



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Friday 19th June, 2020

KEY DATES

FRI 26 Jun END OF TERM 2
SCHOOL ENDS 1:45 PM
COUNTRY BUSES LEAVE 1:50 PM

MON 13 Jul TERM 3 BEGINS



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Last week we welcomed back all of our students. Whilst the noise level was certainly different to what I had become accustomed to during Remote Learning, it was a welcome change. I enjoyed listening to the buzz of students and staff getting involved in their classes and catching up where they left off 11 weeks ago.

Some time was spent on the first day to allow everyone to reset before continuing with the term's learning. As staff and students take stock of the work and learning completed during remote learning, some students might find that they have work to finish. I encourage them to attend our Homework Club on a Wednesday night.

HOMEWORK CLUB

A reminder that homework club is available for any student wishing to seek extra help with their classwork or to complete work not finished in class.

When: Wednesday afternoon

Where: Churchill Campus Library

Time: 2.50 pm to 4:00pm



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.....

VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS

Families and visitors to the campus are required to phone the general office before attending on-site. This is to minimise the number of people in the foyer and moving around the school. Please follow the social distancing measures in place – there are markers outside the office.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On the last day of term, Friday 26th June, buses will operate as normal in the morning and depart Kurnai Churchill Campus at approximately 1.50 pm.

Classes will operate as normal starting at 8.30am for Period 1 and will end at the conclusion of Period 4 at 1.00pm. Students who are not bus travellers will require a note if they wish to leave at lunch time otherwise students will be dismissed at 1.45pm.

E TALENT SHOW

Congratulations to **Michael Russo** who came second in the recent E Talent show for guitar. Well done Michael.

How will SCHOOL be different at KURNAI COLLEGE?

- No Sharing - Students must **BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT** (illustrated with a pencil, paper, and calculator)
- Students must **BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE** (illustrated with a laptop)
- No **DRINK FOUNTAINS** (illustrated with a person at a fountain). Bring your own **DRINK BOTTLE** (illustrated with a water bottle)
- EXCURSIONS + CAMPS** cancelled for now (illustrated with a yellow bus)
- Appointments must be made to visit the Campus (illustrated with a reception desk and phone icons). **PLEASE PHONE THE GENERAL OFFICE**
- Regular **HAND WASHING** and use of Hand Sanitiser (illustrated with hands being washed)
- Parents must **REMAIN IN CARS** at drop off and pick ups (illustrated with a red car)
- No **ASSEMBLIES** (illustrated with a person at a podium and an audience, with a red 'X' over the scene)

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Year 7 News

WEEK ONE, OR WAS IT NINE?

Great to have students back buzzing about the school. Day One, that's after weeks of home learning, began in familiar class groups for 2 hours of activities that may have felt a little like a day in January. Snack Chat bags inspired lots of conversation and a relaxed mood for reflecting on the benefits and shortfalls of 'Remote Learning'.

Sharing is outlawed. As much as that might sound mean, students are expected to have their own water bottle, food, equipment and device. Keeping distance from teachers, at the canteen and 'hot spots', no high fives, hand shaking and hugging has been a challenge for youngsters, even teachers, but we thank Year 7's for being so accepting and understanding!

TEAM YS: YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ON 'TEAMS'

Online communication certainly hasn't ended. Students and their teachers can still keep in touch, for educational reasons, by email and Teams chat. Students and parents can visit Team YS for up-to-date announcements, reminders and feedback from teachers. Here is a sample to give you a sense of what we are aiming for:

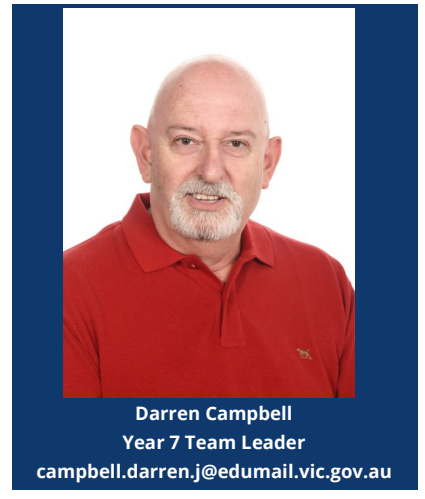
*Thank your Year 10 mentors and teachers for our 2 Fridays of welcome back group activities.

*Please make sure you have your charged laptop at school. "It's at home," is unacceptable.

*Are you concerned about unfinished work? You have the final task in each subject to show what you can do. Homework Club is on Wednesdays after school in the Language Centre.

PASTORAL CARE FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

The photos speak for themselves. Russell White reached into his repertoire of camp challenges to create a rotation led by himself, Celeste Sanderco, Corryn Evans, Mary Corponi and her ever enthusiastic Year 10 mentors. It is wonderful to see students joining in, working together, determined to succeed and having fun. There is no doubt that this effort and energy transfers to students' learning, a positive sense of self and respect for each other.



Year 8 News

END OF TERM

The end of Term 2 is fast approaching. All students will need to make sure that they clean out their lockers and take-home laptops, PE shirts and lunch containers. Term 2 has been a challenging term, with the school closure, for both students, parents, and staff. At this stage of the term everyone is feeling tired and is ready for a break from schoolwork. Hopefully, the Term 2 holidays provide an opportunity for everyone to refresh and prepare for Term 3.

PREPARING FOR TERM 3

Over the term break please take the opportunity to prepare for Term 3 by ensuring that your child has the appropriate equipment. Students will need to have an exercise book for each subject, pens, pencils, eraser, coloured pencils, a pencil sharpener and a laptop that works.

SEMESTER REPORTS

With the disruption to schooling due to the school closure, end of semester reports will not be available until early in Term 3. Once these reports are available parents and guardians will be notified through Compass.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

With the colder weather, students are still expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however they can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. If your child is out of uniform, please provide a note which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Students are also reminded that baseball hats are not to be worn to classes and will need to be kept in lockers and used only at recess and lunchtime.

HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Year 8 Team members, Nicole Ashton, Kline, Kara Thompson, Gabi O'Bree, Jen Caruana, Cathy Tan, Robin Fitzpatrick and Lindy Gumpold we would like to wish everyone a safe and restful term break. We look forward to working with all of the Year 8 students and families in Term 3.



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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

Year 9 News

Hello everyone and welcome again to the Year 9 news. This crazy, yet fruitful school term will soon be behind us and we look forward to the beginning of Semester 2. Again, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment throughout Term 2 and the remote learning period. A reminder to all parents that if students are displaying any symptoms of illness, they should be kept home.

ELECTIVES SEMESTER 2

Year 9 and 10 students have recently completed their elective selections. This year these were done electronically via the Microsoft Teams platform. If you would like to discuss your child's selections, please do not hesitate to contact Glen Stephenson via telephone or email on 5132 3700 or at Glen.Stephenson@education.vic.gov.au

The class lists for electives will be finalised over the last weeks of Term 2. Students will receive notification of their timetables and classes for Semester 2 towards the end of this term.

UNIFORMS

A reminder that all students are expected to arrive to school in full school uniform. This does not include non-school jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants. Students can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that 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. If you require assistance in obtaining school uniform items, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss the matter.

BYO DEVICE

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 are 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. Due to Covid-19, the only safe way for this to occur is by having and using their own fully functioning device. If anyone requires assistance with regard to the BYOD program please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

PUNCTUALITY

A reminder to all Year 9 students that punctuality is not only important for school, but also a well sought after trait as students enter the work force, develop their social lives and contribute to the community. A number of students continue to loiter in the locker area to wait for friends, this is causing many of these students to be late to class, sometimes by up to 20 minutes and missing crucial explicit classroom instruction. For this reason, the locker area will be targeted by staff for this behaviour.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



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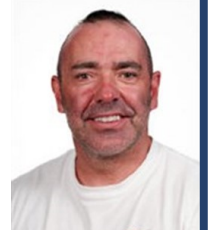
Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake

Year 10 News



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021!

This term we started conversations about options for Year 11: VCE or VCAL pathway?

- The preferred pathway is dependent on what students would like to do after Year 12— apprenticeship, University, TAFE and employment.

We refer to this process as course counselling.

Course Counselling is composed of TWO key events: Subject Information Day and Course Counselling Interviews.

SUBJECT INFORMATION DAY

ALL Year 10 students are to attend information sessions about possible pathway options for 2021 at the Senior Campus. They will learn more about the structure of VCAL, the various VCE subjects & VET courses offered through our college.

When: Wednesday 22nd JULY (T3W2) from 12noon to 2:50pm

Where: University Campus Churchill

Sessions will run for 20mins and lunch will be provided.

Churchill Year 10 students will be accompanied by school staff and will walk to the Senior Campus for a 12noon start and will be dismissed at 2.50pm from the Senior Campus.

COURSE COUNSELLING INTERVIEWS

Following on from the Subject Information Day, course counselling interviews (the day you choose which pathway you are going to follow next year) will take place on:

When: Wednesday 29th July 2020

Where: Churchill Campus (Language Centre)

Who: YOU and ONE legal guardian/carer or an adult who has a genuine interest in your future pathway (ie. Older sibling, Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent).

Time required: 15 minutes (between 1.30pm and 6.30pm)

You will need to book an appointment – we will notify you when and how bookings can be made in Term 3.

WORK EXPERIENCE

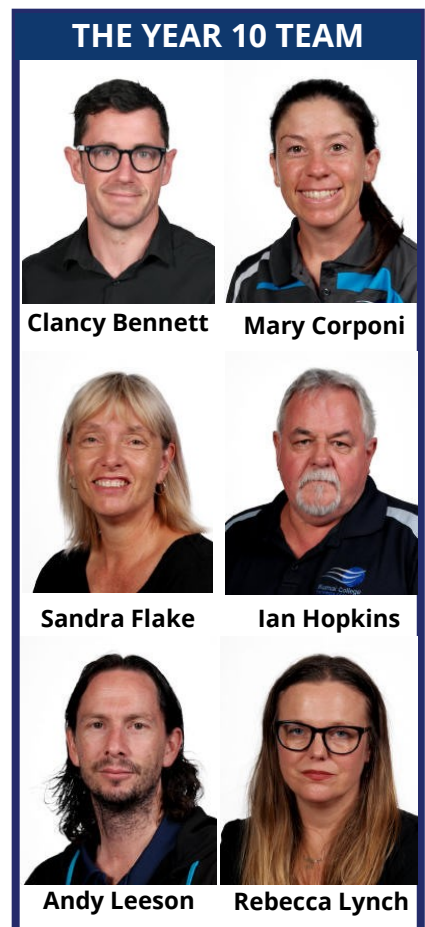
Due to the restrictions placed upon us in Term 2, the Year 10 Team had to postpone the Work Experience Program until late in Term 3. Once the Course Counselling Program is completed, we will be supporting students again, to reconnect with employers regarding possible placements for the last week of Term 3 (a modified one-week program from Monday 14th to Friday 18th September).

UNIFORM

With the colder weather upon us please note that students can wear long sleeved shirts under their school shirt however they cannot be a hoodie and must be navy or white. Winter jackets that are not school uniform (puffer jackets) can be worn to school but must be removed during the day. School pants / tracksuit bottoms must be navy in colour.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder that students are not to have their mobile phone on them during school hours. If they are found with their device at any time throughout the day they will be asked to hand over their phone and it will be taken to the front office where parents will be called to collect the device. The ban on students using mobile devices at school is a state government directive.



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>

CAMPS OR EXCURSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Charges for any camps or excursions that have been cancelled due to Covid-19 have been credited to your family account.

If you made a payment and would like a refund, please contact any campus office for a payment requisition and we will refund the money into your bank account.

If no refund is requested or CSEF was used as payment, this will be on your account as a credit for use in the future.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY ANYMORE.

Now that things are settling down and we're in classes and back to normal it's important to remember that attendance to all classes is crucial to get the best out of the class. There is no substitute for being in the class, listening and participating to discussions, asking questions and getting clarification from the teacher and peers. A dynamic classroom discussion cannot simply be replicated at another time. Being in the classroom is the best place to be to understand the subject content and to get help if you just don't 'get it'.

Please make every effort you can to be in every class every day because it's Not OK To Be Away.

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RETURNING FROM REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

Kurnai College is interested in hearing from you regarding your families experience while your children were studying remotely.

This has been a significant event in our Learning Community and we are wanting to record this experience to look at how we can utilise the outcomes for future learning.

The survey can be found via the below link and will stay open until Friday 26 June

<http://forms.gle/KyVUBK7xxQmyP9Ct9>

We appreciate your time and input during this period of learning.

Living WELL LATROBE

Latrobe City Council COVID Helpline

Do you have questions about what local support is available to you during COVID-19? Are you caring for someone who needs help? We can help you connect with supports and better understand what is available in our community.

Coronavirus has put additional pressure on individuals and communities and many businesses and organisations are operating differently. We want to hear how you can best be supported during this time and into the future as we work through the challenges. We want to help build a stronger resilient community.

Phone 1300 367 700 and choose option 2, or send us an email COVID19Helpline@latrobe.vic.gov.au

You can leave us a message and we can call you at a time that suits you best.



If you need an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for Latrobe City Council.

For specific advice on Coronavirus and Government information call the National Helpline on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.