

## KEY DATES

TUE 3 Mar	COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY
MON 9 Mar	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
THU 26 Mar	PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS, 3:30PM - 7:00PM
FRI 27 Mar	PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
FRI 27 Mar	END TERM 1



**Cleo Lazaris**  
Campus Principal

## Message from our Campus Principal

### COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

Although the weather wasn't perfect for the Swimming Sports, it didn't dampen the willingness of students to get involved in all the events. As usual the sports were a huge success due to the great organisation by our Sports Coordinator, Rachel Dodd and her team of staff. Students from across the college were able to spend a relaxing day participating in the various events or just catching up with their friends. Congratulations to Forsyth (Blue House) who once again were the overall winners and well done to all staff and students for making the day a successful one.

### LEARNING BEHAVIOUR UPDATES

Kurnai College provides regular updates for students and their families to indicate how well students are displaying the important learning behaviours. Whilst the reports are not based on academic achievement they do assess a student's disposition to learning and whether they have demonstrated the behaviours necessary to achieve growth and to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The first update for 2020 will be published on Friday, February 21 on Compass.

If you are new to our college or if you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact our office on 51323700 for assistance. A printed copy of the learning behaviour update can also be provided by the office for families who are unable to access Compass.



### Cuppa and Chat with Cleo

The next catch up will be Tuesday 25th February, at 9:00am.  
All parents welcome.

College Principal  
**Anthony Rodaughan**

Campus Principal  
**Cleo Lazaris**

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

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## Message from our Principal continues.....

### MOBILE PHONES

I am pleased to see students adhering to the mobile phone ban passed down by the Minister for Education, James Merlino. One of the major reasons for the ban was the distraction they cause to students' learning. Once our 2020 Student Representative Council (SRC) has been elected I will meet with the members to get their views about the potential distraction caused by ear pods and headphones and how students might best manage the disruption to their learning.



### SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos were taken on the morning of Thursday 6th February. Students were required to bring back their photo form with correct payment on the day, to give to the photographer. If your child did not hand in a form, orders can still be made online with the unique School ID code that can be found on the order form. Spare forms are available at the General Office. ORDERS: [www.theschool.photographer.com.au](http://www.theschool.photographer.com.au)

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This term Kurnai College will be hosting the Inter-house School Athletics on Tuesday 3rd March. This is a College wide event where all three campuses come together for a day filled with fun and laughs. The events include traditional race events and are used as a trial for interschool athletics, but students are not required to participate if they don't want to. There are several 'fun' events held throughout the day including longest footy kick, costume parades, and more. It is always a fun filled day and we encourage all students to attend and dress in their house colours. Students can find their House colour on Compass (Red, Yellow, Blue or Green). Permission forms are available on Compass, parents are required to provide consent by 11:59pm, Sunday 1st March.



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# SWIMMING Carnival



Once again, Moe Outdoor Pool was the scene for Kurnai College's Inter House Swimming Carnival held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, February 2020. While the weather was not ideal, the cool temperature and rain did not dampen the student's spirits and the enthusiasm from all participants went a long way to making the carnival a success.

Students from across the College braved the cold conditions by participating in the various competitive and novelty events. Others simply spent a relaxing day catching up with their friends, or participated in the Best Dressed Competition.

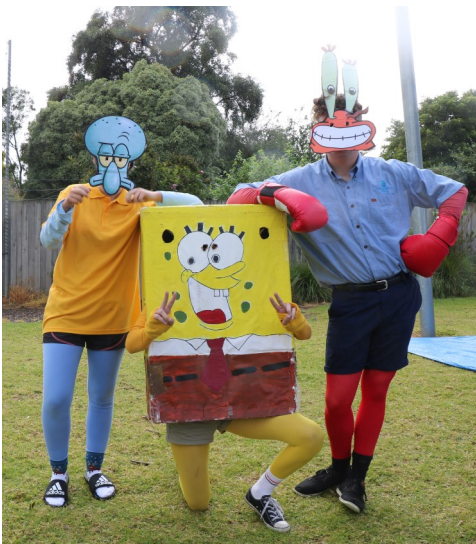
**Forsyth** have maintained their stronghold on the Kurnai College Championship Cup winning for the third consecutive year ahead of runners up **Siddle**.

The Campus experienced its highest participation rate; a credit to all our students, and to our parents for getting onto compass to provide consent for the students to attend.

Overall, the students were happy, smiling and getting along. Comments were made from the teachers regarding the exceptionally well-mannered students. A congratulations to all our competitors and we wish our top performers all the very best at the Wellington Swimming Carnival that will be held later in the term.

These events that bring the College together are rare opportunities to bring together friends from across the campuses in a relaxed environment. With two more similar type events to come this year, the Athletics in a few weeks and the Big Day Out later in June, Kurnai College is looking forward to maintaining positive participation and a friendly atmosphere at these events.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and students from Kurnai College for their efforts; to the Health and Physical Education staff for their professional running of the day; and, to the Latrobe Leisure staff at Moe Outdoor Pool for their assistance and use of such an excellent facility.



## BEST DRESSED

SpongeBob aka Amber Davis





**FORSYTH**  
325 Points



**SIDDLE**  
187 Points



**THORPE**  
166 Points



**FREEMAN**  
149 Points

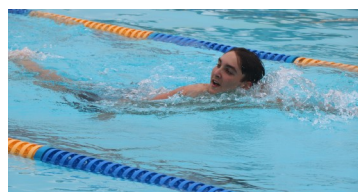


### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

YR 7	Jackson Owens Bailey Ryan	Lendra MacLauchlan
YR 8	Billy Wheatley	Zoe Long
YR 9	Bailey Jones	Jesse Fischer
YR 10	Zac Schill Chan Chanchaeng	Claire Irving
YR 11	Tristyn Blaney Reece Brown	Emma Thompson
YR 12	Vincent Schoutens	Bridget Cain

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS BROKEN

F YR12 50m Butterfly Old record:	Bridget Cain (FORS) 30.65 Bridget Cain (FORS 2019) 31.75
M YR12 50m Butterfly Old record:	Vincent Schoutens (THOR) 33.69 Matthew Devonshire (FORS 2016) 56.0
F YR12 50m Freestyle Old record:	Bridget Cain (FORS) 29.94 Bridget Cain (FORS 2019) 30.59
M YR12 Flags Old record:	Tristyn Blaney (SIDL) Riley Hogarth (THOR 2014)



## Year 7 News

I rarely hear my Year 7 child volunteer a story about his early weeks at secondary school, unless I ask, maybe it's personality or just an adolescent thing. We hope you are hearing positive reflections each afternoon about learning, friends and upcoming activities at Kurnai Churchill. The Year 7 locker and meeting area is a friendly and safe place where teachers and our Year 10 mentors, welcome questions, observe behaviour and aim to build trusting relationships with students.

The swimming sports and activities day was quite a highlight, with the majority of Year 7 students attending. Whatever the experience may have been at primary school, this event offered either a challenge or fun water activities for everyone! Students are encouraged to keep this great day in mind as we approach other events on the calendar such as athletics day and the school camp. Participation in these activities builds relationships, confidence, knowledge, skills and enables students to communicate with their teachers and each other outside the classroom.

A similar spirit of participation and co-operation occurs during Friday afternoon Pastoral Care. This hour is led by our Year 10 mentors working with small groups of Year 7 students. We have observed that students are willing to get to know others, 'have a go', learn from mistakes and improve their confidence interacting with others. These life skills transfer to the classroom and beyond school. Well done, students, on your positive attitude!

Parents can really make a difference if we work together to support students in a variety of ways. Students will benefit from talking about their TR@K learning. We need students to let us know if they are feeling uncomfortable about any aspect of school and learning. 'Silence and delay won't make it go away'. Workbooks for each subject must continue to be maintained by students in a neat and organized manner. Pencil cases are the perfect place to keep the Positive Behaviour rewards card and of course, vital equipment for subjects. Congratulations to students who are proud of doing their best during the first 4 weeks, as shown in their Learning Behaviour Updates.



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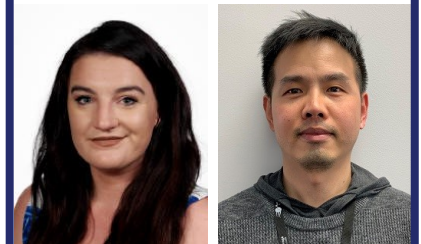
### THE YEAR 7 TEAM



**Celeste Sanderco** **Andrea Flake**



**Russell White** **Chris Gretton**



**Stephanie Barfoot** **Bin You**



## Year 8 News

The Year 8 students have been settling in well with students actively participating in school activities, such as swimming. This week the teachers have been writing the February Learning Behaviour Updates which will be available, electronically, to parents shortly.

A reminder to parents and guardians that if your child is not able to wear the correct school uniform that a note is required to explain why the uniform is not being worn. Students who are out of uniform, even with a note, will be required to change into school uniform at the start of the school day. If you require assistance with uniform, please contact a member of the Year 8 team.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

A big thank you to all parents and guardians who are continuing to help us to keep track of student attendance. Please continue to make sure that you do let the school know, by contacting the school prior to 9am where possible if it is expected that your child will be away from school. You may leave a voice message on the absence voice mail, which can be accessed 24hours a day.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was great to see that 54 Year 8 students participated in the annual swimming sports held at the Moe Pool. This participation ranged from swimming, diving, novelty events and students dressing in house colours and actively supporting their house. Congratulations to Forsyth House (Blue) for winning the sports.

### STUDENT LAPTOPS

A reminder that students are expected to have a laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop or will need to access a school laptop in the short term. Laptops are provided to students for short term loans when they are without a laptop as their own may require repairs. When students forget to bring their laptops to school, they miss valuable class time by going to the library to borrow a laptop. If parents and guardians could support the school by checking that their child is taking their laptop to school that would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.

### YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8 Camp to Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, is taking place from Monday 11th May to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, in week 5 of term 2. The camp will provide students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build new friendships, challenge themselves in numerous situations, see their peers in a different light and step outside their comfort zone. Permission forms will be shortly handed out to students.

If you have any questions about this camp, please contact the school and speak to Robin Fitzpatrick .



Lindy Gumpold  
Year 8 Team Leader  
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### THE YEAR 8 TEAM



Lindy Gumpold



Robin Fitzpatrick



Gabriella O'Bree



Cathy Tan



Kara Thompson



Nicole Ashton



Jen Caruana



Clifton Kline



## GIPPSLAND TECH SCHOOL - CUSTOM ENERGY

The Year 8 students recently visited the Tech School, located in Morwell, to participate in a range of activities which focused on the students creating their own experiment to test a hypothesis on a topic about energy. Some of the topics were – black clothes makes you hotter; a small solar panel can charge your phone indoors; keeping a fan on makes a room cooler; a hot tennis ball will bounce higher than a cold one; a microwave oven is the best way to boil water; a can of soft drink will cool quicker in the freezer than in a tub of ice water. The aim of the excursion was to connect what the students are studying in the Energy unit in Science to the processes involved in establishing and testing a hypothesis based around energy.



The students were divided into small groups and were asked to design an experiment which considered previous research on their topic, the proposed hypothesis, equipment required, the methodology and the outcomes. The students were then required to present their findings and processes to the other year 8 students and decide whether the hypothesis was confirmed, possible or busted.



## CAMPS, SPORTS, & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Payments are: \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

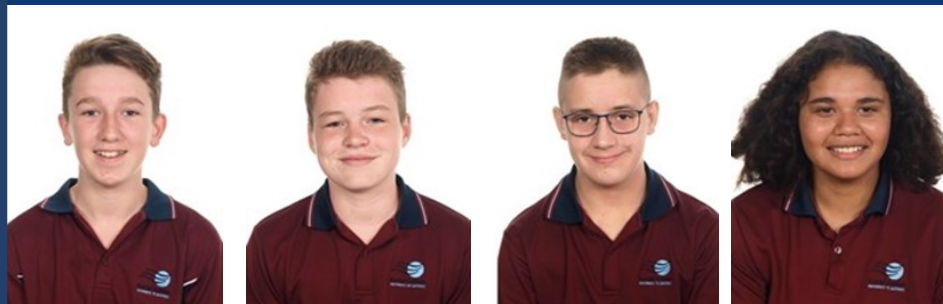
Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two. If you would like to know more, please contact the General Office.

## Year 9 News

Hello again everyone, it's been an exciting few weeks in the year 9 cohort. There is lots of great learning happening and plenty to look forward to in the term and year ahead. An election was recently held for the cohort's student leader representatives, the successful candidates are; Joel Tactor, Blake Billing, Gabriel Losi and Bella Hughes. I would like to congratulate these students on their achievement. I am confident that they will deliver great leadership qualities to the student representative council (SRC) and provide a strong student voice for the Cohort.

### YEAR 9 STUDENT LEADER REPRESENTATIVES



Joel Tactor

Blake Billing

Gabriel Losi

Bella Hughes

### MORRISBY TESTING AND CONSULTATIONS

The assessment component of the Morrisby careers advisory program has commenced and will continue into week 5. So far the feedback from students has been relatively positive. This has been good to hear as the assessment is the prelude to what is believed to be the most valuable part of the Morrisby program, the one on one consultations. These will begin in term 3. A reminder to all parents that a permission form must be returned for students to participate in the consultation process. For any further information around the Morrisby program, please do not hesitate to call Glen Stephenson on 51323700.

### Practice NAPLAN

With NAPLAN coming up in term 2, it is important that our students feel confidently prepared to participate. For this reason, year 9s are completing a practise test in preparation. Teachers will be using the information collected in the practise to inform their practise and target any hotspots for learning. It is hoped that completing the practise test will reduce incidence of anxiety and worry relating to the official NAPLAN test.

### PBS FOCUS: BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Our PBS focus these few weeks has been BYO Devices. A reminder to all year 9 students that devices are part of the required equipment for school. Accepted devices include tablets and laptops, but of course, no phones allowed during the school day. In order to fully participate in a 21st century learning environment, students need to be able to access digital resources and platforms during classes. The most reliable and efficient way for them to do this is by having their own fully functioning device with them at the beginning of each class. If anyone requires assistance with regard to the BYOD program please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.



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### THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles

Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans

Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot

Chris Flake



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A great time was had by all at the annual swimming sports carnival. The weather was perfect for getting wet, whether you wanted to or not as it rained lightly most of the day. Ironically, although clothes dampened, spirits didn't, as most events had a good field of competitors. Congratulations to all that competed and thank you to all staff and students that made it such a fun and entertaining day. Unfortunately the PA system distorted right at the time they mentioned which house colour won the day, I'm pretty certain I heard **SIDDLE** house mentioned as either the winner, but have been told that it was in fact **FORSYTH** that won.



## CADETS

A number of year 9 students will participate in the Air cadets program this year, Charlotte Bourke wrote the following about her first time in the program during week 3 of this term.

On Friday the 14th of February 9 students and I went to Morwell Air force Cadets 424. I learnt a few new things such as what different weaponry there is and what they are used for. For a team building task I had to work with a bunch of other students from different schools, it was a little overwhelming at first because most of the faces in my group I didn't know but we started to work together and I got to meet some new people and get the task done. Everyone I met seemed to be really kind and when I made a mistake they gave a few tips on how to improve. I really enjoyed my first time doing Air Cadets and I can see this experience helping me in my career choice, meeting new people and my team building skills.



**ANZAC DAY 2019**  
Cadets

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# Year 10 News

## Great start to 2020!

Well done to our fabulous cohort of students (and team of teachers) who have had a great start to the year. Students are supporting the school's implementation of the phone ban introduced by the Victorian State Government at the beginning of Term 1 and overall attendance is looking very good for most of our crew.

## LEARNING BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

The first round of learning behaviour reports is an important way to receive feedback from teachers about how your child has started their academic year. We have high expectations of all our students in achieving an overall average grade of 3, as this indicates that your child is in class doing their best.

However, if there are any learning areas where teachers have indicated 'satisfactory' or 'concern', now is the time to chat with your child about why their teacher may have given them this grading and what steps your child can take to improve in particular areas before the next round of reports.

Where there are concerns about your child's behaviours or attendance, a letter highlighting areas for improvement will be sent home as a further prompt to start some discussions between students and parents about what is currently happening in the classroom and how the student can change their behaviour in order to make improvements.

I continue to encourage parents to contact any of your child's teachers or member of the Year 10 team about the progress of your child as well as any questions you have with regards to Work Experience, Course Counselling, Tasmania Trip or any of the programs offered throughout the year.



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## THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Clancy Bennett



Mary Corponi



Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Rebecca Lynch

## YEAR 10 DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 28 February

Guest Presentation: Pelvic Pain - Period 4, Females Only



Thursday 5th March

Australian Defence Force Talk - Period 5



Monday 9th - Friday 20th March

Common Assessment Tasks



Mon 20th April - Fri 1st May

Work Experience



Mon 7th - Fri 11th September

Tasmania Camp



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March

Parent Teacher Conversations

## Meet our Year 10 Leaders!

Last week our students voted for the student leaders and I am proud to announce our 2020 school captains - LANCE TOWNSEND and CLAIRE IRVING – and our vice captains - BONNIE SYKES and JASMINE CROFT.

Throughout the year these students will represent the school at special events including Anzac Day as well as be the voice of their cohort as representatives on the Student Representative Council (SRC). I also want to acknowledge Bridie Byrne, Tamsyn Walker, Ben Bremnar, Madi and Jordyn Bryce who also have the opportunity to take an active role on the SRC throughout 2020.

### YEAR 10 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



**Lance Townsend**

**Claire Irving**

**Bonnie Sykes**

**Jasmine Croft**

### YEAR 10 STUDENT LEADER REPRESENTATIVES



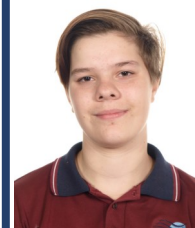
**Bridie Byrne**

**Tamsyn Walker**



**Ben Bremnar**

**Jordyn Bryce**



**Madi Bryce**

## MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNISATIONS

Tuesday 17th March

Immunisation packs are available for ALL Year 10 students for Nimerix – Meningococcal. These vaccinations are funded by the Department of Health and are free of charge for all Year 10 students. Consent forms are available from the Year 10 info desk and are now due back at school (students to hand consent cards to the front office).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

TERM 2: Monday 4th to Friday 15th May

Year 10 Work Experience is a valuable opportunity for students to explore and prepare themselves to experience a range of workplaces. Students take a very proactive role in finding their preferred business for their two-week placement in early May.



Students can choose to complete two weeks at the same workplace OR choose two placements (one week each). Students can start to approach businesses now to see if they are willing to take on work experience students.

There are several items, including USI (Unique Student Identifier) and certificates that need to be completed before any student will be allowed to commence their placement.

Those who are interested in completing their work experience within the construction or trade industry (any trade that requires one to work on a building site) will be required to attain their Construction Induction (White) card. More information will be shared with students shortly.



### Work Experience 2019

Bethany Blakely at the Melbourne Zoo

## PPEP TALK FOR THE YEAR 10 GIRLS

The Latrobe Health Assembly, in conjunction with The Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia, are hosting a series of Pelvic Pain talks that will be open to all teenagers and their families in the La Trobe Valley.

We are pleased to offer our female students the chance to participate in the *The Periods, Pain and Endometriosis Program* in week 5.

The session will consist of an educational and interactive session aimed to provide teenagers with valuable information and skills to cope with pain, minimise school absences and live their best life possible.

The presentation will include:

- A 60 minute presentation about pain, periods and endometriosis, developed by Educator, Journalist and PPAF board member Libby Parker, in collaboration with Gynaecologist, Pain Medicine Physician and PPAF Chair, Dr Susan Evans
- An opportunity for individual girls to discuss their personal pain circumstances with a PPAF-trained educator following the presentation.
- A guide to further resources, information and services that girls and their families can use if their pain is distressing.



## EXPECTATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

With such a busy program and students representing the school in local work places across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students to behave in ways which reflect our values. The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform.

We appreciate your support on these matters and this week draw your attention to notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.

## TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 September 2020)

Excursion forms are expected to be handed to all students next week with the cost being approximately \$900. Signed forms together with the DEPOSIT must be returned to the front office before or by the due date to secure a place. Numbers are limited to 60 students across both the Churchill and Morwell campuses so getting your signed forms in WITH the deposit is important in securing your child's place.

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## Calendar of Excursions / Camps

### All Years

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
TUE 3 Mar	College Athletics	\$NIL	1/03/2020

### Year 7

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
TUE 5 - FRI 8 May	Camp Coolamatong	\$360	Form Due 27/2/2020

### Year 8

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
MON 11 - FRI 15 May	Karoonda Park	\$485	Form Due 28/2/2020

### Year 9/10

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
FRI 28 Feb & 6 Mar	Outdoor Education Swim Training	\$NIL	Due Now
WED 11 - FRI 13 Mar	Outdoor Education Surf Camp	\$180	21/2/2020

### Year 10

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
MON 7 - FRI 11 Sep	Tasmania Camp	\$885	Form Due 23/3/2020

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# Music Program



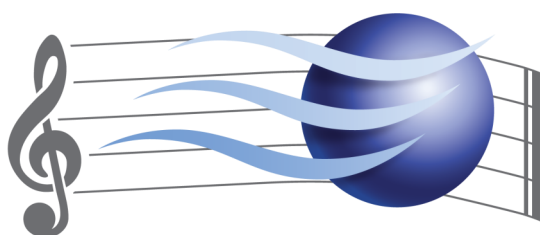
**LEARN TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

Tuition Available  
 "On the Road Again" Tour  
 College Soirees & Concerts  
 Kurnai's Got Talent  
 Community Events

## Music Program Expressions of Interests

The Music Program caters for students with mixed abilities and interests, whilst providing numerous learning and performance opportunities. Tuition is available for a broad range of instruments, covering all popular woodwind, brass, percussion and stringed instruments. Students enrolled in the Music Program perform at a variety of events including Kurnai's Got Talent, College Soirees and concerts, the "On the Road Again" Primary Schools tour as well as numerous community events.

If you would like to find out more please print, fill out and submit an expression of interest form or contact Mr Chris Gretton, College Music Coordinator on 51323700.





## Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

### Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



### Voice



### Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



### Percussion

- Drum Kit
- Congas
- Glockenspiel
- Xylophone
- Vibraphone
- Timpani



### Strings

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



### Keyboards

- Electric Keyboard
- Piano



All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the school if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitar and Keyboard are not hired.

Contact the Music Director if you have any inquiries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

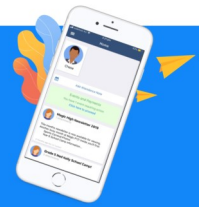
Have you learnt a musical instrument before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was it? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your own instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which instrument? \_\_\_\_\_



## Get the Compass mobile app

Access student information on the go with the Compass mobile app for iPhone & Android phones.



We are pleased to introduce you to our online service for families called "Compass".

Compass provides the school community with a range of facilities which will streamline communication and provide enhanced access to information.

When fully integrated parents will be able to use Compass to:

- **Email address and mobile number** – update your details through the portal. The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.
- **News feed** – the school will post news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.
- **Attendance** – view your child's attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence.
- **Reports** – view your child's current and past progress and semester reports as an electronic PDF file.
- **Newsletter** – the newsletter will be published on Compass and parents will be able to login to view it each fortnight.
- **Teacher email** – parents will be able to email their child's teachers directly.
- **Excursions** – approve your child's participation in excursions and other special events.
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conversations**—make appointments with teachers.
- **Curriculum materials** – assignments and homework will be made available for parents and students to access.

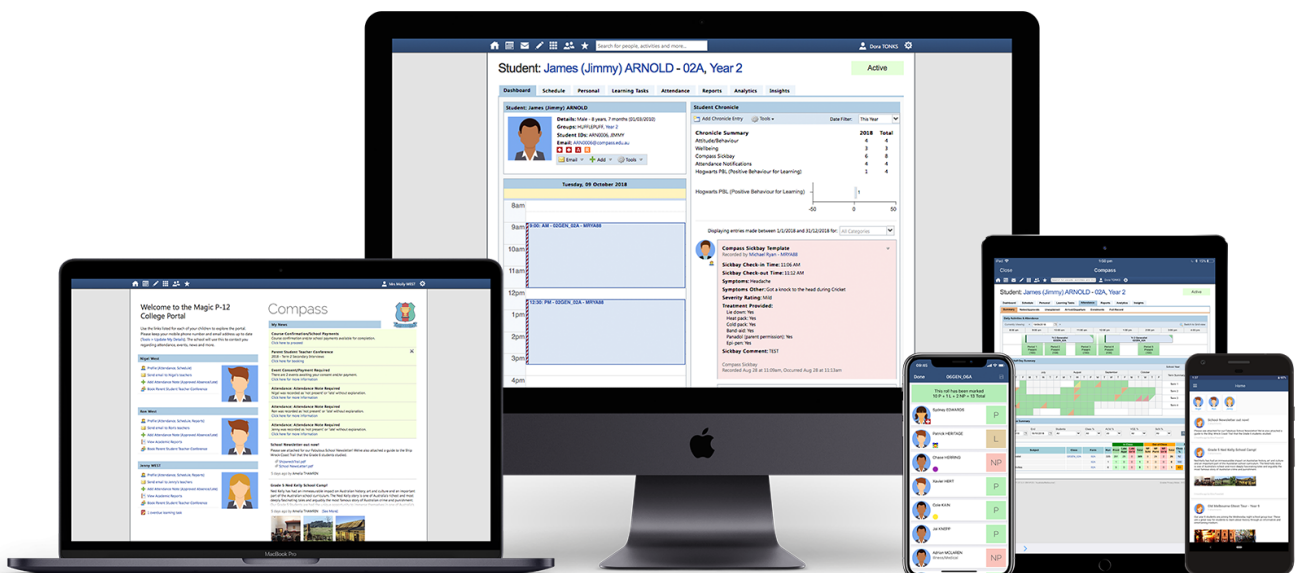
### HOW TO ACCESS COMPASS

1. Download the mobile app onto your phone, or search <https://kurnaicollege-vic.compass.education> in your web browser.
2. Use your unique log-in details that you have received in the mail to log-in. (If you do not have these details, contact the general office).
3. If it is your first time logging in, you will be asked to change your password.
4. Proceed to dashboard to view your student/s profile.

You can access Compass on any internet device, such as a computer, laptop, iPhone and Android Phone.

Parents will play an important role in this initiative. Each family has a unique login for Compass and we ask that parents log in at least once a fortnight to access the newsletter and the news feed. All new families should have received a letter in the mail with their Compass log in details enclosed. If you have not received a letter or if you require any assistance with Compass please contact your campus office.

**WEBSITE** <https://kurnaicollege-vic.compass.education>





# IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

As the new year begins its important to keep in mind that attendance at school is compulsory for all students 17 years of age and under. Every student should be at school, in class learning from the experiences that are carefully provided for them.

Of course there will be times when a student is sick and it is unavoidable to be absent. We fully understand that from time to time illnesses will impact on attendance. So will events outside the control of the student, for example close family bereavement. If these events do occur a parent should provide an explanation to the school though the Absence Hotline (03) 5132 3711.

All studies show that the more time is spent away from school and school work missed the more likely a student will begin to disengage and not perform to their capacity. This will affect future learning and ultimately employment prospects later on.

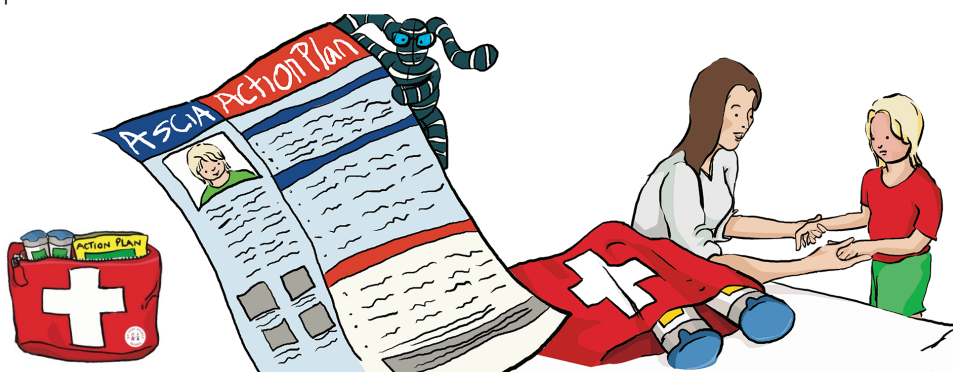
All parents and guardians should strongly encourage their student to attend school every day. Setting out a regular morning routine will help to make getting to school easier for your student. Remember that IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY.

## Annual Update Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management Plans

*Does your child have a current Asthma Action Plan or Anaphylaxis Management Plan?*

Whilst your child is attending school and suffers from these medical conditions, it is your responsibility each year to supply the school with updated medical information from your family doctor. This information is retained by the school so that should a medical issue arise the correct medical treatment is administered.

Please contact your family doctor to arrange an updated Management Plan as soon as possible. Once you have the plan please ensure that the school is given this information as soon as possible.



## Kurnai Pillars

### Work Ethic

*'We are committed to working hard'*

### Excellence

*'We do the best we can do'*

### Relationships

*'We value and respect each other'*

### Engagement

*'We actively participate in our own learning'*

## Attendance Hotline

**5132 3711**

## School Council Election 2020 – Open 13 February

Kurnai College School Council Elections will open on 13 February and we ask that you consider being involved.

### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are four possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

A mandated elected Student member category – members of this category are enrolled at the school and in year 7 or above.

An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Members over the age of 18 will require to provide a current Working with Children's Card.

### Why is Student membership so important?

Students have a unique perspective on learning, teaching and schooling. Electing Student members onto school council allows all students to have a say in the future direction of their school and ensures student input into decision making.

Student representation on school councils assists in the development of students' skills, including leadership, skills, and communication skills.

### Does my child need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them in order to perform their duties as a councillor.

Student members are encouraged to attend the Department's free face-to-face Improving School Governance school council training to support them to undertake their role. Training is also available online.

### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent / Student / DET category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year. Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact your Campus principal for further information.

# 2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS & TIMETABLE



Name of the School: Kurnai College

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday, 13 February, 2020
b)	Closing date for nominations	Thursday, 20 February, 2020
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday, 21 February, 2020
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Friday, 28 February, 2020
e)	Close of ballot	Thursday, 5 March, 2020
f)	Vote count	Friday, 6 March, 2020
g)	Declaration of poll	Friday, 6 March, 2020
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 10 March, 2020
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 10 March, 2020

## SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINATIONS IN SCHOOLS in 2020

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against: Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students

Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Latrobe City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Latrobe City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

## Cornavirus Symptoms

### Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

### What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

**All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.**

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

### What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

### How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

### Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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**Fever**



**Runny Nose**



**Sore Throat or Cough**



**Headache**



**Difficulty Breathing**

## Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.kurnai.co/sites/default/files/policies/Schools%20Privacy%20Policy.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

# RITCHIES

## Where the Community Benefits

When shopping at Ritchies and using a community benefit card linked to Kurnai College, Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards can be used at ANY Ritchies IGA store, supermarket or liquor throughout VIC, NSW and QLD by any of our staff, students and their families/grandparents.

If you would like to support us and you don't already have a CB card please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store to use every time you shop. All you do is nominate Kurnai College, It's that easy!

To date our school has received \$10,969.24 in donations from Ritchies.

Here is a list of our store locations in Victoria. The Ritchies Community Benefit Card or Key tag can be used at **ANY** of these supermarkets or liquor departments.

Check our website: [www.ritchies.com.au](http://www.ritchies.com.au) for phone numbers and addresses of the following stores or ring Head Office

Victoria		
Aspendale Gardens	Diamond Creek	
Bairnsdale	Dromana	Rowville
Balnarring	East Bentleigh	Sale
Beach Street Frankston	Emerald	Seaford
Beechworth	Hastings	Somerville
Bright	Maffra	Timboon
Carrum Downs	Mount Eliza	Sorrento
Camperdown	Mount Waverley	Towerhill Frankston
Cobden	Narre Warren	Wantirna
Cobram	N/W Amberley Park	Wonthaggi
Churchill	Paynesville	Yarra Glen
Cranbourne	Ringwood North	Yarrawonga



Whilst Kurnai College is happy to include Community Announcements in our newsletters - please understand Kurnai College is not involved in the organisations or the running of any these community events.

CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB



# BECOME A RAM IN 2020!

## WHO?

Boys & Girls  
Ages 4 - 16

## WHEN?

Thursday, February 6,  
2020  
4:30pm-5:30pm


## WHERE?

Hazelwood South Reserve  
Tramway Road, Churchill

If you have any further questions, please contact  
Tracey Tabone (Junior Co-Ordinator) on  
0431 045 599



# ROLL UP



**DETAILS:**  
Tuesday March 3,10,17 and 24 from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the Traralgon Bowls Club indoor centre.

**MORE INFO:**  
Contact Matt (Bowls Coordinator on (03) 5174 2156 or [bowls@traralgonbowls.com.au](mailto:bowls@traralgonbowls.com.au) or visit [www.traralgonbowls.com.au/roll-up](http://www.traralgonbowls.com.au/roll-up)

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