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2025/26 PROSPECTUS





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Beechworth Secondary College.

We are proud to be leading this school through an exciting period of redevelopment and growth, in our facilities and our learning programs. Our school values strong connections to the people and history of this diverse community of Beechworth, Yackandandah, Stanley and the wider Indigo Valley. We are keen to acknowledge our history within the community.

At Beechworth Secondary College we have a strong focus on academic and personal success and wellbeing. We aim to engage our students and offer the support and extension they need. We believe in upholding the school values which challenge our learners to grow and to develop holistically. At BSC, your child is positioned for a successful pathway post secondary education.

Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff are continually updating their skills and knowledge to respond to the needs of individual students. Beyond our strong academic focus, there is so much more that goes into a successful educational experience. We offer a rich array of extra-curricular activities and have something for everyone to find success and build the skills, knowledge and relationships which will support them throughout their life. Beechworth Secondary College continues to be responsive to the needs of the community we serve.



BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR

We welcome all interested families and community visitors to book a tour with our principal team to see our school program in action.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Beechworth Secondary College acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our school is located and where we meet and learn. We pay our respects to the elders who have cared for the land, mountains, rivers and sky where our school is located.

We acknowledge the Dhudhuroa, Waywarru, Yorta Yorta, Bangerang and Taungurung people.

OUR VISION

Beechworth Secondary College is committed to developing engaged, compassionate and thoughtful global citizens aspiring to achieve the best they can in everything they do, celebrating diversity and demonstrating integrity.

Beechworth Secondary College is a welcoming place where all students have the opportunity to achieve their personal best. Students and teachers work collaboratively in an environment of respect, empathy and challenge and aim for continual growth and improvement.

OUR VALUES

Our college values underpin every aspect of our daily work at school. Our values guide our behaviours, support our choices and help us build strong social relationships with each other. Our college values are embedded within our Positive Behaviour Supports and ARC, our whole school pastoral care program.

ASPIRE

WE VALUE HARD WORK AND EFFORT.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO LEARNING.
WE SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

RESPECT

WE BUILD RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS.
WE RESPECT OURSELVES AND VALUE DIVERSITY.
WE CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

CONTRIBUTE

WE PARTICIPATE IN, AND CONTRIBUTE TO,
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
WE FORGE STRONG CONNECTIONS WITH
OUR WIDER COMMUNITY.



CARING FOR OUR STUDENTS

When students begin at Beechworth Secondary College, they are welcomed into our Junior Mini School (Year 7-9) or Senior Mini School (Year 10-12). Our Mini-School teams support students to foster positive peer relationships, develop independence, and oversee the learning of our students. Our Mini School Leaders work directly with students and families, and promote effective communication between school and home.

Each of our students nominate a House to contribute to for Sports, Carnivals and Whole School competitions - Bogong, Hotham, Buffalo.

Our classroom teachers are trained in the Berry Street Educational Model, which emphasises building and maintaining strong relationships, self regulation and wellbeing to increase engagement and academic achievement.

Our school also provides a comprehensive offering of Student Services aimed at supporting students and families to address social and emotional, or learning issues early. Students have daily access to an onsite School Nurse, Mental Health Practitioner and Disability and Inclusion Co-ordinator.



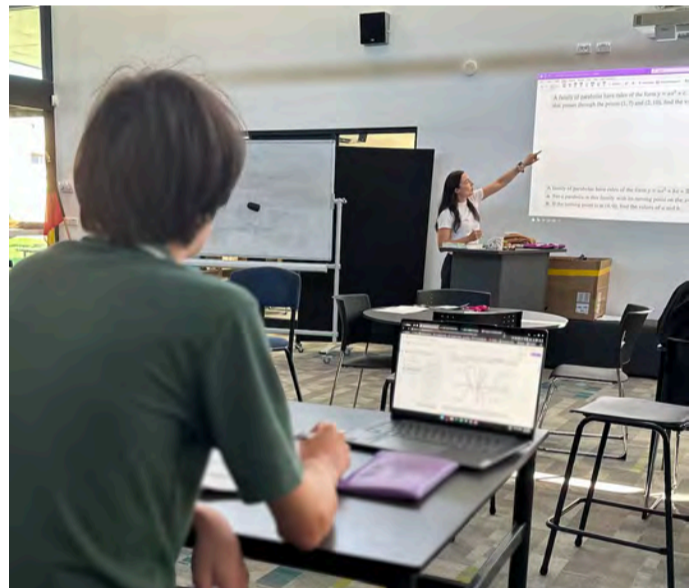


ACADEMIC EMPHASIS

Our teachers prioritise meeting the educational goals of all students no matter the individual starting point. Our teachers use the best evidence-based practices to ensure students are focused and actively engaged, supported to build mental models of knowledge, and apply knowledge and skills with confidence and mastery.

We offer specialised programs including:

- Literacy and Numeracy support
- Educational Support and Disability Inclusion provisions
- High Ability program for English and Mathematics
- Enrichment courses - Science
- Centre for Higher Education Studies - CHES (Electives from Year 10)
- Careers education and pathways program from Year 7 - 12
- Distance Education - Virtual School Victoria & Victorian School of Languages
- Access to the VCE Baccalaureate pathway (recognition for the study of Mathematics, English and Languages at Year 12)
- Daily lunchtime homework and 'catch-up' sessions
- Highly trained teachers teaching in their subject areas



CURRICULUM

The curriculum areas are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Health & Physical Education
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts & Music
- Design and Technology Studies
- Languages - French
- Sport for all students in Years 7-10, optional for Year 11 and 12

Students in Years 7-10 have access to a carefully structured program that provides breadth of study with the opportunity to be extended and challenged.

Our Year 10 students have the option of completing VCE subjects as a form of extension, or specialised Year 10 advanced subjects, across the domain areas. Year 11 and 12 students have a large range of VCE, VCE VM and VET subjects from which to choose, both onsite and through **free** access to GOTAFE Wangaratta and Wodonga TAFE.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We are excited about the extra curricular experiences we offer. We value opportunities to learn beyond the classroom for the stimulation and personal growth of our students. Our array of activities tailor for a wide range of interests and take advantage of both our beautiful local setting and our metro and regional centres.

We run annual camps at every year level. Our Year 7 students attend a camp at Bogong School that is aimed at developing independence, friendships and connection. Our Year 8 students explore the Victorian coastal environment and try their hand at surfing. Our Year 9 students take on Future Makers in the Alpine High Country and Bogong School. Our Senior School camps transition towards a pathway and careers focus, with Year 10 students exploring our nation's capital, Canberra. Our Year 11 students venture to Central and South West Victoria and explore regional tertiary options. Our Year 12s hit the Melbourne CBD and learn what it is like to learn, work and live in a metropolitan environment.

We also run regular incursions and excursions across all subject areas and year levels to enhance learning and connection.





STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We offer numerous opportunities at Beechworth Secondary College to celebrate student achievements and promote the great work happening across the school. Each year level has elected members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and they attend regular meetings to plan and support school initiatives.

The student leadership program emphasises community connection, enabling students to work with local businesses and organisations, strengthening ties between the school and the wider community. Some key examples include work with the RSL for ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies as well as assisting with school programs such as Discovery Night and celebration days.

The program provides an ideal space for students to develop their voice and a sense of agency. Students are empowered to contribute to decision-making and lead initiatives that shape their school experience. This fosters a sense of responsibility and encourages active participation in school life.

Our student leaders excel in their roles, developing vital skills such as public speaking, problem-solving, and teamwork. They mentor young students to contribute to our community and assist them to hone their leadership skills too.





CONTRIBUTION

Our school provides many opportunities for students to contribute in their own way.

Lunch time clubs, celebration events, whole school carnivals, Arts shows and performances.

We also recognise and support students that contribute to the community through participation in elite sports, organisations such as Scouts and Guides, Rotary, and other clubs.

We encourage students to start their own clubs at school that reflect personal interests and endeavours.

CELEBRATIONS

When we reflect on our time in our schooling, it is the celebrations that stand out strongest in our memories. At BSC, we celebrate significant milestones in the life of our students both in school and outside of school. Our students are Gold Medal State Champions in Dragon Boating, professional musicians, multi-award winning writers, and incredibly successful sportspeople.

Some of our school celebrations include:

- Our annual whole school soccer world cup competition
- Book Week
- Science Week
- Year 11 Formal
- Year 12 Valedictory Evening
- Year 12 Celebration Day - Final Assembly
- IDAHOBIT day
- RUOK Day
- Art, Music and Technology Showcase
- End of term ARCFest where students share food, perform and take part in our Colour Run
- Presentation Night and Awards evening



SPORT

Beechworth Secondary College is a long standing and successful member of the School Sport Victoria competition.

Students may also be involved in sport leadership roles including house captancy, umpiring, scoring, team and event management.



- All students take part in three house carnivals each year in swimming, cross country and athletics where successful students are then eligible to compete at district, region and state level.
- The college competes in the Ovens and Mitta District sport group in major carnivals for swimming, cross country and athletics
- Termly inter-school competitions offer Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, Pickle ball, Cricket, AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton, European Handball, Basketball, Table Tennis, Golf, Lawn Bowls and Touch Rugby.
- In our small school, there is a place for everyone on our teams!





OUR BUILDING PROGRAM

The \$9.36 million, second stage of our major works building program is complete. This is an outstanding facility with science laboratories, an IT classroom, library resource centre, staff room, and two general classrooms. It is a learning centre for students in all year levels.

The next proposed \$6.4 million stage of our building program has been designed and will begin construction in Term 2 2025. This next complex will house our VET Hospitality centre and canteen space, as well as general purpose classrooms.



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\$6.4 million - Stage 2 building program - concept design for our VET Hospitality complex, canteen, and general purpose classrooms



Our outdoor basketball and tennis courts have been completely redeveloped with fencing and a synthetic surface applied. They are in frequent use by our students during lessons and in break times.

Our sports area has undercover seating and landscaped surrounds for the comfort of our students and community members.

Gymnasium upgrade works are now also complete! Our gymnasium has been an important asset to our community since its construction in 1995. Funding provided in 2023 has meant that our facilities are here to stay. With new change rooms and office space, we are well set up to provide for student and community needs.



THE BSC DIFFERENCE

- Free access to external providers for skill building and micro credentialing
- Explicit lesson time for the teaching of our school values, achieving, respect and contribution
- Vertically aligned, multi year levelled activities
- Flexible individualised course planning for every student
- Strong connections with our VCE Collaboration network in Indigo and Alpine area schools.
- Small community, big opportunities.
- A 'success for all' mindset
- No cost access to TAFE VET certificates, Higher Education Studies
- No cost access to Head Start for School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships
- Priority access to the Bogong School, and Alpine School - School for Student Leadership



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