



A word from our College Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great term at Baden Powell College, with plenty happening across both campuses and many opportunities for our students, staff and families to come together as a community. Our recent Movie Night was a wonderful community event, and I would like to thank everyone who joined us and supported our major fundraiser for the year. We are also finishing Term 3 with an exciting week, including our Colour Fun Run and a Casual Dress Day on Friday. It is always wonderful to see our students enjoying these special events and building positive memories of their time at BPC.

Recently, I had the opportunity to communicate with Mrs Diane Healey and her Principal, Laurence, from the Western English Language School (WELS). Mrs Healey took leave from Baden Powell College this year to accept a one-year position at WELS, and I am pleased to share that this has now translated into an ongoing position. Mrs Healey worked at Baden Powell College for an incredible 26 years, and I would like to sincerely thank her for the significant contribution she has made to our College and students over that time. Mrs Healey has a particular passion for working with students who are new arrivals to Australia, and I am sure she will continue to make a positive impact on students and families in her role at WELS. We wish Mrs Healey every success and happiness as she continues this next chapter of her career.

I have recently had conversations with the Baden Powell College School Council regarding some of the challenges we have experienced in running our school camps program in recent years. Camps provide wonderful opportunities for students to develop independence, resilience, and connectedness with their peers, while also experiencing new places and activities outside their usual school environment.

This year, camps have been organised as special events for students in Years 4, 6, 7 and 9. In previous years, a Grade 2 camp was also offered; however, due to insufficient numbers, this has not proceeded for the past couple of years. Participation and the financial viability of camps are becoming important considerations for the College. This year:

- Grade 4 Camp: 40 of 83 students attended, with the College covering a shortfall of \$1,131.82.
- Grade 6 Camp: 78 of 125 students attended, with the camp approximately breaking even.
- Year 9 Camp: 33 of 60 students attended, with the College covering a shortfall of \$1,210.46.

2026 Curriculum Day

Monday November 2

2026 Professional Practice Day

Friday November 20

2026 Calendar of Events

September

Friday 18

Last Day of Term 3 - School dismissed at 2pm

October

Monday 5

First Day of Term 4

Thursday 8

2027 Year 7 College Tour

Wednesday 14

2027 Year 7 Information Evening

November

Monday 2

Curriculum Day - No School

Wednesday 4

2027 Year 7 College Tour

Friday 6

Year 7-9 Athletics Day

Friday 20

Professional Practice Day - No School

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We want to ensure the experiences we offer are valued by our families, accessible to our students and financially sustainable for the College. As we consider our camps program for future years, I would welcome feedback from parents and carers about the value of camps, barriers that may prevent students from attending, and what families would like our camps program to look like in the future. Please send any feedback to the College email address.

We have recently been made aware of a number of road accidents in the areas surrounding our College. With hundreds of students and families arriving and departing within a relatively short period each day, everyone has an important role to play in keeping our community safe. Please slow down, allow plenty of time at drop-off and pick-up, and be considerate and lawful when parking around both campuses. We also ask families to regularly reinforce road safety with their children, including looking carefully before crossing roads and using designated school crossings wherever possible. A few extra minutes and a little patience can make an enormous difference to the safety of our students.

As we move into Term 4, we will continue to have a strong focus on our Baden Powell College uniform expectations. Our School Uniform Policy is available on the College website, and we ask families to support us by ensuring students arrive at school each day in full and correct school uniform. All students are expected to wear black school shoes, and hoodies are not part of the BPC uniform and should not be worn to school. Our secondary students have both formal and sports uniforms. The PE/sports uniform is to be worn on days when students have a practical Physical Education class, rather than as an alternative to the formal uniform. Consistency in our uniform expectations helps promote pride, belonging and a positive identity across our College.

We are currently planning for the 2027 school year. Our staff put great consideration into ensuring a smooth transition for all students, they know the combinations of students that work well and those that don't. If parents have a particular request and can explain the rationale behind it, we will consider these in our planning and accommodate if possible. These requests need to be emailed to the Baden Powell email address by 4:00 pm Friday October 2. Please note late requests will not be accommodated.

As Term 3 comes to an end, I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their continued contribution to Baden Powell College. There has been a great deal to celebrate this term, and I appreciate the work of our staff and the ongoing support of our families.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing term break, with an opportunity to recharge before we return for the final term of 2026. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 as we continue working together to Empower Minds and Nurture Hearts.

Warm regards

Vicki Minton

College Principal



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IMPORTANT!

REMINDER:

Friday September 18 is the last day of term 3. Students may wear casual dress for a gold coin donation, with all money raised going to Second Chance Animal Rescue.

School will be dismissed at 2pm.

We look forward to welcoming students back for Term 4 on Monday October 5.



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ANIMAL RESCUE



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Year 2



Melbourne Museum

Our Grade 2 students had a fantastic time exploring the Melbourne Museum! Throughout the day, students brought their classroom learning to life as they explored the Melbourne Story, Forest Gallery, Wondrous Planet and Phar Lap. They were fascinated by how Melbourne and life in the past have changed over time and enjoyed discovering new facts along the way.

It was wonderful to see our students demonstrating curiosity, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour while learning beyond the classroom. A big thank you to our school community who helped make the excursion such a memorable experience!



Baden Powell College

Book Week

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES





Moonlight MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to our wonderful school community for joining us at our Moonlight Movie Night., A huge thank you to our amazing staff, sponsors and food vendors for helping make the night such a success. We appreciate your support.





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P-2 Tabloid Sports Day

On Friday September 4, our Year P-2 students participated in their mini Athletics day. Students at each campus had a fantastic time participating in events such as running races, egg and spoon races and the long jump where they were able to showcase to their parents and teachers some things they had been practicing during their PE classes. Students were able to earn points for their house and some students who demonstrated our school values received special value awards for their efforts!



SPORTING

Achievements

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS ON AND OFF THE FIELD



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3-6 District Athletics

On Thursday September 10, we had 20 students across both campuses attend the Wyndham Division Athletics Day. It was a very warm day, and our students were very busy participating in a number of events throughout the day. A big congratulations to all involved, it is a fantastic achievement to reach the Division level. A special mention to the below students who placed in their events on the day.

Janet T6D who placed 3rd in the 11 girls high jump & 80m hurdles

Jordan T6B who placed 3rd in 12/13 girls 100m

Sione T4C, Nelson T3A, Justin T4C and Mayen T3A who placed 3rd in the boys 9/10 relay.

Zola D6A, Skye D6A, Indie D6A & Maria D6A who placed 3rd in the girls 12/13 relay.

We also had 2 students progress to the Western Metro Regional Athletics, where they will compete against the best from each division in the Western Region! What a great achievement, well done and congratulations to:

Sione T4C who placed 1st in 9/10 boys 200m.

Mayen T3A who placed 1st in the 9/10 boys 1500m.



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Grade 4 Camp

On Wednesday morning we all got dressed into our comfy clothes. Then our parents came to drop all of us off to the basketball court. Then we all were a bit nervous with butterflies filling our stomach but when we got on the bus we were all nice and calm. Until the bus started to go bumpy and everyone was vomiting. It was all out of control it smelled like if socks were dipped into toilet water.

When we got to the campsite, we ate our snacks and unpacked all our stuff and went to our cabins and got settled. Then we got into our groups, and we all head off to our activities. There was the giant swing the high ropes and low ropes and the zipliner and commando course which Miss Rigoni's group did win they were swimming in mud and putting grass in their hair so they won the ice cream Sunday. There was yummy pasta with garlic bread and many sorts of food and there was a gaga pit witch Mr Ward was the best at but our favourite thing was the giant swing. But to end this writing group 4 was the best.

We just want to say thank you to all the staff and teachers for keeping us safe and protected.

Sia and Thea from T4A.





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PREP 2027

Now accepting enrolments

If you have not yet enrolled your child at
Baden Powell College, please contact us at
either campus.

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**Happy Birthday to all of our students
who have a Birthday in
October**

Aarush	Cassian	Madison	Savannah
Ahmed Hiis	Danielle	Mikaya	Seerat
Aleena	Deng	Mishika	Shan
Alina	Dhruv	Natalie	Shangze
Amani	Diego	Navya	Shiv
Amrita	Elijah	Nelson	Sione
Antarip	Hafeez	Nyandur	Sreevalya
Ariana	Harliv	Rama	Sreeyansh
Arshvir	Hunter	Ranvir	Tanay
Asees	Ibrahim	Redeemer	Uday
Aston	Isaac	Rik	Utaavarau
Atem	Ishveen	River	Ved
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Braxtin			Zola

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it *does* offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they *never* ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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A photograph of a man and a young boy walking across a road. The man is smiling and looking back at the boy. The boy is wearing a red shirt and a backpack. A crossing guard, wearing a high-visibility yellow jacket with orange reflective stripes and a hat that says 'SUPERVISOR', is holding a large orange circular stop sign with the word 'STOP' in black. The guard is standing on the road, facing the man and boy. In the background, there are trees and a car parked on the side of the road.

Behind the wheel? Wait for everyone to cross.

SAFE CROSSINGS, **SAFE KIDS.**



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HOLIDAY ACTION

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Teenage Holiday program

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WEEK 1

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Wed 23 Sep | 11:30am – 4pm

Sports Colours Day

Thu 24 Sep | 11am – 3pm

FREE

PUBLIC HOLIDAY | Fri 25 Sep

WEEK 2

Royal Melbourne Show

Mon 28 Sep | 10:30am – 5:30pm

Art Day

Tue 29 Sep | 11am – 3pm

FREE

Geelong Gaol Ghost Tour

Wed 30 Sep | 4:30pm – 9pm

Movie Day

Thu 1 Oct | 11am – 3pm

FREE

Westgate Indoor Beach Volleyball

Fri 2 Oct | 11:30am – 5pm



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The Screen Time Problem Doesn't End When Kids Start School

Screens are woven into almost every part of your child's school day. There are laptops at school. Phones on the bus. YouTube after school. Gaming with friends. Group chats pinging throughout the evening. And homework that genuinely requires a device. (They're always "just doing my homework" when we see them on a screen, right?)

Despite Australia's under-16 social media restrictions, my conversations with parents in schools suggest social media remain a significant issue for many families. Data is clearly showing that the kids haven't given up their social media accounts, and Facebook hasn't kicked them off.

So what can we do about it?

Ask what the screen is replacing

We often focus on screen time as a number. "How long have you been on that thing?"

A more interesting question might be: **What didn't happen because you were on it?**

Did your child get enough sleep? Did they move their body? Did they spend time with friends face-to-face? Did they talk to anyone in the family? Did they read, create, play, practise an instrument, kick a ball, walk the dog, or simply experience boredom long enough to figure out what to do next?

Screens have an opportunity cost.

Don't let screens become the default

Screens promise cheap dopamine (which allows us to feel good), and something researchers call "digital soothing".

Bored? YouTube.

Stressed? TikTok.

Awkward moment? Grab the phone.

Can't sleep? Scroll.

Nothing happening for 30 seconds? Check notifications.

(And we, as adults, are often just as bad.)

Change the environment, not just the rules

Telling a 14-year-old to "use your phone less" while their phone sits beside them buzzing with notifications is asking them to exercise extraordinary, impossible self-control.

Make the environment do some of the work. Keep phones away from bedrooms overnight. Create screen-free mealtimes. Have somewhere devices can live when they're not needed. Encourage homework to happen with unnecessary tabs, apps, and notifications switched off.

And importantly, make some of these family rules rather than "kid rules".

It's difficult to convince our children that phones shouldn't interrupt dinner while we're checking ours under the table.

Give them something worth putting the screen down for

Your child might protest. They might tell you everyone else is allowed. They might be spectacularly unimpressed with your decision.

That's okay.

Set boundaries around screens, then fill the space you've created with something better.

Food around the table. A lift to see a friend. A basketball hoop. A dog walk. Music. Books. Cooking. Conversation. Family movie night.

Our kids don't simply need less screen time.

They need more life away from it.



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