



Churchill Campus Newsletter

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Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence

Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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Welcome to Semester Two and to another busy term of learning.

This term we will continue our commitment to providing a range of opportunities for our students. Our Year 9s will travel to Melbourne for their year-level camp and Year 10 students from both Churchill and Morwell Campus will visit Tasmania for their camp.

Some of the other excursions and incursions on offer have been a performance by Brainstorm Productions for Years 7 and 8 students, and to assist Year 9 and 10 students to make informed decisions about their future pathways, they will be attending the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park. It is important for families to keep track of Compass permissions to ensure students do not miss out on any activities planned.

Last week our college celebrated NAIDOC week. Although NAIDOC falls during the school holidays, our college always celebrates this significant event in the second week of term

three, highlighting the cultural history of our Indigenous people. This year we were proud to host the college event at Churchill Campus and celebrate the theme 'For Our Elders'.

We were equally proud to open our indigenous garden in the courtyard next to Hands-on Learning and are thankful for Aunty Helen's painting of Tidilick the Frog which will be hung in the foyer. In the lead-up to our NAIDOC celebrations our students learnt about the significance of NAIDOC, the responsibility of elders, and about the dreamtime story 'Tidilick the frog'.



Last year the college launched a documentary 'Stop, Rewind, Play' which features some of our indigenous students discussing and addressing issues of racism and trauma. The documentary was aired during the school holidays. Through structured lessons with our entire school cohort, we are currently addressing racism, racist behaviour, and inter-generational trauma.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer outlining the uniform for students. Many students are wearing black pants instead of the required school colour, blue. Our uniform provider, Lowes has a range of blue pants for students including a tracksuit pant with zipped pockets chosen by our student representatives. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any assistance with uniform.

Ms Cleo Lazaris

Churchill Campus Principal



Calendar Of Events

Key Dates

Term 3	
Wed 9 Aug	2024 Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
Mon 14 - Fri 16 Aug	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Tue 15 Aug	Year 8 Incursion: Smashed Performance
Fri 18 Aug	Year 8 Tech School Excursion
Mon 4 Sep	Student Free Day
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Sep	Year 10 Tour of Tasmania Camp
Fri 15 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Wed 25 Oct	Year 8 Courage to Care with Holocaust Survivors
Mon 6 Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 13 Dec	Gumbuya World Excursion
Fri 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of Term 4

College Key Contacts

For a full list of college-wide key contacts please go to:



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SENIOR PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

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6:00pm Presentation & Information Booths

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Year 7 News



Brainstorm Performance 'Wired'

The recent performance followed the journey of two students who were struggling to manage their mental health, relationships, and online experiences. When their worlds collide, the audience, Years 7 and 8, helped them find a different path.

'Wired' was an interactive theatre experience tackling some of the big issues affecting Australian students, including social isolation, anxiety, stress, depression, (cyber)bullying, online safety, school stressors, and pressure from social media. It addressed barriers to help-seeking and provided strategies for resilience, problem-solving, goal-setting, and positive mental health.

'Wired' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and was developed by education and mental health professionals. This engaging live show used humour, audience participation, relatable characters, and real student experiences to spark conversations. This is currently being followed up in homegroup sessions.



Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtime Catch-Ups

If students do not complete class work, the Campus Principal supervises a lunchtime catch up visited by the teacher who has enrolled the student. All students are aware that attendance is compulsory. This ensures that students use class time effectively to complete tasks focused at their learning level.

Learning Behaviour Update Reports

Students have been reminded that scores reflect their ability to make a consistent effort across their subjects. This is important feedback to students, their family, teachers and the Year 7 Team.

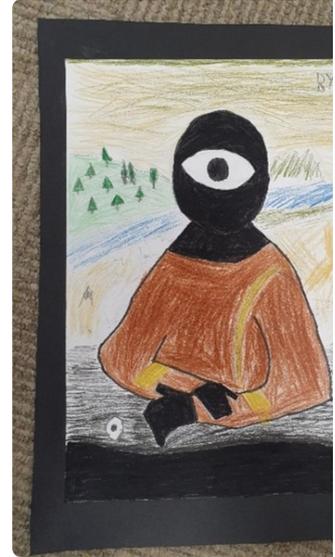
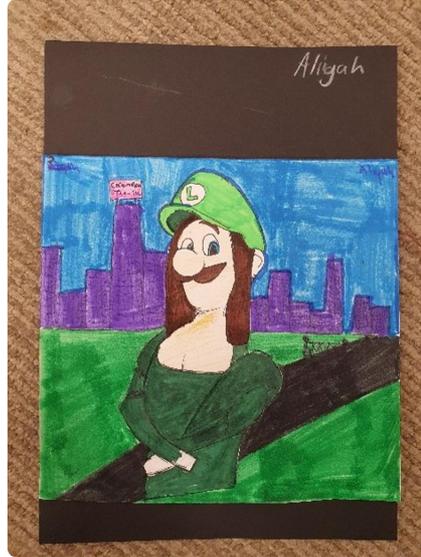
Student work completion, participation, aiming to improve, getting to class on time, and being organised will be reviewed and, where necessary, strategies put in place to support improvement in Semester 2. This might include locker clean-ups, equipment checklists, goal setting, seating plans, class-to-class check-in check-out sheets, class changes, and student/parent interviews. Of course, students are being rewarded for their improvement as part of the Positive Behaviour Support Program.

Raising Expectations in Term 3

It is fair to say that students are now aware of the routines at Kurnai. There should be one workbook for each subject. This ensures students have easy access to their notes, can look back on content to practise skills and take pride in their effort and progress. Could parents please help us check that students also have a well-stocked pencil case, water bottle, leave home in uniform and charge their laptop overnight.

Art

Students have been learning about art appropriation and how to be respectful when using another artist's work as a reference. They have chosen a known cartoon and mixed features from their cartoon with features from the 'Mona Lisa' painting by Leonardo DaVinci.



Darren Campbell
Tear 7 Team Leader



Year 8 News

Warm welcome.



Brainstorm Productions: Wired

Last week, Year 7 and 8 students participated in Brainstorm Productions' performance, *Wired*. The performance follows the journey of two students whose lives are spiralling in different directions: one towards **stress, anxiety, and overload**, and the other towards **depression and disconnection**. When their worlds collide, the audience must help them choose a different path.

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Developed in consultation with a clinical psychologist and based on current research, this engaging mental health program for high schools is designed to stimulate discussion and

complement existing well-being, (cyber)bullying, and mental health programs.

Students actively participated in and enjoyed the performance. Follow-up education units will be running in Homegroup sessions over the following couple of weeks.



Science

This term in science, the Year 8s started a unit on microbiology and started looking under microscopes at different cells. Students then took a step back to appreciate the bones and muscle tissues, before they will look again at cells relating to these tissues, under compound light microscopes.

Students were engaged Tuesday afternoon when asked to outline themselves on big pieces of butcher's paper courtesy of Jenny the Librarian and began drawing and labelling their different bones and muscles.

The Tech School excursion in August will complement the microscope and cell learning students are undertaking in science this term.



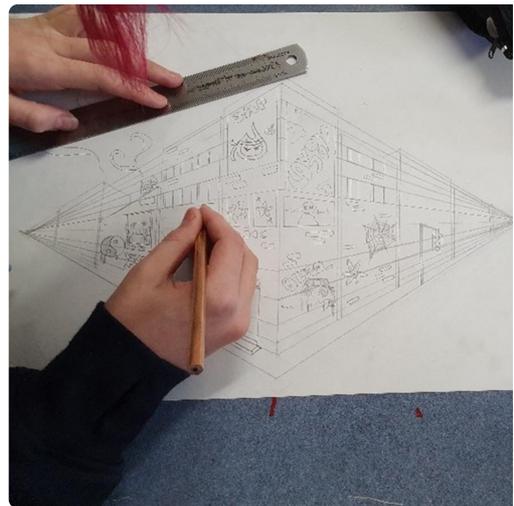
Art

Year 8

Students have been learning about perspective drawing this term. They have learnt about, practised, and created artworks in both one and two-point perspectives. They started by writing a name in 3D block letters and adding one-point perspective to their letters.



Students have started to understand and draw a city street in two-point perspective in a chosen theme. Students have added features and details to their buildings that match their chosen theme.



Karen Anders

Year 8 Team Leader



Year 9 News



We have had another busy start to the term. Students are settling back into classes and getting comfortable in a number of new elective classes. We are still seeing lots of green positive KPA's acknowledging the great start students are making this term.

LBU's are coming out shortly and I'm looking forward to seeing some more great results across the year level. We also have a lot of exciting events happening again this term, this is including the year 9 camp to Melbourne.

Year 9 camp to Melbourne

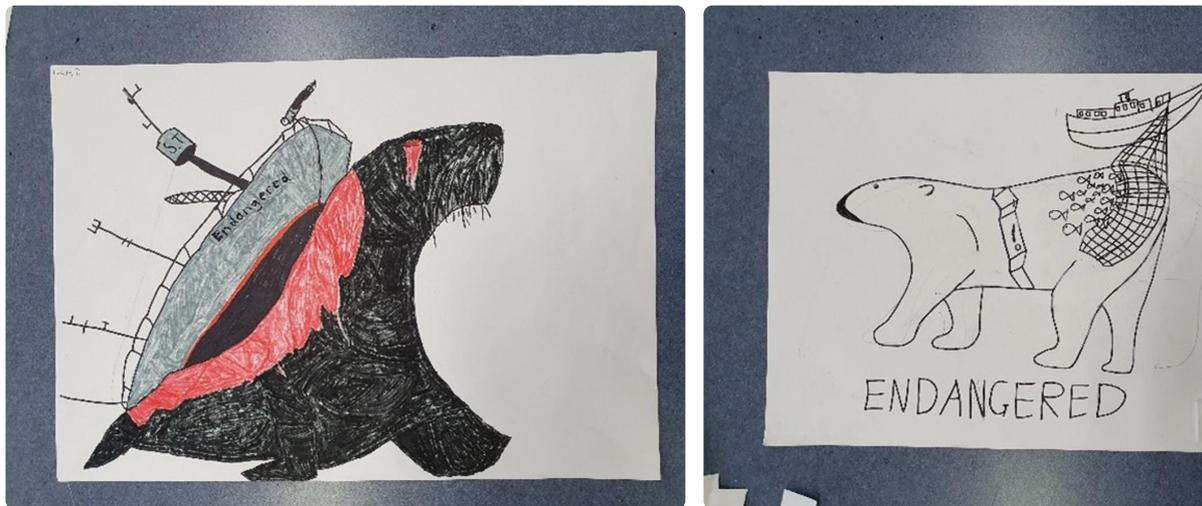
The Year 9 camp to Melbourne camp will be running from the 14th of August to the 18th of August. We have started having meetings with students about this and forms will be coming home with further information for those attending. We will still be running a program at school for the remaining year 9 students. This will link with the learning happening on camp as well as incorporating links to students' regular classes.

Careers expo day

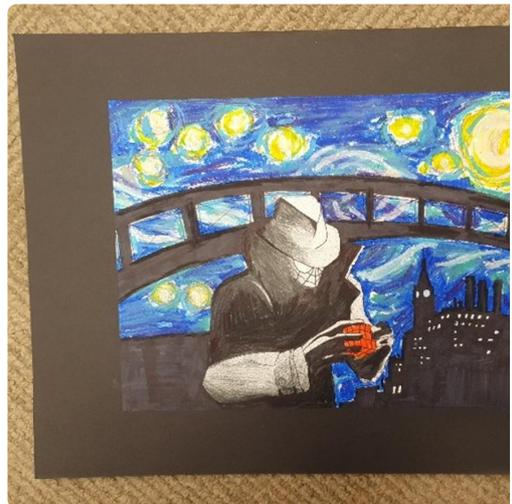
On Tuesday the 25th of July year 9 and year 10 students travelled to Lardner Park to attend the careers expo. This is a large event attended by many schools where students get the opportunity to explore a variety of future career pathways. Students moved around the large area visiting many different stalls and learnt a lot about the opportunities they can take advantage of as they make decisions about their future pathways. Students got lots of goodies on the day as well as great advice and information.

Art

Students have been working on showing how specific animals are endangered in an artwork in the shape of their chosen animal. They are visually describing the impact of human actions on the animals of our world.



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Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the items mentioned above, Year 9 student matters, or just general inquiries, please do not hesitate to give the Year 9 team a call at (03) 5132 3700 or email Matthew.Suter@education.vic.gov.au

Matt Suter

Year 9 Team Leader



Year 10 News



Course Counselling & Pathway Options for 2024

Year 10 students are currently busy working on their course selections and pathways for next year. We recently had the VCE Team from the senior campus come in and talk about options for next year. Students can choose between VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and the new VCEVM (Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major), which replaces the current VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) program as of 2024.

There are some differences between the two programs, and this was explained to students, and more recently to parents and the senior campus information night. We strongly encourage parents to be involved in this process and are always happy to answer any questions you might have.

Course Counselling is the process students follow when they choose their pathway into Year 11/12.

Throughout this Term, students will (and have) receive information and advice about pathway options offered at Kurnai. Students will want to be as prepared as possible to make informed decisions when they attend a Course Counselling Interview, which will be happening on **Wednesday 30th August**. Students can now nominate a time that suits both them and you for these sessions. A sign-up sheet is now located in the Year 10 and Careers areas. Students are encouraged to sign up early to ensure they get the time you require and to avoid disappointment.

On **Wednesday 16th August** students will attend the University Campus for a subject information day and tour of the campus, to familiarise themselves with the options available and the campus itself, as well as ask any questions they might have as they look to their future selections. This is compulsory and all students are expected to attend to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the Course Counselling sessions.

If you require further information about these options please contact Todd Miller - Year 10 Leader, or Angela Northover - Campus Careers Advisor, on 5132 3700. Alternatively, you can contact the senior campus directly and speak with someone there on 5132 3800.

Job Skills Expo

Year 9 & 10 students recently attended the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park in Warragul, where they got the opportunity to wander around a number of displays and speak to people in a variety of industries. There were also several seminars and panel discussions on offer for students to attend a gain more knowledge and information about possible industries and jobs they might like to pursue.

Despite being a cold and wet day, students had a great time and even managed to sample foods and collect merchandise from around the many displays and store holders. Again, this was another important step in their decision-making process for future pathways and career opportunities.



Important Dates

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Wednesday 9th August PARENT INFORMATION EVENING (UNIVERSITY CAMPUS)

6pm

VCE-VM & VET APPLICATIONS OPEN (Can be collected from VM Display on the night)

Wednesday 16th August SUBJECT INFORMATION DAY (ALL Yr10 Students must attend – or have an approved absence)

Friday 18th August VCE-VM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATIONS CLOSE

All applications are to be given to Todd Miller (TEAM LEADER) or Angela Northover (CAREERS)

Wednesday 30th August CHURCHILL COURSE COUNSELLING (1:30pm-6:15pm)

A PARENT/CARER MUST ATTEND COURSE COUNSELLING WITH THEIR YR10 STUDENT 😊

A list of possible time slots is currently available in the Language Centre for students to book a meeting time to discuss their 2024 subjects. Bookings are filling up fast, so please ensure your child has secured a time that suits you best, or one will be allocated to you. Bookings must be made by the 16th August.

Sorry, but walk-ups cannot be accommodated.

This is an excellent opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding Course Selection for 2024, to clarify any questions you or your student may have about the process and meet some of the University Staff.

Wednesday 22nd November VET ORIENTATION DAY (All students who have elected to undertake a VET will go to the Registered Training Organisation 'RTO' for a meet and greet and learn about the program)

Thursday 23rd November Year 10 Formal – details to follow

Friday 24th November LAST DAY OF YEAR 10

Monday 27th Nov - 8th Dec HEADSTART at the University Campus. Students will have an opportunity in the 2nd week of Headstart to make changes to their chosen subjects. Students must see Careers Team/Advocates for any changes to subjects.

HEADSTART is compulsory for all new Year 11 students.

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Todd Miller

Year 10 Team Leader



College News

Message from the College Principal



Hi everyone,

Each year at all campuses of Kurnai College we hold a BBQ for students and staff acknowledging and celebrating NAIDOC week. We also hold a major event which is rotated

annually between each campus and last Thursday this was held at Churchill Campus with a large crowd of visitors including invited dignitaries, guest speakers, other school groups, and families of our Indigenous students celebrating "For our Elders".

The event commenced with a traditional smoking ceremony led by Tre Moffatt, Hollie Johnson did the Welcome to Country in indigenous language & English followed by students doing an Acknowledgement to Country in English and also Auslan which was an impressive addition to our normal practice.

Our Dedlee Kultya dancers impressed with their presentation of several cultural dances sharing stories and wisdom to help and educate young people.

Highlights of the presentation included past students Crystal Bertoli and Anna Solomon sharing their experience of Kurnai and how it prepared them for opportunities after completing Year 12 and also how influential their elders have been and continue to be in their lives. Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer with Victoria Police, Laurie Marks spoke about the importance of supporting each other and the value of elders in guiding young people as they grow. Local elder and artist, Helen Treadgold unveiled an impressive artwork that will be proudly displayed by the College.

The audience were invited to visit the new indigenous garden before joining again in the language centre for lunch together. The garden contains indigenous plants that are traditionally used for food and medicinal purposes. Features of the garden included a campfire pit surrounded with seating, totem poles, a wall mural depicting the characters of the Dreamtime story of Tidilick (The Frog), a metal sculpture of Tidilick, and seating painted in the colours of the Aboriginal, and Torres Strait Islander flags. The sun was shining and the whole garden looked fantastic and is a credit to all the many staff and students who have put hours and hours into the redevelopment that can now be enjoyed by others for years to come.

Matt Jobling

Acting College Principal



Music News



Want to Learn a musical instrument?

For students wanting to learn a musical instrument, we have limited spaces available for brass & woodwind instruments. Please collect an expression of interest form from the general office, or speak to the College Music Coordinator, Mr Chris Gretton, to find out more information.

V.C.E holiday workshop:

During the term 2 holidays we welcomed V.C.E music students from Traralgon College for a combined V.C.E music workshop. The workshop was aimed at refining the students' practical, aural analysis & comprehension skills in preparation for the end of year V.C.E examinations.

Kurnai's Got Talent:

Kurnai's Got talent is a highlight on the calendar and something our staff and students are very excited about. Students wanting to participate in the competition are encouraged to sign-up! Auditions will take place at each campus during lunchtime in weeks 4, 5 and 6 of this term.

- Wednesday 2nd, 9th & 16th August Morwell Campus (music room)
- Thursday 3rd, 10th & 18th August University Campus (hexagon)
- Friday 4th, 11th & 18th August Churchill Campus (music room)

The Kurnai's Got Talent Grand final will be on **Tuesday 15th September from 6-8PM** at the Kurnai Morwell Campus Performing Arts Centre. All are very welcome to come along and support our contestants as they battle it out for the grand final trophy!

Primary Schools Tour:

During weeks 6 and 7 of this term our music students from year levels 7-12 will be visiting Churchill, Churchill North, Boolarra, Yinnar, Morwell Park and Morwell Central primary schools. These workshops are fun, informative, and interactive and a great way to develop relationships with our local primary schools. This year our students have been working hard to refine musical repertoire specially targeted at our primary school audiences.

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod:

Students from across the College will be involved in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. Students will be competing in a variety of sections from V.C.E solo performance, solo piano, concert band and instrumental ensembles. We wish all our students the very best of luck!

Valley Eisteddfod Thursday 10th August

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre Traralgon

- Section 539 (Concert Band) 10AM
- Section 545 (Instrumental ensemble) 12:30PM

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod Saturday 12th August

- Section 546 (Solo) Chase Edwards 9AM
- Section 540 (Instrumental ensemble) 7PM

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod Sunday 20th August

- Section 421 (Solo) Hayden Semmler 6PM

The Kurnai Choir:

This year we are very excited to offer all the students from all campuses the opportunity to participate in the Kurnai Choir. Choir rehearsals are held weekly during lunchtimes at each campus. Rehearsals have been well attended and a great opportunity for students to learn to sing with friends in a fun and inclusive environment. All students are welcome to join - for more information contact Mrs Sims.

Monash Medical Orchestra:

This year for the first time we are very excited to be collaborating with the Monash Medical Orchestra. Kurnai Alumni and current staff and students will join forces with the orchestra as a part of their 'Music for the Valley' musical performance on **Saturday 16th of September**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff and students to be involved in and we are very much looking forward to performing!

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

Come and develop your singing and music skills in the Kurnai Trebles!

Churchill Campus - Music Room Monday Lunchtime

Morwell Campus - Music Room Friday Lunchtime

Sign up at the music room, or see Mrs Sims or Mr G.

Work towards performances at school and for community events!

Spend time with mates in an inclusive environment

KURNAI'S GOT TALENT

COMEDY
JUGGLING
MAGIC

AUDITIONS TO BE HELD
LUNCH TIMES
WEEKS 4, 5 & 6
TERM 3

THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU

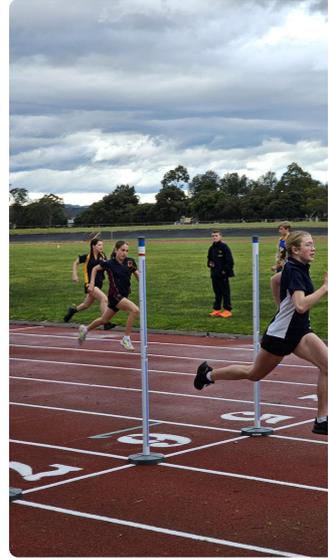
CHURCHILL - UNIVERSITY - MORWELL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MR GRETTON - 03 529 1234

Sports News

Regional Athletics

On Friday 28th, our students who placed first in their athletics events traveled to the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough to compete against other schools in the Wellington Region Athletics Competition. It was a great day out in the sunshine. Congratulations to our athletes who represented the college and good luck to the students who have progressed to the next round.



School Values

Kurnai College's four pillars underpin all aspects of our work.



Excellence
We do the best that we can do



Engagement
We actively participate in our own learning



Work Ethic
We are committed to working hard



Relationships
We value and respect each other



School News

Information for Carers Regarding Assessment Exit Points

As part of our new Continuous Online Reporting, carers are now receiving information about “Exit Points”.

Most students in Years 7 – 10 undertake a Common Assessment Task (CAT) at the level expected at that time of year, for example, in Year 7, Semester 1, CATs are aimed at 6.5 on the Victorian Curriculum Standards. Some students will undertake a modified assessment that is appropriate to their current level.

The Exits are:

Exit	Description
Emerging Skills	With teacher support, the student has been introduced to skills that are needed to work within the appropriate level of curriculum.
Working Towards the First Level of Complexity	With teacher support, the student can demonstrate skills that are needed to work within the appropriate level of curriculum.
At the First Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum.
At the Second Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum and can apply them.
At the Third Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate sound knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum and is able to apply these at a high level.

Senior Pathways Information Evening



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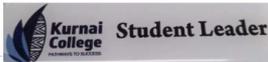
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SRC

SRC UPDATES

Term Two 2023



SEMESTER ONE

The Student Representative Committee (SRC) have continued to hold meetings during lunchtime and relay information, feedback and questions to teachers and other students about many different issues and upcoming events. The SRC team have prepared a term 2 summary.



Term 2 Winner was Forsyth!

YEAR 7

Term 2 was a great term for the year 7s and we had a few standout highlights.

We got to experience our first year 7 camp at high school. It was amazing. We especially enjoyed the sailing.

Peer support finished for the semester and we are all feeling a lot more comfortable about being high school students. It was fun doing activities with the year 10 students and now Fridays will look very different.

YEAR 8

Prepared by Lily Sykes

This term has been filled to the brim with many highlights for us. We went on year eight camp, a vast majority of our students took part in school sporting events such as volleyball, tennis, boys' cricket, and swimming tryouts. The students who take part in our Blue Edge program took part in the Summit adventure camp where they enjoyed being engaged and took part in a wide range of exciting activities.

This term, it is safe to say that fun was had by our year eight cohort and are looking forward to what next term has in store for us. Overall, this term has been exciting and memorable, as we progressed towards becoming star students from everything, we learnt in year seven and cannot wait for next term, or even next year.

Next term, we are looking forward to events such as History Day, and the fact that we get to learn and progress towards becoming successful students to make the rest of the year extremely memorable and unforgettable.



SRC UPDATES

Term Two 2023

YEAR 9

Prepared by Molly Billing

In term 2 we were lucky enough to go on many fun excursions such as, Gippsland Tech School and Flourish Girls or Man Cave. Also, some of our Year 9s were even lucky enough to go to the Don Valley Leadership Camp.

TECH SCHOOL

We learned about being able to create unique products, that could help someone solve a life problem. There were three main steps that we used to help us design a product these were:

- We talked to a partner to find out a problem they had
- We drafted an idea for our invention, making a sketch of the product
- Then we presented our idea to a group

FLOURISH GIRLS / MAN CAVE

Depending on your gender year 9s participated in either Flourish Girls or the Man Cave excursion. From what I've heard the Man Cave was pretty similar to Flourish Girls, we pretty much just sat in a circle and listened to two people speak but we were also able to share our own opinions on the topics we discussed. I'd describe the excursion like a group therapy session, since we were able to share our own trauma and dark thoughts, and at the end we wrote a letter to our future self and others wrote the nice stuff about us though unfortunately some people got a few toxic things on their notes.

DON VALLEY LEADERSHIP CAMP

You may have noticed we were not at school, as we were chosen for a term. At the camp these students activities and worked leadership and teamwork more about it in this newsletter.

That is all that has had we are looking forward camp this term.

YEAR 10

Prepared by Darnell

With the beginning of students were getting 2 weeks of work expected off to work in ret primary schools or Kir more. Most students returned with how their work others returned satisfied all done with. This was career's advisor, Ange thanks to Ange for me

PEER SUPPORT

This semester, a selection had their final period with the year 7's due to support group. The peer support group tried their best to make school at the end of the hosting games and at every Friday. During the experience program, students attended a career year 8's.

Homework Club

After School Homework Club

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER!

Bring your school work for any subject area such as:

- Mathematics
- Science
- English
- Humanities
- Reading and Writing
- Learning Skills
- And more!

We will supply snacks and helpful teachers.



WEDNESDAY 3PM-4PM
IN THE LIBRARY
NO BOOKING REQUIRED



Lost Property

We have a large amount of un-named student uniform in lost property.

If you are missing any hoodies, jackets or jumpers, please come up to the office and take a look through the lost property pile.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



Kurnai College

SW-PBS Kurnai College Churchill

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

PBS School Leadership Team 2023

Cleo Lazaris
Sandra Flake
Harry Owens
Tom Kindellan

PBS Misconceptions

“Students are rewarded for what is expected.”
The truth: School is a place for students to develop behaviour skills, and PBS helps to establish those behaviours with clear expectations.



Why do we have PBS?

- To establish clear expectations
- To establish clear routines and procedures
- To build relationships with our students
- To teach accountability

What Do Teens Need Most From Adults?

Coaching
Support
Good Examples
Understanding





Important School Information

Uniform Information

Kurnai College Uniform Statement Years 7 to 10

School Uniforms are available from Lowes Store, Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Morwell

or may be ordered online at:

www.lowes.com.au

Layby & Pre-Layby options are available.

ALL SEASONS UNIFORM

DRESS:	Summer Dress
SKIRT:	College Check and Pleated
POLO:	Burgundy/Navy Short Sleeve - Logo
SHORTS:	Navy Microfibre
HOODIE:	Navy/Sky - Logo
JACKET:	Showerproof - Logo
JACKET:	Navy Puffer Jacket
SOCKS:	Navy Ankle
TIGHTS:	Navy Opaques
CAP:	Navy baseball cap

SPORT UNIFORM (Compulsory – only to be worn for Sport/PE)

POLO:	Navy/White Coolmesh – Logo
SHORTS:	Navy Coolmesh

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

- Please note we are transitioning to the new Kurnai logo on uniform items. This will be a gradual transition as current logo stock is exhausted. Students can continue to wear uniform items with the old logo.

** Plain Navy Blue or White long sleeve t-shirts are allowed to be worn under the College Polo Shirt.

Footwear

Black shoes with black laces.

White socks with summer dress or shorts.

No thongs, sandals, slides or open shoes are to be worn.

Steel cap boots will only be worn and allowed for the duration of specific technology classes.

Headwear

Navy blue baseball cap with college logo, or navy blue broad-brimmed hat or any navy blue cap/hat, without a brand name/logo.

Sport and PE classes

Students are required to change for Sport and PE classes.

Jewellery

Jewellery should be safe and discreet. Students may be asked to remove or use tape to cover jewellery during sport classes to prevent injury.

Make-up

Make-up is permitted but should be discreet.

LOWES

2 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF EVERYTHING*

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

The advertisement features a vibrant green and purple background. At the top, the Lowes logo is prominently displayed. Below it, a dark purple banner reads '2 DAY VIP EVENT'. The central focus is a large pink rectangle with '20% OFF EVERYTHING*' in bold white text. To the right of this text are images of a 'LOWES zero' card and a 'LOWES REWARDS CLUB' card. Below the pink rectangle, a dark purple banner shows the dates 'AUGUST 3RD & 4TH'. Three photographs are arranged horizontally: two girls in school uniforms, a woman holding a sign that says 'DON'T HAVE A ZERO OR REWARDS CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.', and three boys in school uniforms sitting on a bench. At the bottom, a green banner reads 'INSTORE & ONLINE' with a small asterisked note below it.

Sex & Social Media Webinar - Parents & Carers

Dear Parents,

Please see below for an invitation to a webinar presented by Elephant Ed on Sex & Social Media. *These sessions are for adults only (no students).*

Elephant Ed is a leading sexuality education provider to hundreds of schools around Australia. Elephant Ed's workshops are evidence-based, age-appropriate and mapped to State and National curriculum guidelines. Elephant Ed is endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider.

This webinar will include the following key discussion points:

- Relationship between young people and social media
- Knowing the prevalence and impact of sexting
- Sexting and the law
- Strategies to implement if things go wrong
- Strategies for parents and guardians to start open and effective conversations at home

You are required to register in advance for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is being offered by multiple schools across different dates. Please find the dates, times and relevant registration links below.

Monday 21st August, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Topic: Pornography

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CymoaHlfTzieEtYpz-B_BQ

PARENT WEBINAR

PORNOGRAPHY VS REALITY



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CONTENT

- STATISTICS AND PREVALENCE OF EXPOSURE TO PORNOGRAPHY AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE
- IMPACT OF EXPOSURE, INCLUDING KEY DISTORTIONS
- STRATEGIES TO START EFFECTIVE CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

LOGISTICS

- THIS WEBINAR WILL RUN FOR 60 MINUTES, DELIVERED VIA ZOOM
- CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES WILL BE DISABLED
- DATE: MONDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2023
- TIME: 7:15PM - 8:15PM

REGISTRATION

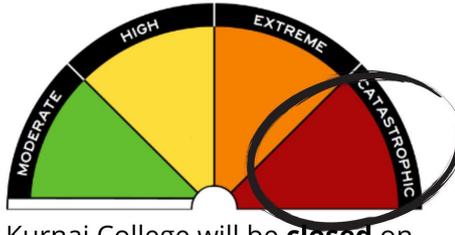
- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE USING THIS [LINK](#)
- AFTER REGISTERING, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL CONTAINING A LINK TO JOIN ON THE NIGHT
- THIS LINK IS UNIQUE TO YOU AND CAN'T BE SHARED

HAVE A QUESTION YOU'D LIKE TO ASK IN ADVANCE?
EMAIL IT TO [INFO@ELEPHANTED.COM.AU](mailto:info@elephanted.com.au) TO BE READ ON THE DAY.

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Code Red Fire Danger



Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, all campuses will be closed.

This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation to when Summer returns.



Community News

Morwell Baseball Club

Counselling Services





Counselling services

Counselling involves talking in a safe and supportive space about any difficulties or challenges you are experiencing in your relationships. It can help you find positive ways to manage your situation.

Why attend counselling?

Counselling can help you clarify your situation, gain new perspectives and work towards change while focusing on what's most important to you.

The counselling process can support you to develop insights, generate solutions and consider choices.

What can counselling help with?

Counselling can be an effective way to improve overall wellbeing, by relieving distress and enhancing relationships.

Common issues that people seek counselling for include:

- relationship difficulties
- separation and divorce
- parenting
- grief and loss
- life changes
- mental health issues
- managing stress
- managing emotions, such as anger
- family violence
- trauma and abuse
- loneliness and isolation.

Whatever your concern, it's important to reach out for support.



Interpreters are available on request.

www.rav.org.au/counselling
Counselling Services Flyer 21032a

Who can attend counselling?

We work in a flexible and non-judgemental way with:

- couples, parents and families
- individuals, including children and young people.

We can adapt our services to meet the needs of a wide range of cultures and community groups.

How can I access counselling?

- Face-to-face at our centres (where COVIDSafe)
- Over the telephone
- Via video-conferencing (Zoom)

How long does counselling last?

Standard sessions last 50 minutes. While some concerns can be resolved in a few sessions, others take longer.

How much will it cost?

We are a not-for-profit community organisation and our counselling services are only partly government funded, so fees are normally charged. However, we do try to make our services as affordable as possible. Please contact your nearest centre for more information.

When are sessions available?

Centre opening hours vary, however most centres offer evening sessions as well as sessions during business hours. Please contact your nearest centre for more information.

Getting started

To organise an appointment or learn more, call your nearest centre or contact us online at www.rav.org.au/contact-us

Ballarat: (03) 5337 9222
Boronia: (03) 9725 9964
Cranbourne: (03) 5990 1900
Greensborough: (03) 9431 7777
Kew: (03) 9261 8700
Melbourne: (03) 8625 3666
Shepparton: (03) 5820 7444
Sunshine: (03) 8311 9222
Traralgon: (03) 5175 9500

About us

Relationships Australia Victoria has over 70 years' experience providing family and relationship support services across Melbourne and Victoria.

We are committed to providing safe, inclusive and accessible services for all people.



We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of Australia and we support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.

We recognise the lifelong impacts of childhood trauma.

We recognise those who had children taken away from them.

Relationships Australia
VICTORIA

Bringing Up Great Kids in KINSHIP CARE

A mindful, reflective and respectful program with a focus on building loving and nurturing relationships between carers and the children in their care.

The Bringing Up Great Kids in Kinship Care program supports carers to:

- Learn more about the origins of your parenting style and how to adapt to Kinship care;
- Understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- Learn more about brain development in children and the influence of developmental trauma;
- Discover ways for you to take care of yourself and to find support when needed
- Develop strategies to manage your parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on your time and role.

Come along to these 6 sessions to learn more about caring for children under Kinship Care Arrangements

Dates & Time:
Every Wednesday for 6 weeks starting 9th of August through to the 13th of September from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Venue:
Morwell Bowling Club
52 Hazelwood Road, Morwell 3840

Contact:
Anita on 1300 010 838 or email kinshipcare@ippoland@berrystreet.org.au

To register please contact Anita, use the QR code or click on the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/6PPbZ4FDkz>



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Berry Street Kinship Care

If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au