



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Friday 20th March, 2020

KEY DATES

FRI 27 Mar	TELEPHONE PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS NO SCHEDULED CLASSES
FRI 27 Mar	END TERM 1
TUE 14 Apr	TERM 2 COMENCES



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Please be advised that due to changes announced yesterday by the Federal Government all non-essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled. This will include Parent Teacher conversations that were due to be held on Thursday the 26th and Friday the 27th of March.

While in person conversations will not take place our teachers will attempt to make contact with families by phone. This will begin before the end of term and if needed continue from early term 2. Please note that calls are likely to appear as a blocked number. Bookings on Compass will remain open which will now be used to determine which families would like contact to be made.

If you have not received contact from a specific teacher please feel free to email the school after Friday 17th April at kurnai.co@edumail.vic.gov.au including your student's name, class subject or teacher name and we will follow up with the relevant staff member.

Please continue to check Compass, Facebook and our Web-page for updates as they become available. If you need assistance with your Compass login please contact your campus general office as soon as possible.

Students will not be required at school on Friday 27th March.



Cuppa and Chat with Cleo

The next catch up will be Tuesday 24th March, from 9:00am—9:30am. 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

Churchill Campus

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**Attendance
Hotline**

5132 3711

Message from our Principal continues.....

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

As you will be aware, schools are remaining open and are not likely to close in the near future. The situation is evolving as information comes to light so it is important to keep up to date with our Compass newsfeed, Kurnai College's Facebook page and our website. Information will be posted here when and if there are any changes to the current situation.

If schools close for longer than a 24 -hour period, teachers and support staff will be available via Compass and Teams to provide a remote learning program. Alternative arrangements will be made for students who do not have internet access.

At present, the best place for students to learn is at school. The exception is where students are being kept out of school due to self-isolation requirements or based on medical advice. While the school remains open please note that schools are not obliged to provide work other than what teachers are already putting on Compass.

LEARNING SPECIALISTS

Kurnai College is fortunate to have a number of Learning Specialists to support teachers and students with Teaching and Learning. At Churchill Campus we have:

Literacy Specialist – Clancy Bennett

Data Specialist – Celeste Sanderco

Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Specialist (MYLNS) – Lisa Knowles

Curriculum Specialist – Nicole Ashton

Our data specialist, Celeste has currently been assisting teachers from across the college by collating data for Year 9 Maths and English classes. Celeste collated data from recent practise assessments and presented them in a format that could be easily used by teachers to conduct an analysis of the skills addressed. This analysis allowed teachers to identify skills which will require a greater emphasis in curriculum plans ensuring students have an opportunity to better develop those skills.

2020 COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to Alison Walker, Sherrie Boucher and Bosede Adetifa on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

Congratulations to Riley Day on being the successful student representative, along with Charlotte Bourke as student advisor. We look forward to their valuable input. We are also delighted to be able to announce that Glen Stephenson from the Churchill Campus and Nickolas King from the LV FLO have been declared DET Representatives. A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

As the weather changes and it becomes a bit cooler, students are still expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants; however, students can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that if they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. Students arriving at school out of uniform will be expected to change into uniform items before attending classes. These will be loaned to the student for the day where necessary.

COVID-19 UPDATE: In the case of a school closure

Our school community may face changes in regard to education over the coming weeks. This may include the closure of schools in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If this occurs there are a number of things you can do to help your student continue their learning and maintain connection beyond our usual school setting.

- Familiarise yourself with things you can do to support your student at home. Kurnai will be supporting your student through this time. Online work will be provided through Compass. Teachers are looking at ways to communicate with groups of students through Teams and teachers will be recommending apps that students can access that will assist with their learning. Teachers can be contacted by email, SMS and phone. Encourage your student to keep in contact with their teachers.
- Communicate with your student's teachers if you have any questions regarding their learning program. If your student is experiencing difficulties and may not be sharing this with their teacher please contact the teacher about this.
- Find a space in your home where your student can be comfortable and work without distractions.
- Familiarise yourself with your student's learning program, so you can get a sense of how much they should be doing each day for each subject. Help your student prepare a timetable so that they can keep to a routine. This will probably mirror their actual timetable.
- Make sure your students has breaks during the day. This will help keep them active and reduce boredom.

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Year 7 News

SRC ELECTION RESULTS

Year 7 students recently voted for their representatives after numerous worthy students were nominated by their peers and deemed up to the job by teachers. Several students spoke to the year level while others declined the opportunity to deliver their prepared speeches to the eagerly waiting crowd. We encourage those students who were nominated to consider the SRC role next year as their confidence grows from speaking in classes and taking on other leadership tasks next term.

Congratulations Maddie Edwards and Sidney Townsend!

YEAR 7 STUDENT LEADER REPRESENTATIVES



Maddie Edward



Sidney Townsend

PROGRESS REPORTS

An impressive 22 students achieved a score of 3.8 or above for their Progress Report. That's more than a quarter of Year 7 students. Numerous students were a tiny score away from being formally recognized for their excellent learning habits. By the number of students keenly looking through the door at the lunch event, we suspect there will be quite a determined effort over the approaching weeks. Importantly, with the release of the second round of progress updates, teachers are able to compare performance with the first round. We aim to recognize a wide range of improvements, especially students who are working hard or gradually improving their skills. Hope there's space on the fridge door at home for our post cards.



Jarod Thomas
Jayla Bonorchis
Luisa Cardillo
Taylor Mansfield
Ella Hanson
Lucy Booth
Harley Scandrett
Darcy Fehlberg

Cade Reyke
Desiree Webb
Kendra Bailey
Hallie Beam
Tayla Heslop
Dean Xuereb
Robert Gray

Arabella Baker
Isabella Hart
Cianese Bannister
Ashton Busk
Brooke Ryan
Lily Mc Cord
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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Celeste Sanderco



Andrea Flake



Russell White



Chris Gretton



Stephanie Barfoot



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YEAR 7 PHONE INTERVIEWS

Parents have recently contacted school with questions about the approaching interviews, now conducted by phone. Do I speak to all teachers? What do I ask about this early in the year? If I know my child is doing well, do I need to speak to teachers? Our advice is to feel welcome to have a chat, discuss what you may have heard at home. What are the skills that have been taught and practised over the past 8 weeks? Find out how we're meeting as a team to share knowledge about your child and develop shared strategies. You may wish to discover what could be practised or shared at home. We value background information you may choose to share which will enable us to build stronger relationships, be aware of the students' interests, understand how they best learn and respect their talents.



LOOKING FORWARD TO FUN LEARNING

Camp is postponed, but in the meantime the Year 7 team has a Plan B. Learning takes many forms. So, we intend to hold a wide range of hands-on activities and games involving communication, problem solving, collaboration, competition and more. Planning is underway.



Year 8 News

Over the past two weeks the students in Year 8 have been working on their Common Assessment Tasks. These CATs took place over a number of lessons, ranging from two to six lessons, depending on the type of task being assessed. The CATs covered the work that had been taught in class in the preceding weeks and were undertaken during class time. The outcome of these CATs will be available in the last week of term 1 and this would be a great opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress during the parent /teacher conversations which are held in the last week of term 1.

March Learning Behaviour Reports have been completed by teachers and are available for parents and guardians to access at the end of this week. If you have any difficulties with accessing your child's report, please contact the school.

ALL-STAR AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 3.5 or higher in their February Learning Behaviour report. The All-Star Award is to acknowledge the effort and diligence that the students are showing in their classes.



Thomas Bolton	Lincoln Sturre	Tyler Johnson
Christopher Bolton	Corey Thorburn	Luke Marchionne
Gabrielle Bonnici	Andrew Tyrrell	Bethany Mortlock
Holly Dawson	Billy Wheatley	Keven Alkhoury
Jorja Hart	Kayden Gray	Rieka Arbon
Lola Hill	Dylan Hobbs	Charlotte Baker
Lucas McCulloch	Antony Lock	Flynn Hanson
Ethan McKinnell	Timothy Pascall	Lachlan O'Connor
Trang Nguyen	Kayla Schmidt	Kiara Pulis
Meg Renwick	Joshua Teresi	Robert Steele
Tahlia Runge	Katie Wilson	Harry Townsend



THE YEAR 8 TEAM

Lindy Gumpold	Robin Fitzpatrick
Gabriella O'Bree	Cathy Tan
Kara Thompson	Nicole Ashton
Jen Caruana	Clifton Kline



FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving 100% attendance.

Christopher Bolton	Ethan McKinnell	Rieka Arbon
Thomas Bolton	Andrew Tyrell	Riley Lawrence
Holly Dawson	Hayden Stockdale	Bri Manuel Forte
Jorja Hart	Bethany Mortlock	Harry Townsend
Lola Hill	Flynn Hanson	Eric Wang

YEAR 8 CAMP

Unfortunately, the Year 8 Camp to Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, which was planned for Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May, in week 5 of term 2 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The Department of Education and Training, has made the decision that all school excursions for term 2 are to be cancelled. At this stage we are hoping that the camp can be rescheduled to later in term 4. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. If you have any queries about the cancellation, please contact Robbin Fitzpatrick, the Year 8 Camp organiser.

ABSENCE HOTLINE
5132 3711

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 24 hours a day.

It's the law that children 6 to 17 years old go to school or be home schooled. You're legally responsible for making sure your child goes to school every day.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop, important skills and knowledge to help them learn; social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have, better health, better job opportunities and higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

HOMework CLUB

Wednesdays

3:00pm - 4:15pm

@ Churchill Campus Library

Contact: Miss Barfoot



EQUIPMENT

A reminder to students and parents that appropriate equipment needs to be brought to class. Students should have more than one pen, ideally a pencil case, as well as an exercise book on which to write on in class. Please make sure that your child has the necessary equipment for their classes. Students are reminded that they are not to bring bags to class.

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 9 News

Over the last two weeks the students in Year 9 have been completing their Common Assessment Tasks (CATs). These CATs have ranged from two to six lessons, depending on the type of task being assessed. The CATs cover the work that has been taught in class over the term and are undertaken during class time. Given the turbulent times students have been working in, it has been great to see the resilience of students who have carried on and completed this work with diligence.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR UPDATES

The final Learning Behaviour Report for Term 1 will be published on Compass before the end of term. Please use this as an opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements for Term 1 and to discuss areas for improvement before they commence Term 2. It is unclear whether or not parent teacher conversations will commence as normal at this stage. Please continue to monitor updates as the situation is changing rapidly. I encourage all parents to discuss progress reports and subsequent learning goals with their children, this is particularly important as we finish up term 1 and students set their learning aspirations for Term 2.

Congratulations to the students below who received an achievement award for obtaining a GPA of 3.8 or higher in the previous round of learning behaviour updates.



CANCELLATIONS

Unfortunately due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the following excursions and programs have been cancelled or postponed.

Tech School Design Thinking Challenge
YSAS Drug and Alcohol incursion

GRIP leadership conference
Air Cadets

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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake

Year 10 News

CHURCHILL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The Year 10 team have spent a significant amount of time discussing the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our Work Experience Program.

We have taken into consideration all the recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and with the influx of work placement cancellations to date, and therefore have decided it is in our best interest to unite with our community businesses and restrict all non-essential programs/ activities and experiences for the time being.

Work Experience has therefore, been postponed HOWEVER we have tentatively rescheduled this for weeks 9 & 10 of Term 3 (September 7th to 18th). This is the last two weeks of term 3.

- For students going on the Tasmania Camp in week 9, they will only do one week Work Experience in week 10 (students can extend this placement for a second week into the first week of the holiday).
- For students NOT going on the camp, they will be to undertake two weeks of work experience.

As a team we will support students to contact their employer about this decision during Team Time next week. We will also write to all employers notifying them of the reasons for our decision. We will also highlight the alternate dates in anticipation of students contacting them again early in Term 3.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate every student, on their effort to organise their placements to date. We were so impressed with the phone manners demonstrated when speaking with employers and the courage to speak to the year 10 team about the possibilities.

Term 2 will now be dedicated to course counselling. This is the time we will help you prepare for choosing your subjects at the end of Term 2 for 2021.

LA TROBE TRADE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

In line with current advice, we anticipate that the Latrobe Trade Pathways Program will also be postponed for Term 2. We will advise students and parents accordingly when more information arrives.



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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



Mon 7th - Fri 11th September
Tasmania Camp



Mon 7th - Fri 18th September
Work Experience

Now for some GOOD news!

TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 September 2020)



Kurnai College advises our Year 10 excursion to Tasmania in September **has not** been cancelled at this stage. We request that families continue to follow the payment plan. We will keep families advised of any changes to this and will be offering a refund should the trip be cancelled.

Signed forms together with the DEPOSIT must be returned to the front office before the 23rd March. Numbers are limited to 50 students across the Churchill, Morwell and University campuses so getting your signed forms in WITH the deposit is important in securing your child's place.

KEY DATES:

23 March 2020	Deposit	\$300	And signed permission form due
5 May 2020	Second instalment	\$250	Due
16 June 2020	Third instalment	\$250	Due
4 August 2020	Final instalment	\$85	Due

NB: **Camps, Sports and Excursion fund money** cannot be used for the deposit but may be used for the other payments for camp. Centrepay payments (minimum of \$30 a fortnight) can be arranged to cover the cost of the camp.

The trip includes travelling over by plane and coming back on the Spirit of Tasmania. Students will have the opportunity to visit the world-heritage listed historic site of Port Arthur.

TOP CLASS MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Seeing the top class VCE performance in Melbourne was a great experience not just seeing some of the best young performers around but something we could one day become. I know especially for myself it was inspiring to see what people only a few years older than us could do I could also see the people next to me were feeling the same. With most performances it wasn't just musical ability but the stage presence that the performers showed this was really evident with in the first band consisting of Angelina McDonnell, Macy Mather, Maiya Shirakawa, Nicolas Drohan and Corban Jury with the song 'out of the black'. The band with the most stage presence was the final band with the members Finan McLaren, Flynn Swanwick, Jonah van Stekelenburg and Mia stratmann. The whole band was dancing around the stage in both their songs 'bow river' and 'funky town', they even ended their set with one of the lead vocalists doing a back flip. All in all, the trip was amazing and would definitely would like to go again someday.

Callum Hill

On the 13th of March, Kurnai students attended Top Class, a compilation of the best VCE and VET performers of 2019. Students were accompanied by the two wonderful music teachers, Chris Gretton and Ian Hopkins who took it upon themselves to escort the students to and from the venue. The performance that ensued was an enthralling experience for all those who attended, inspiring the students to embark on completing VCE music in coming years. The performance itself showcased many different genres of music, including jazz, blues, and classical, giving a masterful insight into what can be achieved in different areas of study. I personally enjoyed listening to the likes of Heath Robertson and Holly Brown, who played blues and jazz. The overall experience of attending top class music was inspiring and a lot of fun, especially with the people I had the privilege of spending time with. Would definitely do this again and would encourage others to take the same opportunity if it is offered.

Bonnie Sykes

Heading into Melbourne, the joyous bus ride with my fellow peers was quite interesting. Upon arriving at the Melbourne Recital Centre, I was instantly in awe. The rafters and crafting of the wood was outstanding, thousands of hours of craftsmanship all into one room. Not only the architecture but the equipment. The huge speakers towering above, the insanely nice VOX and Fender Valve amps, the drum kits. It was all pristine, opening my eyes to what I could one day acquire. To put it simply, it was fantastic. When we sat down, I was buzzing, sitting next to the one and only Ian Hopkins, ready to analyse the performances and appreciate what talent the musicians there is to offer. The articulation and standard of the young talent that graces our state education system is outstanding. It gave me a great insight as to what someone can achieve at such a young age, with great dedication, commitment and perseverance I imagine. Not only that, but the range and diversity it offered at the performance was amazing, Ranging from jazz standards and bebop to blues and rock. All in all it was a great eye opener and I treasured every moment.

Patrick McGown

Calendar of Excursions / Camps

Due to COVID-19 all upcoming excursions and camps occurring before mid-Term 2 have been postponed for the foreseeable future and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Any payments made for excursions will sit on the family's account as a credit for future events.

Year 7

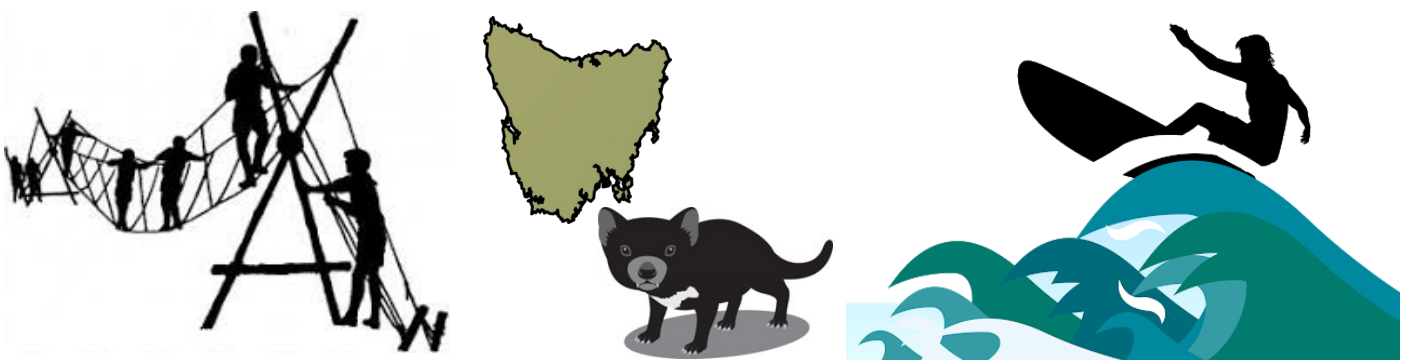
Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
TUE 5 - FRI 8 May	Camp Coolamatong	\$360	Form Due

Year 8

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
MON 11 - FRI 15 May	Karoonda Park	\$485	Form Due ASAP

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

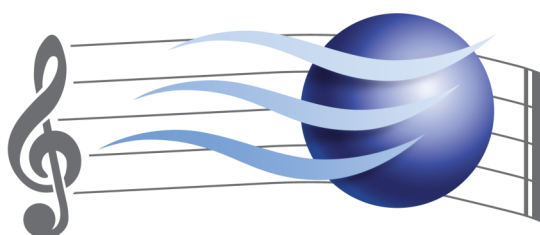
Tuition Available
 "On the Road Again" Tour
 College Soirees & Concerts
 Kurnai's Got Talent
 Community Events

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: _____

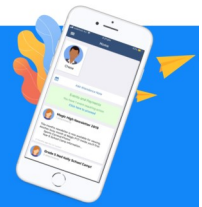
Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

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.

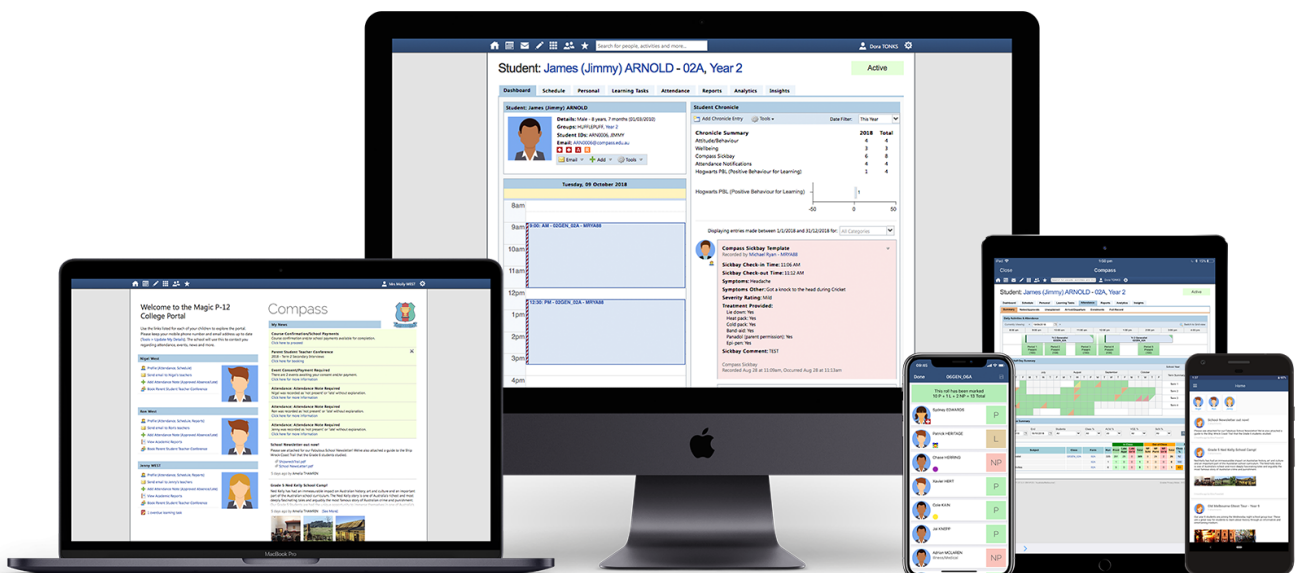
HOW TO ACCESS COMPASS

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.

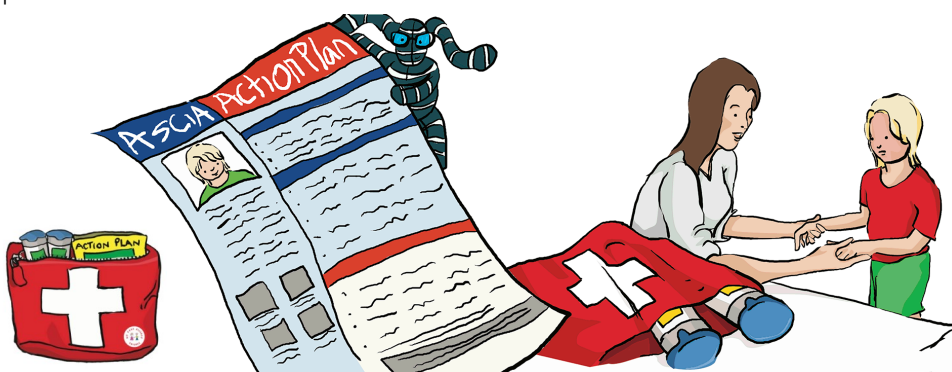
All parents and guardians should strongly encourage their student to attend school every day. Setting out a regular morning routine will help to make getting to school easier for your student. Remember that IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY.

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.



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Office 365

INFORMATION PACK FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education and Training (Department) and your school are using online learning services to support learning and teaching. This pack provides information on one of the online services, Office 365 and advice in relation to its safe and responsible use.



What information needs to be collected?

- Name, year level, home group and school.
- Student's Department username and password.



Why is this information needed?

- To control access to the online services.
- To prevent unauthorised access to student's work.



When could this information be accessed by others?

- By support staff to fix issues.
- Where required by law.
- Never for advertising or marketing purposes.

Office 365 is an internet based service provided by Microsoft for class activities. It provides students with access to online education services such as:

- Microsoft Web Apps (Excel, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, OneNote)
- Exchange
- OneDrive
- SharePoint
- Forms
- Stream
- Flow
- Skype for Business
- Microsoft Teams
- Sway
- PowerApps
- School Data Sync
- Minecraft: Education Edition

The online services offered by Microsoft may be updated from time to time, but are only made available to students once they have been reviewed and approved by the Department.

For more details on Office 365 visit:

<https://products.office.com/en-au/student/office-in-education>



What are the benefits of this service for students?

- Teaches students to be 'digital citizens' through the use of an online system.
- Provides access to digital tools for a range of classroom activities.
- Allows students to actively collaborate with their class on school work.
- Provides digital whiteboard capability in group discussions.
- Enables students to access their classwork from different channels (i.e. laptops, iPads and smartphones).
- Helps students to build working relationships with each other.
- Promotes knowledge sharing.

What information might students store in Office 365?

- In addition to the information needed to provide access to Office 365 (student's username, password, name, year level, home group and school), student's schoolwork will also be stored in Office 365.
- Students have the ability to store and share any school work related content on the platform, such as photographs, audio, video recordings. They can also add non-classroom related information.
- Student's data is stored in data centers located in Victoria and New South Wales.



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How can you help protect your student's information?

Whilst your school provides your student's Department username and password to Microsoft to enable them to only access their own information on Office 365, there are some things that you can do to help keep their information safe.

Remind them not to share passwords with anyone, as they cannot be sure how secure another person will be with their details.

Teachers will remind students to only use Office 365 for activities related to schoolwork.

Talk about appropriate uses of technology at school and at home. **Remind** them that anything uploaded to Office 365 can be viewed by teachers.

In rare cases, Microsoft's technical support team may have access to information stored in Office 365.

Please note that **Microsoft will never contact you or your child directly**. If you or your child are contacted by anyone claiming to be Microsoft support, contact your school immediately.

✓ Example information students can safely put online

- Class presentation.
- Conversations about classwork/assignments.
- School related contact details.
- Class related media – i.e. videos, photos.
- Whiteboard notes.
- Emails between students on school work.

✗ Example information students should always be cautious of putting online

- Personal mobile or home phone number.
- Personal photographs and video clips unrelated to schoolwork.
- Other student's private information.
- Health information.
- Bank details.
- Home address.
- Information on racial or ethnic origin.
- Religious beliefs or other opinions.

ONLY complete the section below if you DO NOT want your child to have access to this online service.

Office 365 - Opt-Out Form

If upon considering the above information you have questions or concerns please contact your school. **You do not need to do anything** for your child to have access to this service.

I **DO NOT** wish for my child to have access to Office 365 and understand that alternative arrangements for allocating work will be made.

Student Name:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Home room:

Parent / Guardian Name:

Date:

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Cornavirus Symptoms

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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



Reduce your risk of coronavirus

- ✎ **WASH** your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✎ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✎ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✎ **STAY** at home if you feel sick. If you take medication make sure you have enough.
- ✎ **PHONE** your doctor or the hotline – **1800 675 398** – if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✎ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- ✎ **WEARING** a face mask is not necessary if you are well.
- ✎ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.



Find out more

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the

Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

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Health and Human Services

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.

Spread the word to shop at Ritchies and we'll look forward to donating more money back to your school!

*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 for phone numbers and addresses of the following stores or ring Head Office on (03) 9784 2000.

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