

THE Blue EDGE Bulletin

August 2022

Welcome to Term 3

What a great year 2022 is turning out to be for Blue EDGE! With no covid cancellations and the addition of Facilitators to the Site Delivery Team, the program has gone from strength to strength.

This term, Blue EDGE has welcomed three new sites: Newcomb, Red Cliffs and Woodmans Hill, along with Bainsdale, Bendigo, Broadmeadows, Cranbourne, Frankston, Maryborough, Shepparton and San Remo.

So far sites have covered effective communication, collaboration and teamwork, identity, safety and what the Police's role is in the community.

Bendigo and Red Cliffs participated in a football session run by Melbourne Victory, with Broadmeadows and Frankston receiving a visit in a few weeks time.

The Police Session is always a hit. This term Highway Patrol headed to Maryborough, the Dog Squad went to Newcomb and Broadmeadows, San Remo and Shepparton were visited by members from Crime Scene aka the officers who collect evidence and dust for finger prints!

Next bulletin will feature the Longest Day, an activity everyone is excited about!



Blue EDGE Newcomb



Blue EDGE Red Cliffs



Blue EDGE Woodmans Hill

Local Stars!

Blue EDGE Bendigo, Cranbourne and Maryborough have all featured in the local media this term.

Bendigo and Maryborough were visited by their local newspapers during Police Week while Cranbourne featured on the Casey Eyewatch page!

Speaking about the benefits of the program for both police and students, Sgt Gary Walter of Marybrough stated



It's very important to have these interactions and build relationships with young people. It's a positive learning experience too, the students get to see us in a different light.

Both articles issued the call out for local organisations to provide financial support, due to the federal funding coming to a close in April next year.

Casey Eyewatch gave a shoutout to Blue EDGE and members of the Southern Division Three Proactive Unit for their wonderful work in engaging the community.

Thank you to all involved for organising and the ongoing work you do!



Blue EDGE Cranbourne



Blue EDGE Maryborough

Eyewatch - Casey Police Service Area
August 11 at 10:00 AM

BLUE EDGE COMMUNITY PROGRAM 🤝❤️

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) is a holistic program run by [Blue Light Victoria Inc.](https://www.bluelight.org.au/) in partnership with Victoria Police.

Members of the Southern Division Three Proactive Unit are honoured to be involved with the Lyndhurst Secondary College Program combining physical training, mentoring and life skills.

Participants are learning to communicate effectively, work as a team, build self confidence, learn to self regulate their emotions, increase social connections, discuss challenging topics and consider different perspectives.

Victoria Police are proud to be apart of this program within the community. Here are some photos from our latest attendance at Lyndhurst Secondary College.

For more information on the Blue EDGE Program, please follow the link below 📌
<https://www.bluelight.org.au/blueedge>



Spotlight!



Tracey - Bairnsdale Facilitator

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

Helping young people with the stuff most youth struggle with, giving them advice & tools to help them throughout life.

What animal resembles you best?

A horse. Caring, gentle in nature and majestic.

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

Walking on Country.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A Police Officer with the Mounted Branch!

If you could invent something, what would it be?

Simple housing for the homeless.

What advice would you give your teenage self?

Save your money!



Welcome to Country

Have you ever wondered why we do a Welcome or Acknowledgement of Country?

And why is it important to all Aboriginal People?

Tracey, a proud Gunaikurnai Woman explains that this has always been an important part of Aboriginal life, health and wellbeing.

Part of Welcoming or Acknowledging people visiting our Country or home, was done to share stories or information about the land being visited, what foods could be hunted and gathered, what was in season and plentiful, lore's of the land, kinship, sacred sights of our Ancestors, Our Dreaming or Spiritual connections. This would be done through stories, songs, dance and shared experiences. The reason was in hope that others would learn to respect, love and connect with the Country they are visiting.

Each Blue EDGE session begins with an Acknowledgement of Country recognising the Traditional Custodians of the lands we gather on across the state.

Blue EDGE Site	Traditional Custodians
Bairnsdale	Gunaikurnai People
Bendigo	Dja Dja Wurrung People
Broadmeadows	Wurundjeri People
Cranbourne	Bunurong People
Frankston	Bunurong People
Maryborough	Dja Dja Wurrung People
Morwell	Gunaikurnai People
Newcomb	Wadawurrung People

Blue EDGE Site	Traditional Custodians
Portland	Gunditjmara People
Richmond	Wurundjeri People
Red Cliffs	First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee, being Latji Latji and Ngintait Traditional Owners
Richmond	Wurundjeri People
Shepparton	Yorta Yorta People
Wonthaggi / San Remo	Bunurong People
Woodmans Hill	Wadawurrung People



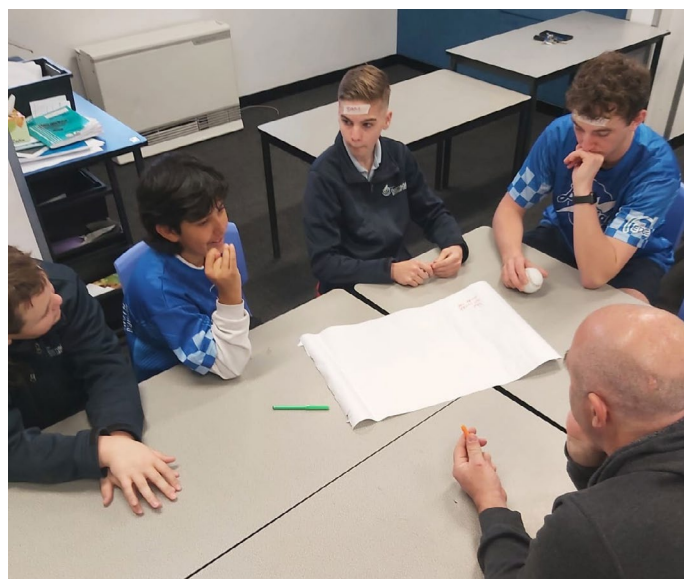
Blue EDGE Frankston



Blue EDGE San Remo



Blue EDGE Broadmeadows



Blue EDGE Bairnsdale

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