



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

11th August 2021

KEY DATES

Year 9 Camp postponed to Term 4

Tue 7 - Fri 10 September

Year 10 Getting to Know Melbourne Camp

Mon 4 - Fri 8 October

Year 8 Karoonda Park



Daniel Swallow
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Apologies for any outdated information, situations are changing very quickly. We welcome students back from remote learning, refreshed to see them more and more capable of transitioning between the two modes. This time round we transitioned to a more synchronous delivery mode, allowing us to connect more with our students. Though we have a long way to go to make this as effective as it could possibly be, we are sure that with every lockdown we, and our students, get a little bit better.

Our programs are starting to return to normal, piece by piece. Camps are planned and ready to go ahead and our excursions are being prepared for students to participate in. We look forward to student participation rates in these opportunities increasing. Don't forget that if you are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, there is often a large amount of money available to support your child's participation in these activities.

It has also been great to have our music program take further steps in its development with band rehearsals kicking off after school. There are plans for this to become College-wide once the Department of Education allows our cohorts to mix.

Parent Survey

Recently, all parents received an invitation to participate in a survey relating to the delivery of education that we provide to your child. In strongly encourage you to take the time to do this. This is one of the measures that we look at very closely to judge our success and target interventions towards areas of improvement. As we start to consider what goals we might aim to achieve or focus on for 2022, your input could establish our future direction as a school.

During the remote learning period, we took a new step in the development of our wellbeing program at Morwell Campus. Karina Proctor, who was employed earlier in the year in our Campus Wellbeing position, started in a more specialised Mental Health Practitioner role, supporting all campuses of the College. Filling the vacancy in Student Wellbeing, we have welcomed Annemieke Van Vliet-Ellen to our staff. Annemieke has a strong connection with many of our students and families through her previous work with Morwell Central Primary School and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our provision.

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

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**Attendance
Hotline**

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Year 7 & 8 News

Well, after yet another hiccup in the guise of Home Learning 6.0 – courtesy of Covid 19 – teachers and students in the Year 7 and 8 Team have endeavoured to start the new semester afresh. I would like to highlight the resilience demonstrated by our learners throughout the changeover to remote learning as well as back to face-to-face schooling.

Together with staff, students have persevered and have shown great resilience to cope with the challenges of the new Covid restrictions – masks; social distancing and the ubiquitous video conferences. Returning to the classrooms, Year 7 and 8 learners have engaged in all aspects of their learning and with Learning Behaviour Updates just around the corner, students are putting the effort and behaviour to get the best results.

Year 8 Camp

With Year 8 camp planning underway, we need the permission forms back as soon as possible and again I would like to take this opportunity to highlight this trip as an important adventure for our students and, after last year, a really important learning experience for our Year 8 students.

We will be working with every family to try and ensure 100% attendance at the camp. If you are concerned or expect to face financial difficulties with this camp, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

Please note: Camps will be processed under the Department of Education camps and excursions rules and regulations and are subject to approval and Covid19 restrictions. We will keep in constant communication, and have contingency plans in place.

Year 7 and 8 KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

Year 7 and 8 Students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record setting achievements for positive green write-ups on Compass. I would like to recognise the number of positives both year levels have achieved across this year and ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a positive KPA from their teachers.

Year level leaders have also set goals around our KPA data, with both Year 7 and 8 student leaders pushing their peers to a high level of achievement with both year levels setting a high target of over 1000 KPA positive write ups. It's great to see both year levels on track to meet these goals.



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Count of **Positive KPA's** for each form group

07A	505	08A	622
07B	424	08B	296
07C	429	08C	165
07D	323	08D	329

Year 9 News

Here we go for Lockdown 6.0. Year 9 students and their families are being impacted again by events out of their control. We seem to have just returned to school and now learning has been thrown into a lockdown and online learning again. In the previous lockdown made changes to increase the quality of remote learning by running a full timetable schedule of classes delivered online. Any student that cannot access the online learning needs to contact Mr Di Fabrizio or the school urgently. We implore all of you to make contact if there is a problem. We will do whatever we can to enable your child to continue their learning.

We have Tasks up on Compass for students and parents to see how their child is progressing. We are also marking attendance for every lesson your student attends. If your student cannot attend, then please contact the school just as you always would stating that they are ill or otherwise unable to attend class.

Fundraising & Support

Some of our Year 9 students are planning activities to raise funds to support the Grounded Paws Cat Café in Traralgon. They rescue & rehome animals from the Latrobe Pound who are due for euthanasia. If anyone would like to donate blankets, cushions or kitty litter the students would love to forward them on as part of their project.

The Year 9 Camp

Due to Melbourne going into a further lockdown for the next week, Year nine camp has been postponed. We are hoping to run it at the start of term 4 and will keep you updated as soon as possible. We have set up a team on Teams to keep everyone informed and up to date. The purpose of the Melbourne camp is to give students a real experience of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Sandra Treloar



Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay



Jillian Tymms



**Jordan
Melnuish**

Year 10 News

Hello to all Year 10. The rest of this term is going to be very busy. This week we had Sport Science sessions at the Tech School on Thursday and Friday. The next round of GPA reports are now with teachers to be filled out. Please ensure that all Learning tasks have been submitted in a timely manner so all students can improve their GPA results.

A huge thank you to all Year 10 students for working towards making a huge decision, VCE or VCAL. The process has now been extended due to Covid and restrictions and will continue for the next few months. All Year 10 students and parents will be invited to an information session in August where they can explore the options for Year 11 in 2022. On Sunday August 15th there will be a virtual Information Day at this stage between 12 noon and 4 pm at the Uni Campus. On Wednesday August 18th, every Year 10 student and a guardian/parent need to attend a Course counselling Interview with a VCE or VCAL panel. Each student is to sign up to a time and a panel that they and a parent or guardian can attend between 1:30 and 6:30 pm. on that date.

Camp

This year we are working on a camp to Discover Melbourne Victoria as we are not allowed to travel inter-state due to Covid-19. Information has been handed out and the students that will be attending have been contacted.

Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates especially at Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

PBS

This year students will receive a KPA report for working well in class. This will automatically result in an SMS message being sent to a parent or guardian of the student stating which school pillar they were exhibiting in the classroom. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will also be rewarding students with great attendance to school.

Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650600. tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Dates To Remember

August 15 th	Student/Parent Virtual Information Day at Uni Campus—Running between 12 noon and 4pm
September 7 th – 10 th	Melbourne Camp



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi

Megan Schwarzenberg



Angela Thomas

Mark Johnston



Sarah Lewis

COVID GUIDELINES

Face masks continue to be one of the most important ways we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. To ensure public health directions are being followed, students aged 12 years and over **must** wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses and when in taxis or ride share vehicles – unless they have a [lawful exemption](#).

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents/caregivers will be invited to participate in this year's survey. Details on how to complete the survey are available on Compass. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact your Campus office if you would like more information.

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 College if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitars and Keyboards are not hired. Contact the Music Director if you have any queries.

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? _____

Music News!!

Kurnai College Concert Band Morwell:

On Monday the 2nd of August Kurnai College Morwell commenced its first Concert Band rehearsal after school. All of the students who participated did a brilliant job at sight reading the music and playing as an ensemble for the first time. It was great to see the students full of excitement and enthusiasm to be able to practice together as an ensemble after the numerous lockdowns we have faced. I want to say a huge congratulations to all of the students who participated in the rehearsal and warmly invite all music students to join us every us every Monday after school, from 3-4.30pm in the Music Room. Well done to all involved.





Risky business A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to communicate better with your teen?
- Develop strategies to listen without judgment?
- Help your teen problem solve and make safe choices?
- Stay connected?

DATES: Monday 16th August 2021

TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

For bookings & enquiries contact: Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

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Raising Teens | Online Parents Building Solutions

- Do you want to learn how to talk so teens will listen?
- Help you teen problem solve and resolve conflict?
- Communicate better with your teen and stay connected?

DATES: Fridays 20th August to 17th September

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

For bookings & enquiries contact: Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

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Parenting Anxious Kids A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to:
- Know how to respond when your child gets overwhelmed?
 - Help your child to regulate their emotions?
 - Support your child with their challenges?

DATES: Monday 30th August 2021

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

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