



**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Churchill Newsletter

Friday 24th April, 2020

### KEY DATES

26 Jun                      END OF TERM 2

13 Jul                        TERM 3 BEGINS



**Cleo Lazaris**  
Campus Principal

## Message from our Campus Principal

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2. Although teaching and learning looks very different to what we are used to, all our staff are excited to be back teaching and supporting our students.

In many cases teachers and support staff are learning along side our students: exploring different ways to deliver the curriculum, navigating the many resources and digital platforms, keeping in touch but also ensuring that students aren't overwhelmed and balancing their day so as to respond to student enquiries and provide meaningful work. All things that are second nature in a face-to-face classroom are given a new dimension with remote learning.

I am very proud of my staff, who have proven they too are lifelong learners and continue to model that for our students. I am as equally proud of our students who have embraced remote learning. For many students this suits their learning style and for others it is an opportunity to develop the skills required to learn through digital technology. I know that many parents have faced some feelings of uncertainty as they feel they now have to home-school their children. Rest assured that Remote Learning is different to Home Schooling and our staff will provide the work, guide students through their learning, assess learning tasks and continue to support their educational and wellbeing needs. Nevertheless, this is more demanding of your time as you try to work from home and support your child through their learning. I believe we need to be kind to ourselves and not expect perfection. Flexibility and understanding will be the key!

I thank you all for the positive feedback you have given to my staff and to me. It goes a long way to boost the morale of our school staff and it does affirm that we are in this together.

### ATTENDANCE

We are marking attendance according to students' engagement with the set work for each class. Attendance is not recorded via Compass.

This might be different to how other schools are recording students' attendance.

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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**Attendance  
Hotline**

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## LEARNING TASKS

Parents, carers and students are reminded that during this period of remote learning, students do not have to strictly follow their timetable.

Teachers are mainly uploading learning tasks at the beginning of the week, so learning tasks will not be visible inside every timetabled class.

Students can make sure they have accessed all the learning tasks for a subject by going to the pencil icon, clicking the class they want to work on, and using the Learning Tasks tab to access their tasks.

So, please don't think you have to be working on Maths when your Maths class is timetabled, (unless your teacher has scheduled a video conference class and you are able to join that). The main thing to focus on is that you are completing all the required work.



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## Kurnai College Four Pillars

**Engagement:** We actively participate in our own learning

**Excellence:** We do the best that we can do

**Work Ethic:** We are committed to working hard

**Relationships:** We value and respect each other

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

### EXAMPLES OF WORK COMPLETED VIA REMOTE LEARNING

Remote Learning has opened up new opportunities for students. For example, the Sustainable Futures class made cupcakes at home with limited ingredients.

#### KATIE MANSFIELD REPORTS:

#### CRAZY CUPCAKES / COOKING WITH LESS

Recipe

½ cup of flour

3tbs cocoa

1 tsp baking soda

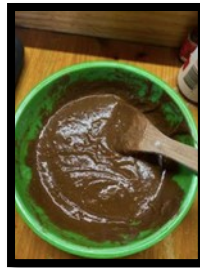
½ tsp salt

1 tsp white vinegar

1 tsp vanilla extract

5tbs oil

1 cup water



These cupcakes were actually surprisingly good, they were sweet and chocolaty almost like a brownie, they were very fluffy and bouncy in a way. I would use this recipe again and make them again as they were delicious. I don't really have any modifications that I would add or try just because I found them really enjoyable by themselves.

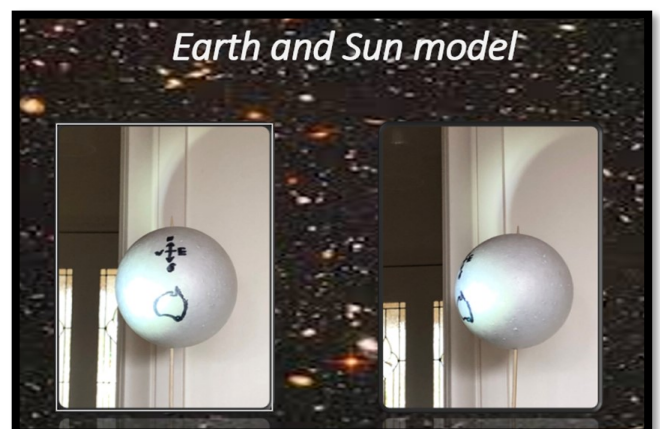
Thank you for the recipe Mrs Flake.

#### AND FROM CORRYN EVANS' YEAR 7 SCIENCE

The science department has taken advantage of the amazing program we have at our disposal, Stile, as well as the collective experience and extensive resources of each of our teachers, to provide students with an engaging and diverse range of learning activities for the first 2 weeks of online learning. Students are able to have the material read to them through the program, have videos to watch, interactive activities as well as quizzes to test their knowledge. Student feedback so far has been positive, stating that they appreciate all the help from teachers and are finding online learning better than what they expected.

Year 7 Science students were provided with an optional extension activity where they could build a model to demonstrate the rotation of earth and the moon.

Here is a model done by one of our students last week. Well done Dean Xuereb



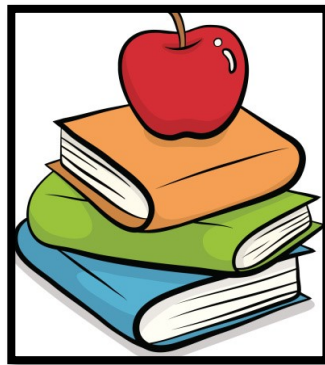
# Year 7 News

Hi to all Year 7's from our homes,

Not only have you begun secondary school, but who could have guessed we would spend so much time at home with our laptops! It is so pleasing for teachers to call home and receive messages that you are finding your way around Compass, doing your best in these first few days and that family and friends have been helping with your learning.

If we could mention three important things before we write again, get involved in the online fun activities that are being organized, continue to communicate with your teachers and other staff (even if that's not your usual habit) and use this time to really work on skills so you feel more confident.

Bye, see or speak to you soon.



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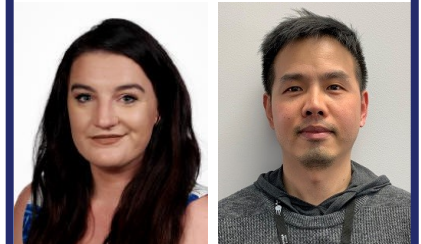
## THE YEAR 7 TEAM



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



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



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

# Year 8 News

Welcome back to Term 2 to all Year 8 students and families. It has certainly been a challenging start to remote learning for both students, families and teachers. The way in which students, parents, carers and teachers have adapted to this unusual school term has been fantastic. The positivity and support that is being provided for all members within the Year 8 cohort and team is to be commended. We know that technology has made remote learning challenging at times, but the teams have been able to work through these challenges and will continue to do so throughout the time that schools are closed.

All of the students in Year 8 have been allocated a contact staff member from the Year 8 team. These staff members have been contacting parents and carers via phone, text or emails. If you need any assistance with laptops, access to the class work or internet, please talk to these contacts who will be able to help.

Stay safe and please let us know if you require help with your child's learning, more so, during this current situation.



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## Year 9 News

Hello everyone and welcome to the Year 9 News - online schooling edition. It has been great to see and hear from so many students and parents from the Year 9 cohort over the last two weeks. Well done to all of you for rising to the challenge of remote learning online. My heart is filled with joy when I hear the success stories of students overcoming not just the challenge of their learning, but the added layer of resilience that is sometimes required when dealing with technology.

### PARENTS ON COMPASS

A reminder to all parents that you are also able to login to compass to see tasks and work that is due for students. You can access this through the Kurnai college webpage <https://kurnai.co>. You can also download and install the app on your smartphone to conveniently monitor your child's progress with learning tasks.

If you require assistance with this in any way or need help with your login details please do not hesitate to contact the school on 5132 3700.



### VIDEO CONFERENCING AND ONLINE TEACHING

As Year 9 teachers develop their skills in online delivery, classes are starting to become more and more vibrant with interactivity. One of the amazing features being utilized by Year 9 teachers is that of video conferencing. Conference calls are being made for many of the classes taking place. This is being done through the Microsoft Teams application and is a great way for students to stay in touch with both teachers and friends.

For assistance accessing teams, please don't hesitate to contact Glen Stephenson via email [stephenson.glen.t@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:stephenson.glen.t@edumail.vic.gov.au) or by contacting the school on 5132 3700.

### MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

While learning is very important, it's something that can become difficult to do if we don't look after ourselves. Remember to take the time to do some physical activity during the day to keep your body and mind sharp. This could mean going for a walk or a bike ride, playing with pets, or climbing a tree. This will do a lot to keep your body and mind in shape.

We have great resource in our teacher, advocates and welfare personnel to help students look after their mental health and wellbeing. And, they all love a good chat. So don't be shy if you're feeling a little blue, we are all in this together and together we are happier and healthier. Contact can be made via school phone number or any staff email.



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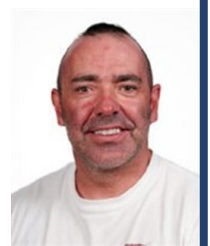
Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



# Year 10 News

## MESSAGE FROM SOME OF THE YEAR 10 TEAM:



**From Mary:** Thanks for the level of engagement. It's been fantastic seeing you all adapt to this craziness and I'm thoroughly enjoy hearing from you guys and seeing the effort you are putting into your learning tasks.



**From Mr Bennett:** Great job so far to 10B students who are engaging really well with the English Remote Learning Program. Please remember to get in touch via email, Teams or Compass if you need any help.



**From Mr Hopkins (aka Hoppo):** It has been great to catch up with my Year 10 music students this week and know that they are all safe and working well. Great work, keep it up...

## CAREERS NEWS AND 2021 COURSE COUNSELLING WITH SUZE (CAREERS OFFICER)

This term we would usually start conversations about your options for Year 11, we refer to this as course counselling.

I am more than happy to arrange interviews via Teams to discuss VCAL, VCE (including what is an ATAR and how does this help with getting into University) and VET. We can also speak about VET courses and go over what will be available.

Your education pathway is all dependent on what you would like to do after Year 12. Once you have a better understanding of your options, we can then set up some more formal interviews with the University Campus.

You can send me an email, [benson.suzanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:benson.suzanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) and I'll schedule a time with you, or with a group of you. Starting these conversations early will mean you will make informed decisions a little later in the year.

## TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 SEPTEMBER 2020)

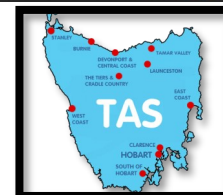
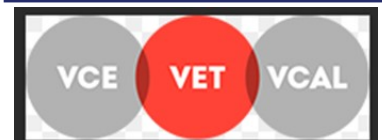
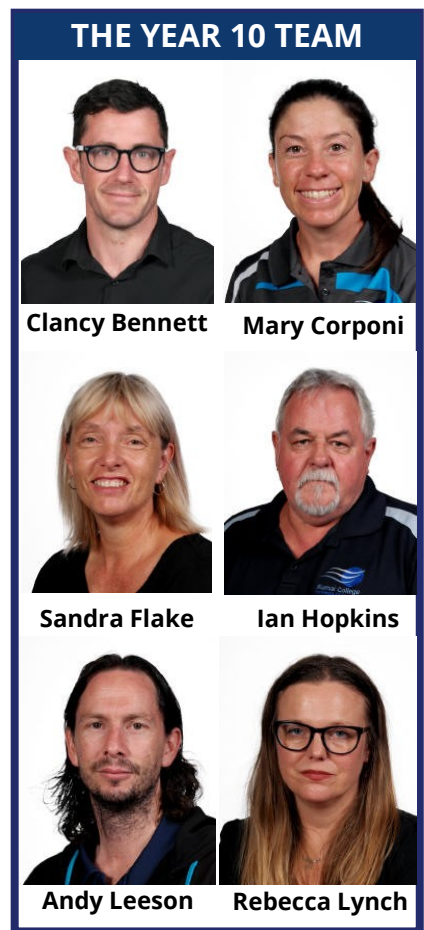
At this stage there is NO impact on the Tasmania Camp. We will advise students and parents if there are any changes to this event. Securing a place on this trip was dependent on a signed excursion form and deposit been submitted and paid before the end of Term 1.

Just a reminder that instalment dates:

### KEY DATES:

- 5 May 2020 – Second instalment (\$250) is due
- 16 June 2020 – Third instalment (\$250) is due
- 4 August 2020 – Final instalment (\$85) is due

**NOTE:** Camps, Sports and Excursion fund money cannot be used for the deposit but may be used for the final payment of camp. Centrepay payments (minimum of \$30 a fortnight) can be arranged to cover the cost of the camp. Please contact office staff to arrange payments from CSEF accordingly.



## CSEF

Due to COVID-19, you may now be eligible for Camps Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF). To be eligible you must be one of the following:

1. a parent/carer (of the relevant student) who is:

- on the first day of term one or the first day of term two an eligible beneficiary of either a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card; or
- an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or

2. a temporary foster carer; or

3. the parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

The parent/carer must submit an application to the school prior to the end of Term 2.

Provided the above conditions are satisfied, the amount payable is:

- \$225 for secondary school students.

If you have already applied for this earlier, you do not need to do anything as you have already received your CSEF; however for those that may now be eligible please contact the school to get your application form in or use the link below before the end of Term 2.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf>