



Belmont  
High School

# The Belmont News

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## KEY DATES

<b>Week B</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Association Meeting (7.15pm)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences 12-7pm, NO CLASSES
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1 – students dismissed at 2.30pm Cross Country (Fun Run)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday/ School Holidays
<b>Week A Term 2</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday (School Closed)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Athletics Day, Landy Field SSV State Level Swimming
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	

Upcoming Dates: 1 <sup>st</sup> May	SSV State Level Diving Parents Association Meeting, 7.15pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Form Assemblies School Council Meeting, 6pm
4 <sup>th</sup> May	SSV Barwon Division Athletics
5 <sup>th</sup> May	SSV Bellarine Division Athletics

**24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE  
5241 0090**

**Parents only** to call to report student's name, house/form, reason for absence, and date.  
Parents can also report absences on Compass.

# Principal's Report



What a fantastic Term 1 it has been at Belmont High. I'd like to thank all the students and families for supporting us in such a positive start to the school year. Term 1 has been jam-packed with Year 12 and 7 camps, swimming sports, NAPLAN, production rehearsals, school photos, VCE study sessions, music performances, open nights and we've even managed to squeeze a bit of teaching and learning in there.

The positive start sets us up in a terrific position to continue the great work in Term 2. I'd like to wish all our families a relaxing Easter break and can't wait to get back into it with the student's next term.

## Student Leaders

At our recent assembly we recognised the student leadership positions in our school. Congratulations to the following Year 12's on being selected to lead these areas of the school:

<u>Band Captains</u>	<u>Performing Arts Captains</u>	<u>Sports Captains</u>	<u>International Students Captain</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allison Hollins</li><li>• Oscar Waring</li><li>• Georgia McCrae</li><li>• Lily Pitman-Jones</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toby Davidson</li><li>• Ben Leak</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Henry Meaney</li><li>• Josh Hazel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aryan Sharma</li></ul>

## Students of the Month

A new initiative launched by our sub-school leaders is to recognise a student of the month from each year level. Report data, positive chronicles and teacher feedback all go together to create a shortlist and the top student is chosen from each year level. Congratulations to the following students for being named the students of the month for March:

- Year 7 - Tom Rennie
- Year 8 – Taylah Doyle
- Year 9 – Imogen Greenwood Mayes
- Year 10 – Scarlett Knight
- Year 11 – Heechan Hwang
- Year 12 – Cassandra Orpwood

## NAPLAN

Congratulations to all the students who completed the recent NAPLAN testing. The way the students rose to this challenge was terrific ensuring they made the most of this opportunity. We look forward to seeing what our students achieved when results come out in late Term 2.

## School Tours

School tours will continue into next term running every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30am. This is a great opportunity to see the school in operation and gives a real insight into what learning looks like at Belmont High School. Bookings for these tours can be made through the Compass tix link below:

<https://compasstix.com/event/181fd74c-224b-4b52-aa1a-f5b40de9e02f>

## Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews

Our Parent / Student/ Teacher interviews are this coming Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Interviews run from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. This day is a student altered day and it is expected that students be part of these interviews. Parents can book via the Compass App.

## Senior Cricket

Congratulations to the senior cricket team who have made it through to the State Finals in October. The team has been on a Golden run defeating tough opposition including the much-fancied Maribyrnong Sports Specialist School.

Tully Searle has led the charge with 3 scores above 30 in the opener spot. He has been well supported by Tom Kiddle with 2 scores over 50 and then Logan Haberfield's 76n/o assured the team had a total the bowlers could defend. With the ball, it has been Year 10 student Bronte Leishman who has led the way with 8 wickets across the matches, this highlighting the point of Bronte being one of the premier junior female cricketers in the state.

**Joshua Baker**  
Principal



## VCE/ VET in Schools Excellence Award

We would like to congratulate **Allison Hollins**, Year 12 Red who was awarded the '**VCE/ VET in Schools Excellence Award**' for her outstanding achievement and academic excellence in her VET course. She was presented this award at The Gordon Gala Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Allison completed her Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance during 2021 and 2022 and was awarded this prestigious award due to her diligence and commitment towards the course. The certificate III in Allied Health Assistance is a scored VET course and Allison achieved a study score of 42 which will go towards her ATAR.



# FUN RUN

This year the annual BHS Fun Run will once again be held from Pt. Lonsdale to Queenscliff. As usual students who do not wish to run may walk. The top 6 placegetters in the run will be selected for the school cross country team. On the day of the walk/run all students will, on completion be treated to a BBQ lunch and will have the opportunity to participate in leisure/sporting activities and listen to bands perform in a concert. The full details of the day are listed below.

## The 2023 "lighthouse to lighthouse" BHS Fun Run POINT LONSDALE to QUEENSCLIFF.

**DATE:** Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. (The last day of term 1)  
**COMPETITORS:** ALL Students.  
**AGE GROUPS:** As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, **THIS YEAR,**  
**12-13years, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years, and SENIOR - (17 to 20 years combined.)**

NOTE: Students will be in the same age group as for swimming and athletics.

### DISTANCES AND COURSE:

- (1) 16 yr and Senior Boys - 5km - from the start at the Point Lonsdale lookout carpark along the bush track and then along the sand to the FINISH AT BEACH MARKER No. 11B just before the Queenscliff lighthouse.
- (2) Junior Boys, 15 yr boys and ALL GIRLS - 3km - from the start at the Point Lonsdale lookout carpark along the beach to THE FINISH just past BEACH MARKER No. 6B at the end of the rock wall.
- (3) All walkers walk along the bush track then either along the walking path or on the sand.

### TROPHY:

The perpetual Fun Run trophy will be awarded to the winning House. To win a House **MUST** have **THREE** students finish in each age group (whether running or walking).

### SCORING:

The **LOWEST** Aggregate score wins. The winner shall score 1 point. 2<sup>nd</sup> scores 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> scores 3 points etc. Each House shall have the scores of their first 3 students tallied.

### MEDALLIONS:

Shall be awarded to the first 3 placegetters in all sections.

\*\*\*\*\* Runners may leave jumpers/tracksuits etc on the bus and collect them from the same bus when they arrive at the football ground OR they can give them to friends who are walking.

**No valuables such as mobile phones, ipads etc should be taken to the event**

**ALL STUDENTS,** both runners and walkers, **MUST WEAR SHOES.**

**No pets allowed!**

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DAY.

<b>8.50</b>	FORM ASSEMBLY where students will receive their numbers to be written on their hand.
<b>8.55</b>	HOUSE ASSEMBLY
<b>9.05-9.30</b>	BUS LOADING:
<b>10.25</b>	SENIOR / INTER BOYS RUN commences.
<b>10.35</b>	JUNIOR BOYS / JUNIOR GIRLS RUN commences.
<b>10.45</b>	SENIOR / INTER GIRLS RUN commences.
<b>10.50</b>	ALL WALKERS commence.
<b>11.05-12.50</b>	Students arrive at Queenscliff football ground. Have lunch (sausage sizzle or other), collect drink etc Participate in recreational activities.
<b>11. 45</b>	CONCERT COMMENCES featuring student musicians and possibly staff musicians.
<b>12. 50</b>	CONCERT CONCLUDES.
<b>1. 05</b>	PRESENTATION OF FUN RUN MEDALLIONS & TROPHY.
<b>1. 20</b>	FORM ASSEMBLIES IN HOUSE GROUPS - as directed - to mark rolls
<b>1. 25-1.35</b>	BOARD BUSES IN FORM GROUPS
<b>2. 15-2.30pm</b>	ARRIVAL BACK AT SCHOOL & IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

## Term 1 Sports Report

Students have taken up the opportunities to represent the school in Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Baseball and for the first time Surf Life Saving this term.

We have been very successful with our senior first XI cricket, winning through to the state semi-finals to be played in term 4, and our Intermediate Boys tennis team going through to the Western Zone Finals.

At the Geelong Region swimming carnival our students were able to win a number of pennants.

### First XI Cricket.

Our First XI cricket team has made it through to the state semi-finals to be played in term 4. The team overcame a slow start in both their Western Zone Final to beat Strathmore Secondary College with Tully Searle contributing with both bat and ball and well supported by Bronte Leishman, Tom Kiddle and captain Sam Taylor. In the state quarter final against Emmanuel College Warrnambool the team lost 2 early wickets before a 100 run partnership between Tom Kiddle (47) and Logan Haberfield (76) allowed the team to make 4 – 167. Our bowlers led by Sam Taylor, Bronte Leishman and Tully Searle were able to bowl out Emmanuel College for 130.

### Swimming Pennants

Junior Girls

Junior Boys

Intermediate Boys

Girls Aggregate

Boys Aggregate

Grand Aggregate

We sent a team of 35 to the Western Zone Swimming Championships on Thursday.

Thanks to all the staff who coached and assisted these teams to represent Belmont High School.



### Life Saving Victoria Schools Carnival

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10 Belmont High School students competed in the Life Saving Victoria's School Surf League. Belmont High School was the only state school to compete on the day against 11 other private schools. Our students had little or no experience in the events but excelled in the new opportunities. Some of the results from the day include:

- Will Brown                                    2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Yr 7/8 Boys Flags and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Yr 7/8 Boys Beach Sprint
- Isobel McPherson                        2<sup>nd</sup> Place Yr 9/10 Girls Flags
- Lachie Ricchini                            5<sup>th</sup> in the Yr 9/10 Boys Surf Race



**Shane Thompson**  
Sports Coordinator

## LIBRARY NEWS

There was a daily competition in the library this week – students had to decipher the name of a well-known book character using the clues provided. The major prizes were cafeteria vouchers. There was a lot of interest – students from every year level entered the competition and were eager for more!

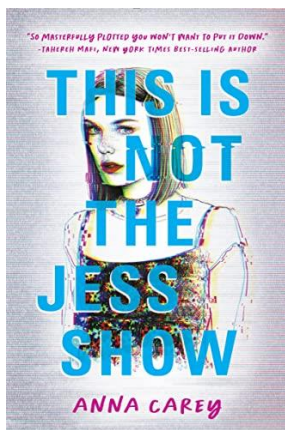
The major prizes winners were Finn O'Brien (7P), Ashwin Bharathi (8G), Diezel Crozier (10M), Elin Basangan (8A), and Rose Harmon (8E). Congratulations also to all the other prize winners – keep an eye out for another competition next term!



The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is open for 2023 – students in years 7, 8, 9, and 10 are welcome to sign-up if they are keen readers. The challenge is to read fifteen (or more) books by early September, and those who complete the challenge will be given a pizza lunch and go into a draw to win some fantastic prizes! At our latest PRC meeting, students had the opportunity to view and comment on new books that the library is looking to purchase.

## Book of the Week:

### ***This is not the Jess Show*** by Anna Carey



The year is 1998 and there's something strange going on in the sleepy town of Swickley, NY.

Half the students in Jess' school have come down with the flu, her family's dog suddenly looks completely different, and she keeps hearing a strange chanting somewhere in the distance that nobody else can hear. To make matters worse, Jess has developed a crush on her childhood best friend, Ty, while another boy keeps trying to get her attention, despite her best efforts to avoid him!

Every year there seems to be another tragedy in Jess's life or for the whole town, and this year is shaping up to be the worst yet – until Ty lets Jess in on a life-shattering secret.

Quirky, funny, and packed with nostalgia for the 90's, *This is not the Jess Show* is a very entertaining read and highly recommended for students in Year 7 through to Year 12.

Susan Winfield

## Homestay Accommodation Required For International Students

Our International Program is back in full swing and we have 2 International Students joining us at Belmont High School in the coming months who require a school sourced homestay.

- A student from China enrolled in Year 10 from late April 2023 – **URGENT** (Length of stay can be negotiated with potential homestay family)
- A student from Vietnam who will be enrolled in Year 10 from July 2023 (Length of stay can be negotiated with potential homestay family)

To find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact Jo Moore (International Student Coordinator) on [joanne.moore@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:joanne.moore@education.vic.gov.au) or 52435355.

## Elevate Education - Free Parent Webinar Sessions

Elevate Education is an organisation that works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their free parent / carer webinar series, parents / carers learn how they can help support their children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school. Information regarding these sessions has been communicated throughout Term 1 to families via Compass.

Recently, Elevate Education offered a webinar for parents / carers on Technology & Focus. Over 9,000 parents / carers attend that session, and 96 families were from Belmont High School. We will continue to communicate details of these sessions and hope that parents and carers continue to attend.

**Michael Caccamo**

Assistant Principal – Later Years



# Careers News – March 2023

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There is a lot happening in the Careers space this term and next. Below is a list of students successful in registering for a number of industry-based career education programs on offer. Students will spend days out at Deakin University and the Gordon and visit industry partners in their field of choice.

**GFLOI and GLAM** are immersion programs for Year 9 & 10 students to learn about the diversity of exciting careers & pathways in engineering, advanced manufacturing & STEM trades. Students will learn from experts in advanced technologies, design, innovative manufacturing & engineering and meet & talk to mentors in industry and explore University & TAFE options.

**GFLOI** - Finn Bainbridge (10A)

**GLAM** - Lucy Armistead (9M), Imogen Greenwood Mayes (9A)

**GFLOI-VET** - Abilashini Palanisamy (9R)

## World of Work – Health and Community Services

Students will gain an understanding of the diversity of careers (clinical & nonclinical) in the Health and Community Services Industry

- Ben Gunston (10S)
- Allison Hollins (12Y)
- Frank Huang (10R)
- Molly Hutchinson (10S)
- Natty Phumval (10M)
- Sarah Sinnott (10P)

## Women in Trades Industry Day

The Women in Trade Industry Day is an interactive careers event for hands-on Year 9 - 12 learners. Students will try two trade tasters of their choice and receive a site tour from an industry partner employer. Industries include automotive, electrical, carpentry, plumbing and engineering trades

- Mia Andrews (9M)
- Lucy Armistead (9M)
- Abilashini Palanisamy (9R)
- Mylah Fleming (9G)
- Karma Bogers (9B)
- Eden Homes-Isaiah (9E)

## Building Careers Site Tours

The Building Careers Geelong Site Tour gives students an insight into careers in the building and construction industry. This free program is suitable for year 11 and 12 (May), and Year 9 and 10 (September) students interested in a career in the building and construction industry.

- Lucy Armistead (9M)
- Hamish Bamforth (10G)
- Jeremey Leak (10S)
- Dhiren Prabha (10G)

## University Extension Programs for 2023

We have a number of current Year 12's undertaking University Extension programs at a variety of tertiary institutions this year. These programs give the students a fantastic insight into university life and hopefully prepares them for a potential university pathway in 2024. Well done to the following students for their successful applications.

**Benjamin Dogic (12S)** - Human Biosciences, La Trobe University

**Ariella Homes-Isaiah (12Y)** – Psychology, University of Melbourne

**Mav Bird (12Y)** - Innovation Ecosystems and Sustainable Development, RMIT

**Jamie Phelps (12Y)** - Artificial Intelligence and Technology for a Digital World, RMIT

**Archie Mills (12Y)** – Mathematics, University of Melbourne

**Oscar Waring (12Y)** - Mathematics, University of Melbourne

**Lily Pitman-Jones (12Y)** – Accounting, Deakin University

**Phillip Dreyer (12G)** – Criminology, Deakin University

**Allison Hollins (12Y)** – Accounting, Deakin University

**Aggie Foresman (12Y)** – Psychological Sciences, Deakin University

**Tahnee Godfrey (12S)** – Health Services, Australian Catholic University

## Top Arts 2023

Arty Foulkes 2022 12 Art final ceramic artworks '*A salute to hard work, hair, all things natural and a possible robot apocalypse*' and '*Shoulder to shoulder, Skull to skull and Cardboard box*' are currently exhibited at the Ian Potter Centre in Federation Square, as part of the VCE Season of Excellence. This is the second consecutive year Arty has been selected and he is currently studying Visual Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts. It is an outstanding exhibition and a perfect day out over the Easter holidays.

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/top-arts-2023/>



Free entry

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia, Fed Square  
Ground Level, NGV Design Studio

Until 9 Jul | Free entry  
Open 10am–5pm daily

# Italian News

On Friday 17 March in Year 10 VET Italian, we were given the opportunity to immerse ourselves in Italian culture. We did this by trying a variety of typical Italian breakfast and snack foods and learning specific vocabulary used to order food in cafes. This has prepared us for our immersive Italian dinner on Monday 20 March at Two Sugars.

Grazie, Ms Vannata for organising this opportunity for us! 😊

## Year 10 Italian



## Coles Cookware

Coles supermarkets are currently running a promotion giving away free Cookware. The Food Technology Department would be very grateful to families who do not intend to use their cookware credits for donations of the “20cm non-stick frypan”, the “26cm non-stick frypan” or the “24cm Casserole pan with glass lid”.

Items can be dropped into the office.  
Thank you.



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**THU 25 MAY 2023**  
7.30PM

**FRI 26 MAY 2023**  
7.30PM

**SAT 27 MAY 2023**  
7.30PM

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# 8<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment



Alpha Company, 1 Platoon, Geelong Depot

105 Workshop, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion

## Open Day

**Come and see your local Australian Army units, kids  
obstacle course and displays**

194 Myers Street, Geelong. 3220 Entry via gate on Bellarine  
Street

Date: Sunday 23 April 2023

**12:00pm – 3:00pm**



**Free Sausage Sizzle  
and soft drinks available for gold coin donation**



# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

### To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

### Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

### For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.