

# Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### COLLEGE VISION

*'Benalla P-12 College ensures that every child learns and is prepared for the future through a commitment to excellence in teaching, high expectations and positive relationships in a safe and inclusive environment'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Benalla P-12 College is in the process of renewing and updating our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. School Council have begun looking at the new policies and providing feedback. Draft versions of the new policies will be made available at each campus office if you wish to look and provide feedback or ask questions your self.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact College Principal Tony Clark directly.

As I mentioned last week, we are still finalising staffing for next semester and are getting very close. I will send out communications via Compass before the end of this week to specific classes to let parents know of any changes to teachers.

Once again I thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate the latest series of challenges.

Have a great break over the holidays. I look forward to seeing all students back at the start of term 3.

Regards,

Tony Clark  
Principal

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 23 June

Year 2 Sleepover – **CANCELLED**

Friday 24 June

**Last day of  
Term  
2.30pm  
Dismissal**

Wednesday 29 June

Uniform Shop Open-  
Faithful Street  
Campus  
3-5pm

### Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations



BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE

# 2023 PREP TOURS

AVON & WALLER STREET CAMPUSES



Please phone 03 5761 2777 to make a booking

Sam Hazell  
Waller Street Campus Principal  
option 4

Jo Treacy  
Avon Street Campus Principal  
option 5

*Don't Forget to  
Notify the school of your child's  
absence*

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

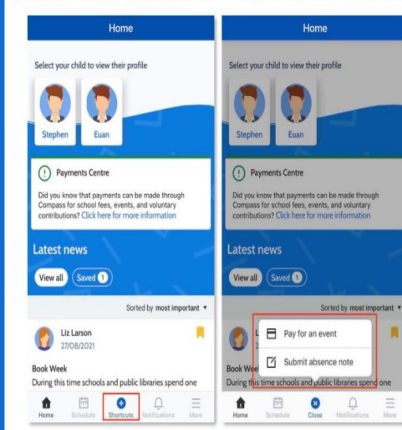
Please remember to call the school on 0357612777 or log your child's absence using our school's IT platform Compass early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy  
<https://benallap12.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Attendance-Policy.pdf>

## Adding an attendance note is as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

1. Open Compass App
2. Click on shortcuts
3. Submit attendance note

The 'Shortcuts' button gives parents quick access to add an attendance note or pay for an event.



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On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> May our grandparents entered our school. I was very excited.

Firstly, our grandparents came into our classroom while we were doing spelling. It was so crowded I couldn't see my grandparent.

Before long we finished spelling and took our grandparents for a tour of our school. First, I took Gran and Grandma to the 1/2 and Prep rooms. Afterwards I took them to the Art and After School Care room, then the Multipurpose Room, Library and Indonesian Room. I was very proud of our school.

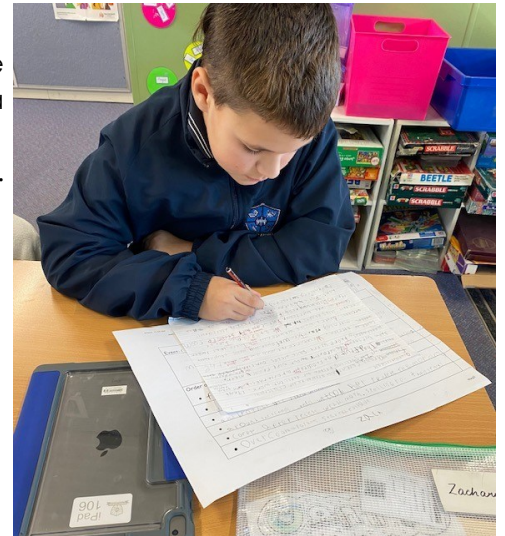
In due course, I took my grandparents back to our classroom and showed them my work. I showed my Gran my maths. She said she was proud of me and I showed my Grandma my handwriting.

As time passed we took our grandparents to the Multipurpose Room to have their morning tea. After we took them we went to our classroom and had a juice box and a biscuit. They were delicious.

Lastly, we gently said goodbye to our grandparents and they went home. Later on, we continued our normal school day. I was very disappointed.

I felt proud and responsible, showing my grandparents around the school!

Bella Hazell



## STUDENTS THE WEEK



Congratulations Alexander, Tobi, Harry, Mya, Jagga, Alarna who were all this weeks students of the week



Congratulations Bella and Samuel who came in at 26<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at last weeks Hume Cross Country. Great effort!!!



On a cold morning the Waller Preps are warming up their bodies in PE. They have been making small shapes and tall shapes. They practise walking lunges, hopscotch and skipping with a long rope.

Mrs Neilson



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Our **Week 8 Students of the Week** were:  
Back L-R: Olli, Eliza, Zahara & Toby  
Front L-R: Piper, Max, Draz, Hayden & Tom

The **Week 8 Attendance** winners were:  
L-R: Ruby, Parker, Johnny, Jett, Zachary,  
Memphis, Jackson & Mitchell





NAIDOC WEEK—STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Tyler- it's to represent the traditional owners of the land, and to say sorry about what happened to the aboriginals in the past.

Amelia- It stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Observance Committee.

Katie- we can celebrate their artwork and their culture. Islander means Torres Strait Islands

Lucas- aboriginal people need to be more recognised and supported with education, health, jobs and transport.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SOW- Alia, Hayley, Sophia, Edward

Kindness- Pictured right are: Hayley, Dylan, Levi & Noah





## UNIVERSITY BUS TOURS– NORTH & SOUTH

In the past month, our senior students have had the chance to visit university campuses in Albury and also in Melbourne.

In mid-May students travelled to Wangaratta to visit the Regional Study Centre, which is used by both Charles Sturt University and GOTAFE. Students toured the facility and saw in particular where Animals Studies and Vet Nursing take place, getting the chance to interact with rabbits and chickens as well seeing the grooming and vet hospital areas. Students then travelled to Albury where they visited La Trobe, seeing classrooms, lecture theatres and accommodation. Charles Sturt University was the final stop for the day, where in wet and soggy conditions students visited a number of accommodation options, classrooms, labs and lecture theatres. Students learnt about the various courses at each location and about the VTAC application process.

An early start to the day saw students travel south bound to Melbourne. One bus visiting RMIT and La Trobe and the other bus taking students to Deakin and the University of Melbourne. Student ambassadors took students on tours of the large campuses, showing them various areas of study as well as accommodation and recreational facilities.

Many thanks to Tomorrow Today for arranging both trips for students in Benalla. It was great to spend the day with students and staff from FCJ finding out about tertiary study options in our region and beyond.



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## YEAR 9 MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

During Term 2, Year 9 students in Humanities have been undertaking a Career Intensive Program. This includes students making a resume, writing cover letters, doing a Career Action Plan, learning about Occupational Health and Safety in various industries and culminating in a mock job interview. The panels were made up of members of the community including the Mayor Bernie Hearn, Steph Johnson from Benalla Health, Kel Vincent from GOTAFE, Danny O'Donoghue and Shane Crispin from NE Tracks LLEN, Brendan Duncombe from D&R Henderson, Doris Arendt from Geared4Careers, Alex Ross from Tomorrow Today, Councillor Don Firth and Craig Sharrock from Kestrel.

Students chose a job to apply for and panel members took them through a series of questions about the job and why they would be suited for it. At the end of the interview students were given feedback on how they did, their strengths and what they could improve on. This exercise is valuable for students as they begin to apply for part-time jobs and for other things like scholarship applications.



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**DOGS CONNECT**  
RESTORING BALANCE



# Coming Soon...

**We are excited to announce that we have partnered with the Dogs Connect Program and will be introducing a wellbeing dog to our school.**

**In this unique approach the focus is on broad scale connectedness and wellbeing across the entire school community. This is something that will be very carefully introduced and our dog will not be onsite at school for quite some time yet. In this time, we will be preparing the whole community for this introduction.**

**This is an evidence-based program that is underpinned by best practice, and we welcome you to look over the website to gain more of an idea of what the program is about. <https://dogsconnect.net.au>**

**Stay tuned as there will be lots of information being shared with you in the next few weeks!**

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## Year 7-12 Words of the Week: Term2 Week 9

Test your children on their knowledge of the "Words of the Week". Challenge them to describe the meaning and put the words into a sentence. Christa Rembold (Learning Specialist – Literacy)

# Federal

The word **federal** is an adjective that describes the central or national level of government and the laws associated with this level.

**Federal laws** are laws that apply to all states, cities, and suburbs of a country. E.g., *The federal law of Australia says that voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens from the age of 18.*

Other types of laws, such as state laws, can vary from state to state. For example, in Victoria, you must be 18 years old to have the right to drive, but in NSW you can apply for a driving licence from the age of 17.

**Federal laws are central to a country.** Therefore, they are the same in every state and city of that country.

# Perceive

**To perceive** is a verb. It means to see and to understand things or people in a certain way because of the opinions, feelings and experiences that we already have. Therefore, **to perceive** is the action of understanding and remembering information about something or someone in a way of our own.

**To perceive** is to understand and to interpret with attitude and feelings because of our prior personal experiences and existing perspectives

E.g., *I did not perceive her as an aggressive person until that day. She always seemed so gentle.*

or

*When we feel stressed, it is difficult to perceive a situation clearly and with calm.*



# Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!



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# GREAT START TO WORK



## WHAT IS GREAT START TO WORK?

A 6-week work-readiness program designed for all young people either looking for a part-time job or wanting some guidance in their existing part-time job.



## WHO CAN COME ALONG?

Anyone living in Benalla aged 14-18 years old.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The program is absolutely FREE!

## WHY JOIN THE PROGRAM?

You will learn how to:

- develop your resume
- get your tax file number and bank account
- 'dress to impress'...on a budget
- gain confidence to go out and find work
- understand what employers' expect from their staff
- perfect your interview techniques in our mock interviews
- learn about your rights and your responsibilities
- connect with local business owners who hire young people



Do you already have a job but have some questions or need advice about your current work conditions?

**Well this program is perfect for you, too!**

## WHEN?

4pm - 7pm  
Tuesday nights  
19 and 26 July  
2, 9, 16 and 23 August



## WHERE?

At Tomorrow Today  
66 Nunn St



**SEE YOUR CAREERS ADVISOR TO APPLY!**



# Connect9



**Calling ALL Year 9s**

**Connection, discovery, fun new experiences and living a great life!**

## WHAT IS CONNECT9?

A 10-week program just for Year 9 students. You are matched with a local mentor to explore some of the wonderful things that Benalla has to offer. You'll also make new friends and have the chance to consider your future.



## SO WHAT HAPPENS IN CONNECT 9?

Every week we explore a new activity, there is so much to do here in Benalla!

- YMCA
- Masterchef Night
- Lakeside Scavenger Hunt
- Art
- Venturers
- Robotics
- Flight simulation
- New hobbies like archery, blacksmithing, fishing, sports and fitness, photography and more!
- Volunteering opportunities in the community
- A FREE GLIDER FLIGHT!

## WHO CAN COME ALONG?

Any Year 9 student living in Benalla Rural City.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The program is absolutely FREE!



## WHEN?

5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Wednesday nights  
in Term 3

## WHERE?

Tomorrow Today  
66 Nunn St



**SEE YOUR YEAR 9 COORDINATOR TO APPLY!**



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# Benalla NAIDOC Monday 4 July

**Acknowledgement  
of Country &  
Flagraising Ceremony**  
11am at the Civic Centre,  
13 Mair Street, Benalla

**followed by**

**GET UP!  
STAND UP  
SHOW UP!**

**Art & Craft  
Activities  
Story Time  
Info Stalls**  
from 11.30am at the  
Benalla Library,  
2 Fawckner Drive

Proudly brought to you by the Benalla Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group and supported by Benalla Health and Benalla Rural City Council.



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