



A word from our College Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very impressed with the way our students have settled back into the school routine to start the 2023 school year. Across the College our classrooms are calm, orderly and students are focussed on learning.

We are excited about the year ahead and believe we have everything in place to ensure success, this includes but is not limited to:

- An external Literacy educational consultant working with our teachers on effective teaching strategies and using data to provide our students the best educational program. For the last two years we have upskilled our staff on effective reading strategies and this year we are focusing on the teaching of writing.
- An educational Numeracy consultant working with the Secondary Maths Teaching team.
- Internal coaches working with staff to further improve their practice in all curriculum areas.
- Explicitly teaching our school values and other Wellbeing programs across the school.

I strongly believe we run an exceptional educational program here at Baden Powell College that provides all students the opportunity to develop their own knowledge, skills and individual talents

At Baden Powell College, we pride ourselves on our presentation and we hold high expectations of students wearing school uniform. We require all students to wear the uniform on a daily basis. We also ask that any additional items worn (for example jackets, tights and hair ribbons) are the school colours. Wearing uniform is a reflection of the pride we have at our College, it is a part of our identity within our community and supports our priority of developing an inclusive environment. If you require any assistance with uniforms, please come and speak to a member of the Principal Class or Wellbeing team.

Baden Powell College is a large multi-campus college with over 1000 students. As you would know from being parents, at times children make bad choices. It is from these mistakes that they reflect, learn and develop with adult guidance. Like all schools, sometimes we have incidents when children physically or emotionally hurt each other. Our staff are very good at following up on this and facilitating discussions with the students so they develop and learn from their choices. There is a range of levelled consequences put in place depending on what has occurred, as we particularly do not tolerate children putting hands on each other and physically hurting others. If your child has issues your first port of call should always be your child's classroom/homeroom teacher as they are the ones that spend the most time with your child and if told will have followed the incident up. From this point if you are unsatisfied you would speak to the team leader of the area and then if required a member of the Principal class team.

Last week I met with an architect and members of the Victorian School Building Authority on some works that are about to start at both campuses. This includes roof repairs to address leaks, the resurfacing of the gym floor at DH, replacing some gutters and downpipes and repairing/resurfacing some of the landings (entrances) to the portables. We are fortunate to have received some additional targeted funding for this, it will be great to get more improvements complete.

2023 Curriculum Days

Monday March 6

Monday April 24
Tuesday June 13

Friday August 18

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Monday November 6

2023 Calendar of Events

MARCH

Friday 3

Photo Day - Tarneit

Monday 6

Curriculum Day - No School

Monday 13

Labour Day - No School

Tuesday 14

Year 9 City Camp

Friday 17

Year 9 City Camp Return

Tuesday 21

Harmony Day Incursion

Monday 27

Year 7 Immunisations

Wednesday 29

Summer Gala

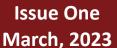
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Thursday 6

Last Day of term School finishes at 2pm









Thank you to the parents who communicated with me about school photos and in particular the class photo. We have communicated with our photo company and they are able to accommodate the change, now the students in the class will be photographed as a group together.

Our front gates at Derrimut Heath remain closed during the school day. The pedestrian gate is able to be opened but is remained closed when not in use. If you come to the campus during the day, please be sure to close the gate behind you.

Information for Parents/Carers:

Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Dogs on school grounds

No dogs are permitted within the school grounds. If you are walking your pet to drop off or pick up your child(ren) please make sure you wait outside the school gates. This is for the safety of our students and the pet.

Helmets:

It is great to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school. Riding to school helps establish life-long habits of physical fitness and healthy lifestyles. It is imperative however that children are riding safely and using protective gear to keep them safe. ALL CHILDREN RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS MUST WEAR A HELMET. As members of the Education Department we are obliged to minimise risk and keep children as safe as we can. If we are aware of a risk we have to act to minimise the possibility of an accident or injury to a child even if the risk is presented outside school. We need to all work together to keep all our kids safe. Also a reminder for students that once you get to the gate, you need to walk your bike from that point. Bikes and scooters must be walked to the bike shed for the safety of others.

Cameras:

Our college campuses have a CCTV system throughout the grounds to ensure the schools security. If you would like more information on this you can review our CCTV policy found on our website.

Parents cannot take pictures of other students in the yard before or after school without the consent of the other child's parents. This behaviour is a breach of privacy.

Children at school before the yard is supervised:

A reminder that the school yard is not supervised by staff until 8:35 am and students should not be in the yard without a supervising adult before this time. We operate a before school program which is open from 6:30am for those students who need their children supervised before the school day begins. Our motivation for this is to keep all children safe and ensure that they are supervised.

School Security:

We ask please for your support to report any suspicious behaviour outside of school hours or on weekends to the police. If you see people within the school grounds please contact 000.

Regards

Vicki Minton

College Principal



It was a wonderful start for our Prep students. We are so proud of how confidently they settled in to their new grades, meeting new friends and immediately engaging in activities.



IMPORTANT!

& PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday March 6 & Monday March 13.

NO students are required to attend school on these days.



Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity



You're invited to celebrate Harmony Day!

Harmony Day is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings us together from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

On Tuesday March 21, we ask all students to come to school dressed in cultural clothes or wear the colour orange which represents Harmony Day.

Celebrations will include fun activities, free entertainment, free African drumming and an optional family picnic. Refer to Compass for more information.

BADEN POWELL COLLEGE

We have aligned the houses across both campuses.

These represent the streets that connect our two campuses.

All students have received information outlining their house name & colour.

House coloured t-shirts are now available at Noone.





BADEN POWELL COLLEGE

We understand that parking may be limited around our College.

Please be mindful & respectful to our neighbours. Do not block their drive ways.







Baden Powell College 2023 Uniform

Prep, Grade 1, Year 7 and Year 8 Students





All students in Prep, Grade 1, Year 7 and Year 8 are expected to be in the new College uniform in 2023.

Parents, please note as previously communicated that secondary students need both the formal uniform and the sport uniform. Secondary sport uniforms are only worn when students have a timetabled physical education lesson.











Happy Birthday To all of our students who have a Birthday in January



Aaraf	Divjot	Livroop	Penny
Abhiraj	Ekta	Lorenzo-Lattac-Senif	Price Damien
Adonai	Elana	Lucas	Reigan
Agam	Elijah	Maanvi	Saanika
Ahmad Zufar	Ella	Macee	Saanvi
Aiden	Erin	Mahmoud	Samantha
Alay	Ferdon	Maiu'U	Sarah
Alex	Freya	Manan	Savannah
Amelia	Halim	Mareos	Serena
Amir	Hanzo	Martel	Sophia
Amos	Hussein	Mateni	Sylvana
Amuri	Ishani	Mehraj Singh	Tanner
Anad Singh	Jamespreet	Milahnee	Thien
Anush	Jaron	Mirei	Tiitii
Anya	Jasveer	Mmasa	Tong
Asha	Jennifer	Mohammed	Varjodh
Ashtyn	Joban	Morgan	Waleed
Avi	Jordan	Muhammad	Yehen
Ayanh	Justin	Муа	Yousif
Chance	Kafa	Nabhy	Zachary
Charlotte	Kathra	Navami	Zainab
Chase	Koshin	Nayla	Zakaria
Clement	Leo	Nethumi	Zane
Cyan	Lewi	Noela	Zayn
Daffany	Lexi	Ofa	Zoe
Devam	Lilly	O'Rielle	









Happy Birthday To all of our students who have a Birthday in February



Aadhya	Chloe	Karmandeep	Noah
Advaith	Daaniel	Kumail	Nuria
Ahmad	David	Lachlan	Prince
Alicia	Ekamnoor Kaur	Leila	Raeen
Ammar	Emanuel	Levi	Rehan
Angus	Georgina	Lok	Rohan
Aquila	Harley	Maddison	Samir
Archer	Harmony	Mahyar	Sophie
Arizona	Harper	Mansi	Tahmira
Ashlee	Harsahej	Matthew	Tayne
Asiya	Ibrahim	Milla	Tristan
Ava	Imogen	Mira	Vedashree
Averie	Jacinta	Mohammad	Veronica
Ayden	Jayla	Nabiha	Zain
Boston	Jordan	Nabiha	Zander
Brylan	Kalyana	Neil	









Happy Birthday To all of our students who have a Birthday in March



Aahil	Harper	Lueth	Phu
Abigail	Harry	Maahira	Pranav
Adyson	Hugo	Maeve	Rami
Ahmed	Isaac	Manaaki	Rennai
Alannah	Isla	Manvitha	Robert
Alex	Jakoby	Manyok	Romeo Rj
Alexandros	Jaxon	Marcus	Ruby
Ayden	Jaya	Melvene	Salman
Benita	Jeremiah	Mick	Sarah
Benjiman	Joshua	Navjot	Siham
Bikramjeet	Jye	Nawal	Sio
Blessing	Katrina	Neha	Skye
Derek	Kostantinos	Nelson	Slater
Evan	Ku Kee	Nooh	Sonny
Grace	Layla	Nur Safiyah	Sylvia
Gunin	Loi	Omar	Waniya
Gurnoor	Luca	Parv	Xantia



Newsletter





March 13-17

For your chance to compete, book into Your OSHC at no additional cost to your session fee.

A message from your Coordinator

Dear Baden Powell Families,

A very warm welcome to this exciting year. This week, our new preps joined us at OSHC. To support the transition of our new preps, we are organising a buddy system. The team will also drop off and pick up our little ones at their classrooms to ensure their safety and peace of mind. The team will be present outside prep areas to meet and greet our new families and answer questions they may have.

There is a variety of activities planned to support children's wellbeing, transition, practicing gross and fine motor skills, instigating curiosity, social and emotional development, and most important FUN!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Your OSHC!

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.









Activities coming up

- Soccer and gymnastics
- Lego challenges
- Painting
- Jewellery making



What's on the menu

- Pancakes
- Sandwiches
- Variety of healthy fruits and vegetables.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog







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Help your Year 6 child make a smooth transition into secondary school.

A recent ACER study led by Life Ed found that a significant number of Australian students feel underprepared and nervous about the move to secondary school. That's why Life Ed has launched a comprehensive program of free online resources to assist students make the leap from Year 6 to Year 7... and land firmly on their feet.

Check out Life Ed's 'Guide to Thrive' online resources created to help with this time of change.

You'll find the resources on the <u>Life Ed website</u>. They're up-to-the-minute and fun as well as helpful. Like all Life Ed'sprograms, they're strengths-based, building on kids' existing skills, knowledge and optimism. A positive experience when starting secondary school leads to better academic outcomes, higher extracurricular participation and fewer behavioural, emotional and peer problems.

The resources are for teachers as well as parents and carers, so your child will be supported at home and at school.

Use these tips for navigating and using the resources.

The site is designed to be like a smorgasbord. Use as many or as few resources as you like – choose those which are right for you and your child. Navigate them page by page, or pick and choose from the menus... even download them in a format that suits your needs.

With practical videos, flyers, checklists and tips to get conversations started.... we created the resources with busy families in mind.

Make a start on the resources early in the later primary school years. You'll have a 'heads up' about the decisions you'll need to make and the conversations you might be having.

You or your child might have questions about how to do the following... just for a start!

Ease any uncertainties around change.

Set aside time together to watch the videos on managing and influencing change, and being optimistic about what the changes may bring to life... presented by kids who have successfully navigated them.

Open a dialogue with your child. Talk about your own experiences. Ask your child what their questions and concerns are. Talking helps! Continue the conversation into Year 7.

Choose the right school.

There's a wealth of practical information about the steps families need to take when selecting and starting a new school, exactly what questions to ask and who's available to ask.

Ask your primary school teacher which schools most students go to and where your child's friends will be going. Ask your child what they need and want from a secondary school, and if they have a school they prefer.

Check out potential school's websites. What do they have to offer? Will your child's learning needs be catered to? What's on the curriculum? Which extracurricular activities do they offer?

Reach out directly to the school asap with any questions. Do a tour of the school. Find out about uniforms, the enrolment process and practise traveling the route to the new school together.

Manage changing school workloads.

You'll find discussion questions, tips and family interviews on the topic of time management. This includes ways to plan and organise homework, avoiding distractions like mobile phones, finding a consistently quiet place to study, andhow you can help with homework.

All this, plus the importance of extracurricular activities, which ones are available to your child and ways of fitting everything into their busy day.

Make new friends.

Feeling confident and positive about themselves helps children make good friendship choices. It also helps them say no to peer pressure and not want to hang out with people who make them feel bad about themselves. You can help your child make new friends with activities that build their confidence, resilience and communication skills. Why not work through the booklet in the resources called 'What makes me special?' together.

You'll also find everything you need to know in the event of bullying, including getting help from the school or system.

With these Life Ed <u>'Guide to Thrive'</u> resources, you can help your Year 6 child make the transition to secondary school smoothly.

Life Ed is Australia's largest non-Government provider of preventive health education to school children. With thehelp of iconic mascot Healthy Harold the giraffe, Life Ed has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices for more than 40 years. We work in more than 4,000 schools and preschools across mainland Australia. On average, 700,000 school children participate in our program each year. Our 130 specially trained educators visit students in every state and territory across Australia via our 100 mobile classrooms (vans), pop-up classrooms, and via our virtual and online lessons.



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