



A word from our College Principal

I have returned from my long service leave feeling refreshed and recharged, ready to continue leading the important work of college improvement at Baden Powell College. I want to sincerely thank Mr Vandy and Mrs Young for stepping into the Principal role during my absence, and Miss Marruso and Miss Rigoni for Acting as Assistant Principals. Their leadership ensured the smooth running of the college and gave me confidence that our shared vision and systems are deeply embedded.

Before taking leave, my tenure as Principal was renewed for another five years. This renewal reflects the collective progress we have made as a community and the strong confidence in the direction of our college. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved together, including:

- Establishing a clear and shared vision, mission, and values that guide everything we do at BPC.
- Building consistent approaches to teaching and learning across the college, supported by our whole-school instructional model and Teaching and Learning Handbook. Lessons are now clearer, more structured and more consistent.
- Uniting our two campuses into one cohesive college, with collaborative practices, shared events, and joint initiatives that strengthen our identity as one community.
- Embedding strong systems for professional collaboration, including regular team meetings, classroom coaching and the effective use of data to support student growth.
- Developing comprehensive wellbeing supports to ensure every student feels safe, included, and ready to learn.
- Navigating complex staffing and facilities challenges, introducing a new leadership structure, and maintaining financial stability to keep the college strong.
- Strengthening trust and confidence in our school through open communication, being visible and approachable, and building a proud reputation in the wider community.

I am genuinely excited about the next chapter. Together, we have laid strong foundations for improvement, and I look forward to building on this momentum to ensure Baden Powell College continues to thrive.

Since our last newsletter, we celebrated Principal's Day. I was touched to return to thoughtful cards waiting on my desk, and I know my colleagues in the Principal Class team also deeply appreciated the recognition from our community. Your support for our leadership team means a great deal.

2025 Curriculum Days

Monday November 3

Professional Practice Day

Monday December 8

2025 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2

Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday 3

Grade 4 Camp - Ferngully Lodge

Jr School Tabloid Sports P-2

Friday 5

Grade 4 Campers return

Thursday 11

Grade 2 Werribee Mansion

Thursday 18

Year 7-9 Parent Teacher

Conferences **NO** School for Year 7-9 students

Friday 19

Last day of term 3

School dismissed at 2pm

OCTOBER

Monday 6

First day of term 4

Tuesday 7

Year 7 Science Works

Wednesday 8

Year 8 Science Works

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Empowering Minds
Nurturing Hearts



Our recent Years 3–6 Concert was a further reminder of what makes BPC such a special place. Watching our students shine on stage and our community come together was truly inspiring. My heartfelt thanks go to our Years 3–6 team for the hours of preparation, and a special acknowledgment to Assistant Principal Mrs Rebecca Young and her team for their outstanding coordination. Events like this not only showcase the performing arts but also bring our college community together, reinforcing the unity across our two campuses.

Looking ahead, our Graduation dates are confirmed:

- **Grade 6 Derrimut Heath** – Tuesday, December 9
- **Grade 6 Tarneit** – Wednesday, December 10
- **Year 9** – Thursday, December 11

Please save these dates. More information will be shared with families closer to the time.

Finally, I want to reinforce the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Every day at school matters. Consistent attendance allows students to engage fully in their learning, strengthen friendships, and build the resilience that routine provides. While we understand winter illnesses are circulating, it is vital that students attend whenever possible, as even small absences can disrupt progress. Likewise, arriving on time ensures students start their day calmly and confidently, ready to learn.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we continue to make Baden Powell College a thriving and successful learning community.

Warm Regards

Vicki Minton

College Principal



Congratulations!

We are delighted to share a proud moment for one of our students Adwita, who had the honour of representing Victoria at the Australia Table Tennis tournament held in Gippsland.

This accomplishment is a testament to Adwita's dedication and passion for the sport.

Well Done Adwita!



GRADE 3 YOU YANGS



On Thursday August 7 and Friday August 8, our Grade 3 students embarked on an exciting excursion to the You Yangs as part of their Big Ideas learning experience. During their visit, they explored You Yangs National Park, discovering its unique features and the wildlife that calls it home. The students also gained insight into the ways of the First Nations people and how they survived on the land. The day was filled with fun and hands-on learning, including playing traditional games.

A highlight of the excursion was the hike up to Big Rock, where the students were rewarded with views of the city. It was wonderful to see all the students displaying the BPC school values while enjoying their adventure and learning in nature.



3-6 DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Wednesday August 13 selected students participated in District Athletics.

Congratulations to the following student who have made it through to Division Athletics

Ariana D6A	Amum T6C
Bonnie D6A	Jasmine T5B
Eli D6A	Jaxon T5B
Fariza D5B	Jordan T5A
Indie D5A	Kayden T5D
Isla D4A	Leigh T6B
Morgan D5B	Lueth T4C
Nabiha D6A	Malak T6A
Nathaniel D5A	Soi T4B
Skye D5A	Tayne T5B
Stephanie D6A	Velasquez T5B
Zola D5B	



BPC PRESENTS

BOOK AN *Adventure*

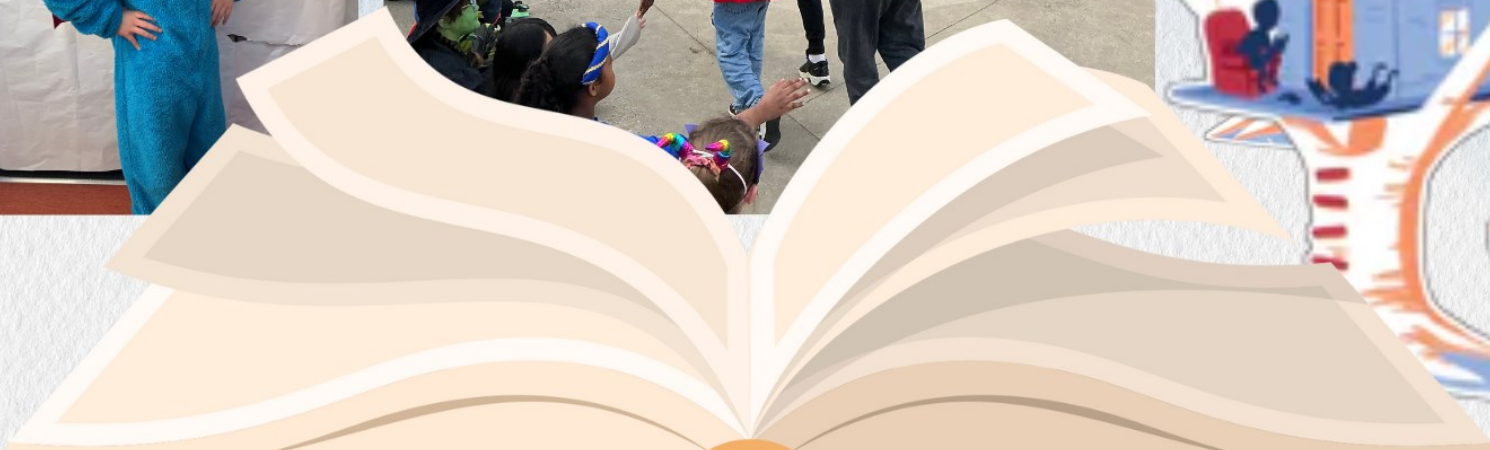


**A huge thank you to our families and community -
with 800+ tickets sold, your cheers, smiles and
encouragement made all the difference.**



BADEN POWELL COLLEGE

BOOK WEEK





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PREP 2026

Now accepting enrolments

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

Tarneit Campus- 8734 0900
Derrimut Heath - 9748 8688

Student Birthdays

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Happy Birthday to all of our students who have a Birthday in September

Abdul	Dane	Indiana	Micayla
Adem	Devansh	Isaac-William	Mohammed Muslim
Aki	Ebony	Jacob	Myah
Akshitha	Eli	James	Niyya
Alan	Emily	Jayden	Omar
Amber	Emmanuel	Jessica	Scarlett
Andrew	Erica	Keerat	Sonam
Angel	Faaiza	Khadeejah	Sophie
Arahbella	Fatima	Kokob	Swaraditya
Armaan Singh	Hadley	Kurene	Tauris
Arodeep	Hamza Pasha Qadri	Lincoln	Tiffany
Ava	Hanni	Mable	Ualesi
Avyan	Hargun	Mariam	Vivaan
Benaiah	Harjap	Marwa	Zaid
Caleb	Husamuddin	Mathew	Ziyang
Chloe			Zohaib

Three Conversations Every Family Should Master

Wouldn't it be amazing to become a *super communicator* with your children?

Imagine fewer misunderstandings, less conflict, and deeper connection—all because we learned how to communicate in a way that really lands with our kids.

In a recent conversation on the *Happy Families Podcast*, I spoke with New York Times bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Charles Duhigg**, who shared a simple yet powerful framework that can help parents radically improve their conversations with their kids.

Here's what every parent needs to know—and how to use it at home.

The Conversations Kids Remember Most

Think back to your own childhood. What conversations do you *remember* with your parents?

I don't bet. But if I did, I'd put money on the fact that the ones you remember most weren't when they gave advice or solved problems. Instead, it was when they *listened*. When you felt seen, heard, and valued. When you did more of the talking and felt their steady, loving presence.

Our kids don't need us to lecture. They need us to connect.

The 3 Types of Conversations

Charles Duhigg outlines **three kinds of conversations** that occur in every relationship. When we don't realise which kind we're in, we can easily talk *past* each other, instead of *with* each other.

1. Practical Conversations

These are about solving problems. "How do I fix this?" or "What should I do next?"

2. Emotional Conversations

These are about feelings. "I'm frustrated." "This is hard." "I don't feel understood."

3. Social Conversations

These define relationships and identity. "Where do I belong?" "How do we relate to each other?"

Important: If you're having a *practical* conversation and your child wants an *emotional* one, the connection breaks down. You can't connect when you're not having the same conversation.

So, How Can Parents Get It Right?

Here are three practical, easy-to-implement strategies you can start using today:

1. Ask Before You Answer

Before jumping in with advice, ask:

- “What kind of help do you need right now?”
- “Do you want me to listen, or would you like some ideas?”
- “Do you want to be heard, helped, or hugged?”

This one step changes everything. It helps you offer what your child *actually needs*—not what you think they need.

2. Use the W.A.I.T. Principle

W.A.I.T. = **Why Am I Talking?**

When emotions are running high or your child opens up, resist the urge to fill the silence with advice, correction, or stories from your own childhood. Instead, listen. Give space. Ask gentle questions. Let *them* do the talking.

3. Focus on Connection, Not Control

Your child will remember conversations where they felt respected and empowered. Not the ones where you had all the answers.

Try:

- “Tell me more about that.”
- “How did that make you feel?”
- “What do you think you’ll do next?”

Treating our kids as thinking, feeling individuals helps them become just that—confident, thoughtful, emotionally intelligent humans.

Great communication in families isn’t about *talking more*—it’s about *talking better*.

When we slow down, tune in, and understand the kind of conversation we’re having, we build stronger, more connected relationships. And that’s something every child needs—not just to behave better, but to *feel* better.

Listen more. Ask better. Connect deeper. That’s the heart of super communication.

Try this at home tonight:

When your child tells you about their day, pause and ask: “Do you want me to just listen, do you want to hug, or would you like me to help?” You’ll be surprised by how much closer you feel—just by asking the right question..



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