

THE Blue EDGE Bulletin

June 2022

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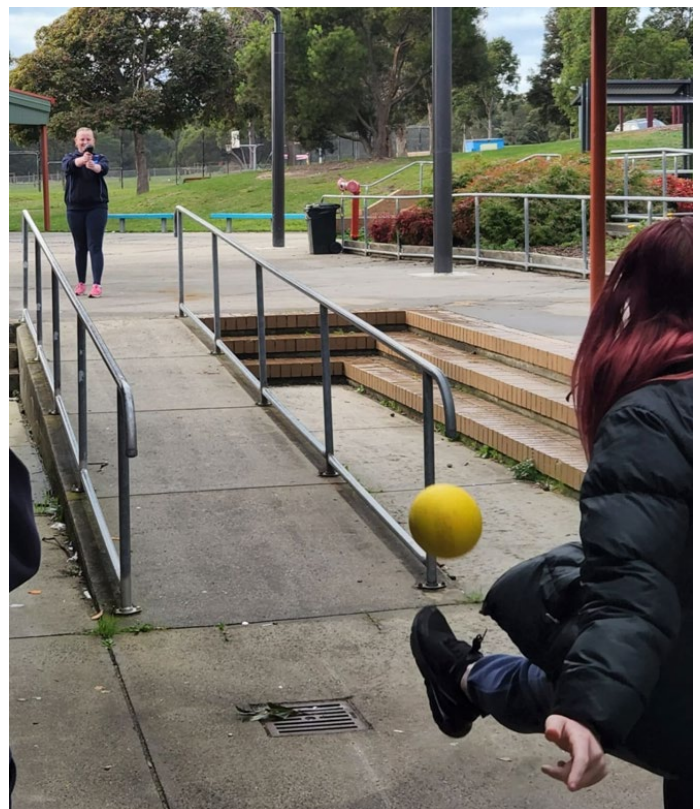
What an incredible 8 weeks of Blue EDGE!

This term saw 143 students complete the program, 173 sessions run and 93 police members engaged! An amazing effort by all involved, thank you and well done.

Highlights include: the Dog Squad visiting Broadmeadows, vast improvements all round on the fitness testing, quieter students gaining confidence and finding their voice, the Morwell group getting a taste of the speed gun, an improved attendance record at Bendigo, the teamwork and sense of community that has been created with the police members and of course the Longest Day activities!



Blue EDGE Broadmeadows



Blue EDGE Morwell



It was so awesome to see the kids face their fears in today's activities. One student wanted to give up when he was halfway up the high ropes ladder, but with encouragement from the team he made it to the top and went all the way across!

We Need Your Help!

Did you or your child/ward participate in Blue EDGE this term? Have you filled out the Feedback Survey?

The Post Program Surveys are important for the continuation of Blue EDGE. The responses form part of the program evaluation which will in turn help us in receiving further grants for future years.

Your support in completing the below surveys is greatly appreciated!

Students: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BE_Post_T2_2022

Families: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BE_Fam_T2_2022

School and Police staff: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BE_Comm_T2_2022

Finger Printing!

During the Week 3 Police Session, Blue EDGE Frankston were shown how the police dust for fingerprints!

Fingerprint identification, known as dactyloscopy is the process of comparing two instances of skin impressions to determine whether these prints could have come from the same individual.

Moisture and grease on a finger result in fingerprints on surfaces such as glass or metal, these areas are then dusted with a fine powder which adheres to the raised prints called friction ridges.

The recovery of partial fingerprints from a crime scene is an important method of forensic science and may be employed by police or other authorities to identify individuals who wish to conceal their identity.

A super fun (and educational) session of Blue EDGE - thank you Victoria Police!



Blue EDGE Cranbourne



Blue EDGE Frankston



Spotlight!

Bridie - Bendigo Facilitator



What's the best part about being involved in Blue EDGE?

The fun facts I learn from the students! Some are interested in things I've never heard of or googled in my life - for example, did you know that one of the oldest trees in the world was in Tasmania!



Blue EDGE Bendigo

If you were a book, what would your title be?

Choose Your Own Adventure: What Will I Eat Next?

What advice would you give your teenage self?

There is no normal, no normal people, no normal way of living. What makes you different, makes you wonderful!

If you could become any cartoon character for one day, who would you be and why?

Appa from Avatar: The Last Airbender. Casually fly through clouds with some friends. Maybe have snacks.

Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

I can make the perfect pancake - fluffy, soft and perfectly cooked!

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be and why?

Languages. I'd love to speak every language in the world. Connection is so important - plus travelling would be a whole lot more interesting!



Blue EDGE Richmond



Blue EDGE Bairnsdale



Blue EDGE Shepparton

It's Tax time

The End of Financial Year is upon us, which means it's the perfect time to make a tax deductible donation to Blue Light Victoria and support young people across the state!

More than ever, young people throughout Victoria are experiencing disconnection and isolation at far greater levels due to the impact of pandemic and the extensive lockdowns.

Funding for our flagship program Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) will run out at the beginning of 2023 and we're asking for the support of our community so we can continue delivering this much needed program for Victorian young people.

We need your support!

We need to raise \$300,000 over the coming 12 months to keep delivering this program across the state. Blue EDGE provides the spark of motivation that young people need to turn their lives around. But don't just take it from us:

"Blue EDGE has widened my perspective on everything, built my confidence and helped me with my fitness. It was good experience to push my ability and I would strongly recommend other people to join this program." - Blue EDGE participant

To make a donation and support Victorian young people, follow this link: <https://www.givenow.com.au/eofy22>



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