# 

FEATURING STEM at Bayside Harmony Day



#### Introduction

## A Word from the Principal

#### Hello,

I love being the principal at Bayside P-12 College. One of the reasons I enjoy my job so much is the wonderful culture of pastoral care we have established. Recent school data is testament to this. As a point of celebration I would like to share the outcomes of two measures in particular and how we compare to the rest of the State;

#### 1. 'Promoting Positive Behaviour'

| 93%                  | 81%   |
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| Bayside P-12 College | State |

#### 2. 'Not experiencing Bullying'

| 81%                  | 63%   |
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| Bayside P-12 College | State |

Now these are the sorts of facts that should be informing carpark conversations!

I am proud of our students, proud of our staff and proud of our school.

#### Andrew Harnett College Principal



## **STEM at Bayside**

An exciting partnership with Scienceworks this term has seen our Academic Achievers Year 8 class design a series of interactive activities to accompany an exhibition on "seeing the unseen" in Beyond Perception. Students travelled to Scienceworks over the semester to work with the team there fine tuning their projects. Students are developing their STEM skills : creative thinking, problem solving and team work!! These activities will be incorporated into the exhibition next year for the public to engage in. This has been an amazing experience for our students.

STEM will be further incorporated into the curriculum at Bayside next year as we embed a day a fortnight for all year 7s into the timetable. This will give students the opportunity to engage in real world problem solving as curious, innovative young members of our community. We are excited to offer this program in our college next year and continue to build on partnerships we have made outside of the school.

# The Debating tradition continues!

This year saw our D grade Year 9 debaters finish in the top four of the finals in the Western Zone. Their commitment and serious approach was commendable. Best though, has been the valuable mentoring they have given to the junior Year 7 and 8 team offering workshops, advice and encouragement. The juniors are currently participating in Debating Association of Victoria evening tutorials. They are already showing their skill at presenting and defending a point of view.

## **Camp Experiences**

We have a commitment to a camp experience at each year level. Both Year 7 and 8 students attended camps this semester developing their outdoor activity and team work skills. Year 7's experienced a great week at Kangaroobie near the 12 Apostles on the Great Ocean road. Students participated in a range of activities such as canoeing and hiking but also experienced farm life first hand feeding livestock and caring for animals.

Year 8's attended the beautiful Rubicon camp close to the mountains. They were lucky enough to go cross country skiing, white water rafting and mountain bike riding. This camp emphasises leadership and interpersonal skills. Students came home with renewed confidence and personal goals set for a successful future!



#### **Altona North Middle School**

### Summit Camp

Twenty students and three staff members had the exciting experience of visiting The Summit Outdoor Adventure Park in mid August for three days this year. It provided everything a school needs to ensure a highly successful camp – outstanding facilities, skillful and motivated instructors and a genuine commitment to achieving the target outcomes set by the school. The students absolutely loved it.

The Summit camp had a positive impact on their lives and has given each student a greater understanding of themselves and what they are truly capable of. It was amazing to see the students be challenged and grow as individuals. Students were set the challenge to step out of their comfort zones by attempting activities they previously would not consider at all. They helped each other pushing through barriers and overcame fears, like the high wire and wall climbing activities. The teamwork was amazing. The Summit staff guided our students into making the most of every opportunity and the energy they presented with was truly infectious. At the end of the three days, the camp instructors identified two students who never gave up and stepped out of their comfort zones during every single activity – Pita Saulala (7B) and Jacob De Rosayro (7C). Their reward was a ride in a vintage army tank.

As no mobile phones were allowed, it was amazing to see students having conversations and connecting with one another. It really was an empowering, self-affirming, collaborative and positive experience that has made every student a better and stronger person. We are hoping to increase the number of participants in 2020, so more students can share in the amazing experience.

## Sport

Our girls at Bayside Altona North campus have had some incredible success in the last two terms of sport. Badminton is extremely popular at our campus and a number of students spend their spare time at the Altona North Badminton centre. In term two we sent our teams to play in the Hobson's Bay divisional sport days and our year 7, 8 and 9 girls ALL came away as victors.

Term three saw us place down the racquets and pick up the paddles. With a lot of time spent practising at recess and lunch, our students competed in our division competitions which have been run at our campus for a number of years. Once again our girls won the Year 7, 8 and 9 first placed flags! Not to be outdone, the Year 8 boys were also victorious on the day.

When these students compete, they can play against as many as eleven different schools! Considering we are probably the smallest population by number – it just goes to show what incredible talent we have here at Bayside Altona North.



#### **Primary School**

## **Science Night**

On August 15th over 60 families made their way to the hive for a night of fantastic science experiments. From making moon dust also known as sherbet to observing tea bag rockets there was something for everyone. Lots of random prizes were won by students throughout the night. We look forward to another great night next year.

## 2/3 Big Night In

On Friday September 6, students from years 1,2 and 3 came back to school at 5pm to participate in the Big Night In new equipment such as the earthball, parachute, tiger feet and vortexes were used for the first time with great enjoyment. A dinner of Pizza, and ice - cream for dessert. After the non-sleepers went home, students got their beds ready and watched the movie Captain Underpants. The next morning students had a breakfast of cereal and toast, received their certificate then made their way home.

## Harmony Day

On Wednesday the 18th September our Primary students participated in Harmony Day. Our students gave speeches about what Harmony Day meant to them, sang songs, performed cultural dances and enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by every student in the school. After lunch students joined their secondary buddies for a range of activities and games outside.

### Positive Behaviours Morning Tea

Eight students from our primary school recently enjoyed a morning tea with Campus Principal, Rob Evans. The morning tea was a reward chosen by the students who had been selected for displaying the school values of Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being a Learner. The students enjoyed a donut and some conversation over morning tea.







#### **Paisley Senior School**

## LEAP

The Year 12 LEAP Program lays a solid foundation for Year 11 students entering into their Year 12 VCE program. Students begin their Year 12 courses in last three weeks of term 4 providing them with a head start into Year 12 the following year.

Benefits of an early start to Year 12 include:

- Teachers get to know their students earlier and can identify how they best learn
- · Development of strong pastoral ties before the following year
- · Opportunities for more depth in teaching of content
- · Opportunities to provide detailed feedback more often to students
- · Increase in exam revision and exam preparation

## A 'Zoo snooze' at the Melbourne Zoo

Recently the Year 10 Outdoor Photography class experienced a wild overnight stay at the Melbourne Zoo (Zoo Snooze)

Our stay consisted of games, talks with our zoo guides, bonding with peers and of course taking photos. When we arrived, we set up our tents, had a quick tour of the zoo, participated in activities and played games in teams. All of this occurred after dark. We had special access to the whole zoo after they closed the gates to the public and were able to stay there with the zoo keepers and all the animals.

After a long but fun night we enjoyed a freshly prepared breakfast with pastries and bread made on site. Students were able to walk around the zoo freely before any of the public arrived to take photos of all the animals, insects and plants that the zoo had on exhibition. We had to get down to work with our cameras and got some great shots.



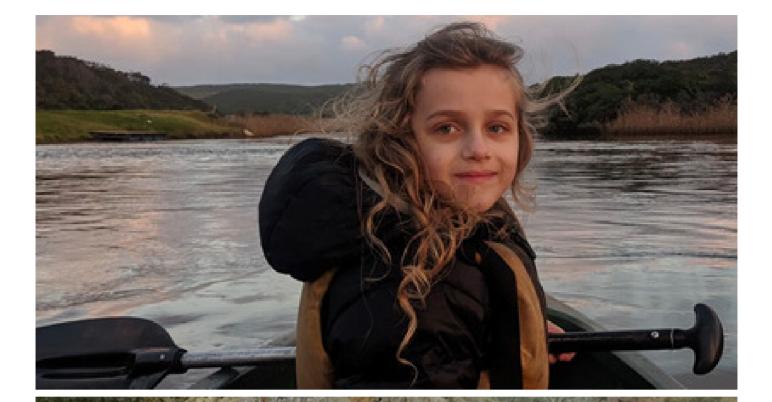








#### **Bayside P-12 College Production**



Bayside P-12 College Camps



#### BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

ALTONA NORTH P-9 CAMPUS, WILLIAMSTOWN 7 - 9 CAMPUS, PAISLEY SENIOR 10 - 12 CAMPUS