## Supplementary Information: Band Gap and Electronic Structure of Ternary Nitride BP<sub>3</sub>N<sub>6</sub>: Experiment and Theory

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**Figure S1.** Calculated band structure of  $BP_3N_6$ . The horizontal axis of the band structure panel corresponds to a path through high symmetry points in the Brillouin zone.



**Figure S2.** Near band-edge calculated band structure of  $BP_3N_6$ . The horizontal axis of the band structure panel corresponds to a path through high symmetry points in the Brillouin zone.

**Table S1.** Formation energies of nitrogen vacancies in BP<sub>3</sub>N<sub>6</sub>. Nitrogen vacancies were added to each crystallographically unique nitrogen site of a  $2 \times 2 \times 1$  supercell of BP<sub>3</sub>N<sub>6</sub>.

Defect	N <sub>1v</sub>	N <sub>2v</sub>	N <sub>3v</sub>	$N_{4v}$	N <sub>5v</sub>	N <sub>6v</sub>
Formation	4.53	4.51	4.46	4.23	2.49	2.89
Energy (eV)						



**Figure S3.** Calculated partial density of states (PDOS) of the B and P atoms of  $BP_3N_6$ , with the atoms as labelled with the PDOS vertically offset for clarity. The calculation was performed with the PBEsol exchange-correlation functional.



**Figure S4.** Calculated partial density of states (PDOS) of the N atoms of  $BP_3N_6$ , with the atoms as labelled with the PDOS vertically offset for clarity. The calculation was performed with the PBEsol exchange-correlation functional.