**Parent Bulletin**

**Kurnai College – Precinct Campus**

**Thursday 6th September 2012**

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**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:** 8.00AM—4.00PM  
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“Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you’re willing to pay the price.”

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Semester 2 Parent Teacher interviews will be held this coming Tuesday 11th September at the GEP Campus between 3:30 – 6:00 pm. All parents and students are encouraged to take the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss progress to date, as well as expectations for the rest of the year.

It is particularly important for parents of students studying Year 12 VCE subjects, as this is the last opportunity for parents to receive formal feedback on student progress, and advice on how to assist them in their work towards exams. It would also be of particular value for parents of Year 10 or 11 students to discuss subjects in relation to course choices for 2013.

Progress Reports and a map of where teachers are located will be available in the foyer.

Darren Hodgson will not be available as he is travelling to China with our Year 10s. Parents wishing to speak to him about student progress can do so by telephone until Monday, or after the school holidays.

Sharon Wootton will not be available on Tuesday either; parents should feel free to contact Sharon by phone should they wish to discuss their student’s progress.

Dan Swallow is taking a group of students to Melbourne on Tuesday, so will not be available for parent interviews until 4:30pm.
CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS
As the weather continues to improve, parents, carers, and students are reminded that whilst we do not have a specific uniform at the senior campus, students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to our work environment. Please ensure that clothing is not too revealing; for example males are not to wear singlets as the outer garment, and females should consider the suitability of tops and shorts.

NEW ENROLMENTS
We are currently taking new enrolments from outside Kurnai College, and have had a high level of interest in our senior campus. If any families are aware of other students considering the GEP as an option for their senior studies, please encourage them to contact the Precinct Campus on 52323800 to arrange an interview as the next few weeks will be when we collate student preferences for 2013 subjects and start developing a timetable based on student selections.

SAFETY FIRST, AIDING OUR STUDENTS
For a couple of months, more than 30 of Kurnai College’s staff have been participating in First Aid training provided by Gotya First Aid (Swinburne University). In Apply First Aid staff is being trained in performing CPR and being able to provide basic life support and first aid in a range of situations. The staff has been very committed to up skill their knowledge in first aid and their ability to ensure a safe environment for their students and colleagues. The highlight of the training has been all the practical activities we have been doing, to be able to practice our knowledge on a near real life situation.

All schools have a responsibility to ensure that there are a sufficient number of qualified first aiders in the school. Kurnai provided this course to ensure that as many who wanted it had the opportunity to become first aid trained which we believe is another step towards safer schools for our children.
FREE REVISION LECTURE TICKETS
Revision lectures will be running at Monash Universities Gippsland Campus on the 20th and 21st of October. These lectures usually cost $40 each, however, Kurnai College students will be able to attend for FREE. The lectures will focus on Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Biology, Business Management, English, Psychology, Math Methods CAS, Physical Education, Further Math and Physics.

The offer is available for the first 80 lectures booked.

A $10 deposit is required along with the completed order form, which can be collected from the general office.

These revision lectures have proved every year to be extremely valuable to students, so don’t miss out.

LOST PROPERTY
The following items of lost property have been handed in to Student Services. If you have lost any of these items please go to Student Services and see Lisa.

GLASSES
Women’s reading glasses, Women’s sunglasses, Men’s sunglasses
2 pairs headphones-(Ear bud type), 1 Calculator, 1 Mobile Phone, 1 Silver ladies ring, 1 bracelet, 1 only small silver hoop earing, 1 letter S bling pendant or key ring with large blue jewel.

CLOSING DATE FOR VET 2013
All students who wish to continue with or alter their VET course for 2013 must apply by the 14th September. Application forms will be given out to students during class time over the next two weeks. If you will have any absences from school during this time, extra forms will be available from the general office until the 13th of September.

Please note: Only students who have completed the VET application & parent consent form will be considered for VET in 2013. Students failing to complete the VET application form by the 14th of September will need to make an appointment with the career advisors during the following week; VCAL students may need to change their course to VCE & VCE students may need to pick up another VCE subject.

ANTICIPATED COUNTRY BUS LOADINGS FOR 2013 - (BOOLARRA, WHITELAWS TRACK, JEERALANG, HAZELWOOD NORTH, HAZELWOOD SOUTH AND YINNAR BUS SERVICES)
Over the next month we are analysing student numbers on various bus routes to ascertain the best outcome for our families to get to school. This review will incorporate current students and new Year 7 and Prep students within the Morwell Bus Network. Students who are currently using our contracted school buses must maintain a minimum of 50% travel to be eligible to remain on our bus rolls for 2013.

Parents who have students who will be commencing Prep in 2013 and need to travel on a contracted school bus need to complete a TR701 “Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus” immediately. This form is available from your Primary School General Office.

All current grade 6 students who wish to catch a bus in 2013 should have completed a TR701 “Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus” with their “Student Placement Form”. If you have not done this please contact your school’s General Office immediately.

Leonie Mackie
Morwell Bus Network Coordinator
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**WEEKLY PRIORITIES**

* A Healthy balance of relaxation, exercise, social interaction and study is the best formula for success.

** A Healthy diet is also essential in staying physically and mentally active.
Advance Notice: Year 12 Graduation Dinner and Awards Night
Save the Date: December 19, 2012 at the Premier Function Room.

- Tickets are $45 per person and will include a 3 course meal as well as soft drink and juice, (strictly no alcohol).
- There will be confirmation at a later date regarding the number of tickets available for purchase.
- Time to start digging up photos. Please email to Mrs Yiannacou at the following email address: Kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
  - Photos of your time at Kurnai, (it can be from the junior campus also, not just at the GEP. Suggestions: class excursions, school camps, sport days, theme days, school yard. No photos from private events. Individual and group photos are welcome. The aim is to have at least one photo of each person.
  - Baby photo: Start digging up a baby photo, scan it and send to the above email address
  - Please include for all photos sent: name of people in the photos, the year level

- WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES.
Kallitsa Yiannacou

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.

| Year 11 Biology excursion to Melbourne Aquarium | Friday 7th September | $30 | Payment and Permission forms due by Tuesday 4th September |
| Year 11 Legal Studies excursion to Latrobe Valley Law Courts—Ms Andrews | Monday 10th September | $7 | Payment and Permission forms due by Thursday 6th September |
| Year 11 Theatre studies excursion to West Gippsland Art Centre to see ‘Moth’ Theatre Production | Tuesday 11th September | $20 | Payment and Permission forms due by Friday 7th September—limit of 40 students |
| Year 12 VET - Surfing at Inverloch | Wednesday 17th October | No Cost | Permission forms due by Monday 15th October |
| Year 12 VET— Surfing at Sandy Point | Wednesday 24th October | No Cost | Permission forms due by Monday 22nd October |
The week beginning September 10th all Year 11 students will be finalizing their subjects for 2013. Currently, the majority of year 11 VCE students are studying 6 subjects and in year 12 they will study 5 subjects. This means that students will need to drop 1 of their subjects for 2013. However, if they are currently studying a year 12 subject then they will finish this subject by the end of the year and will continue studying their other 5. At times students may also choose to change a subject due to altering their career pathway or likes and interests.

The program for VCAL students will basically remain the same unless they’re thinking of changing their Personal Development class or VET. Students who are currently studying Intermediate VCAL will move into Senior VCAL and Foundation VCAL will move into VCAL Intermediate.

We ask that students start discussing their future options with their parents and subject teachers.

Below are the steps that we will be taking to ensure this is a smooth transition:
1. Students initiate conversations with their subject teachers i.e. do they recommend you continuing on with this subject?
2. Week of the 10 September – Mr Watts, Sarah (Career Advisors) will attend all year 11 VCE and VCAL English classes where students will choose their subjects. There will be an area on the form where students will be able to tick if they require further course counseling.
3. Early term 4, student timetables with an attached letter will be sent out to parents informing them of their child’s year 12 choices and if they have any questions to contact the pathways team.

If you have any questions, please see Sarah and Mr Watts in the careers room or call us on 5132 3831.
A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2013 by 28 September. The cost of applying up to that date is $26.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to $89.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but remember that if you do not pay you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2013. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application.

APPLICATION CHECKS

- I have met course prerequisites
- I am aware of the selection mode and extra requirements
- I have used the correct course codes
- I have applied for courses in order of preference (most preferred to least preferred) by 5.00pm, Friday 28 September, 2012.

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY

VTAC TIMELINES

Step (1) Register online: (Now)
Step (2) Complete VTAC Application: (6 Aug – 28 Sept)
Step (3) Complete SEAs Application: (6 Aug – 09 Oct)
Step (4) Complete Scholarship Application: (6 Aug – 19 Oct)

If students require further advice, please see Sarah or Mr Watts in the careers room.