

THE Blue EDGE Bulletin

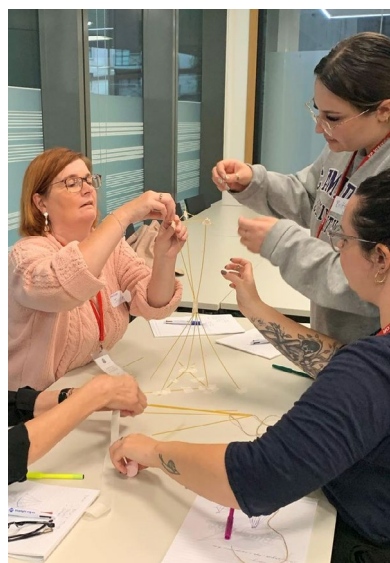
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Welcome!

The Blue EDGE team is thrilled to be back for Term 2 with over 160 students enrolled in the program this term.

We'd like to welcome three new schools to the Blue EDGE team - **Bairnsdale Secondary College**, **Mt Erin College** in Frankston and **Portland Secondary College**.

Joining them are **Beaufort Secondary College**, **Weeroona College Bendigo**, **Hume Central Secondary College**, **Lyndhurst Secondary College**, **Maryborough Education Centre**, **Highview College** in Maryborough, **Kurnai College - Churchill Campus**, **Richmond High School**, **Greater Shepparton Secondary College** and **Bass Coast College** in Wonthaggi!



Joyce, Brittany and Bridie completing the Spaghetti Marshmallow Challenge

Facilitator Training

Back in April, the Blue EDGE Facilitators came together for a two-day training session in Melbourne.

It was the first time our Facilitators were able to meet each other and run through some of the activities in Blue EDGE due to Covid restrictions.

Joyce, our Facilitator in Maryborough said:



It was so great to get more familiar with the program and meet the Blue Light Team and other facilitators. I left feeling like I was part of team and not a stand alone facilitator.



Portland Blue EDGE

Team Agreement

One of the first tasks the Blue EDGE sites do is create a Team Agreement.

By including things like 'give everyone a chance to speak', 'never give up' and 'encourage each other', the document sets the tone and creates a safe space for the upcoming weeks.

The groups really respond to the commitment made and some even agree to do 10 pushups if an agreement is broken!



Melbourne Victory Football Club

In 2019 Blue Light Victoria formed a partnership with the Melbourne Victory Football Club.

Since then, MVFC have been a regular part of the Blue EDGE program. Attending sites to run the fitness portion of the program, utilising the appeal of football to drive positive social, educational, health and wellbeing impacts.

This year they have attended Broadmeadows, Cranbourne, Frankston and Richmond, and will be at Bairnsdale and Morwell this week.

Thank you to MVFC for your support! We are extremely fortunate for your expertise and the positive impact your sessions have on the students.



Frankston Blue EDGE



Spotlight!

Joyce Sedunary - Maryborough Facilitator



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

When I see a student have a light bulb moment, or they take the lead in an activity, or when students are cheering each other on... these moments are gold and it just feels so good to be a part of it.

Which animal resembles you best and why?

A dog! Because I'm loyal, friendly and enjoy the company of others.

What advice would you give your teenage self?

You got this. It gets tricky and challenging at times but you come out strong.

If you could invent something what would it be?

A machine that could wash, dry, sort and fold washing would be amazing!

If you had to pick one age to be permanently, which age would you choose and why?

40! - It's great to have worked through so many of my youth issues and have a well rounded outlook on life. Plus you're young enough to do all the fun things but old enough to be sensible and wise.

What's the first concert you ever went to?

It was at Festival Hall in the 1980's - Cold Chisel, Mondo Rock, the Divinyls and INXS were playing!



Cute Dog Alert!

Broadmeadows had a special visit from the cutest police members a few weeks ago! The Dog Squad attended the program as part of the Week 3 Police Session.

The Victoria Police Dog Squad is part of the Specialist Response Division and play an important role in operational policing in Victoria. Dogs and handlers carry out specific tasks such as tracking offenders, or detecting explosives or narcotics. Dogs can often crawl or jump onto places where it would be impractical or impossible for police members to go.

A member of the Dog Squad is assigned a Police Dog who lives at home with them and is their permanent partner to combat crime. Dog Squad Officers also train, care for and work with their Police Dog to assist in police operations.





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