

# Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Kylie Cotter

## 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,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support in 2023. This year has been challenging in many ways, but it has been wonderful to see how our community comes together and supports each other. This week has been a busy week full of Christmas carols, transition days, Grade 6 Graduation, Year 12 Graduation, and the Year 7-11 Awards. These events have reinforced how fantastic our school community is and has been a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students. Thank you to all who attended and supported.

### Mobile Phones

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

### Further information

**Exceptions:** For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact your campus principal if you would like to discuss this.

**Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

**School mobile phone policy:** A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available in the school website.

**Parent support:** The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.



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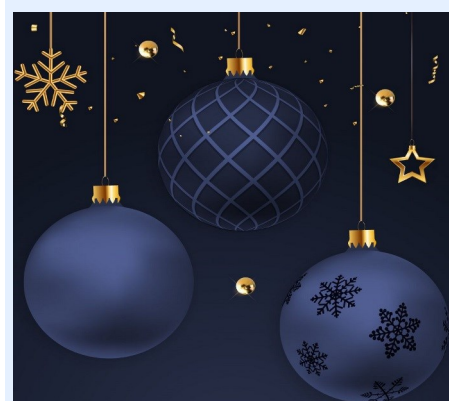
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day  
of Term

Wednesday

20th December

1.30pm



BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE  
WISHES ALL FAMILIES A VERY

*Merry Christmas*

AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



### Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity



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I wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Regards,  
Kylie Cotter  
Executive Principal



### Office Hours

- Monday 22nd January –Wednesday 24th January– Faithfull Street Office Open
- Thursday 25th January –All Offices open

### Uniform shop Open Days

- 24th & 25th January 9.00am–4.00pm
- 29th January 8.00am–4.00pm
- 30th January 8.00am–4.00pm



*Benalla P-12 College Staff look forward to welcoming all Students back on Tuesday 30th January 2024*

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## Woodies

Avon Street Year 3/4 students recently had another successful morning with the Benalla Woodworking Group, building and creating amazing things out of wood. The students were engaged, excited and very proud of their finished work. We are so fortunate to have these willing community members ready to work with our students. We look forward to continuing the 'Woodie' program next year.



MERRY  
*Christmas*



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE TERM



Ray White Award-December \$250 winner was Harry Hudson



Year 4 Award Winners. Pictured above Daniel (English) Charli (Mathematics) Henry (PE) William (Excellence in Art) Kaden (LOTE) James (Music) Max, Jagga & Zach (Kitchen Garden). Harry Hudson received the Campus Principal Award



100% Attendance Award winners were Isabelle, Koko, Scarlett, Bronte, Ava and Dom



Pictured above are our Student of the Term! Well done to you all on an excellent term.



PBS Award winners are Alaric,



# Thank you

A very big thank you to Memphis and Rylee's dad Paul for his generous donation of timber to repair the two seats at the front of the Waller St Campus. Thanks to Paul our students now have some comfortable seats to sit on while they are waiting to be collected after school. Thank you again Paul your donation is greatly appreciated.

## WALLER STREET STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



100% Attendance pictured above -Tiarn, Scarlett, Charli, Indi, Maia, Blayke, Oliver Summer, Eli, Marleigh, Eli, Violet, Alice

Student of the week-Kayde, Eliza, Vinnie, Eli, Loki, Mia, Egypt

Student of the week-Fletcher, Asha, Hailey, Scarlett,



# Merry Christmas



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December we celebrated our Attendance Champions with a BBQ, which was perfectly cooked by Scott. Congratulations to all our Champions.



Cardboard House competition was held last week, with some mighty fine architecture and building craft displayed.



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we were gifted with a visit from Mrs Thelma Eldred (Mrs E). Mrs E attended the old Benalla West Primary School from 1933 until 1939 and wanted to come back to see how the school looks now. It was perfect timing, as Mrs E and her family were able to be our audience for the Christmas Carol rehearsal. It was an absolute honour to host Mrs E and her family. On Monday Benalla P-12 College held the annual Christmas Carols and let me tell you - Years 5 and 6 rocked the stadium!









Christmas Cooking has been in full swing across all campuses. Our Year 3/4 students have been busy making Christmas houses to take home and share with their families. Year 10 Students from Faithfull Campus made a variety of delicious treats with Ms Chick.



### Student of the Week Term 4 Week 7



Year 10  
Paige Simpson



Year 10  
Rory Buntine



Year 10  
Riley Hupe

### Students of the Week - Term 4 Week 8



Year 10  
Luke Ward



Year 10  
Amelia  
Fielding Elliot



Year 11  
Tim Matkovich Allen



Year 11  
Liam Hopgood



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On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December the Year 12 cohort of 2023 had their graduation ceremony at the Benalla Glasshouse. Despite it being a very stormy afternoon with the threat of power outages, the ceremony went off without a hitch. Graduates, staff, family, and friends gathered to celebrate the culmination of 13 years of education and celebrate the achievements of the 2023 cohort. Benalla Businesses and organisations donated over \$8,500 to sponsor the futures, further educations, and adult journeys of Benalla P-12 College students. We would like to thank our sponsors: Rotary Club Benalla, Australian Defence Force, Lions Club Benalla, Tomorrow Today, AMPOL, LLEN, Campion Education, MSP Photography, Blooms on Bridge, Mitre10, Benalla Glass, Benalla Bus Lines, Next Office Tech Pty Ltd, Weary Dunlop Medical Foundation, Mark Pollard Pest Control, Aldous & Hill, Milner Pharmacy, Terry White Pharmacy, Foott Waste Solutions, Schneider Electric and No Roads Expeditions.

The current 2023 College Captains spoke about their schooling careers, we heard speeches reflecting on the Kokoda trek with an accompanying photostory and were granted a musical performance by Year 12 Graduate, Lachlan Squires. We celebrated the students' successes with multiple scholarships and awards as well as recognising students' academic excellence in their VCE and VCE- Vocational major subjects. 2022 Dux Harry Drury returned to give the graduating class words of wisdom for life outside of school. We acknowledged our VCE-Vocational Major student of the Year- Zoe Horsfall, our runner up Dux- Ebony Armstrong and our 2023 VCE Dux- Oliver Hall spoke about the ATAR process and looking out for each other.

We finished the evening with a photostory reflecting on the year and the students' growth into adulthood. The ceremony allowed for families and friends to support their graduates. Families and staff mingled and reflected fondly on the students' schooling careers and what their future may hold.

I would like to thank several staff members for their support in putting together the graduation: Chris Szeligiewicz, Tegan Vogel, Eliza Walker, Nalini Deo and Mark Greenhalgh, for helping decorate and move everything in and out of the Glasshouse. Christa Rembold and Molly Craig for all their help in the lead up to the night. Dionne McKenzie for helping organise the graduation gowns. Kylie Cotter and Karlie McGrath for their trust and support through the process. Ashton Tanner, Trish Burns, Kristen Whitechurch and Kym Rankin in the office for all their organisational work with ticketing. Shane Smith, for being a fantastic photographer, photostory maker, and keyring engraver. Finally, Julie Roberts, the graduation would not have gone ahead without your support, your patience, your follow up and your knowledge of everything in the school. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to the class of 2023 for completing your schooling, it's been a pleasure to be your co-ordinator.

Alysha Hocking  
Year 12 Co-ordinator



Congratulations!



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