



**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Churchill Newsletter

Tuesday 20th October 2020

### KEY DATES

20 & 21 Oct	YEAR 10 TECH EXCURSIONS
23 Oct	AFL PUBLIC HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
26 Oct	PEER SUPPORT TEAM BUILDING
27 & 28 Oct	YEAR 9 TECH SCHOOL
2 Nov	STAFF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY /STUDENT FREE DAY
3 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 & 5 Nov	YEAR 8 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSION
11-13 Nov	YEAR 9 SURF CAMP
18 Nov	VET ORIENTATION DAY



**Cleo Lazaris**  
Campus Principal

## Message from our Campus Principal

I am so pleased to be able to welcome students and staff back onsite! Schools are not quite the same without the hustle and bustle of people busy teaching and learning. I am equally pleased with the level of compliance with mask wearing, even if some reminders of how to wear them are needed; knowing that we are all playing our part in helping to reduce the spread of the virus.

The department has announced three priorities for this term and here at Churchill Campus we have put in place some additional supports and systems to assist with the priorities. The nature of those supports will change over time but I want our community to be rest assured that we are doing all we can to support our students and staff to bounce back from the Isolation period.

Extra support in the classroom and for our Advocate and Wellbeing team, targeting catch ups in the Homework Club, arranging permitted excursions and revamping our Transition programs to comply with the current restrictions, are just some of the ways we are supporting students and our community to get back to pre-covid normal.

College Principal  
**Anthony Rodaughan**

Campus Principal  
**Cleo Lazaris**

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

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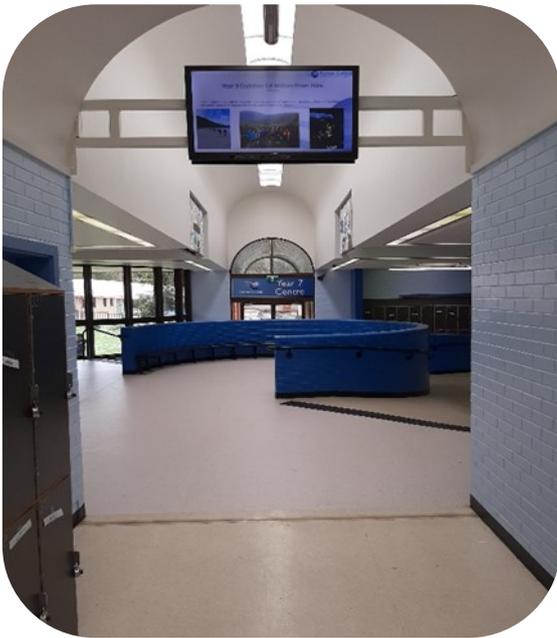
## Message from our Principal continues.....

A reminder that visitors to the campus must wear a mask and report to the General Office. We ask that you wait in your car if you are collecting students and to make an appointment if you need to speak with a staff member.

### Upgrades

During Remote Learning we continued upgrading the physical environment of the campus. Our Year 7 centre had a face lift with freshly painted walls in a bright blue colour and new floor coverings in the open area provide an inviting space for our youngest members of the Campus.

In addition to the outdoor gym equipment on the Slab, works have begun on the large gazebo which will provide some much needed under cover seating.



# Year 7 News

## Facing the classroom, in person

Week 2, Day 1 saw students' masks hiding a complete return to 'face-to-face' learning yet the listening, curiosity, chatter and work energy was a pleasure to see. So was the upgrade to the Year 7 building, shown below!



Several students were naturally forgiven for muddling up their locker combinations, misreading a timetable or losing equipment. Please browse the happy photos which capture the spirit of our year level, the campus actually and why it's really nice to be back!

## Making the most of Term 4

Being 'back on track' means positive learning habits need to be encouraged. We ask for parent/guardian support to check that laptops are fully charged, pencil cases well equipped, non-uniform items are left at home and learning tasks are submitted on Compass by due dates.

Students have approximately 6 weeks to improve and extend their understanding of the final skills being taught or revisited from earlier learning! Discussions will soon commence to decide subject performance, 2021 support strategies and class groups.



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## THE YEAR 7 TEAM



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



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



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



\*Teachers can be contacted through Compass, by phone, on Teams Chat and email should you wish to track or discuss how your child is settling back in and completing required work.

# Year 8 News

With a return to onsite learning the Year 8 students and all staff at Kurnai have adapted to wearing face masks. We all know why we need to be wearing face masks and it is important that we all wear these correctly.



## Tech School Excursion

The electronic permission forms for the excursion to the Tech School on either the **4th or 5th November** are now available on Compass. The activities undertaken during the excursion to the Tech School will be focused on rocks, which are currently being studied in Science.

The number of students who can go on the excursion is capped at 25 students per day. This means that if there are too many students wanting to participate in the excursion that a ballot will need to take place. At this stage **C8B** and **C8C** will be going on Wednesday, whilst **C8A** and **C8D** will be going on Thursday. All students who do not participate in the excursion will continue with their classes at school.

## Students in Classes



## Public Holidays

A reminder that on Friday **23rd October** there will be a public holiday for the AFL. On **2nd November** there will be a Professional Development Day for all staff, so students are not required at school. The **3rd November** is a public holiday as this is Melbourne Cup Day.

## Student Laptops and Equipment

Since returning to onsite learning students need to be reminded that they are expected to bring their laptop, exercise books and pens to all classes. Under the COVID19 rules teachers are not able to lend equipment and students are not able to borrow laptops.



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## THE YEAR 8 TEAM



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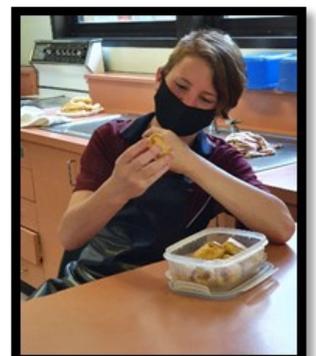
Nicole Ashton



Jen Caruana



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## Year 9 News

A big welcome back to students, families and the broader school community. Not only welcome back to Term 4, but welcome back to on site schooling. The term is off to a flying start and I have been lucky enough to witness the elation from students as they get to see friends and teachers face to face again. There will be a number of exciting events happening this term as excursions begin to recommence and we look forward to students keeping up the enthusiasm they have shown in the first week as we progress towards the end the school year.



### Global Youth Advocacy Forums

The Global Youth Advocacy Forums will take place in the final and first weeks of October and November respectively. In these events, participants will get the opportunity to interact with students from other countries to share their perspectives and experiences of education and culture. Congratulations to **Blake Billing, Jaz Sanders, Liz Cassar, Ben Pearce, Hayden Dent and Tayla Fehlberg** for being selected to participate. The students will be meeting with their partnered international school over the next few weeks.

### Tech School Science Excursions

On the Tuesday and Wednesday of week 4 (27th & 28th October), Year 9s will be travelling to the Tech School to complete a series of science activities relating to this term's topic of Physics. There will be two different groups going on each of these days and unfortunately due to Covid capacity restrictions numbers have been capped at 25 per group. Parents/guardians please login to compass and complete the online consent as soon as possible.



### School Bags and Lockers

A reminder to all students and families that school bags are not permitted to be carried around the school yard and to classes during the school day. All students have been provided with a locker or space to keep their belongings through out the day and these should be used along with the combination lock provided.

### Uniforms

Although it has been a challenging year to date and we are all glad to be back, a reminder to all students and families to be sure they come to school in full school uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants; however, 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.



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### THE YEAR 9 TEAM



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**Dave Frendo**



**Corryn Evans**



**Rachel Dodd**



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**Chris Flake**

## Year 10 News



There are only 6 weeks left for our students here at the junior campus before they transition to the senior campus or to other adventures (such as SEDA for **Makayla and Kayley**). The Year 10 cohort have made a cracking return to onsite learning and we (the Year 10 team) are looking forward to sharing their last few moments at the junior campus with them all!

The expectations on our Year 10 students have not eased, especially when we have many more things to remember and model to the younger students – the correct wearing of masks, socially distancing where possible, wearing the correct uniform, behaving and speaking respectfully to each other and their teachers.

The term will go quickly and hence the focus for the newsletter will be to keep you informed of all that is happening in the coming weeks.

### Important Dates to remember for Term 4!

Week 3 – Y10 Tech School Excursion - **Tuesday 20 October & Wednesday 21 October** (25 students maximum for each session). Consent to attend has now closed and students have been allocated into two groups to participate in this opportunity with Gippsland TAFE. Compass will reflect which day your child will attend this event.

### Week 7 – VETis Orientation Day

**Wednesday 18th November** for students who will enrol in a VET course for 2021. Confirmation of your child's enrolment into their preferred VET course should be available very soon and in time for the VET Orientation Day. Finer details about this day will be sent to students accordingly.

For students who are not enrolling into a VET Course for 2021 will be expected to attend school as normal.

### Week 8 – Year 10 Exams (Maths and English) -

**Wednesday 25th November** commencing at 8.30 am. This day is dedicated to the Year 10 exams. ALL Year 10 students are required to complete their exams.

There are NO formal Year 10 classes on this day and students who have written permission will be able to leave school once their exams are completed and lockers cleared. Supervision will be available for students who are bus travellers.

For students who do not complete their exam on Wednesday will be required to attend school on Thursday (from 8.30 am to 11 am) to complete this task.

### Week 8 –Y10 Celebration Lunch (The Last Lunch)

**Thursday 26th November** between 11am – 1pm at Lake Hyland. An excursion note will be sent out shortly. Lunch will be supplied with students making a choice from a limited range of options as part of their excursion form.

We are not able to run a Year 10 Formal this year due to government restrictions.

### Week 9 and Week 10

Students commence **Headstart** at senior campus. From this point onwards students are now part of the senior campus cohort and commence their fulltime VCE or VCAL studies.



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### THE YEAR 10 TEAM



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## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. This year all parents are invited to participate.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Information on how to complete the survey has been posted on Compass. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 20th October to Friday 13th November 2020. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

