"If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn't call it genius."    Michelangelo

2012 PRECINCT CAMPUS STUDENT LEADERS.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the following students have been selected as student leaders at the Precinct Campus for 2012:

Year 11: Bonnie Love, Shannon Vansambeek, and Nathan Noblet
Year 12: Jessica Middlemiss, Tayla Pendlebury, Mark Stolk and Jerome Johnston.

Congratulations to all these students on their nomination and subsequent election. A part of the selection process involved each of these students undergoing an interview; in every case I was impressed with the level of commitment to the role, and the ideas these students were willing to put forward to add to the culture of our school.

The student leaders will play a significant role in the Student Representative Council, and will also attend a variety of school and community events to represent Kurnai, tasks that they will no doubt complete with style. Michelle Reid-Metcalf, Assistant Campus Principal.
MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION

On Thursday March 29th Year 11 Biology and Psychology students were given a tour of the Melbourne Zoo. Biology students participated in a session that focused on the reproductive strategies of various organisms and Psychology students observed animal behaviour, focused particularly on group behaviour. The students were impressed with the level of organisation in a Meerkat population, where each individual has their own specific role such as raising young or standing watch to ensure their habitat is safe from predators. The female students were impressed that in this particular population, the mother of the group is in charge! During our tour the students were able to pat a snake and a green tree frog but one of the most interesting experiences was meeting Babyface, a very cute squirrel monkey.

Each of the demonstrators at the Zoo were very impressed with the behaviour, enthusiasm and mature approach to learning our students displayed. Sandra Flake, Jonas Anderberg and I were equally impressed with the way in which our students conducted themselves, both at the Zoo and whilst using public transport.

Thank you to all students and staff that made this day out a very enjoyable one.

Zoe Burney
1. All Yr 11 VCE students will be attending the AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO on Friday 4th May. This Expo provides a great opportunity to collect information, ask questions and explore options at the one location. Universities, TAFEs, independent colleges, employer groups, defence forces and others will be represented. There will be a range of seminars that you can book into as well. **When:** 10am-4pm, Fri 4, Sat 6 and Sun 7 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse. **PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!**

### EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR GRADUATES

Decisions about higher education are some of the biggest you will have to make. What to study? What type of degree? What is right for me? To help with this GradFiles 2010 provides summary information. **Highlights:**

- **76.2%** of bachelor degree graduates seeking full-time employment were in full-time employment **within four months** of completing their degrees;
- around **one-fifth** of graduates were undertaking **further full-time study**;
- the **median annual starting salary** for new Australian resident bachelor degree graduates aged less than 25 and in their first full-time employment in Australia was **$49,000** (25.6% higher than the median earnings for all Australians aged 20-24 in 2009);
- **93.2%** of graduates expressed **broad satisfaction** with their courses.

While for students leaving secondary school and intending to start a degree it will be 3-4 years before they will look for full-time employment, current graduate employment levels are very relevant. However, it is worth remembering that the employment market may change substantially by their graduation time.

Remember, too, however, that **graduates are less likely to be unemployed** in the long-term than non-graduates (GradFiles, Dec 2011); see [www.gradsonline.com.au](http://www.gradsonline.com.au).
SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT?

Architects develop plans and drawings for buildings, working with builders and planning authorities to see that their ideas are implemented. Architects need to study an accredited university degree to get registration with the Architects Registration Board. Appropriate university architecture degrees in Victoria are run by Deakin University (Geelong Waterfront campus), Melbourne University (following a Bachelor of Environments), Monash Uni (Caulfield campus) and RMIT (City). The ATAR for Deakin last year was 78.10, Melbourne (Environments) was 85.00, Monash was 91.45, while RMIT used a pre-selection kit, interview and the ATAR to select students.

Another course you might wish to consider is the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural). This is run at a number of TAFEs such as Box Hill, Chisholm, Holmesglen, RMIT, Swinburne, Victoria and Wodonga. This 2.5 year diploma offers para-professional skills and knowledge for the design of residential, industrial and commercial buildings. This diploma can often be upgraded to a degree.

UMAT 2012 – The Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a 2 hour and 45 minute multiple-choice test used to assist with selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs.

It is required for Year 12 applicants for Monash University’s Medicine/Surgery, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy and Pharmacy/Commerce degrees (La Trobe Uni also uses it for non-Year 12 applicants for Dentistry and Oral Health Science). On-line registrations must be completed by 5.00pm AEST on Friday 1st June.

The test date is Wed 25 July 2012. Before registering for the test, read the UMAT 2012 Information Booklet, available at http://umat.acer.edu.au. Candidates must be in at least their final year of secondary schooling or above to be eligible to sit UMAT. Practice Test 1 and 2 are electronic books available for sale at the UMAT website.
Kurnai Idol
Each year we seek the top vocal talent from across the entire college and claim them as Kurnai Idol champions for that year. Every year, unique stories and experiences pop-out as the journey from audition, to weekly heats, semi final and grand final all unfold. Top 3 place getters have always been a mixture of students from all campuses, displaying their own unique musical tastes, skills and interpretations.

The 2011 finals have showcased the unique partnerships and collaboration between the vocalist aiming for that unique glory and the support of their accompanist.

This year, to reward both students for their time and for the journey taken and shared, the prizes have doubled - Whatever the vocalist receives in prizes, the accompanist will receive as well.

Up for grabs are:

3rd place - $50 voucher and trophy (x2)
2nd place - $75 voucher and trophy (x2)
1st place - $100 voucher and trophy (x2) PLUS vocalist name engraved on the Kurnai Idol Championship Shield, which will be housed at the winners campus.

All prizes are collaboration between Music Store - A&P Electronics (Traralgon), Valley Trophy Centre (Morwell) and Kurnai College – Music.

Auditions will be held at the GEP this coming Monday and Friday during lunchtime in the Music / Drama room (Hexagon). You just need to rock up willing to sing to the judge (s). No other audio music is required for these auditions.

Currently in the heats are: Vanessa Gillett, Tanika McKenzie and Krystal Corcoran.

You never know if you don’t have a go.

Fundraising
Drink cans – being collected. Bag of cans can be placed in the Can Bin located at the front office at Churchill Campus OR taken to the Hexagon on a Tuesday morning OR Morwell campus on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Vehicle Battery drive:
This is the last bid to raise funds for College Big Band trip to Mt Gambier in May.
Churchill campus: Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Friday 27th April;
Drop-off point at front of school – see Music Trailer.
Drop-off times are from 7:45am til 12 noon

Public Performances
Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia
Friday 4th May til Monday 7th May
College Big Band performing

Performance Review
Kurnai College Big Band recently participated in the annual Roses’n’Rhythm Festival in Morwell. The Big Band presented a variety of pieces from their standard repertoire, including those for the coming Mt Gambier trip.
Very pleasing and rewarding feedback was received from the audience about the Big Band presentation. Again, comments like “I can’t believe they’re high school students” had sung out, and the facial expression of one who eventually realised that we were the local school and not brought up from Melbourne was ... priceless!

Interested players are being sort for Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. Rehearsals are once a week from 3pm til 4pm at Churchill Campus. Leave message at front office if interested.

STRESS IN SCHOOLS
Stress is often brought about by fear of the unknown or a sense that you lack control. It is important that when dealing with SAC’s, EXAM’s, ASSESSMENT’s or FOLIOS, you feel as “in control” as possible! This means PROPERLY PREPARING and ORGANISING yourself. Below are just a few tips for managing stress in your life and at school.

- **Set realistic goals for yourself**
  Reduce the number of events going on in your life and you may reduce the circuit overload. Keep a plan available.

- **Remove yourself from the stressful situation**
  Give yourself a break if only for a few moments daily. Put time to relax and refresh into your daily plan.

- **Do something for others**
  To help get your mind off yourself and to feel better about yourself and the world.

- **Work off stress**
  with physical activity, whether it’s jogging, footy, weights, netball. Exercise is ‘extremely’ important. But keep it to a healthy level.

- **Get enough sleep**
  Lack of rest just aggravates stress. Think about what YOUR best sleep hours are and try and get them.

- **Most importantly:**
  if stress is putting you in an unmanageable state or interfering with your schoolwork, social and/or work life, seek help or advice at the student services area.

Further tips, activities and one-on-one guidance/discussions are available through Performance Classes at the request of the student.
The Co-operating Churches in Churchill
Ladies Fellowship
Invites you to hear

**Mike Answerth**  
*(Executive Officer of the Gippsland Education Precinct)*

Speak on

**The Churchill Art & Culture Pathway**

**Tuesday 8th May 7.30pm**  
At the church centre 1 Williams Avenue Churchill

All welcome  
Supper provided

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**ABC Open Garden Scheme**

**OPEN GARDEN**

“Raesowna Park”  
257 Jeeralang North Road  
Hazelwood North

Saturday 5th  
& Sunday 6th May  
10.00am - 4.30pm

$7.00 per person  
(under 18 free)

**Sausage Sizzle**  
(run by Co-operating Churches in Churchill)

Devonshire Tea, Plants, Preserves,  
Cake Stall, Garden Ornamentals

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