



Awards Ceremony 2025



RESPECT

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ENGAGEMENT

A Message From the Principal

On behalf of all staff at BSSC, it is my pleasure to welcome our students, parents, carers, and special guests to the 2025 Awards Ceremony.

Tonight, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of students who have excelled across academic, leadership, and co-curricular pursuits. Every award recipient should feel immensely proud of their accomplishments that will place them in an excellent position for a bright and promising future.

Our Year 11 students are well placed to carry this momentum into next year. I encourage each of you to continue working hard, seek support when needed, and make the most of the many opportunities available at our college. Doing so will enable you to achieve your personal best.

To our graduating students: congratulations. We wish you every success as you begin the next exciting chapter of your lives. I am confident that your time at BSSC has prepared you well for the opportunities and challenges ahead. Continue to stay curious, be compassionate, and never stop learning.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all BSSC staff for their dedication, commitment, and expertise. Their efforts create an environment in which every student can thrive. My gratitude also extends to parents and carers, whose support and guidance from home play an essential role in helping our students reach their full potential.

Congratulations once again to all students being recognised this evening and thank you to the team of staff who have organised tonight's ceremony. I hope you enjoy the celebration.

Kylie Hand

Student Ambassador Report

The Student Ambassadors program comprised eight dedicated students four from Year 11 and four from Year 12 who stepped into leadership roles to help foster a more inclusive, engaged, and supportive school community.

Year 11

Ashton Daza, Chloe Hercus, Brooke Ludeman, AJ Moon

Year 12

Amy Jefferis, Arlo Macdonald, Arden Thacker, Tiffany Williams

Throughout 2025, the Ambassadors worked tirelessly to promote inclusion, wellbeing, student voice, student engagement, and self-efficacy across the college.

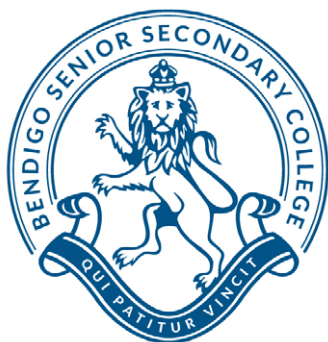
Among their many achievements, several key events and initiatives stood out:

- Representation on the College Council
- Participation in community radio visits
- Supporting the World's Greatest Shave fundraiser
- Leading wellbeing events and activities
- Hosting the College ANZAC Ceremony and BSSC's Got Talent
- Assisting with school Open Days and campus tours
- Coordinating the annual School Formal

We extend our sincere gratitude to all staff and students for their support throughout 2025.

We congratulate our Student Ambassadors on their leadership, creativity, and commitment, and we wish every one of them the very best in their future endeavours.

Bendigo Senior Secondary College



Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 16 December 2025

7pm

Program

Ceremony Hosts	Angie Pollock – Assistant Principal AJ Moon and Reagan Wirken – Year 11 students
Musical Items on Arrival	BSSC Jazz Group Jacoby Ah-Dore, Lachlan Eadie, Harvey Jenkyn-Taylor, Remi McQueen and Julian Van De Wouw
Acknowledgement of Country	Terri Flaherty
Formalities	Angie Pollock, AJ Moon and Reagan Wirken
National Anthem	Ella Honey accompanied by Harvey Jenkyn-Taylor
College Song	Ella Honey accompanied by Harvey Jenkyn-Taylor
Principal's Opening	Kylie Hand, Principal
College Council Report	Dan Sheard, President
Award Presentations	Special Awards Memorial Curriculum Awards Education Awards
College Dux 2025	Jack Dunstan
Musical Item	Performed by Ella Honey, Musician of the Year
Award Presentations	Miss Florence Anderson Award and Student of the Year Unit 1 & 2 Academic Awards
Media Item	
Award Presentations	Vocational Academic Awards Community Awards Sports Awards
Musical Item	BSSC Soul Band Jacoby Ah-Dore, Lachlan Eadie, Will Grindal, Ryan McPartlane and Jayd Wignall
Award Presentations	Unit 3 & 4 Subject Dux Awards
Conclusion of Ceremony	

Special Awards

COLLEGE DUX 2025
Jack DUNSTAN

STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2024
Nissa WAKEFIELD

MISS FLORENCE ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD 2024
Joshua RANKIN

SHORTLISTED 2025 STUDENT OF THE YEAR AND MISS FLORENCE ANDERSON AWARD
Levity CAMILLERI
Justine HATTINGH
Amy JEFFERIS
Arden THACKER
Tiffany WILLIAMS

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by the Parents and Friends Association, and was established in 1984. It is awarded to the student who has made the most outstanding contribution to the life of the College based on:

- Curriculum Achievement
- Extracurricular contributions
- Demonstrated leadership qualities

The recipient will also receive the Ampol All Rounder Award.

MISS FLORENCE ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Old Gold Bendigo has established this award in memory of Miss Florence Anderson who was associated with Bendigo High School as a student, teacher and Senior Mistress for almost 55 years. She was the first Honorary Life Member of Old Gold Bendigo. It is awarded to a student who has made a highly significant contribution to the life of the college.

KATHRYN LAKE MEMORIAL AWARD *Alyssa BEATON*

The College community was deeply saddened at the tragic loss of Kathryn Lake, an esteemed former student of the college. Kathryn completed VCE in 1997, finishing in the top ten students, represented Victoria in Volleyball and was a finalist for the Student of the Year. Awarded to a student who has achieved both academic and sporting excellence, and who has been actively involved in a range of college activities.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP *Ella HONEY*

Established in 1989 this award is for excellence in musical performance and musicianship in Unit 3 and 4 Music Performance. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Bendigo South since 2014.

HEATHER (PAINTER) CHATFIELD MEMORIAL PRIZE *Lily HARRISON* *Claire SALT*

Heather (Painter) Chatfield was a student in the 1930s and a teacher in the 1940s at Bendigo High School. She had a distinguished career in education and wrote several books. Two awards for outstanding Year 11 English students have been established in her honour by her husband and family. The Chatfield family also offered the College access to Heather's extensive library. Established in 2007.

TAYLOR FAMILY AWARDS

Established in 2010. In memory of Clara and Robert Frederick Taylor in recognition of the role Bendigo High School played in the lives of their four children Beryl, Robert, Neil and Frederick.

TAYLOR FAMILY VCE AWARDS

Taylah HALLINAN
Justine HATTINGH
Isabella VERCOE
Tiffany WILLIAMS

This award is for outstanding students who worked consistently to achieve their best and made a significant contribution to the college.

TAYLOR FAMILY VET AWARDS

Layla OLSEN
Heidi TUSTAIN

This award is presented to students undertaking a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course and who worked consistently to achieve a high level of competency. This award is to support them to further their education and/or vocational pathways.

Special Awards

WAVERLEY PRIZE

Arlo MACDONALD

This prize has been presented every year since 1871 at the Awards Night of Bendigo Senior Secondary College (or its predecessors). It is provided as the result of a performance of Rob Roy, a drama founded on the famous story written by Sir Walter Scott. The performance took place on September 1st, 1871, at the Lyceum Theatre, which was located in Pall Mall, at the former location of the Bendigo Advertiser. At a meeting of the committee in October it was reported that there was a balance of one hundred and twelve pounds, seven shillings and sixpence which was put towards initiating the "Waverley Prize". This sum was handed over to the City Council, and on October 13th the Town Clerk was instructed to deposit it in the bank at current rate of interest. Since then the interest has been available every year for the Waverley Prize at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. "Waverley" was the first of Sir Walter Scott's historical novels. This award is for the most outstanding essay.

FEATONBY MEMORIAL PRIZE

William ROBERTSON

This award was instituted in 1943 as the result of a bequest from the estates of the late Miss Featonby and Dr H N Featonby, an eminent ex-student of the College. This award is for an essay that shows a mature and critical approach in English Literature.

GOODMAN POETRY MEMORIAL PRIZE

Libby FLOREANI

Established in 1946 this prize is awarded in memory of Dr P. Goodman who was President of Bendigo High School Council for six years. It is awarded for the best poetry contribution in the College magazine.

HILL MEMORIAL PRIZE

Geordie WILLIAMSON

This prize was established in 1952 by Mrs Lucy Hill in memory of her husband, the late Mr Tom Hill who taught at Bendigo High School for many years. This award is for the best prose contribution in the College magazine.

AMANDA FERGUSON MEMORIAL AWARD

BREE TUOHEY

In memory of Amanda, a passionate and talented educator, who supported all students to reach their full potential. Tragically, Amanda passed away in 2024. This award is for a student who has shown resilience and optimism, while maintaining a commitment to their education.

MARK RITCHIE MEMORIAL AWARD

Atila MARION

In memory of Mark, the MIPs Coordinator at the College, who was passionate about keeping students engaged in education and/or training. Tragically Mark was killed in a bus accident in Egypt in January 2006. Awarded to a Year 11 student to encourage them to remain engaged in their studies.

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD

Madison GILL

Established in 2005, this award recognises the role John Turner played in supporting sport within the College. He was passionate about sport and made an impression on all who came in contact with him at BSSC. It was his goal that as many students as possible be given an opportunity to represent the College in sport and achieve their best. This award encourages a student to continue in their chosen sport.

TARA HUBBER MEMORIAL AWARD

Hope HARNETTY

Tara Hubber was a Year 11 student at the College for a short time at the start of 1996. She was a very active and popular student who was successful at both school and her chosen sports of horse riding and rowing. After her sudden death, College staff initiated the Tara Hubber Sports Scholarship Fund for a female student who has achieved significantly at an individual level in her chosen sport.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR

Jack TAMBLYN

Awarded to the most outstanding sports person in the College. This recognises sporting achievements outside of the College.

Special Awards

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Chelsea TICKELL
Fletcher WATCHMAN

Awarded to the most outstanding male and female sportspersons representing the College in a range of sporting events. Established in 1986.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

Kirsten HOLLAND

Awarded to a Year 12 student who demonstrates motivation, innovation and achievement in a STEM related field. Sponsored by the Australian Defence Force since 2020.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD

Levity CAMILLERI

Awarded to a Year 12 student who demonstrates the qualities of teamwork, leadership, integrity and initiative. Sponsored by the Australian Defence Force since 2006.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY INFINITY AWARDS

Larni GIUDICE
Lily HARRISON
Amelia PATERSON
Claire SALT
Zoe TAYLOR

Awarded to a total of five Year 11 students, of whom two students have demonstrated academic excellence in their results; two students have shown a consistently positive attitude and commitment to their studies and one student who has demonstrated high achievement in visual arts.

PUTTING COMMUNITY FIRST AWARD

Frankie GLOSTER

Putting Community First is an annual award to a student at the school who has demonstrated outstanding commitment or involvement in the College or wider community.

IRENE KNIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

Sam GIBBS

This award recognises the contribution Irene made to the College, initially as a parent and then as a friend of the College. In particular, she was involved with our Parents Club and with the Boys' Cricket Team. Awarded to a member of the Bendigo Senior Secondary College community in recognition of their service and contribution to the life of the College.

LINDA LYONS STAFF AWARD

Ian KELLETT

Awarded to a College staff member who demonstrates kindness, empathy and support for fellow staff and models the values of the College.

OLD GOLD ALUMNI AWARD

Brenton HAYWARD

Old Gold Bendigo, our alumni group, established this award in memory of past staff members. Awarded to a staff member who has made a significant contribution to the life and development of the College. Established in 1999.

STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

Juncai LIN

Awarded to a staff member who has shown leadership in community building.

Memorial Curriculum Awards

BAILEY STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD

Ellie BELLENGER

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated personal commitment and endeavour and is awarded as an encouragement to remain engaged in their studies. Established in 2020 in memory of Bailey Stevens a former student at the College.

CRAIG MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Lily POTTER

In memory of Craig Miller, who in 1993 became the first deaf student to complete VCE at this College. Sponsored by McDonald House School for Deaf Children Trust as an encouragement for deaf students in Year 11 to strive for high achievement.

EDMUND BEILHARZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Matilda WILBY

Edmund Beilharz was Head of Music at the College from 1963 to 1986. He was an inspirational and far-sighted Music Educator devoted to the advancement of music in the College as well as in the wider community. This award is presented to a Year 11 Music student who has shown dedication and commitment to their studies and has made an outstanding contribution to the overall music program at the College.

FRIENDS OF THE BENDIGO ART GALLERY

CHRIS WOOD MEMORIAL BURSARY AWARD

Eleanor BROWNBILL

Rose DEAN

Noah DINEEN

Katalina LEGGETT

Eve STEPTOWE

This award is in memory of Chris Wood a dedicated and respected Art teacher and former Head of Art. She was renowned for her contributions to extracurricular activities. Chris was also a passionate supporter of the Bendigo Art Gallery. Awarded to five Year 11 students who have achieved highly in both the academic and practical disciplines of the Visual Arts. This award is sponsored by the Bendigo Art Gallery.

GARETH EVANS MEMORIAL

Abbey CARTNER

This Award is in memory of Gareth Liam Evans who attended Bendigo Senior Secondary College from 1983-84. His favourite subject was Economics and he went on to do a major in this subject in University. Gareth later worked with the Murri Indigenous people and the Vietnamese Community based in Brisbane. He was a friend of underprivileged people everywhere. He died in March 2011 at the age of 44, after a courageous battle with the effects of multiple sclerosis. His father, Jim Evans hopes that this award will assist a student from BSSC to pursue studies at the tertiary level.

GARY DEWAR MEMORIAL AWARD

Jacoby AH-DORE

Established in 2001, this award is presented in memory of Gary, a respected Bendigo music teacher. As well as being responsible for setting up the original VET Music Industry Skills course, Gary taught many VCE guitar students at the College. It is awarded to a Year 11 or Year 12 guitar or percussion student who has shown both commitment and excellence throughout the year.

HEATHER LINDHE MEMORIAL DRAMA PRIZE

Veronica BAIRD

Endowed by the Bendigo community in honour of ex-student Heather Lindhe's contribution to stage, television and radio in Bendigo. Presented for the first time in 1995. This prize is for the most outstanding student in dramatic arts in Year 12.

HELEN SANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Claire SALT

Helen taught at Bendigo Senior Secondary College from 1985 until 1990. She was responsible for the implementation of the Girls in Maths and Science Program. Established in 1990 by the College staff in memory of Helen, this award is for the most outstanding girl in Year 11 Mathematics and Science.

Memorial Curriculum Awards

HOLLAND FOUNDATION SIR GEORGE HOLLAND MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Emma BENETTI

Sir George Holland was a distinguished ex-student of the College who became National President of the Victorian Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) from 1950 until 1960. He was knighted for his outstanding services to the community, having a passionate interest in the welfare of returned soldiers and their families. This award is sponsored by the Holland Foundation and was established in 2002. In the spirit of courage, commitment and community service shown by Sir George and Lady May Holland, this award is presented to a student who has displayed perseverance and maintained a commitment and focus towards their education.

JAMES AND MARY PASCOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lisa SMITH

This scholarship was endowed by the late Miss Emily Pascoe, a past pupil and member of staff, in memory of her parents James and Mary Pascoe. Established in 1944 this scholarship supports a Year 11 student to continue their Year 12 studies.

JOEL FROST MEMORIAL AWARDS

A community group (initiated by David Mansell and Big W) raised funds for a perpetual award in memory of Joel who was tragically killed only days after completing his VCE in 2001.

JOEL FROST MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DRAMA

Ava COSSENS

This award is for a Unit 3 and 4 Drama student who shows talent and enthusiasm, to assist them to pursue this interest.

JOEL FROST MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MEDIA STUDIES

Taya GUERLIN

This award is for Unit 3 and 4 Media Studies students who show potential and creativity, to assist them to pursue studies in this area.

JOYCE ROWE MEMORIAL PRIZE

Loviana TUITUPOU

In memory of Joyce Rowe, for her contribution to Education at this College, and at the Regional and State level. This prize was established in 1991 by the Parents and Friends Association. Awarded to a Year 11 student, who through individual effort and endeavour, has shown a marked improvement in academic achievement over the year, obtaining an excellent result.

JUSTIN HAIRE MEMORIAL AWARD

Matilda WILBY

This award has been supported since 1994 by the Haire family in memory of Justin who was a very highly regarded student at the College in 1987 and 1988. In recognition of the importance of self-expression and communication in promoting mental health and resilience, the award is for the best piece of original writing which expresses personal opinions or beliefs, or describes a significant personal experience.

MARGARET STANDEN MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY ACQUISITION AWARD

Eliza NICHOLS

This award was established in 2017 in memory of Margaret Standen, a valued member of the Visual Arts Learning Area at Bendigo Senior Secondary College from 1977 to 2013. This award is for an outstanding final studio piece by a student in Unit 4 Art Making and Exhibiting - Photography.

MICHAEL KEATING MEMORIAL AUTOMOTIVE AWARD

Stoker SHANLEY

This award is presented to a student who has shown significant improvement in the development of their skills and work ethic in VET Automotive. The award recognises their personal commitment and endeavour and is awarded as an encouragement award to continue working in the VET Automotive industry. Established in 2019 in memory of Michael Keating a former student at the College.

Memorial Curriculum Awards

PAUL AND LORRAINE CRACKNALL MEMORIAL ARTS AWARD

Geordie WILLIAMSON

This award is in recognition and memory of Paul Cracknall and his loving wife Lorraine. It is awarded on characteristics both embodied by the former Head of Arts and demonstrated by the recipient who has exhibited excellent artistic ability, commitment and exceptional personal qualities.

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY WATSON MEMORIAL PRIZE

Zavier CASSIDY

In memory of an ex-student of this College, Professor Geoffrey Watson, Professor Emeritus of Statistics at Princeton University, USA.

To recognise his achievements, another ex-student Professor Frank Milne, Professor of Economics and Finance at Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, initiated this award in 1998.

This award is for the most outstanding Year 12 Mathematics student who has studied Specialist Mathematics and Mathematical Methods.

PROFESSOR STRUAN SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL SCIENCE AWARD

Darcy RYAN

In memory of one of the College's most acclaimed ex-students. Professor Struan Sutherland was awarded the Order of Australia for his service to science as a leading contributor to research in clinical toxicology and the biology of Australia's venomous creatures, and for the development of the funnel web spider anti-venom. Established in 2002 by his sister, Rosemary Sutherland.

This award is for the most outstanding Year 12 Science student.

RYALL MEMORIAL AWARD

Darcy RYAN

Established in 2018, this award is provided by the trust fund of Peter Ryall, in recognition of the role Bendigo High School played in the lives of his cousins Keith, Ivan and Heather. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment and perseverance with their studies and is planning on pursuing a career in Engineering.

SIR GEORGE HOLLAND MEMORIAL MATHS PRIZE

Jayd WIGNALL

Sir George Holland was a distinguished ex-student of the College who became National President of the Victorian Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) from 1950 until 1960. He was knighted for his outstanding services to the community, having a passionate interest in the welfare of returned soldiers and their families.

Donated by his oldest daughter Aimee Yvonne Clark, this prize is awarded to the most outstanding Year 11 Mathematics student.

WODETZKI MEMORIAL ART PRIZE

Campbell TRUSCOTT

Donated by Mr V Wodetzki for the most promising Art student in Year 11. Established in 1966.

Education Awards

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BALAKI WUKA AWARD

Noah HADDEN

'Giving to Community'. Awarded to Indigenous students who have made a significant contribution within the College and wider community during their time at BSSC. Established 2019 by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DURTONDJEK NGURE AWARD

Keira MCQUEEN

Academic Performance, 'Great Brain' or 'Your Brain is Great'. Awarded to a Year 12 Indigenous student who has demonstrated high level commitment to all areas of study and maintained consistent and high level attendance during their time at BSSC. Established 2019 by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

BART'N'PRINT WORK EXPERIENCE AWARD

Lucy PALMER

This award provides work experience in the Design, Printing and Signage Industries for an outstanding student in Visual Communication and Design Units 3 and 4. Established in 2005.

BENDIGO EXCAVATORS AWARD

Summer Lee FERGUSON

Marcus GREEN

This award is presented to two students for their positive commitment, effort and achievement in the development of their practical skills in VET Automotive. Awarded as an encouragement to continue working in the VET Automotive industry. Awarded to a student in first and second year. Established in 2016.

BSSC PHOTOGRAPHY CLICK ACQUISITION AWARD

Eric CULNANE

This award is for an outstanding final studio piece by a student in Unit 4 Art Making and Exhibiting - Photography. Established in 2015.

COMMONWEALTH BANK PARTNER A CLASS AWARD

Alicia SMITH

The Partner a Class program was developed by Commonwealth Bank in 2010 to help inspire and develop young leaders by giving them access to a variety of experiences and coaching opportunities. This year a \$1000 contribution is given to a student to further their education - recognising their outstanding achievement in the program. This award was established with BSSC in 2018.

CVGT EMPLOYMENT SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP AWARD

Bree TUOHEY

Awarded to a highly motivated student who has demonstrated commitment to their school program and the completion of their training competencies, with demonstration of excellence in the workplace. Established in 2010.

CVGT EMPLOYMENT WORK PLACEMENT AWARD

Ivy LOWE

Awarded to a highly motivated student who has demonstrated commitment to the work placement process and excelled in the workplace. Established in 2010.

ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Saskia VAN MAANEN

For a student who contributes significantly to sustainability and/or promotes environmentalism within the BSSC community.

EVOLUTION COPY PRINT SOLUTIONS BUSINESS AWARD

James CONNOR

Awarded to an outstanding Year 12 Business student wanting to undertake further studies.

EVOLUTION COPY PRINT SOLUTIONS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Zachary GRIFFIN

Awarded to an outstanding Year 12 student studying either Applied Computing Software Development or VET Information Technology wanting to undertake further studies and/or work in the industry.

Education Awards

FERNWOOD FITNESS SCHOLARSHIP

Emily MCCOOKE

Zoe ROSS

This award is presented to two Year 11 female students entering Year 12 who are actively engaged in a sports or community organization and who will regularly utilise this scholarship.

FRANKLIN–HARPER EDUCATION COMMITMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Jordan KORP

Awarded to a Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander student entering Year 12 who, throughout their Year 11 year, has demonstrated a genuine commitment to their learning, consistent effort and perseverance with a personal ambition to contribute positively to community and culture. Established in 2025

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD – YEAR 11

Sarah PIOTROWSKI

For an outstanding Unit 1 and Unit 2 Health and Human Development student who is highly motivated and has achieved excellent academic results, shown enthusiasm and involvement in their studies and intends to study Units 3 and 4 Health and Human Development. Established in 2025.

HUMANITIES AWARD – YEAR 11

Lila DUTHIE

Awarded to a Year 11 student who has shown outstanding dedication and achievement across multiple Humanities subjects. Established in 2025.

HUMANITIES AWARD – YEAR 12

Clara HILL

Awarded to a Year 12 student who has demonstrated sustained commitment and high achievement across multiple Humanities subjects sponsored by Our Community. Established in 2025.

INDONESIAN AWARD

Isla O'CONNOR

Since 1994 this award has been donated by Joan Ponsford, the staff member who initiated the study of Indonesian at Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

Awarded to a Unit 1 and 2 Indonesian student who is continuing Indonesian at Unit 3 and 4 level, as a form of encouragement.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

Phan Minh Tien HUYNH

Awarded to an International student who has shown excellence in their studies.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL – ACCOUNTING AWARD

Kai THOMSEN

Awarded to the highest achieving student in Accounting Units 3 and 4.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD – ACCOUNTING

Alicia SMITH

Awarded to the highest achieving student in Accounting Units 1 and 2.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Cameron RALPH

Awarded to the highest achieving student in Business Management Units 1 and 2.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD – ECONOMICS

Mehtaab SANDHU

Awarded to the highest achieving student in Economics Units 1 and 2.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD - LEGAL STUDIES

Emma HILSON

Awarded to the highest achieving student in Legal Studies Units 1 and 2.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY OUTDOOR AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AWARD

Arlo MACDONALD

Awarded to a student completing Unit 3/4 Outdoor and Environmental Studies who has demonstrated outstanding achievement across multiple domains:

- Excellence in both practical and theoretical understanding of outdoor environments
- Exemplary leadership and collaborative teamwork in outdoor settings
- Deep engagement with sustainability principles
- Meaningful understanding and respectful application of Indigenous perspectives. Established in 2025.

Education Awards

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOOL - ASPIRING RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AWARD *Eloise LIGHTEN*

This award recognises a senior secondary student with a strong interest in pursuing a career in healthcare within a rural or regional community. The recipient has shown a genuine passion for improving health outcomes in rural areas and a desire to remain in a regional setting to make a meaningful impact. Their current studies reflect a commitment to understanding health and wellbeing, laying the foundation for future contribution to rural health. Established in 2025.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOOL - EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES AWARD *Billie HARKIN*

Awarded to a student completing Unit 3/4 Health and Human Development who has demonstrated an in-depth understanding of contemporary health issues and the factors contributing to poor health outcomes in Australia. This student has shown a strong commitment to their studies and a genuine passion for improving community wellbeing, with aspirations to pursue a career in the health industry. Established in 2025.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY RURAL HEALTH SCHOOL - FIRST NATIONS HEALTH CAREER INSPIRATION AWARD *Alexis WHYTE*

This award celebrates a First Nations student at Bendigo Senior Secondary College who has shown a strong commitment to a future in healthcare. It recognises their leadership, passion, and potential to contribute meaningfully to health and wellbeing—both within First Nations communities and across the broader health landscape. The award aims to uplift their journey as a future change maker in the field. Established in 2025.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY VISUAL ART AWARD *Geordie WILLIAMSON*

Awarded to a Unit 3 and 4 Visual Arts student, for their artwork to be displayed within the College as part of the Student Acquisition Award.

LISA CHESTERS VET EXCELLENCE AWARD *Keziah NEWTON*

Awarded to a student in a VET program who has improved their skills and demonstrated excellence in the practical skills of their trade.

'OSTINATO' AWARD *Ryan MCPARTLANE*

Established in 1994, this award is provided by the trust fund of Doctors Michael Grounds and Elizabeth Sinclair. This award is for excellence in Music Performance Units 1 and 2.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ART ACQUISITION AWARD *Zak WESTCOTT*

Awarded to a Unit 3 and 4 Art Creative Practice or Art Making and Exhibiting student for their artwork to be acquired by the College as part of the Student Art Acquisition Award. Sponsored by the Parents and Friends Association since 1994.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Tasha AQUILINA
Millie LOWERY
Kaylane OPINCAI
Abbie PRICE
Asmita WICKRAMARATINA

The Parent and Friends Association provides a number of Encouragement Awards to students, to assist them with their Year 12 studies.

PETER BAKER AND ASSOCIATES LEGAL STUDIES UNIT 1 AND 2 AWARD *Chelsea TICKELL*

For an outstanding Unit 1 and 2 Legal Studies student who has achieved excellent academic results, shown enthusiasm and involvement in their studies and who intends to study Unit 3 and 4 Legal Studies.

PETER BAKER AND ASSOCIATES LEGAL STUDIES UNIT 1 AND 2 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD *Scarlett LIVINGSTONE*

For a Unit 1 and 2 student who has demonstrated commitment and dedication to Legal Studies and intends to study Unit 3 and 4 Legal Studies.

PETER BAKER AND ASSOCIATES LEGAL STUDIES UNIT 3 AND 4 AWARD *Violet KHOO*

Awarded to a Unit 3 and 4 Legal Studies student who has demonstrated excellent academic achievement and has shown enthusiasm and involvement in the study of Legal Studies.

Education Awards

PETER BAKER AND ASSOCIATES

UNIVERSITY AWARD *Tiffany WILLIAMS*

Awarded to a Year 12 Legal Studies student who has demonstrated excellent academic results, enthusiasm and involvement in the study of Legal Studies and who intends to pursue the study of Law/ Legal Studies at a tertiary level.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD - YEAR 11 *Tory POWER*

For an outstanding Unit 1 and Unit 2 Physical Education student who has achieved excellent academic results, participated enthusiastically in all practical classes and who intends to study Unit 3 and 4 Physical Education. Established in 2025.

ROCK HARDWARE OUTDOOR EDUCATION YEAR 11 AWARD *Clayton SMITH*

Awarded to a student completing Unit 1/2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies who has demonstrated all round skills incorporating the practical aspects, theoretical aspects, team work and leadership. Established in 2025.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ART AWARD *Keira BROADBENT*

This award is for the winner of a special Art competition. The winning piece of art is acquired by the College. Established in 1986.

THEATRE STUDIES AWARD *Lachlan MCDUGALL*

This award is for the most outstanding Unit 3 & 4 Theatre Studies student who shows talent, passion and dedication to refining their craft. Established in 2025.

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR YEAR 11 AWARD *Oliver ALLAN* *Than Myint MAUNG*

Awarded to two Year 11 VCE Vocational Major students who have made a positive contribution to the community, while embodying the College values.

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR YEAR 12 AWARD *Ayla MURDOCH*

Awarded to a Year 12 VCE Vocational Major student who has made a positive contribution to the community, and embodies the College values. Sponsorship by Jacinta Allan MP commenced in 2023.

VPC ACHIEVER AWARD

Erin FIELD *Marcus GREEN*

This is awarded to students who have shown commitment to their education, as well as growth in their communication, confidence, and engagement. Established 2024.

VPC EAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Say La MOO

Awarded to a student for their effort and perseverance in learning English. Established in 2025.

VPC (PRE) EAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Hser Pwae PAW

Awarded to a student for their effort and perseverance in learning English. Established in 2025.

WESTVIC STAFFING SOLUTIONS VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR AWARD

Bree TUOHEY

Awarded to a student who has excelled within the VM stream of VCE and has valued vocational pathways as a way to achieve long term careers goals. Established in 2025.

WHITE HILLS MEDICAL PRACTICE AWARD

Heidi TUSTAIN

Awarded to a Year 12 student who has achieved excellent academic results and intends to pursue a career in the medical field. Established in 2018.

YEAR 12 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE AND COMMITMENT

Jakobi COLT

This award celebrates a Year 12 student who has demonstrated exceptional effort, perseverance, and commitment throughout their VCE or VCE VM studies. The recipient has consistently applied themselves, embraced challenges, sought feedback, and shown a genuine determination to improve. Established in 2025.

Students Shortlisted for Student of the Year and Miss Florence Anderson Memorial Award

Levity Camilleri

Levity Camilleri has been Bendigo's Youth Mayor during 2025. They have been part of the Bendigo Youth Council for three years, stepping up from Youth Councillor to Deputy Youth Mayor and now Youth Mayor.

The role has brought valuable opportunities for public speaking, letter writing, planning, and chairing briefings and the fortnightly meetings held by the Youth Council.

Some of the events at which Levity has represented the City of Greater Bendigo include, Coliban Water Pride Morning Tea, National Volunteer Week morning tea, a National Playgroup Week event, the Bendigo Sustainability Festival, and the Municipal Association of Victoria conference.

Levity has spoken on topics such as gender-based violence, AI, and sensory exclusion.

"When you include all parts of my role," Levity says, "I have amassed over 300 hours of voluntary service this year."

They are incredibly grateful for this chance to make a difference in their hometown, advocating on behalf of the young people of Bendigo. Levity also volunteers with Bendigo Foodshare.

BSSC has made Levity feel welcome and supported. A desire to give back to the college has led to weekly involvement with the college's Breakfast Club and Levity says they're proud to know their peers are happy and well-fed and that they have contributed in some small way to building up the wellbeing of our college community.

Justine Hattingh

Justine Hattingh has a broad range of interests that see her excel in the academic, sporting, and community spheres.

Justine has been a student representative on the BSSC College Council. She says it has been “a very eye-opening and enjoyable experience” getting a glimpse into what goes on behind the scenes in the management of Victoria’s largest VCE provider.

She was selected by the City of Greater Bendigo to participate in a local ‘Bendigo Community Panel’ contributing her ideas to the shape of the Council’s next four-year plan. She says the experience enriched her abilities in constructively working with people from a variety of backgrounds wanting to achieve a common goal.

Justine volunteers at her church as a leader in a children’s program. This role has taught her more effective communication skills and how to manage the diverse needs of younger children.

A keen sports person, Justine has represented BSSC in athletics and trains twice weekly with Eaglehawk Athletics Club. At this club she works hard to ensure younger athletes feel comfortable and included as she teaches them warm-up drills. She consistently supports fundraisers for her club.

Balancing VCE with other involvements is a challenge most students must face. Justine, who also works three nights a week for a local pizza business, has turned her job into another opportunity to grow and learn; “It’s helped me think fast, act fast, and improve my people skills.”

Amy Jefferis

Amy Jefferis has achieved excellent academic results and embraced many opportunities offered through BSSC. She has expanded her leadership and communication skills, enhanced her public speaking ability, and improved her critical thinking skills.

She described attending National Youth Science Forum last January as a “life-changing experience” that inspired her to apply to be a Student Staff Leader for the 2026 program.

A keen debater, Amy won a Swannie award from the Debaters Association of Victoria for best speaker in her region, and was recently given one of Australia’s most prestigious scholarships—the Tuckwell Scholarship—covering all costs associated with her undergraduate studies at ANU.

Amy has been a member of BSSC’s Student Ambassador Program over both her years at the college—a time when the program underwent significant change, including the introduction of a Principal Advisory Group where she was able to advocate on behalf of her peers.

As a Student Ambassador, Amy promoted a number of charitable efforts, was a host at the Anzac Day ceremony, welcomed new students and families on Open Days, hosted events such as ‘BSSC’s Got Talent’, helped organise the Formal, and participated in motivational videos to encourage her peers. Amy even made up the numbers for BSSC hockey and cricket teams, despite not currently playing either sport!

A netballer who loves fishing, Amy believes local clubs are the best way to understand the values of people in your local community.

“None of these achievements would have been possible without the support of this college,” Amy says.

“I hope I have expressed my gratitude through my contributions to the school community.”

Arden Thacker

As a Year 12 Student Ambassador, Arden Thacker has contributed much to the college through participation in Open Days, welcoming new students and their families to BSSC, helping to host BSSC's Anzac Day ceremony and laying a wreath on behalf of the college at the Bendigo Anzac Day service.

Proud to be a student representative on the College Council, Arden gave his peers a voice on wider college matters while learning a great deal about the complexities of running a college as large as BSSC.

He recently volunteered for the Leukaemia Foundation's 'World's Greatest Shave' and raised more than twice his expected goal. He says it really affected him to see how generous people at BSSC could be, and convinced him our college community is "amazing".

Videos made to promote important aspects of college life—such as extra classes, charity events and volunteering opportunities—have benefitted from Arden's smiling endorsement.

BSSC's commitment to individual pathways include, but are not limited to, the academic aspects of college life. Arden is an example of a student who has done well academically, but has also committed to pursuing a diverse course that accommodated his passion for Design and Technology through the Competition Vehicles program.

Students build and race vehicles based on a recumbent trike with an aerodynamically smooth canopy allowing the vehicle to cut efficiently through the air.

Arden took a leadership role guiding the development of the wonderfully named, 'Snot Block' and says helping to develop this vehicle, "taught me problem-solving skills and enhanced my teamwork ability as I guided this group to achieving significant goals".

Tiffany Williams

During her time at BSSC, Tiffany Williams has flourished academically, through college leadership, and in her generous contributions to the college and wider community.

A 2025 Student Ambassador, Tiffany's leadership and public speaking skills have been greatly enhanced. She helped plan the wonderful BSSC Formal, initiated and promoted a food drive to support Bendigo Foodshare, assisted with key events such as NAIDOC Week, and welcomed new students and their families on Open Days.

"Leadership is more than just a title," she says, "it's about listening, supporting and inspiring those around you and taking the initiative to lead by example—at school, home, in the community, and even when spending time with friends."

Such values guided Tiffany to set up VCE study groups based on collaboration, not competition, allowing her peers to share resources and strategies. Tiffany also generously tutored another student on a weekly basis, offering academic support and nurturing confidence.

She embraced BSSC's High Ability program, participated in the Australian Maths Competition, attended revision lectures, and maximised use of study periods.

Despite her VCE load, Tiffany also successfully completed a first-year university subject this year.

A serious sporting injury did not stop her from contributing to two local football/netball clubs. Tiffany stepped into coaching roles, learning how advice is delivered is critical to how well it is received. She also used social media to share her recovery journey, encouraging and supporting others facing similar challenges.

Advocating for her peers as a member of the Principal Advisory Group, Tiffany did her part to ensure BSSC continues to be an inclusive, positive school.

Unit 1 & 2 Academic Awards

An Academic Award is given for outstanding academic performance in each Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Unit 1 and 2 offered at BSSC based upon SAC/SAT scores.

Leah ANDERSON	Biology Unit 1 Biology Unit 2 Business Management Unit 1 Business Management Unit 2 English Unit 1 General Math Unit 1 General Math Unit 2	Ivy FLANDERS	Applied Computing Unit 2 English Unit 2 History: Modern Unit 1 Media Unit 1 Media Unit 2
Mia ASBURY	Philosophy Unit 2 Sociology Unit 1 Sociology Unit 2	Amelia FOSTER	General Math Unit 2 Physical Education Unit 2
Grace AUSTIN	English Unit 1 English Unit 2	Seth FRANCIS	Design and Technology Metals Unit 2
Hayden BECKER	General Math Unit 1	Lily HARRISON	English Unit 1 English Unit 2 Environmental Science Unit 2 Math Methods Unit 2
Abilene BECKWOOD	Art Making and Exhibition: Drawing Unit 1 Art Making and Exhibition: Drawing Unit 2 English Unit 2 Indonesian Unit 1 Indonesian Unit 2	Brodie HARTNEY	English Unit 1
Axel BOYD	General Math Unit 1	Emma HILSON	Legal Studies Unit 1 Legal Studies Unit 2
Amber BRAY	Psychology Unit 1	Sam HOWIE	Competition Vehicles Unit 1 Competition Vehicles Unit 2
Susanna BROWN	English Language Unit 2	Lacey HUNT	Business Management Unit 2
Eleanor BROWNBILL	English Unit 1	Sunday JONES	French Unit 1
Eloise CHENG	Math Methods Unit 1	Taneisha JONES	Design and Technology Wood Unit 2
Fraser COUTANCHE	Systems Engineering Unit 2	Amber KELLY	Competition Vehicles Unit 2
Oliver CROWLE	Design and Technology Wood Unit 1	Marley KERR	English Unit 1 Psychology Unit 2
Anabelle DASHWOOD	Visual Communication Design Unit 2	Neve LAWLER	History: Ancient Unit 2
Olive DAVIS	General Math Unit 2	Ella LEECH	Visual Design Technology Unit 1 Visual Design Technology Unit 2
Ashton DAZA	Drama Unit 2	Darcey LIDGETT	Drama Unit 1
Noah DINEEN	Art Creative Practice General Unit 2	Chelsea MANDERSLOOT	Chemistry Unit 1 Psychology Unit 1 Psychology Unit 2
Chloe DOORTY	General Math Unit 2	Amelia MARRONE	General Math Unit 1 Physical Education Unit 1
Lila DUTHIE	French Unit 2 Sociology Unit 2	Tara MCBURNEY	Classical Studies Unit 2
		Jack MCDONALD	Design and Technology Metals Unit 1
		Michael MCLEAN	Music Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 2

Unit 1 & 2 Academic Awards

Ryan MCPARTLANE	General Math Unit 1	Claire SALT	Art Creative Practice General Unit 1
Cohen MITCHELL	Art Making and Exhibition: Photography Unit 1		English Literature Unit 1 English Literature Unit 2 Math Methods Unit 1
AJ MOON	Theatre Studies Unit 2		
Shakirra MOTT	Sociology Unit 2	Mehtaab SANDHU	Economics Unit 2
Emersyn NEWLAN	Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 1	Travis SHANAHAN	Legal Studies Unit 1
Allara NICHOLAS	English Unit 1	Mikenna SIMS	Business Management Unit 2
Isla O'CONNOR	Classical Studies Unit 1	Alicia SMITH	Accounting Unit 1 Accounting Unit 2 Art Making and Exhibition: Photography Unit 1 Art Making and Exhibition: Photography Unit 2 English Unit 2
Ella O'GORMAN	Food Studies Unit 2		
Kaylane OPINCAI	English as an Additional Language Unit 2		
Phillipa PEARSE	History: Ancient Unit 1	Caio SOMMER	Applied Computing Unit 1
Janne PETERS	English as an Additional Language Unit 1	Eve STEPTOWE	English Language Unit 1 Visual Communication Design Unit 1
Sarah PIOTROWSKI	Health & Human Development Unit 1 Health & Human Development Unit 2	Georgia TATT	Business Management Unit 1
Amba POLLOCK	Food Studies Unit 1	Alex TORNEY	Foundation Math Unit 1
Tory POWER	Environmental Science Unit 1 Physical Education Unit 1 Physical Education Unit 2	Lloyd VANDENBERG	Physics Unit 2
Will RAINEY	Physics Unit 1 Physics Unit 2 Specialist Maths Unit 1 Specialist Maths Unit 2 Systems Engineering Unit 1	Aris WHITE	History: Modern Unit 2
Cameron RALPH	Business Management Unit 2	Harrison WHITFIELD	Economics Unit 1 Economics Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Unit 1
Alice RICHARDS	General Math Unit 2 Psychology Unit 1	Jayd WIGNALL	Chemistry Unit 2
Sylvie RIGBY	Philosophy Unit 1	Zaviar WILBERN	English Unit 2
Lachlan RUPE	English Unit 1 English Unit 2	Matilda WILBY	German Unit 1 German Unit 2 Music Unit 1 Theatre Studies Unit 1
Bella RUSCHMEYER-RAY	General Math Unit 1	Erin WILD	Physical Education Unit 1
		Ashlyn WOOD	English Unit 1
		Abigail WOODWARD	English Language Unit 2
		Xuanwei ZHANG	Foundation Math Unit 2

Vocational Academic Awards

An Academic Award is given for outstanding academic performance in each Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM), Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) and unscored Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject offered at BSSC.

Jayda ALFORD	VET Early Childhood Education Year 1	Marli DAVIS	VET Allied Health Year 1
Oliver ALLAN	Literacy Unit 1 Literacy Unit 2 Numeracy Unit 1 Numeracy Unit 2 VET Automotive Year 1	Heidi DENNIS	VET Active Volunteering Year 1
Olivia ARCHER	Literacy Unit 2	Mabel DINGLE	Literacy Units 3 and 4 Personal Development Units 3 and 4
Aye Pyu Pyu Oo AYE	VPC English as an Additional Language Literacy Sem 2 VPC English as an Additional Language Numeracy Sem 1	Kayne DOLE	Numeracy Unit 1 VET Building and Construction Year 1
Hamida AZIMI	VPC English as an Additional Language Personal Development Sem 2	Todd ELLIOTT	VET Electrotechnology Year 2
Jonah BATH	Numeracy Units 3 and 4	Daniel FARRINGTON	Numeracy Unit 2
Mahdi BEHARI-CADZOW	Personal Development Units 3 and 4	Erin FIELD	VET Animal Care Year 1 VPC Reconnect - Literacy Sem 2 VPC Reconnect Numeracy Sem 1
Oliver BIRCH	VET Building and Construction Year 2	Nate FINCH	VET Engineering Year 1
John BRADLEY	Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4	Zara GIBBS	Personal Development Intergenerational Units 3 and 4
Hudson BURGESS	Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4	Ethan GIDDINGS	VET Agricultural Studies Year 2
Fritz CARTER	Literacy Unit 1 Literacy Unit 2 Numeracy Unit 1 VET Business Management Year 1	Kobi GREEN	VET Music Performance Year 1
Ben CONNOLLY	Literacy Units 3 and 4	Marcus GREEN	VPC Structured - Personal Development Sem 2
Abbi COOPER	Literacy Unit 1	Ella HENERY	Literacy Units 3 and 4
Denham COOPER	Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4	Samantha HILL	VET Make Up Year 1
Zoe COULSON	VET Animal Care Year 2	Sha Key HTEE	VPC English as an Additional Language Numeracy Sem 2
Neriah DAVIES	VET Hospitality Year 1	Harvey HUGHES	VET Electrotechnology Year 1
Will DAVIES	Literacy Unit 1 Literacy Unit 2	Taneisha JONES	Literacy Unit 2 Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4
		Quinn KEARNS	Personal Development Units 3 and 4
		Maddie KELSHAW	VPC Reconnect Numeracy Sem 2

Vocational Academic Awards

Connor KNIGHT	VET Automotive Year 2	Alla PERRY	VET Agricultural Studies Year 1
Jordan MACDONALD	Numeracy Unit 1 Numeracy Unit 2	Thomas PURKELJC	Literacy Unit 2
Levi MARKHAM	VPC Reconnect - Personal Development Sem 1	Harry QUIRANTE	Numeracy Unit 2
Abigail MATTHEWS	VPC Reconnect - Personal Development Sem 2	Jaimee RING	Literacy Unit 1
Than Myint MAUNG	Literacy Unit 1 Literacy Unit 2 Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4	Paw Ta SHU	VPC English as an Additional Language Literacy Sem 1
Ella MCKINNON	VET Allied Health Year 1	Thein SOE	VPC English as an Additional Language Literacy Sem 1 VPC English as an Additional Language Numeracy Sem 2 VPC English as an Additional Language Personal Development Sem 1
Jake MCLEAN	Numeracy Unit 2	Eve STEPTOWE	VET Interactive Digital Media Year 1
Jonah MILES	VET Chinese Year 1	Lara THOMPSON	Numeracy Unit 1
Pippa MILES	VET Community Services Year 1	Bree TUOHEY	Literacy Units 3 and 4 Numeracy Units 3 and 4 Personal Development Units 3 and 4
Moo Ler Bwe MOO	VET Make Up Year 2	Jennie VO	VET Chinese Year 2
Say La MOO	VPC English as an Additional Language Work Skills Sem 2	Ku Gay WAH	VPC English as an Additional Language Work Skills Sem 1
Ayla MURDOCH	Literacy Units 3 and 4 Numeracy Units 3 and 4	Sam WALSH	Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4
Ebon MURDOCH	Literacy Unit 1 Literacy Unit 2 Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4	Charlie WATERS	Literacy Unit 1
Mj NAEFF	VPC Structured - Personal Development Sem 1	Charlotte ZERK	Work Related Skills Units 3 and 4
Vickie O'HALLORAN	VPC Reconnect - Literacy Sem 1		
Hser Pwae PAW	VPC English as an Additional Language Literacy Sem 2 VPC English as an Additional Language Numeracy Sem 1		

Community Awards

Awards are given for outstanding participation and contribution to the local community which may include the life of the college.

Jonah BATH

- Bendigo Flying Club - pilot, teaching, fundraising, cleaning planes and general volunteer for events

Alyssa BEATON

- City of Greater Bendigo Youth Council Deputy Youth Mayor -working with COGB to implement the Youth Strategy, advise, advocate and mentor

Azalea BOYER

- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer
- Vision Australia volunteer at community events

Ari BURSAC

- Semapai/ trainer of junior Karate at Fit Republic
- BSSC Environmental Ambassador

Levity CAMILLERI

- CoGB Youth Mayor - lead meetings, submissions, work with council staff, speak and MC events
- BSSC Breakfast Club volunteer

Henry COAKLEY

- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer

Alessandra COLLETT

- Vinnies Op Shop volunteer

Matilda COSTELLO

- Mount Pleasant Netball Coach, Assistant coach, umpire & general volunteer
- Eppalock - environment volunteer, school volunteer in classroom and netball coach

Ashton DAZA

- BSSC Student Ambassador
- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer

Ella DUBLOIS

- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer

Max GALE

- Bendigo Mountain Bike Club - committee member & assist with events

Frankie GLOSTER

- Country Fire Authority Senior Firefighter - including emergency response and maintenance of equipment and CFA surrounds

Sadie HUGHES

- Vinnies Op Shop volunteer

Amy JEFFERIS

- BSSC Student Ambassador - hosting & planning events, conduct tours & represented the college

Isabel LOVRIHA

- Victory Netball Club Junior Netball Coach
- Vision Australia Volunteer at Easter
- Kangaroo Flat Swim Club Volunteer

Kayla LUDEMAN

- Sargeant in the Australian Army Cadets - volunteer with community events, mentoring and fundraising

Ruby MALONE

- Strathfieldsaye Community Church volunteer - hospitality, craft and activities for children.
- Coach 'Net-Set-Go' and 'Aussie Hoops'

Phoebe MARTIN

- Falcons Baseball Club Bendigo Baseball Association - coach and referee

William MILLER

- Musician supporting community events

Michael MYRAN

- Cadet Under Officer in the Australian Army Cadets - volunteer with community events and fundraising

Amelia PATERSON

- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer
- Bendigo Health Volunteer
- BARC volunteer

Kiara RICHARDSON

- Bendigo Eaglehawk Badminton Association - coach, volunteer with event operations and operational matters
- Facilitated Feathered Friends program - inclusive program for women and girls

Hailey STUBBS

- CFA firefighter, volunteer at community events promoting 'Fire Ready'
- Junior Athletics coach

Megan TRUONG

- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer
- Reading Buddies Program Volunteer

Heidi TUSTAIN

- BSSC Music Leader
- BSSC Breakfast Club Volunteer

Lachlan VENVILLE

- CFA Strathfieldsaye maintaining equipment, engaging with community and training

Tiffany WILLIAMS

- BSSC Student Ambassador - running events & functions; organised a food drive and a member of Principal Advisory Committee

Sports Awards

A Sports Award is given for outstanding sporting contribution and achievement where the student is:

- representing the college (e.g. Sandhurst Division)
- representing the state or country
- a member of a college team which wins the School Sport Victoria (SSV) title

DREW CATHCART AWARD

Aydin PRICE
Harry PURCELL

Awarded to a student who has made a significant contribution to the BSSC Lions Sporting teams through various administrative and support roles.

OLYMPIC CHANGE-MAKER AWARD

Pallas CONDON
Fletcher WATCHMAN

In recognition of students' demonstration of the Olympic Spirit through leadership and driving positive change in their community.

TEAM STATE AWARDS

ATHLETICS - 4 X 100M GIRLS RELAY 18-20 YRS

Alyssa BEATON
Justine HATTINGH
Bella NOONAN
Chelsea TICKELL

- Set new record for the Sandhurst Division

ATHLETICS - 4 X 100M BOYS RELAY 18-20 YRS

Jonty DAVIS
Xavier EMMERSON
Seb VINNICOMBE
Fletcher WATCHMAN

- Set new record for the Loddon Mallee Region

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS (FIELD)

Alyssa BEATON

- State Championships: Long Jump (2nd), Triple Jump (3rd), High Jump (3rd) and Hurdles (4th)
- Age Group Champion - Sandhurst 18-20yrs

ATHLETICS (FIELD)

Kai NORTON

- State Champion: 16yr Javelin
- New Record: Loddon Mallee 16yr Shot Put
- New Record: Sandhurst 16yr Javelin
- Age Group Champion - Sandhurst 16yr
- Athletics Victoria All Schools State Champion: Javelin

ATHLETICS (FIELD)

Hailey STUBBS

- Australian Athletics Championships (Perth) - Hammer Throw -7th place
- State Champion - Athletics Victoria Hammer Throw
- State Champion - Athletics Victoria All Schools - Hammer Throw

ATHLETICS (TRACK)

Avery MCDERMID

- National Champion: Athletics Australia All-Schools Championship – Under 18yrs 3000m

ATHLETICS (TRACK)

Chelsea TICKELL

- State Champion: 16yr 800m and 1500m
- Athletics Victoria All Schools State Champion: 800m
- Loddon Mallee: 1st place - 400m, 800m, 1500m
- Sandhurst: 1st place - 400m, 800m, 1500m
- Athletics Victoria All Schools 1500m - Silver Medal

ATHLETICS (TRACK)

Fletcher WATCHMAN

- State Champion: 200m and Hurdles 18-20 yr
- Age Group Champion - Sandhurst 18-20 yr

BADMINTON

Adam FISHER

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC team – Loddon Mallee Region Finals
- Selected into the Victorian Country State Badminton Team and competed at the Victorian Badminton Team Championships

BADMINTON

Adam FISHER

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships and Loddon Mallee

BADMINTON

Kiara RICHARDSON

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships and Loddon Mallee

BASEBALL

Jesse HANDO

- Represented Victoria at School Sports Australia

BASEBALL

Marcus MURPHY

- Represented Australia at the U16 event in Japan
- Represented Victoria at School Sports Australia

BASKETBALL

Seth ANDERSON

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Sandhurst Division and 3X Cup

Sports Awards

BASKETBALL

Lucy PATON

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Sandhurst Division and 3X Cup

CANOEING

Piper DOWNING-MOONEY

Paddle Vic: State Champion: Victorian School Championships: U16 and U18 sprint –single and doubles event - 200m

Paddle Vic: State Champion: Victorian School Championships U16 and U18 marathon – single and doubles event – 3.3km

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

Riley PALMER

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Northern Zone

CRICKET

Madeline BEST

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships, Loddon Mallee and Sandhurst

CRICKET

Jake WIGHT

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC – Sandhurst

CROSS COUNTRY

Avery MCDERMID

- Loddon Mallee Region - 17yr -1st place
- Sandhurst Division - 17yr -Fastest Time

CROSS COUNTRY

Chelsea TICKELL

- Cross Country State Championships -16yr - Silver Medal

CYCLING

Hope HARNETTY

- Represented Australia in the Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) track series in Malaysia
- Competed in the Aus Cycling Track National Championships in Brisbane

FOOTBALL (AUSTRALIAN RULES)

Hannah COCHRANE

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Sandhurst

FOOTBALL (AUSTRALIAN RULES)

Xavier EMMERSON

- BSSC Best and Fairest - Peter Hunt Medal

FOOTBALL (AUSTRALIAN RULES)

Tyran FARMER

- BSSC Best and Fairest - Peter Hunt Medal

FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Ellie SEBIRE

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee and Sandhurst

FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Henry WATERS-HUGHES

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships, Loddon Mallee and Sandhurst

GYMNASTICS

Chloe KAHADUWA POODDUWAGE

- Competed in the 2025 Australian Championships – Silver Medal
- Selected in Team Future for the National Program

HOCKEY

Zoe DI CAMILLO

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee

HOCKEY

Jack TAMBLYN

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships and Loddon Mallee
- Captain of Victoria, U16 Nationals for Hockey - Gold Medal
- U18 Victorian Squad for the Nationals.
- Member of the Hockey Australia Futures Squad

LAWN BOWLS

Lachlan ROBERTSON

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee Region

NETBALL

Ruby LOVERSO

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Netball Victoria School Championships

NETBALL

William WHITEACRE

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee and Sandhurst
- 23 and Under Australian Selection Camp
- 23 and Under Nationals - Gold Medal

SEPAK TAKRAW

K'Nyaw HTOO

- Represented Australia in the Kings Cup event in Thailand – Silver in the 4x4 Competition
- Represented Australia at the New Zealand Nationals – Champions

Sports Awards

SWIMMING

Isabella CAMPBELL

- State Championships - placings in 17yr - 50m Breaststroke (5th), 50m Backstroke (7th), 50m Butterfly (7th) and 50m Freestyle (8th)
- Age Group Champion - Sandhurst 17yr

SWIMMING

Nicholas KEARNS

- State Champion: 50m Freestyle 18-20 yrs
- Age Group Champion - Sandhurst 18-20 yrs
- New Record: Sandhurst 50m Freestyle

TABLE TENNIS

Ben DUNNICLIFF-WELLS

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships

TENNIS

Nathan BROAD

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships

TENNIS

Lowenna EMBURY

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee

VOLLEYBALL

Pallas CONDON

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - State Championships and Loddon Mallee

VOLLEYBALL

Beck FLEMING

- Most Valuable Player for BSSC - Loddon Mallee and Sandhurst

Unit 3 & 4 Subject Dux

The Unit 3 & 4 Subject Dux is determined by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) for outstanding academic performance in each Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject offered at BSSC.

Jacoby AH-DORE	Music Performance (VCE VET)	Ella HONEY	Music Inquiry Music Repertoire Performance
Charlotte BAKER	Politics	Amy JEFFERIS	Chemistry
Marcus BALDWIN	Theatre Studies	Jaymee JOHNSTON-BAILEY	Hospitality (VCE VET)
Aaron BASSETT	Engineering (VCE VET)	Patrick KEEGAN	Geography
Alyssa BEATON	Chemistry	Arlo MACDONALD	History: Revolutions Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Matthew BOULTON	Health and Human Development	Ruby MALONE	Sport and Recreation (VCE VET)
Tina BUDAIR	Health and Human Development	Sienna MANSON	Business Management
Abbey CARTNER	Economics	Mary MAPLE WORLEY	Environmental Science
Zavier CASSIDY	Maths: Mathematical Methods	Michael MCLEAN	Algorithmics Maths: Specialist Mathematics
Flynn CASTLE	Industry and Enterprise	Phan Minh HUYNH	English as an Additional Language Languages: French
Louise CHOW	Languages: Indonesian	Lucas NAGLE	Creative and Digital Media (VCE VET)
Harry CONLAN	Product Design and Technology	Lucy PALMER	Visual Communication Design
Ava COSSENS	Drama	William ROBERTSON	Classical Studies Literature Media
Jacob CRELLIN	Food Studies	Darcy RYAN	Chemistry Physics
Madison DROHAN	Industry and Enterprise	Kayden SCHULTZ	Information Technology (VCE VET) Systems Engineering
Jack DUNSTAN	Chemistry Psychology	Bailey SEAMAN	History: Ancient History
Lila DUTHIE	Theatre Studies	Ellie SEBIRE	Maths: General Mathematics
Sam GRIFFITHS	Business (VCE VET)	Rossi STEVENS	Engineering (VCE VET)
Kayla GUTHRIE	Allied Health (VCE VET)	Iona THOMAS-LAWRANCE	Theatre Studies
Cleo HALL	Applied Computing: Software Development	Kai THOMSEN	Accounting
Taylah HALLINAN	Physical Education	Saskia VAN MAANEN	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Yazmin HARDIE	Extended Investigation	Tiffany WILLIAMS	Legal Studies
Keiarra HARRIS	Community Services (VCE VET)	Geordie WILLIAMSON	Art Creative Practice Art Making and Exhibiting Biology English
Justine HATTINGH	Chemistry English Language		
Clara HILL	Literature Philosophy Sociology		
Mitchell HOCTOR	Applied Computing: Software Development		

Local/Regional/State/National Awards

These awards and achievements have been presented at assemblies or other ceremonies throughout the year.

2024 ALUMNI

VCE PREMIER'S AWARDS

Luca BEALE

Kasey LINDSAY

The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognise students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Victorian Certificate of Education in the previous year. Both students received this award for VET Health (Allied Health).

WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah ROGERS

The scholarship, designed to support young women pursuing a career in engineering and technology, providing financial assistance and mentorship from Coliban Water.

NETSCHOOL AWARDS

Presented at the NETSchool Recognition of Achievement celebration.

NETSCHOOL ACHIEVERS OF THE YEAR

Ted BARKER

Ella DOWSEY

This award is for two students who have achieved exceptional personal and educational goals; made outstanding contributions to the community and have planned pathways post NETSchool.

NETSCHOOL EVEREST AWARD

Layla GENTLE

Ksenya WIGHTMAN

This award is presented to students who have demonstrated perseverance and an inner strength to achieve their educational goals.

NETSCHOOL TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Skye BARKER

This award is presented to a student who embraced all of the opportunities and programs provided at NETSchool by extending their comfort zones. They are also willing to work with a range of people and actively participate in all available programs.

NETSCHOOL CHANGE MAKER AWARD

Sienna COLE-O'BRIEN

Phoebe SHEE

This award is presented to two students who are continuing their NETSchool education and have shown personal growth, resilience, confidence and achieved their personal goals.

NETSCHOOL YOUTH MENTOR AWARD

Nell FITZALLEN

This award is presented to a student who upholds and lives the NETSchool values, demonstrating leadership, who uses their initiative and is someone that others gravitate to for support while demonstrating respect for all.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2024 YEAR 11 HIGH DISTINCTION

Michael MCLEAN

YEAR 11 CREDIT

Ashton DAZA

Jayd WIGNALL

YEAR 12 CREDIT

Yijie HE

Megan TRUONG

This year, the Bendigo Senior Secondary College Mathematics students continued to impress in the Australian Mathematics Competition which allows them to compete against students in both government and non-government schools around the country. A total of 24 students participated in 2025.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Sarah ARNOLD

Seannah BOWEN

Ella HEYME

Amy JEFFERIES

Isabel LOVRIHA

Mary MAPLE WORLEY

Darcy RYAN

Heidi TUSTAIN

Isabella VERCOE

Represented Bendigo Senior Secondary College in January. These students were sponsored by the Combined Rotary Clubs of Bendigo and Bendigo Senior Secondary College. This immersive science experience is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Each student passed an extensive six-month selection process.

Local/Regional/State/National Awards

SEAMS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Tina BUDAIR
Pallas CONDON
Heidi TUSTAIN
Olympia VAN MAANEN

Strengthening Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS) is an exciting opportunity for students to connect, interact, be inspired and discover the possibilities maths and science have to offer. The program, run by The University of Melbourne and Monash University, aims to increase equitable participation and attainment in science and maths in higher education.

ARTS AWARDS

VISUAL ARTS YEAR 12 ACQUISITION EXHIBITION

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Mars FIELD-HOFFMAN
Eric CULNANE
Mikayla ROBERTS-WHITE

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

Zoe COULSON
Mary KYI

CAVALIER DESIGN AWARDS

Matt BOULTON

ZART ART AWARD

Lucy PALMER

BSSC ART FASHION AWARD

Keira BROADBENT

MARGARET STANDEN BURSARY

Sarah ARNOLD
Levity CAMILLERI
Mj GIBBS
Ella HONEY
Mary KYI
Aimee PARRY
Lucy PERDON
Ksenya WIGHTMAN
Dakota WOODHATCH

This bursary was established by Peter Standen in honour of his wife, Margaret Standen a much-admired art teacher. The Bursary is available to all BSSC Year 12 students studying Art Making and Exhibiting or Art Creative Practice General.

MEDIA AWARDS

BEST MEDIA PRODUCT/SHORT FILM

Mars FIELD-HOFFMAN
Emrys HALL
Will ROBERTSON

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Holly CANDY
Cooper POULTON

YEAR 11 MEDIA RISING STARS

Georgia BARTLETT

MUSIC AWARDS

RUNNER UP

Will PATTERSON

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Jacoby AH-DORE
Jin TURPIE
Rhumehni WILLIAM

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

Marcus BALDWIN

EDNA CLYMO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Liam ROSEDALE - Year 11
Harvey JENKYN-TAYLOR - Year 12

This scholarship is provided to a Year 11 and a Year 12 student to assist them to continue their music studies.

MASON BURSARY TRUST

<i>Eli FLAVELL</i>	<i>BSSC: 2017-2018</i>
<i>Kiera LONG</i>	<i>BSSC: 2021-2022</i>
<i>Mah've PHELPS</i>	<i>BSSC: 2021</i>
<i>Jansje SCHEPISI</i>	<i>BSSC: 2020-2021</i>
<i>Sunday TULLY</i>	<i>BSSC: 2021-2022</i>

The Mason Family Trust provides current and former students of BSSC with a bursary to pursue a career and further study in the Arts, including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Fashion, Photography, Media and Stained or Art Glass.

SWANNIE AWARD

Amy JEFFERIS

The Debaters Association of Victoria presented this award to the highest scoring speaker across the region in the 2025 Interschool Debating Competition.

Local/Regional/State/National Awards

TUCKWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Amy JEFFERIS

Australian National University awarded this scholarship to 25 high-performing school leavers from across the country, to commence study in 2026.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Gold Medal Under 20 Men's Division 3

Seth ANDERSON
Lachlan BORCHARD
Logan CAMPBELL
Ricky CUNNINGHAM
Isaac JONES
Pacey MANDERSON
Joey MIZZI
Jacob MURPHY
Cameron RALPH
Zach SCHLUTER

Competed in the Australian Schools Championship ran by Basketball Australia in December.

COMPETITION VEHICLES

Bendigo Senior Secondary College is one of only a few schools that enters vehicles that are entirely designed and produced by the students. Knowing they are competing against commercially manufactured machines makes their results even more exceptional.

DOG PAW DORITOS

Willow CAMILLERI
Sammy EVANS
Amber KELLY
Brooke LUDEMAN
Darcy MARTIN
Scarlet O'CONNOR
Amelia PATERSON
Taylor RUSSELL

First place - Senior School Mixed Class – Mount Gambier – 8 hour

First place - Senior School Mixed Class - Adelaide - 6 hour

First place - Pedal Electric All Female Class – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough (winning margin of over 200 laps)

Winner - Design and Construction – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

Winner - Display and Presentation – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

SNOT BLOCK

Tyler BLACKMORE
Max GALE
Sam HOWIE
Dusty MURLEY
Bryce NICHOLLS
Will PATTON
Porter SHAWYER
Arden THACKER

First place - Open Secondary Class – Casey – 6 hour

First place - Open Secondary Class and line honours - Adelaide - 6 hour

First place - Open Secondary Class – Casey – 8 hour

First place - Open Human Powered Vehicle class – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough (winning margin of almost 50 laps)

Line honours – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

Overall Competition Winner – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

HALF A SHOE

Jay GARLEY
Mitch HEENAN
Mason HOLM
Tom KEANE
Atila MARION
Baylee MURLEY
Lincoln NORRIS
Ryan SMITH
Declan TODHUNTER

First place - Electric Vehicle Class – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough - 24 hour trial (winning margin of almost 80 laps)

Overall Category Winner – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

Second in the trial behind BSSC's Human Powered Vehicle Snot Block – Maryborough – Energy Breakthrough

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