



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Friday 30th October 2020

KEY DATES

Monday	STAFF PD DAY—NO STUDENTS
Nov 2nd	
Tuesday Nov 3rd	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO STUDENTS



Michelle Reid
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Celebration Days

Like everything that has happened since March, Celebration Days this year will look significantly different.

Each year level team is coming up with ideas that will still allow each group to celebrate their time together in a way that is safe for everyone, and still being as much fun as possible.

There will be no charges for Celebration Day activities, so I hope all families and students are able to participate.

Year 10 Exams

Students in Year 10 will sit exams in Mathematics and English. These will be somewhat modified from previous years, testing only the skills and knowledge undertaken in Term 4.

Taking exams is an important life skill for everyone – we all at some point in our lives need to undertake some sort of written assessment, whether it is to obtain a license, qualification, aptitude test, or entry to a higher education institution.

I hope you can encourage every Year 10 student in your life to have a positive attitude, prepare according to the teachers' instructions, and to take the assessment seriously.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Michelle Reid

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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**Attendance
Hotline**

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Student Free Day Monday

All staff across Kurnai College will undertake mandatory training on Monday. This will be done from home as it is still not possible for adults to congregate in the numbers we need to cater for.

I hope this gives students and their carers an opportunity to take a break and reset.

Supplies of Basic Groceries

With help from Foodbank, Morwell Campus has a fair bit of breakfast cereal, long-life milk, tinned soup, baked beans, and spaghetti as well as some tuna meals and other snacks.

If you think your family could benefit from this, please contact the General Office, your child's Team Leader, or simply ask your child to go to the Advocates. We will pack up a box for you.

There is absolutely no shame in asking for help at this time (or ever) – it has been extremely challenging for the whole community.

If you know someone in the Kurnai College Morwell Campus Learning Community who could benefit, please don't hesitate to mention this message to them.

We have a lot of food there, so you would be helping us out if you took some off our hands.

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. This year all parents are invited to participate.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Information on how to complete the survey has been posted on Compass. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 20th October** to **Friday 13th November 2020**. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

Year 7 & 8 News

Over the last two weeks I have responded to a number of concerned parents about the progress of their children since returning from remote learning. We have been reinforcing with students the need to make their best efforts at this time. You will have access to your child's most recent learning behaviour report now and it is important that you review this and contact teachers where concerns are being raised about your child's efforts towards their learning. The Year 7/8 Team will be reviewing those students who are struggling in multiple classes and making contact to seek family support to get students back on track.

Celebration Day

The Year 7/8 Team is keen to give students an opportunity for an overnight activity to finish up and celebrate their year in lieu of the camps that they have missed during lockdown in recent months. Students voiced their interest in this approach and with restrictions easing around regional Victorian schools and camps we are able to put this into action. Permission and details will come out soon, but we will offer this at no cost to students, with the overnight activity occurring on Thursday, 3rd December, finishing in the morning on Friday, 4th December and with no classes or activities for the students during the day on Friday, 4th December.

This overnight activity will be run at the school and will be a great chance for students to celebrate the incredible year that they have experienced.



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Year 9 News

Around the grounds...

Two Victorian Young Leaders Forums were held recently where a group of Kurnai year 9 students connected remotely to a number of schools around the state of Victoria. The forums were based on Life long learning and Wellbeing. After a few technical hiccups, the forums were quite informative and helpful. Students also used the opportunity to create curriculum resources for future generations of young leaders – well done guys!



Kellie Asmussen
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Wellbeing is our priority – the influence of social media

A number of incidents recently have highlighted how much some individuals have interacted with social media over the remote learning period. As schools are unable to monitor this area due to privacy limitations as well as the ban on mobile phones, it is essential that parents are aware of the problems some students encounter. Online bullying and victimisation are crimes that can be chargeable offences so please supervise your child's activity and take further action with authorities to help your child develop their ability to identify what is right and wrong in an online environment.

Moving towards VCE?

Nominated students will receive their first information session this week about some future options regarding their chance to study a VCE subject while still in year 10. Please discuss this opportunity with your child if they are nominated and help them determine their readiness for a VCE curriculum.

Moving towards TAFE?

If you are contemplating whether a senior curriculum is appropriate and find yourself looking elsewhere, TAFE recently announced they are offering their courses for free in 2021. Please make contact if you would like more information.

Year 10 News

The Year 10 students have approximately 4 weeks of Year 10 left if Head-start goes ahead as planned. At the present time, we will not be able to run a Year 10 Formal as planned but we are working on an alternative way to celebrate the end of Year 10. We will keep you all informed as there will be more announcements on November 9th from Daniel Andrews. Please have a relaxing long weekend and we will see you back at school on Wednesday.

Year 11 2021

All students should have chosen their courses for 2021. The University Campus is now working on the timetable and the outcomes should be available to each individual student shortly including the electives for VCAL.

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Emma Hudson (English, Tr@k, Media Studies and an Advocate), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech and Textiles and an Advocate) and Angela Thomas (Art and Photography).

Reminders

- Students will require a device and access to the internet (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be ready to start school-work by 8:35 am please.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650 600

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Important Dates this term

Monday November 2nd	Staff PD Day – NO students
Tuesday November 3rd	Melbourne Cup Day – NO students
Wednesday November 25 th	Year 10 English and Maths Exams. Dismissal at lunchtime with parent permission.
Thursday November 26 th	Was to be the Formal but we are not allowed to run a formal so we are trying to come up with an alternative form of celebration



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi



Emma Hudson



Angela Thomas



Megan Schwarzenberg



Michelle Reid

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