cultural safety for children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, for example by using inclusive language and images in policy documents, and communications such as the website and newsletters
- The safety of children with a disability, for example by ensuring that Boronia K-12 College is accessible to everyone and ensuring appropriate training and supervision of staff and volunteers working with children with a disability.

EMPOWERED AND PROMOTED THE PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING

Boronia College promotes the involvement and participation of children in developing and maintaining

Detail child safe environments. We will be providing opportunities for children to express their views on the student Code of Conduct, and then incorporate this feedback to improve our policies and practices. Ideas from children are sought through School Representative Council meetings and focus groups.

This document will be available to you through Compass and on our web page.

Boronia K-12 College endeavours to listen to children and take their ideas or concerns seriously, and ensure timely and appropriate responses to students disclosing abuse or concerns for their safety or the safety of other children.

Further information on child safe standards can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services website:

- www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans-programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/children,youth-and-family-services/creating-child-safe-organisations

- www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/documents-and-resources/policies,guidelines-and-legislation/child-safe-standards
- In particular, An Overview to the Victorian child safe standards, has information to help organisations understand the requirements of each of the child safe standards, including examples of measures organisations can put in place, a self-audit tool and a glossary of key terms:
- www.dhs.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0005/955598/Child-safestandards_overview.doc

Registered schools can contact the Department of Education and Training:

- child.safe.schools@edumail.vic.gov.au

Matthew Scammell

Assistant Principal: Primary

Camp Borneo 2018



Kathryn Middleton

2018 has been an extremely rewarding and successful year – a year of significant improvement and growth. I would like to pass on my sincere appreciation to all members of the School community for their enormous and ongoing support. The spirit around our school is friendly, welcoming and purposeful and our academic results are also improving which augurs well for the future. We look forward to building on our successes.

Although many may think that schools are winding down in December, for all of us at BK-12 we are still full steam ahead. The students and staff are immersed in the Step Up Program and the class work of 2019 has already begun. Students who have been unable to attend the Step Up program can find the relevant work and resources on Compass under 'School Resources'.

Over the month of December we enjoyed the Year 10 Formal with a night of fun, music and dancing at Sky High Mount Dandenong. This event was a well-deserved reward for our Year 10 students who have just impressed everyone with the way they had approached their exams and participation in the Step Up program.

On December 10th, we were happy to welcome the parents of our 2019 Year 7 students to our Information Evening. With solid enrolment numbers for Year 7 next year, it was such a positive event which acknowledged the stability of the continued population growth in our school. This was followed by a very successful Orientation Day for the incoming Year 7 students for 2019. The students participated in 'Get to know you activities', school tours, art classes, fun and games in PE and made fantastic slime in Science. It was great to see a number of our current Year 7 students giving up their time to assist on the evening and following day.

The highlight of the term for me was the school

musical production. It was fabulous to see an array of students showcasing their talents in a fun and entertaining story – Bye Bye Birdie. The backstage crew and make up support was also sensational and I found it hard at times to identify the students behind the characters. Bravo!

A final reminder that the Semester 2 Reports will be available online at 3.30pm on Tuesday, 18 December. This final report provides a summary of the continuous assessment and reporting done over the semester for each student and their progress throughout Semester 2. This will include levels of achievement measured against the Victorian Curriculum Standards (Years 7-10), satisfactory achievement of outcomes (VCE) and work habits (Years 7-11). The report will also show the grade for each CAT which has been completed in Semester 2.

Once again, a big thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who have made me so welcome this year. I wish all members of our School Community a safe, enjoyable and prosperous holiday period and I look forward to building on our successes with you in 2019 and beyond.

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal: Secondary



Fantastic things from

Around the College

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 18 December | Junior School Class Party Day |
| 19 December | Secondary School Awards Night |
| 20 December | Year 6 Graduation |
| 21 December | Last Day Term 4 : 1.00pm Finish |
| 30 January, 2019 | Term 1 2019 commences |
| 27 February, 2019 | Year 7 Camp departs |
| 1 March, 2019 | Year 7 Camp returns |
| 5 April, 2019 | Last Day of Term 1, 2019 |
| 23 April, 2019 | First Day Term 2, 2019 |
| 28 June, 2019 | Last Day Term 2, 2019 |
| 15 July, 2019 | First Day Term 3, 2019 |
| 20 September, 2019 | Last Day Term 3, 2019 |
| 7 October, 2019 | First Day Term 4, 2019 |
| 20 December, 2019 | Last Day Term 4, 2019 |

Parents' Club News

Wow! What a wonderful year we have had at Parents' Club this year. We've held numerous events, our Crazy Hair and Sock Day, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, Pyjama Day, K - 6 Disco, Footy Day BBQ, Trivia Night, and of course our awesome Colour Run.

With the funds raised from these events we are contributing to the GP Signage, outdoor seating for our school yard, a breakout space in the 5/6 area, carpet for one of the rooms in the Year 9 area, the installation of a tap closer to Mrs Trounsen's vegetable garden near the 1/2 building, assisting in the VCAL Pizza Oven Project, supplying a donation to the Cancer Council, hosting a Teacher Appreciation Lunch, and also contributing to the F - 6 Circus Program in 2019 with the purchase of circus equipment.

On behalf of the Parents' Club team, we would like to say thank you for all of your support throughout the year!

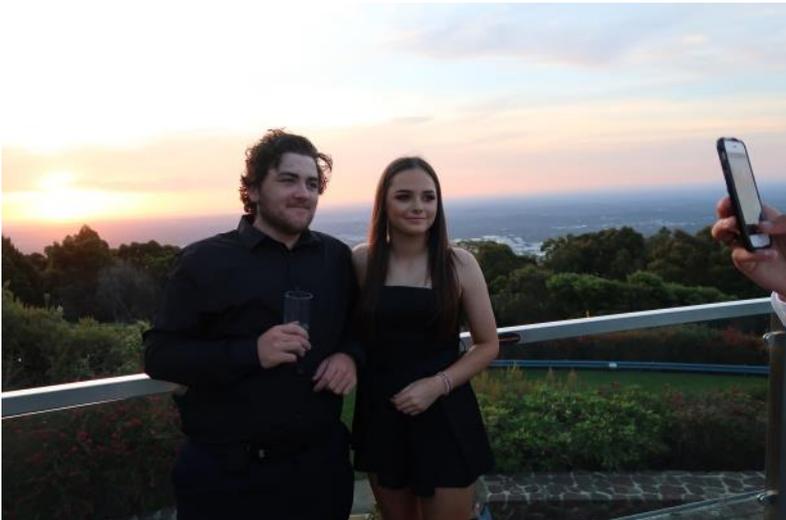
Foundation Art

The Foundation students have recently finished up exploring the Central Idea 'Animals and people interact in different ways in different contexts'. In Art the students worked in small groups to create their own farms. The Foundation students have had the opportunity to spend some time playing with their farms.



Dressed to the Nines at

THE SENIOR SOCIAL



VINTAGE DRESS UP DAY

Friday 16 November, Boronia K-12 College held a Vintage Dress Up day to raise money for State Schools' Relief. State Schools' Relief supports families that may be experiencing financial hardship to subsidise part of the cost of school uniform. The fundraiser focused on students dressing up in vintage clothes and creating recycled outfits wearing their mum, dads or siblings clothes and upcycling them to create a whole new outfit!

We held a fashion parade at lunchtime which students walked the red carpet and showed off their outfits and best moves which was judged by our lovely panel of art and technology teachers.

As a whole school, we raised \$383.30 to go towards State Schools' Relief to thank them for the support they give our families and so that they can continue to offer this great support!



Who is the wellbeing team and what do we do?

The Wellbeing team consists of Adrienne Tanner, Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion and Nicole Costa, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator. As a team we have been working on making wellbeing services much more accessible and creating a wellbeing culture that is inclusive and supportive.

What type of issues can wellbeing help your child with?

- Anxiety
- Struggles with social relationships
- Emotional regulation (e.g. anger)
- Engagement with education (e.g. difficulty getting your child motivated to come to school)
- Family concerns (e.g. family breakdown)

What if my child has the following issues?

- Depression
- Severe anxiety
- Anger management issues
- Bereavement
- Drug and alcohol concerns

If you hold any of the above concerns, the wellbeing team are here to support you and your child get the appropriate assistance by linking you in with external agencies.

Here is a quick reminder of the services and supports the wellbeing team can offer:

- Counselling (short term)
- Doctors in Secondary School's Program at school on Mondays
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Wednesdays

- Student Support Services Officers (Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapist and Social Worker)
- Support for students that may be disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education
- Support for families with students with disabilities
- Supporting our Koori students
- Headspace Clinicians in schools offering counselling on Thursday's
- Breakfast Club each morning 8:20am – 8:50am
- State School's Relief for families eligible to receive uniform assistance
- Wellbeing based programs that support our students with issues such as self-esteem, friendship issues and emotional regulation
- Working actively with our students to workshop ideas and plans around bullying and mental health concerns

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's wellbeing?

It is best to raise the issue with your child's classroom or homeroom teacher and they will pass this information onto sub-school leaders for a member of the wellbeing team to set up a time to meet and create a plan to best support your child.

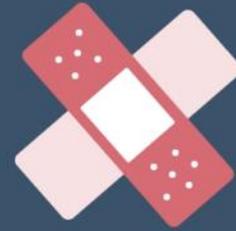


WHERE: Performing Arts Building

WHEN: Monday to Friday (8:20am - 8:50am)



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FEELING SICK OR UNWELL?
HAVE A MEDICAL QUESTION?

CHECK OUT THE

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



THE DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM OPERATES LIKE A NORMAL GP CLINIC AND OFFERS THE SAME ASSISTANCE WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

OPEN EVERY MONDAY 9AM - 3:30PM

LOCATED NEXT TO THE LOWER BASKETBALL COURT AND THE MAIN BUILDING.

DROP INTO SEE MISS COSTA OR MRS TANNER IN THE WELLBEING OFFICE OR EMAIL COSTA.NICOLE.N2@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU FOR ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS



Week 9

Teachers were looking for students who are cooperative. These are students who work together harmoniously, learning and following as the situation demands.

The winners were: Jacob, Maddi, Cailey, Emily, Alexia, Henry, Maggie, Luke and Lucas

WEEK 9 Specialist Awards:

ART – Nathaniel

PE – Adam

SCIENCE - Connor

MUSIC – Henry

WEEK 9 Environmental Awards:

There winners were: Sarah, Adaliah, Jacob, Sienna, Foundation A, Foundation B, 1/2A, 1/2B and 1/2C



Bit More Borneo



GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER

"On Friday night, the Grade 2's had a sleepover at school. We had to get to school at 6 o'clock to set up our beds. We had pizza for dinner and for dessert we had cookies and milk."

-Tiberius



"On Friday the 16th, we had a sleepover at school. After dinner we played a game called the amazing race. My team came second. In the morning we went to the OSCH room to have breakfast. I had toast with raspberry jam a couple of times."

-Rohan



Take a look at our

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STARS

On Friday September 16th our awesome Instrumental Music students delivered a high quality and entertaining showcase of their work this semester to an enthusiastic audience of family and friends. All the college ensembles and bands performed, as well as our 2018 VCE VET Music students. I was impressed by the quality of the presentations, the high standard of behaviour displayed by our students, and the support they gave each other.

Judy McLaren

Instrumental Music Coordinator



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INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DRINKING TAPS AND AMENITIES

BYO RACKETS AND BALLS – WE CAN SUPPLY IF NECESSARY



Location: Miller Park
Corner of Mountain Hwy



& Liverpool Road, Boronia

Alternate Contacts: Joy 0417 018 044 Daniel 0414 111 415 Dereck 0417 382 215

Tennis Lessons

Coaching - adults & juniors
Private & Group
Focused on improving technique,
strategy, movement and fitness,
Including Match Play for juniors. Adult
Cardio tennis. Kinder kids & Hotshots
for younger children.
Call Andrew 0402290454

Competition

Adults - week nights
Call Joy 0417 018 044

Juniors - Saturday Morning
8:30 to 11:30am
Call Andrew 0402290454

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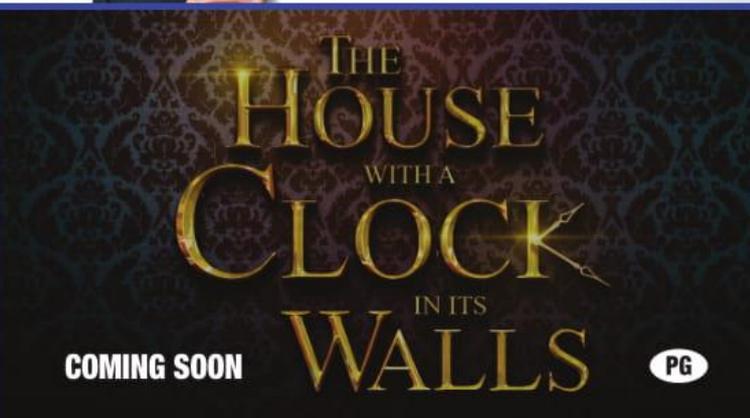
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TEEN TITANS GO! TO THE MOVIES

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SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU

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