



**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Morwell Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

### KEY DATES

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 -8:00pm

Parent Information Night for 2022 Year 11 at University Campus in 5N104

14th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

15th—18th June

Year 7 Camp



**Daniel Swallow**  
Campus Principal

## Message from our Campus Principal

### NAPLAN

This week has seen our Year 7 and Year 9 students busy with the return of NAPLAN to schools across Australia. Last year's lockdown impacted the delivery of NAPLAN and so it has been an absent fixture since 2019. I am exceptionally proud of our students and the efforts they have made. The results of these tests help us to establish our direction as a school and areas for focus. Contrary to popular belief, we don't spend much time looking at individual results, but do rely on the whole school results very heavily to help our decision-making. Many thanks go to the staff who support the delivery of this testing. The disruption to classes and timetables is tremendous and without their exceptional support we would not be able to support your children to achieve their best.

### Youth Space

It is great to see that the new Youth Space centre is now open at the end of Bridle Road. This is a fantastic resource for our young people to access and we were very pleased to take groups of students to the opening to be a part of it. We hope they get ongoing benefit from the services offered.

### Work Experience

Year 10's have now returned from their work experience placements and are abuzz with positivity. Many have found career goals and directions from their placements. Others have been able to cross off ideas with a clearer understanding of what the respective industries are about. This is a fabulous experience for all Year 10 students and I congratulate them on the exemplary reports being received from their placement supervisors. We should also recognise the work of the Year 10 and Careers staff to get all of our students out on placement. This is a huge undertaking and they do a tremendous job.

College Principal  
**Anthony Rodaughan**

Campus Principal  
**Daniel Swallow**

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

**Morwell Campus**

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**Attendance  
Hotline**

**5132 3711**

## Wellbeing Provision

We welcome Karina Proctor to our team at Morwell Campus. Karina is working in our Wellbeing Team while Cate Johnson is absent. She has already started getting to know students and catching up on their needs after the seat has been left empty for better part of the year. The students have connected with her well and we hope she continues to enjoy her time with us. We are also pleased to have secured Victor Viray to provide psychology services to some of our students on a fortnightly basis. In order to gain access to Karina or to Victor for your child, you should contact the Team Leader for referral.



## 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](#).

# Year 7 & 8 News

## Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 camp planning continues with the final preparations now being put in place such as staffing, activity groups and cabins. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is really important that we have all students participate in this camp. Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can get the full benefit of the curriculum and opportunities that we offer to them in Year 7.

If your child needs any extra support whilst on camp, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team, so we can incorporate special arrangements into our planning.

If you need any assistance overcoming barriers for your child to attend camp, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

## Youth Space Visit

Year 8A and 10A were lucky enough to be invited to the grand opening of Morwell's Youth Space. The \$5.6 million facility is a youth-led/adult-guided initiative that endeavours to empower the young people of the Latrobe Valley. The Youth Space provides activities and services that will help grow their skills and experiences and lead to new opportunities.

The Grand Opening was conducted by Minister Ros Spence, Harriet Shing MP, and the Youth Governance Council. It was great to see our students mingling with community and business leaders.



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## Year 7 and 8 Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to promote attendance, 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
- \* higher income across their lives.
- \* There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

## 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 of **Positive Green Write ups**. I would like to recognise that across Year 7 and 8, they continue to set Positive Chronical entry records and I ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a Positive KPA from their teachers.

Count of **Positive KPA's** for each form group broken down into term and year.

<b>Form Group</b>	<b>This Term</b>	<b>This Year</b>
<b>07A</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>1064</b>
<b>07B</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>742</b>
<b>07C</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1155</b>
<b>07D</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>08A</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1449</b>
<b>08B</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>596</b>
<b>08C</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>08D</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>621</b>

Keep up the **Positive Work!!!**

## Year 9 News

Most Year 9 students attended the Tech School team work day at their campus in the technology hub in Morwell. This program focused on students building their team work skills by getting them to participate in a programming robot challenge, a virtual reality challenge and a music writing challenge. Mixing with different students they had never worked with before simulated a real work environment where you work with new people on a regular basis.



**Anthony DiFabrizio**  
Year 9 Team Leader

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## NAPLAN

NAPLAN was completed for the final time for all Year 9 students this week. The school supported students to minimise their stress and improve their confidence with breakfast provided to all on each of the three test mornings. Thanks to the teachers and staff that made it possible so students can receive a true reflection of their current level of learning achievement.



Di Billingsley

Emma Hudson

## Morrisby Testing

Morrisby testing has been completed. Well done to all those students that have invested in their future by being involved. This is an extremely valuable feedback process that will assist students, their families, teachers and our careers staff to develop meaningful learning for students from middle school onwards.



Marg Tomnay

Sandra Treloar

## Tutoring

Our tutoring program to support students has commenced across the school this term and tutors are in classes helping our Year 9 students every day. This is a very positive student support initiative and is in addition to any aides or other supports.

Overall, behaviour has improved amongst the Year 9 students both in and out of class. As a Year 9 team, we are always focused on improved learning behaviours which lead to improved learning outcomes. Well done to all the students and their families in Year 9 in the improvement achieved so far in Term 2.



Jillian Tymms

## Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp for Morwell campus has been scheduled in Week 6 of Term 3 this year. 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. We remain extremely keen to get as many students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost. More information will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

# Year 10 News

A huge thank you to Alan Ferris for organising the Year 10 Work Experience that occurred between April 26<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May! The feedback received from the employers was positive and the majority of students had a valuable experience. Currently all teachers are completing the May GPA reports and they will be available on-line to students and parents at the end of next week.

## Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech, Textiles and an Advocate), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Johnston (Technology and an Advocate) and Sarah Lewis (English, Humanities and Media).

## Work Experience

Below are a couple of photos of our Kian and Jacob taking part in Work Experience. Both have learnt a lot about their different chosen fields of interest. Well done to both of you!!!



**Sheryl Tangi**  
Year 10 Team Leader  
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## THE YEAR 10 TEAM



**Froso Pizzi**



**Megan Schwarzenberg**



**Angela Thomas**



**Mark Johnston**



**Sarah Lewis**

## Dates To Remember

May 13th	Student Talk from Uni Campus re VCE VCAL and Vet Courses
May 17th	Kickstart interviews begin
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 10 students to nominate VCE OR VCAL VCAL Applications are open to Year 10 students
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Information night for 2022 Year 11 at Uni Campus in 5N104 6:00-8:00pm
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Student Subject Information Day at Uni Campus
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	VCAL Application close
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morwell Campus Course Counselling from 1:30 – 6 pm
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	VCAL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Applications open
September 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Camp

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## 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.

## Camp

This year we are working on a camp in Melbourne Victoria as we are not allowed to travel inter-state due to Covid-19. Information should be out shortly.

## 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.

## 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

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# **University Campus Parent Information Session 2022 Enrolments Wednesday June 2nd 2021**

**6 pm - 8 pm**

**School Tours - 4.30 - 6.00 pm**

Find out about:

- VCAL & VCE
- Subject Content
- Careers Pathways
- Chat with representatives from  
TAFE Gippsland & Fed University

Car Parking is available at the Latrobe Leisure  
Centre or via Ada Crossley Drive

For more information, contact  
Geoff Block 5132 3800  
53 Northways Road, Churchill





**FREE  
ENTRY**

# RIDE

## THE WETLANDS

Sunday 16th May

Registration from 8.30am  
Rides commence at 9:30am



**All ages and abilities**

**BOOK NOW**

Fun Activities & Games | Food Vans | Family Entertainment



## **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.



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? \_\_\_\_\_

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51 650600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 18/6/2021.

**Being angry is totally okay;  
being cruel is not.**



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#saysomething

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

Foster parent\* **OR**  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_





## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  laptops & tablets  |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes   |  books & supplies     |
|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

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\* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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