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Bayside P-12 College

A Word from the College Principal

Hello,

It has been wonderful to have our students and staff back at school over the last term. I have loved hearing the sound of students playing in the yard and sitting with senior students in the courtyard at Paisley. One of the most important things that remote learning has highlighted for me is the importance of being part of a community.

I want to thank all of you for the way you supported each other through what has been a very challenging year. I witnessed many examples of students, parents and staff going out of their way to care for others in the community.

2021 was a year where I saw our vision and values in action.

Vision and Values

Our vision is for our students to develop a strong desire to learn which drives ambition to challenge themselves, perform well and continually grow. We want our students to remain grounded. We recognise that it takes the whole school community to create true success for themselves and others.

We have four values that underpin this vision:

Open Community

Our school culture is enriched by its community. It's the combination of diverse cultures, people and backgrounds that make Bayside P-12 a place where everyone feels welcome, included, and respected. It is just part of our everyday.

Team Spirit

We apply a team mindset to everything we do. We promote an environment where everyone truly cares and supports one another. We're committed to each other through encouragement, kindness and by always having each other's back. One Spirit, one Team.

Growth Matters

We nurture every individual by backing, challenging, and inspiring them towards personal success. We exercise an adventurous and curious way of thinking to continually drive bigger, better, and greater learning opportunities. We do this by creating an environment where everyone is encouraged to grow.

With Purpose

We have a high regard for integrity and responsibility. If we say something we mean it. If we do something we stand behind it. We continually take pride in our school, our students and what we achieve as this drives our future.

As the summer break approaches, I hope that you can spend time with the people that you love.



Andrew Harnett
Bayside P-12 College Principal

Year 12 Valedictory Speech

Good evening,

Teachers, parents, and fellow graduates, we did it!

It is an honour to address you all today as your valedictorian. I would like to start by reinforcing where we are right now because I know for me, this is surreal. We are at the end of a 13-year-long journey. Celebrating with our teachers, parents, and friends who we have become so close to while learning, having fun, and most of all finding who we are as people.

Reflecting on the last year, we really had a mix of everything. We made it through stressful periods of four to five SACs a week, a lockdown that formed the majority of semester 2, final day celebrations day, a 3-week period of exams, and just like that it was all over.

I would also like to sincerely thank all the teachers and staff at our school. There is something about the years of VCE that enables you to acknowledge your teachers work. You become aware of the concern, effort, and hard work that they put in. Online learning wasn't easy for the students and online teaching would not have been easy for teachers. Our teachers not only aimed to motivate us, but they placed our wellbeing as a priority. Hence why year 12 was an experience that for many of us we will look back on and smile about.

To the parents here tonight, I'd like to thank you for always being there. Seeing your child mature and become a young adult would presumably be both difficult and rewarding. I hope that as you watch your son or daughter complete their high-schooling journey tonight, you will recognise how this point in time is not only monumental for us, but for you as well.

As this night marks the beginning of new pathways don't forget the school wide expectations; be a learner, be respectful and be responsible. We have all become accustomed to these principles over the course of this journey, they have helped shaped who we are today and will continue to shape our futures.

I'd like to say what an honour it was to have the opportunity to speak tonight, on behalf of the class of 2021 and as your valedictorian. Because this has sure been a year I won't forget.

Thank you.

Jordan Tsoulos



Student Voice

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves and take up opportunities when they are presented to them. Our students have very firm views on ways to improve our wider community and ensure their “voices” are heard.

Seven of our students participated in the “Parliament Prize” and spoke about issues such as fairer treatment for asylum seekers to ideas for climate control. Our local member of Parliament was so impressed they are now featured on her website. Congratulations to Shahed and Yasin from Y7, Finn and Amy from Y8, Faith, Penny and Ava from Y9.

How lucky we were to be one of the three school across the state to present to the National Council of Women Victoria celebrating 100 years of the female vote. Congratulations to Ava, Penny, Olivia and Shahed for their wonderful presentation “My Voice, My Vote” supported by the Victorian Parliament.



Elite Sport

Tennis | Bayside graduates gain entry to American Colleges

Two of our 2020 tennis graduates have given insight into their rewarding journey to the ultimate prize of gaining entry in to American Colleges.

Eva Golembiovski - Delaware State University

Playing and studying at Delaware State University has really been a dream come true. Experiencing high quality tennis and studying has been chaotic at times but I wouldn't have it any other way. It is amazing two of us from the 2020 graduating year have gained placement in American Colleges.

Nadeen Shrebaty - Towson University

I began attending and playing Division 1 College tennis at Towson University, USA in August 2021. In the short time I have been here I am loving every second of this experience. Being a part of the tennis program at Bayside really prepared me for learning to balance school and tennis.



Debating Program

Our Year 7 and 8's embraced the junior Debating program this term honing their skills and working in a team to perfect their arguments collaboratively. We are thrilled that our junior debaters go on to be very successful A Graders in Year12!!



Our Kitchen Garden

As part of our Grade 5/6 Food Studies program, we have begun work in our kitchen garden. Students will grow their own vegetables, harvest the produce and use their fresh ingredients to create their own meals. Last month they started to compost scraps from the kitchen, learnt about worms and began preparing the garden beds.

Oz Harvest Visits

To kick start our program we were visited by Oz Harvest to learn about food waste.

“Today Kathy came and talked to us about worms and wasting food. We compared our garden soil to her garden soil. Our soil was dry, a lighter colour, and had less creatures in them. Kathy’s soil was moist, darker, and had a bunch of worms in them! We talked about why we shouldn’t waste food and learnt about the garden, such as parsley, mint and chives. We added Kathy’s worms and soil in our garden so our garden can grow up well and healthy. It was great fun!”

Hannah K. | Grade 5/6

“On Wednesday, last week a lady from Oz Harvest came to our school to explain how the worms enrich the soil. She showed us normal soil from our school garden, it was grey, and the dirt was hard. Then she showed us nutrient-rich soil, it was soft, moist and had lots of insects like worms in it. We also learnt how the worms enrich the soil, they also dig tunnels underground, so the roots have space to spread. The worms provide nutrients in the soil by eating debris (dead roots), leaves, grass and manure (poo). They help the soil by eating the scraps and then they digest the scraps and the nutrients and then they leave the nutrients in the soil.”

Jaismin | Grade 5/6

Preparing the garden beds

It’s awesome to see the Grade 5/6 and Year 9’s working together in the garden as part of their Buddy Program.

Planting our first seedlings

“Another fun-filled lesson where the students got a chance to work in the garden. Everyone had so much fun helping and using their ‘green fingers’ to plant edible flowers, carrots, then water the seedlings.

Today we planted in garden basil, carrot, marigolds and parsley.”

Roula | Grade 5/6

Our kitchen classes begin!

“Our Grade 5/6 students began their kitchen classes by exploring the space and baking carrot muffins. I can’t wait to use the carrots from Our Bayside Kitchen Garden next time...”

I can light the oven and use it safely to bake carrot muffins.”

Athieng | Grade 5/6



The Italians are coming!

The year 9 Italian students from the Altona North campus went on an excursion to Lygon Street where they were immersed in the Italian culture. We visited the Italian museum at Co. As.It in Carlton where students learnt the history of Italians migrating to Australia in the 1960s. Then we went to Cinema Nova to watch a documentary called 'The Truffle Hunters' and how Italians have sourced the rare white truffle and sold it around the world for a very expensive price to make a profit. The year 9s then went to an Italian restaurant where we ate delicious Italian cuisine of pizza, pasta and gelati. The students said it was the best excursion and that they learnt a lot about Italian history and culture.



Which way do we go?

9B completed the 'City School Program. It was an amazing experience going to all the different locations and learning new things. One of the favorite things for the class was the graffiti walk, seeing all the different art styles and things people made. They also went SYN studio which was fun but sadly short lived due to a gas leak in the building but overall it was an amazing time.

The students developed their confidence in negotiating public transport and finding their way around Melbourne.



Youth Leadership Conference

On Wednesday, April 28th, 10 members of the Paisley SRC executive attended the Youth Leadership Conference along with Ms Hatz. The conference wasn't like any other Youth Leadership Conference, instead, it was designed for youths by the youth; complete with dance breaks, interactive question time, dynamic engaging presenters, and of course a cute puppy that we all got to pat during the conference.

The conference focused on the main issues affecting youth: mental health and mindfulness, education, and how to become a good leader. They also highlighted the importance of taking charge of your life. These quotes impressed me on the day: 'You've got to be in it to win it', 'Mindset is everything', 'Our differences are our greatest assets' and 'Sometimes in order to say yes, we must say no,'

One speaker, Jen Buchanan, told an experience she had in Saudi Arabia, where she got lost on a cycling expedition with her friends. The routes on the map they had, were completely different to the routes they saw in front of them. Their map was out of date! But instead of giving up, they used their minds as a map, and paved a way back to their homes by nightfall. This was a really interesting story, as it really highlights how we can overcome really difficult situations no matter what- by changing our mindset.

We also learnt about different leadership styles: Superior, Peer and Inferior, and how we can incorporate these different styles and strategies to help lead and guide others, and we also learned when we could use each style.

We focused on failure as well. Heather Miller, the main presenteer, really underlined that failing is perfectly fine. Making mistakes helps in our development. She used the word fail as an acronym, F-first, A-attempt, I-in, L-learning and also helped us understand how to take criticism, 'Don't take criticism from someone you wouldn't take advice from,'

We also focused on the importance of supporting one another and the necessity of being kind to others: Acts of kindness are powerful and can improve the lives of others.

I definitely learned strategies that I can use in my daily life to cope with when things get complicated and or too hard.

Mia Molloy, Year 10, SRC Paisley



BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

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

