SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.00AM—4.00PM  
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“If the wind will not serve, take to the oars.” Latin Proverb

TIME TO FOCUS FOR VCE YEAR 12’s
The middle weeks of Term 3 are known for their negative impact on students. There is often a lack of motivation, a ‘going through the motions’ mentality that creeps into all year levels across the state. There are fewer days off and less chance to ‘refocus’. This time is therefore crucial for Year 12 students (especially) wanting to achieve their end of year goals as their countdown turns to weeks – instead of months. This term requires the same dedication to SAC’s and Assessment Tasks, it also has majority of Folio Work due by Week 10. It is the most difficult term in their schooling year.

To refocus students, all Year 12’s will take part in Exam Skill’s sessions directed by Monash University. The 2 hour sessions focus on tips to improve their study habits and skills, whilst also looking at exams and how to best prepare. The Exam Skill’s sessions have been organised to take place outside of the school, within the Monash buildings, to offer a fresh venue for our Year 12 students to focus on these important skills. Students are asked to see their Performance Class teachers to talk about the areas covered in the sessions.

The importance of students ‘stepping up’ their work output in this crucial time is seen as extremely important. So any student feeling they need some re-motivating or refocusing so they can achieve their end of year goals, should make an appointment with their Performance Class teacher.
UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS
Reminder for all students, and in particular Year 12 VCE students, that Open Days are starting soon at many tertiary institutions. Details are presented in the GEP Pathways & Careers News section of this bulletin.

ATTENDANCE
If a student is going to be absent from school for any period of time it is the expectation of the College that we be advised by no later than 9am on the day of the absence.

There are several ways that Kurnai has implemented to make it easier for busy families to advise us of the absence.

A note can be sent via the office.

There is a dedicated attendance number that has voicemail access 24 hours a day which is 5132 3843, or there is a number that can be used from a mobile phone for text messages only.

The SMS number for text is: 0418 291 451.

UNCOLLECTED SEMESTER 1 REPORTS
There are still a large number of uncollected Semester 1 reports in the General Office. If your student has not collected their report, please send them to the office to collect it.

VTAC GUIDES
VTAC Guides for 2013 are available for purchase from the General office for $5 each. The VTAC Guides are a valuable annual guide to applications, scholarships, courses and institutions for Year 12 students.

KURNAI IDOL RESULTS...
3rd place to Chelsea Rees (yr 12 GEP) and accompanist Sara Lobb (yr 12 GEP);
2nd place to Rose Van Rooy (yr 7 Churchill) and accompanist Meg Van Rooy (yr 9 Churchill)
1st place to Millie Orr (yr 12 GEP) and accompanist Sara Lobb (yr 12 GEP).

Congratulations to all those contestants, MCs and those in the College Big Band.

LISTEN TO 104.7 Gippsland fm next Wednesday 8th August from 4pm - 5pm to hear the Kurnai Idol special.
UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS
To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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OPEN DAYS ARE COMING!

Open Days are your opportunity to check out institutions which interest you. You will have the chance to look at the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and consider transport/accommodation options. They are generally run 10am to 4pm. Allow yourself an hour or two at each institution. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to commence visits.

- Sat 4 Aug – Monash University (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
- Sun 5 Aug – La Trobe (Albury Wodonga); Monash (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville); William Angliss Institute
- Sun 12 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank - VCA); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- Sun 19 Aug – Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bendigo); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE)
- Sun 26 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Melbourne Burwood); La Trobe (Melbourne Bundoora)

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/ audition as part of the selection process you may well be asked what you learnt or found of interest about the course at Open Day. Attendance is therefore vital.

HOW CAN I GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF MY OPEN DAYS VISITS?

Don’t wander aimlessly….try the following:

- Plan to be at Open Day when relevant information sessions are conducted
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff about courses that interest you - write your questions beforehand
- Get a student perspective - speak to students studying courses that interest you
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities
- Ask about international study opportunities – these are becoming very popular
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider visiting a rural campus, especially if you think you won’t obtain a high enough ATAR for a metropolitan campus. ATAR’s are often lower and they often offer more personal assistance, accommodation, and a lifestyle which will suit some students.

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Artworks created at the Morwell Family Fun & Feed Day 2 December 2011

- DHS Secretary’s Partnership Project -

Morwell Local Indigenous Community Partnership Project

Strengthening Families

National Indigenous Children’s Day Celebration

Come and Join Us

When:   Friday 3 August 2012
Where:  Kommall
Time:   3:00pm to 5:00pm

For more information call Mark Dodd on 03-5177 2656.