Art & Design & Performing Arts @ BSC
What an amazing celebration of the creative talent of our students. A beautiful selection of art works, outstanding furniture designs, drama and music performances were all shared at the Arts event at the Stone Hall on Thursday evening. The hot winds did not deter the students, friends and families from sharing this wonderful event. The exhibition will be in place until the start of December.
It was an excellent effort from the students curating the show, the teachers who coordinated the program, Nina Machielse Hunt coordinated the event and Alex O’Connor supported the VCE and music students. Congratulations to all who performed and exhibited. We welcomed Dr Helen Haines MP Indi, to formally open the event, and we thank her for showing such strong support for our young artists. There is so much talent in the Beechworth Secondary College community.

End of Year Programs
As we come to the end of the VCAA exams, Beechworth SC will be holding exams for students across the remainder of the school. The number of exams will vary at each year level, with four core subjects for year 7, and all subjects for senior years. Some exams are used as a summative assessment to measure learning and teaching, while other exams are a chance for students to become accustomed to the various exam styles in preparation for the compulsory VCE exams. It is also an opportunity to practice writing stamina self-regulation. The length of exams also varies, as Year 7 are held within a normal lesson time. As with all assessments, they are simply a measure of a point in time and will form only form part of what we know about your child.

HEADSTART
To support the transition of all students to the next year level, this year Beechworth SC has changed the length of time for our Headstart Program, to cover the first 2 weeks of December. This means ALL students will be in regular classes, but in the next year level. This will be a great opportunity for senior students to have a good understanding of next years’ courses, have a chance to prepare for their studies, and have a chance to understand use of Edrolo and get refresher Study Skills from Elevate presenters from Melbourne. The program has been planned to support all students feel confident in their learning and prepare them for 2020. All year 6 students who will be coming to BSC in 2020 will also have a 3 day transition program on December 10, 11 & 12. This is a proactive response from the school to support all students.
We will follow this with 3 days of student activities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of term 4 as we prepare over the last 2 days for the building program to begin during the holiday break. The activities selection will be published next week for students to choose, as this is always a great way to end the year for both teachers and students. The traditional Bright Picnic day will be held on Wednesday 18th Dec.

Continued.....
**Presentation Night**  Monday 16th December  7 pm  George Kerferd Hotel
All are welcome to attend the presentation night, celebrating the year at BSC. Some students who will be receiving specific awards will receive an invitation to attend, but all are welcome to join this celebration of Learning and Community.

**Mobile Phones in Schools 2020.**
Most parents and students will be aware of the Department of Education and Training's introduction of a mobile phone ban in all state schools to be implemented in 2020. Some schools have already had this in place during 2019. The core information in the ministerial directive is that no student at any state school will be allowed to use their mobile phone whilst at school – including recess and lunchtimes.

At a local school level, our staff and school council are working on developing the specific protocols for the management of phones which are brought to school. One key point is that all students, at all year levels, will be required to lock their phone in their locker for the duration of the day – 8.50 to 3.30pm. There will be some educational options for teachers to request access to phones for a specific class activity, but this will be the exception.

As we know for many this will be a significant change of practice. Please start some discussions with your child/ren to ensure an uneventful transition to this expectation for the 2020 school year.

- Do they have a lock for their locker?  (This has always been an expectation)
- Do they really need to bring their phone to school at all?  (It is safer at home!)
- If they need to make a call, to whom would they turn?  (The office and the year level coordinators are always willing to help with students able to access the land-line phones at school.)
- If you need to contact them, what is the best method?  (Call the school is a good option. As the office is always staffed.)
- If they are ‘caught’ with a phone, how should they respond?  The school response is being reviewed.

Please assist this process by holding these important conversations as some students have a serious attachment to use and access of their phones. We will continue to keep you informed regarding the management strategies we will put in place for 2020.

Patricia Broom  Principal

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**Good luck Year 12 students 2019**
Bush fires raging, environmental considerations, is our nation facing climate change or not, frustrating politicians nationally and internationally, indigenous deaths in custody, desperate people seeking asylum and refuge and more locally, is Beechworth getting a Gum Trees Pie shop or not?!

Our community may be feeling apprehensive, more than ever before…

Our Arts students are responding to the world around them…

As we stand here on very unique beautiful and ancient ground, in and around our town of Beechworth, I acknowledge that there are First Australian Aboriginal peoples which we pay our respects to, here tonight, and we pay our deep respects to those Aboriginal peoples who lived here before us, and will continue to live here into our region’s future. I encourage all Beechworth people to learn about our local ancient history and to respect and to acknowledge the recent raising of the Aboriginal flag outside of Beechworth police stations, council chambers and our local schools.

I’d like to touch on the contemporary arts, that which is created today, in reflection to today, with a variety of traditional and non-traditional materials, sounds, actions. The artwork on display here tonight is Contemporary Art. It can spark uncomfortable thoughts and conversations. It can at times also make us laugh, but ultimately it invites us to consider the contemporary discourse in which we live today.

As a teacher in today’s classroom with teenagers, as you can imagine, we cover a lot of ground in any one lesson. Watching as our young people come head to head with issues as they surface in their lives, watching them make decisions, sift out, recall, delete, or spend time thinking about, researching, and then forging into some 2D, 3D or 4D form or other… visual, musical or dramatic performance…

Let us not forget that there are many folios and manuscripts full of ideas and wonder which may never see the light of day, or will ever be shared, which is also cathartic for the creator and serves a different deeper purpose … Tonight however we proudly showcase ideas, considerations and deliberations which have been given public priority, those which have been chosen above all other ideas our students have had, feeling confident or relatively comfortable enough to brave the share…. Well done to all…

I am super proud to have met and worked with these young people showcased here. I have been inspired, frustrated, the whole gamut of emotions really, as a teacher, but mostly I feel privileged to have the opportunity to encourage and assist my students to develop skills, and hopefully to encourage and nurture critical and informed decision making well into their futures. After over 20 years in the Arts, I remain confident it is an arena which is a particularly powerful and vital means of self-expression. One to experience and hopefully share with our communities, as we are this evening.

Thank you to, and congratulations, to all our students and their families and friends and our teachers who have supported them throughout the year. We are very proud to have you all here to share so many achievements. I also acknowledge the College’s principal Patricia Broom, Council members, Staff, and I welcome Michael Morran, the curator from the Murray Arts Museum in Albury who graciously visited our Art studio at school recently. I acknowledge Jenny O’connor our recently re-appointed Mayor of Indigo Shire. I am now very happy to welcome our Federal independent member of parliament Dr Helen Haines, our official guest who will address you all and open tonight’s Beechworth Secondary College VCE Arts showcase entitled ‘Bloom’. We thank you very much for joining us here in Beechworth. I will now ask if you would please come forward and make your address.

Nina Machielse Hunt
Taking leave 2020
Last night Beechworth Secondary College opened our VCE Art showcase ‘Bloom’ at the Old Stone Hall in Beechworth. It included the Arts in many forms such as paintings, sculptures, drawings, photography and Drama and Music performance. Independent Member of Federal Parliament Dr Helen Haines was our guest and addressed the large crowd about the importance of creativity in our community. We would like to especially thank Mrs Hunt who organised this special event. We created our artworks throughout the year and it was great to have them on display in a professional gallery space. Sadly, Mrs Hunt is leaving at the end of this year. She will be very much missed by staff and students.

By Aleisha Finn
Congratulations Aleisha!

CONGRATULATIONS to Aleisha Finn – her work has been selected (even though she is in year 11) to show at this year’s MOMA VCE student work exhibition. Her painting has also been selected to be the promotional image for the show. An outstanding body of work from a talented young artist, supported by her teacher. We were very lucky this year with two artworks selected from BSC, Aleisha and Aizzy Kramar's!

Year 12 Art Show
When: Thursday 12 December – Monday 27 January
Where: Maurice Chick Family & MacLeod-Miller Adamshurst Gallery, MAMA
Price: FREE

Enjoy an insight into the creativity, innovation and unique perspectives of young people from the Murray region, with our annual Year 12 Art Show.

Students from Beechworth, Corowa, Walla Walla, Tallangatta, Albury and Wodonga were invited to participate in this annual showcase, with a shortlist selected by a panel of local curators.

This is the first time, for many of the young artists, that their work might be publicly displayed simply as an artwork, an object to be appreciated, rather than the result of an assessment task. It is chance to gain feedback on their work outside of the education environment. The exhibition also provides insight into the experience of exhibiting artists, with both the thrill and vulnerability that comes with producing (often very personal) artworks that are put out for public review.

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Careers Information

GoTafe - Wangaratta - Pathology Information Session
Demand for trained pathology staff is growing across hospitals, medical centres and general practice. Studying with GOTAFE gives you access to industry-experts and the latest equipment.
You can go on to be a Pathology Collector, Pathology Assistant or Laboratory Aide. Learn in this information session about our Dual Qualification of Pathology Collection (HLT37215) & the Certificate III in Pathology Collection HLT37415; and how we will equip you with the skills and knowledge in Blood collection techniques, Occupational health and safety, Medical terminology and Working with others.

Tuesday November 26, 2019
Time:5:00pm - 7:00pm
Location: GOTAFE Wangaratta 27 Docker Street Wangaratta, VIC Australia
Adolescent School Nurse Update

In 2010, the Victorian Government established Safe Schools to ensure schools are safe places for all students, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students, and are free of discrimination. BSC signed our Safe School Participation Plan in 2017 and we committed to adopting a whole-school approach to promoting inclusivity and celebrating diversity. So on this note, I encourage everyone to continue working towards achieving this. This includes:

- Not using derogatory/offensive language about other people (even if you think it’s a joke, it is at the expense of other people’s feelings and it is not ok).
- Refraining from singling people out based on their sexuality or gender preferences.
- Stand up and speak out if you see others being bullied and treated poorly. This includes on the school bus travelling to and from school.

With the new building renovations due to get under way next year, it has also encouraged us to think about how BSC will continue our commitment to inclusivity moving forward. This will include allocating an ‘All Gender’ restroom for students and staff to utilise. Furthermore, we will be reviewing and updating our engagement and wellbeing policy for the school to ensure it clearly states that homophobia, bi-phobia and transphobia will not be tolerated. We can all be an ally to those who identify as LGBTIQ each other as well as each other. Be kind, be respectful. Everyone has the right to come to school and learn without being discriminated for their race, religion, gender or sexuality.

Finally, if anyone is interested in starting a LGBTIQ+ alliance group next year in Term 1, I would love to hear your thoughts. This group would be an opportunity for anyone and everyone to come together on a regular basis, socialise and work towards new and innovative ways to make BSC inclusive. This could be planning events for annual LGBTIQ dates such as IDAHOBIT day or Wear It Purple day.

Sarah Williams  Adolescent Health Nurse

Staff in MAP got well into the spirit of the 80s historical study by dressing to the theme for the entire week. Friday was the end of the 80s and right amidst the glam rock to grunge transition. Students also sported plenty of fluoro and mesh, dressed up in 80s regalia and undertook a series of challenges throughout the week, immersed in 80s culture.

Learning the craft of making a “Mixed Tape” was a highlight and the trauma of the stock-market crash on Black Monday (October 19 1987) was quite real for our entrepreneurs and investors.

They saw the birth of mobile phones and the internet and learned about significant health impacts such as skin cancer awareness (Slip Slop Slap) and the tragedy of the aids epidemic.

The week ended with a fantastic Trivia Night run and catered for by the MAP students for the community. What a totally rad week!

Laureen Barnard
Yr 8 Gateway Health Program

On Friday the 8th November the Year 8 students were lucky enough to have Gateway Health Wodonga fund a day for the girls and boys to hang out and get to know each other more. The girls did Martial Arts also along with Self-Defence, then after lunch we got to do some dance therapy. All the girls sat down in a circle and meditated for a few minutes. After that we did some different types of walking exercises and we reflected on a few things. One was how we feel about ourselves; one thing we like and one thing we didn't like about ourselves. The other thing was emotions. We all listed emotions that we've felt, that we know and just normal ones. We were all pretty open and comfortable in our surroundings and the people we were with. We ended the day by dancing, then headed back to school before the end of the day. Thank you to all teachers for making that day possible and a big thanks to Sarah from Gateway Health for funding the program and thankyou to Ms Kulane for making sure we got there and back safe.
Lily Wilkinson Year 8

In term three the year eight boys did four lessons of Karate and healthy food cooking classes. The Karate was good and helped us learn the basics of karate. We feel like it was definitely worth going to. The cooking classes gave us good recipes and ideas for healthy food. We enjoyed both of them a lot.

Will Usher-Clarke

Well Being Report
Wow what a great time we are having at the moment! It's spring and it's all happening!
Wonderful to see students out in the sunshine, the warmth has really kicked in! We have had a week of MAP dressing up in the 80s and wow, I must say the teachers stole the show!! Mullets, chains, big earrings, fluoro gloves and leather jackets.
Our students have been tending and caring for the garden and it looks fantastic, well done. And right on time we had red poppy’s flowering for Remembrance day. How do they know??

A fortnight ago our Year 8 students were all off site for the day. Unlike the 40 degrees we recently had it was stormy, cold, rain with some hail! The year 8 boys headed off on a hike and Bbq with Mr Jack and Mr Wakefield. Spending time together out in nature it was a great opportunity to build relationships and get to know each other.

I was fortunate enough to spend time with the yr 8 girls in the warm Rotary Hall! Myself, Sarah (Nurse), and the yr 8 co-ordinator Lisa Kulane together with Sarah from Gateway Community Health organised a day for the girls to come together, to do some activities, get off site and connect a bit better. The exciting bit about this program was that the students drove this program. This was something they requested and felt was important. Over the day we did some Martial Arts with Rod Lang. This was about movement and discipline. It was wonderful to see students take leadership in this activity and guide and support their class mates. The afternoon was spent with Daniel Bell guiding us through dance and body/self-image workshops. This involved getting out of our comfort zone and being brave. Well done to all for having a go and it was fun! This day was created by Student voice and I would encourage students to continue to speak up – as great things can happen. All mentioned above is about building connections and relationships. Having connections makes our school community strong and resilient. This puts us in a good position to respond to and move through challenges that come our way.
Please take care with this sudden intense heat we are experiencing. Mel Ivone Social Worker
In 2020, Beechworth Secondary College will commence using Google’s G Suite for Education as our primary learning management system. G Suite is an internet based service provided by Google for schools to have access to education services such as:

- Gmail
- Drive
- Docs
- Sheets
- Forms
- Slides

G Suite will be used daily in our students’ classrooms to support their learning. All students will automatically have a Department of Education and Training allocated Google account. In the coming weeks you will receive an information pack and opt-out letter. This will need to be completed, signed and returned to the school before 28th January 2020 if you do not wish for your child to have access to G Suite for Education in 2020.

Alex O’Connor

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In September I went to Melbourne for the Education State Student Advisory group or ESSAG. The ESSAG is a group of about 20 year 5-7 students from all across Victoria who talk about how we can make the transition from Primary to Secondary School easier and to improve our current school life.

The meeting went for two days. On the first morning, we did lots of team building and trust exercises as well as having lots of conversations about our personal experiences and what we learned. Then we met with a representative from the Education Department and spoke with her about our separate schools and some very interesting ideas were thrown around. Because we had students from the city and the country and from public, private and independent schools at the meetings it was a very eye opening two days and I learned a lot from both the students and our workshop leaders.

In the afternoon of the second day, we spoke to members of the Education State Board. We told them about our schools and gave them some suggestions on programs and initiatives that could be implemented into the education system. I hope that the outcomes of this workshop are beneficial to both new students to our school and Secondary schools from all over Victoria. Our current ESSAG group keep in touch via social media where we share new ideas and upcoming events. I am very grateful for this experience and I hope to return to the group next year to continue learning and participating in these efforts to improve the Education for all Victorian Students making the transition into Secondary School.

By Daisy Ryan Yr 7

WELL DONE MIA!

Congratulations to Mia Davidson, Year 10, who is the BSC recipient of the Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship for 2019. This award recognises high achievers in Year 10 and gives them access to programs at Melbourne University, in preparation for recipients to become university students themselves.

Mia had some fierce competition from other Year 10 students this year, who all had to complete quite arduous applications. I congratulate all our applicants for their efforts and wish Mia a fruitful engagement with her fellow award winners statewide.
Hot House Theatre

We have a special offer for young people aged between 16-24 in 2020, that’s about enjoying the theatre outside of school. It’d be great to spread the news.

POWERFUL THEATRE. GREAT CONVERSATIONS.

In 2020, HotHouse Theatre is introducing a special kind of ticket for students aged between 16-24 years old. It’s called a Starter Flexi. It’s four tickets for only $80, and a really great way to support a young person’s budding creativity.

It’s an offer as part of our Early Bird season passes, and is running until Monday 23 December, 5:00 PM. Would you like to subscribe?

There are some really excellent shows for young people next year looking at Mental Health, First Nation’s Recognition, Drought, Our Children’s Future, and the Rule of Law. Definitely some experiences to share.


Give us a bell: 02 6021 7433

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Christmas Bush Dance Friday December 6
Beechworth, VIC

Details

Crowded Mouse Inc
Host

A Family Bush Dance at The Old Priory, Priory Lane, Beechworth in aid of Beechworth The Golden Horseshoes Festival to be held over Easter Weekend 2020. The band will ‘call’ the dances so no experience is necessary! Bring the whole family for a night of frivolity!

Tickets $40 p.p. Children under 12 FREE!

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Community Conversation

with Phil Cleary

Part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

Quercus Beechworth
26-30 Ford Street

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
3PM - 4PM

Phil Cleary has been at the forefront of Victorian violence prevention campaigns for three decades. Join Phil and other local speakers at this community event to discuss efforts to prevent family violence, as part of the international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

Register:
Indigo Shire Council, 1360 866 008

#callout #16daysofactivism #respectstartswithme

80's Roller Disco

FRI Nov 22
5:30PM - 10PM
Chiltern War Memorial Hall
90 Concess Street Chiltern

All ages
Cold Drink Entry
Food & Drinks
Free Coaching

Dance
Child-friendly

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