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University Campus

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Work Ethic | Excellence | Relationships | Engagement

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 our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

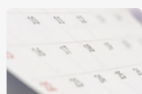
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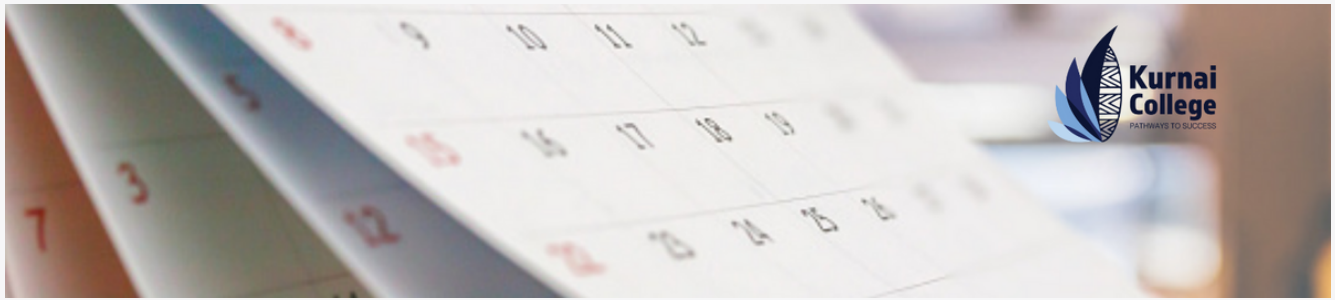
Welcome to 2023. It has been a busy and generally positive start to the year. As usual the first part of our new school year is always a time for new students to get their heads around the different demands and expectations of the senior campus. At Year 11 it is also a time when students come together from the two Kurnai junior campuses and other schools from both inside and outside Latrobe City. So, there is the

chance to meet new people over time, make new friends. Teachers have told me they are happy with the enthusiasm they are seeing in their classes as we continue to return to normal after the recent COVID past.

The Department of Education is continuing to support the Tutoring program that was introduced in 2022 to support those students most heavily impacted by the two years of lockdowns and remote learning. While we are aware of the students in Year 12 who need the support of tutors, we are still in the process of identifying where the needs exist with our Year 11 students. We hope to have this sorted within the next week but please let us know if you think your student is struggling. Some students can be very clever at hiding problems but the difficulties created at the senior level when they do this can be very hard to fix.

Another option for students wanting extra help with their subjects is to access the after-school teacher support sessions on Monday and Thursday, held in the library. Teachers are available to help students with the work they are doing in their classes AND get a snack of chips or pizza, those well-known brain foods 😊. If your student(s) are finding they need help please remind them to make use of this program.

Finally, a belated congratulations to Gabby Bonnici for being recognised as the Churchill Young Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day ceremony. Gabby is an active member of the local community band, was a school captain at Churchill Campus in 2022, is part of the Air Force Cadets and has achieved her black belt at the local Taekwondo club where she helps to teach others at the lower levels. Well done Gabby.



Calendar

Key Dates

Term 1	
Wed 22 Feb	Theatre Studies Excursion
Wed 22 Feb - Wed 1 Mar	School Council Nominations
Mon 27 Feb	VCE VM Sport & Rec - Archery Excursion
Tue 28 Feb	College Athletics
Mon 6 Mar	School Photos
Thu 9 Mar	VCE VM Literacy - Walhalla Excursion
Mon 13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Mon 20 Mar	VCE VM Sport & Rec - Wyncity Bowling Excursion
Thu 6 Apr	Term 1 Ends

Term 2	
Mon 24 Apr	Staff Professional Development Day - No Scheduled Classes
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 26 Apr	Students Commence Term 2
Thurs 15 June	GAT (General Achievement Test)

College Key Contacts

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



School News

Mt. Rothwell Environmental Science Camp

In early February, the Year 12 Environmental Science class went on a three-day camp in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. During camp, students performed a series of tests on the water, soil and air quality of Boar Gully. Students also visited the Mt. Rothwell Conservation



Centre (the largest feral predator free ecosystem in Victoria) to learn about the conservation of various endangered and endemic Victorian species of marsupial, including the Eastern Barred Bandicoot – the focus species for the first outcome of the Environmental Science Study Design. Students made bait, set up traps and waited until after dark to check the traps for nocturnal animals during a guided spotlight tour of the facility. The animals were especially active on the night where students observed Quolls, Betongs, Potteroos, Eastern Barred Bandicoots and dozens of Southern Brush-tailed Rock Wallabies (of which there are only 230 in the world). The students successfully caught a Quoll, which they were able to handle, and several Betongs. The following day, students revisited the Conservation Centre to observe the site during the day for 'signs of life'. They learned about scats, diggings and how to track for various animals. They later hiked up to the top of Mt. Rothwell surveying and learning about various plants and animals on the way. Students also visited the Werribee Gorge National Park to observe for signs of landscape change over time and discuss the possible effects of changing environments on Biodiversity. Overall, the excursion was a fantastic and engaging opportunity for students to learn first-hand how populations of critically endangered species are caught, tagged, tested, monitored and conserved.



VCE - VCE/VM Booklist 2023



KURNAI VCE-VCE VM 2023 ver FINAL 1Nov22.pdf

Books for Sale Second Hand 2022-23



Books for sale second hand 2022-23.docx

Sustainable School Shop

Buy & Sell Second Hand Textbooks

Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College free to all families





Important School Information

School Council Nominations

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2023

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nominations open on **Wednesday, 22 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 1 March 2023**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 March, 2023.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of	1

the poll in 2024

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Anthony Rodaughan

College Principal

2023
SCHOOL COUNCIL
ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Name of the School: Kurnai College

EVENT	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations Wed, 22 February
b)	Closing date for nominations Wed, 1 March
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted Thu, 2 March
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed On or before Fri, 3 March
e)	Close of ballot Tue, 7 March
f)	Vote count Wed, 8 March
g)	Declaration of poll Wed, 8 March
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside) Tue, 21 March
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) Tue, 21 March

8/14

Safety

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

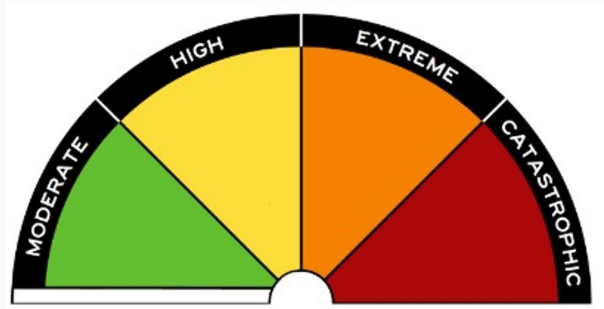
You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report

For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.



Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day (Catastrophic) is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by Compass or SMS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day (Catastrophic) we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day (Catastrophic).
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night

before or early on the morning of the Code Red day .

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, re-prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website kurnai.co and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline(1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



Community News

Need help with school costs?



Join this info session to learn how you can receive up to \$500 in matched savings by completing the Saver Plus program.

Eligibility criteria applies - visit saverplus.org.au

Your invitation to learn about Saver Plus

Free financial education and matched savings are within your reach.

As someone who is over 18 years, do you:

- Have a desire to save money?
- Want to receive up to \$500 once you've saved \$500 of your own?
- Want to gain quick and easy saving and money management tips?
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment?
- Have a form of household income?
- Have a child at school, starting next year or are you studying yourself?

If you answered yes to these questions, join our virtual information session.

Every Wednesday at 1:00PM

Contact Rick Pemberton Saver Plus Coordinator via rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Rick will email your calendar invitation or organise an individual information session to suit your needs. Otherwise, just jump right in using the following link. See you there!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/96038747979?pwd=STk4MHh5TUFjZjZwSTFKRjNHQ0o0VU99>

Meeting ID: 960 3874 7979

One tap mobile:

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+61370182005, 96038747979 Australia



Youth Space

Please find attached below the link for Youth Space's latest newsletter



[Youthspace_Newsletter.pdf](#)

Latrobe Valley MYC

Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

- laptops & tablets
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- lessons & activities
- campus & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

DELIVERED BY

BERRY STREET

Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is a collaboration of the not-for-profit of St Leo's and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

COMING SOON

LATROBE VALLEY

MULTICULTURAL
YOUTH COMMUNITY

SUP PROGRAMS

What: Stand Up Paddle Boarding sessions
Learn how to paddle, be safe around the water, and have lots of fun.
Open to 8 - 25 year-olds.

Where: Lake Narracan

When: Thursday 16th February 4:30-6pm
Thursday 2nd March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 16th March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 30th March 4:30-6pm

Cost: FREE

**All equipment supplied
just bring bathers and towel**

Expressions of interest:
ali@surfingvic.com - (03) 5261 2907

PLAY IT SAFE **SURFING** **FUTURE HEALTHY** **VicHealth**

Hockey



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**



4-WEEK PROGRAM

Club: Latrobe Valley Hockey Association
Venue: Latrobe Synthetic Sports Facility - Mary Grant Bruce Drive, Churchill VIC (Federation University)


Program 1 Start Date: Thursday 23rd February 2023 Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Program 2 Start Date: Saturday 25th February 2023 Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Price: \$70



Coordinator Name: Ash Vuillermin
Coordinator Email: juniors.lvh@gmail.com
Coordinator Phone: 0448 435 047

TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.HOCKEY.ORG.AU/PLAY/HOOKIN2HOCKEY

L.V. All Ability Sports




Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All Ability Tennis, Term 1, 2023

Two tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill Tennis Club in Traralgon, every Thursday evening during Term 1.



Junior/Beginners session (5 years-13/14 years) – 5.30-6.15pm
Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Youth Plus session (14 years – 25 years) – 6.15-6.45pm

The cost will be \$25 for the term, payable by the 3rd session. Registration will be done at the first session.

Tennis will start on Thursday 9th February, 2023

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle and wear a hat/sunscreen! If you wish to bring your own racket, please make sure it is named.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group All-ability sports, Latrobe Valley

Churchill United Soccer Club

CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB



**2023
JUNIOR
PROGRAM**



TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 - 16 YEARS OLD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
U13 & U16	U5, U7, U9 & U11
<small>TRAINING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT FROM JAN 31</small>	
	
4:30PM - 6PM	5PM - 6:30PM
U13	U16
	
MARYVALE RECREATION RESERVE GRANT STREET, MORWELL VIC	
 FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILLUNITEDSC  CHURCHILLUNITEDSC  CHURCHILLUSC@GMAIL.COM	



Churchill Cricket Club

CHURCHILL CRICKET CLUB

**CALL FOR PLAYER
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

2023/2024 Churchill Womens Team

Week Night Games T20 Format No Expeirnce Required

To express your interest please directly message the Churchill Cricket Club Facebook page




Digital Arts - A Path into a Digital Media Career

DIGITAL ARTS and Media **YOUTH SPACE**

START YOUR PATH INTO A DIGITAL MEDIA CAREER

In this program you can gain practical experience in social media management, content creation and marketing:

- Learn Photography and videography
- Training workshop on social media strategy
- Social media takeovers for local businesses
- Build your own portfolio

FREE PROGRAM STARTING MAR 1

REGISTER NOW

0476 509 666

Visit Our Website www.latrobeeyouthspace.org.au

Morwell Citizens Band

Morwell Citizens Band resumes on 7th February with Training Band (6:40pm) and Main Band (7:30pm).

MORWELL
Citizens Band
EST. 1967

Interested in playing with the band?
Contact the band via Facebook, Messenger, Email or phone.

DIGITAL ARTS and Media **YOUTH SPACE**

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WORK AS A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER, DIGITAL MARKETER OR EVEN A VIDEO PRODUCER?

The content creation space is a growing industry. In recent years more non media industries are employing social media managers as well to assist with brand and awareness.

In this program participants will take promotional photography and create promo material for Youth Space programs and events, conduct weekly social media take overs, create TikTok's and Instagram reels that align with our values of fun and creativity as well as the opportunity to help other organisations with their social media presence.

We will pursue active partnerships and collaborations within the arts community, such as with performing arts groups, art galleries, musicians, and musical studios, to deliver projects in collaboration that involve and benefit young people.

Participants will be given the opportunity to attend workshops held by professionals (delivered by Mac & Ernie), to create a deeper understanding of how engagement and analytics work in the social media space.

With the scope to create multimedia and short films we would actively encourage the participants to utilise our resource and time to create media they wish to showcase, supporting and entering into different arts-based events and festivals beyond LVS programming, being held by external groups. We can also support them by directing them through individual grants or sponsorships by external groups and organisations, and/or into further training and career pathways.

This Program will aim to encourage socialisation, inclusion and celebration of diversity. It will give young people access to resources and opportunities in Youth Space whilst still giving them the opportunity to work with external stakeholders and other organisations providing real industry experience and an opportunity to network with others currently employed in this industry, this aspect will inspire community connectedness and pride of place.

Top career pathways through Digital Arts and Media are:

- Events Management
- Film/Videos Editor
- Technical Writer
- Video Producer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Social Media Influencer
- Sound Engineer
- Art Director
- Content Strategist
- Social Media Specialist

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