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Morwell Campus Newsletter

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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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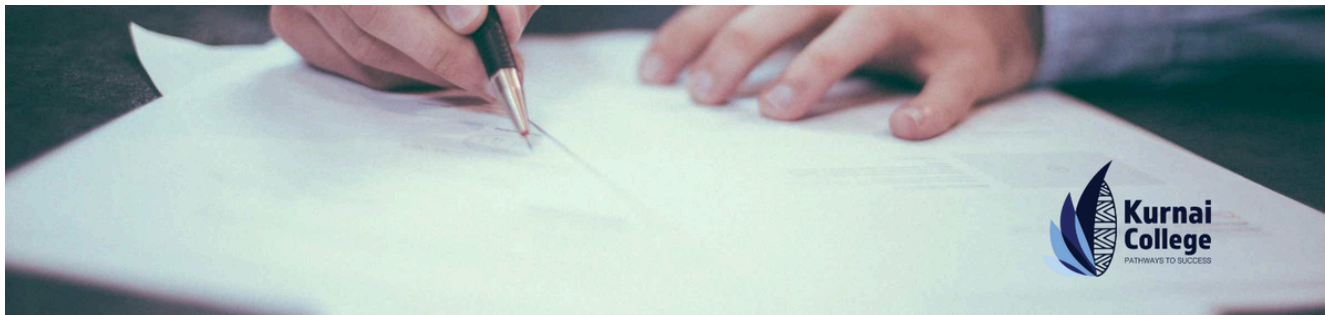
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Message from our Campus Principal



I spent last Thursday at our College NAIDOC celebrations. Over the years, this experience that was initiated to help bring cultural pride to our First Nations students in their experience of school has developed into a celebration that is the envy of our education peers. I am proud to be a part of a school that continuously strives to create a culturally safe environment.

I was particularly proud to see our Deadly Culture dancers performing with pride and confidence and thank the Koorie support team at the College, Hayden, Marina and Hollie, for the work that they do to build the confidence of these students.



Every year, our learning community is surveyed to provide feedback about how they feel about the school, including the learning environment, relationships between key stakeholders, attitudes towards learning, confidence and school pride. In term 2, this survey was delivered to our student body and indications are that the results are exceptionally strong and positive. Our staff are currently undertaking the survey to provide their perspective. Soon, our parent body will also receive a request for feedback and I would encourage you to provide that feedback. We take the data very seriously and use it to drive our priorities for the future. I also encourage you, if you have any concerns or have a positive

experience to share, to please contact me at the school or by emailing daniel.swallow@education.vic.gov.au.

Our community would be well aware of the difficulties all schools have faced in recent times with staffing in a state-wide teacher shortage. I am pleased to say that we have several new staff who have already started with us or are starting in the coming couple of weeks, which will see us fully staffed at Morwell Campus. Throughout the shortage so far, we have managed to deliver most programs without interruption which has been exceptionally good. My thanks to the students who have been so patient when their learning was impacted. The future is very positive. Our new teaching staff profile includes:

- Mr Granvil Jirongo (English)
- Ms Kirti Kumari (English / Humanities)
- Ms Josephine Nansiima (English / Humanities)
- Ms Bronwyn Webster (Maths / Science / Humanities)
- Ms Sophie Taylor (Maths / PE)

We are very excited to have such a large growth in our teaching staff and those that have already started with us have proved to be excellent educators with a wealth of experience and a great deal of care for your children.

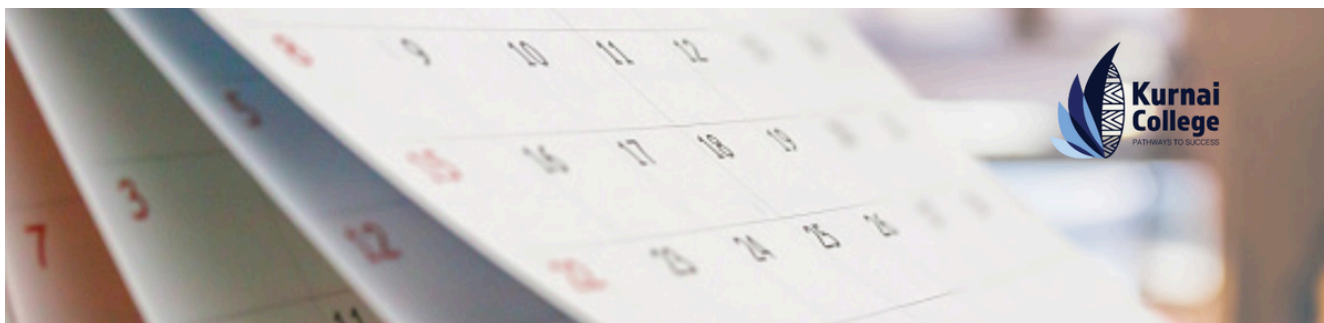
On staffing, I would also like to congratulate Mr Daniel Murphy who has recently been appointed to continue as an Assistant Principal at Morwell Campus in 2025. Next year he will move out of his role in charge of Year 7 and 8 and take on a new role with oversight of the wellbeing and engagement of Morwell Campus students from Years 7-10. Daniel is very excited to continue to work with our students in his new role and to be able to continue working with all the students he has got to know over the years in his previous role.



Morwell Campus is currently looking at increasing our leadership and staffing in preparation for 2025 after experiencing significant growth in student numbers in recent years. Overall, the campus has gone from 15 classes in 2019 to now anticipating 19 classes in 2025 and most likely 20 classes in 2026. This is recognition of the positive work we have been doing for so long and the students and parents of our community are describing their experiences of the school as very positive. Thanks to you all for being a part of that and helping us make this school great.

Mr Dan Swallow

Morwell Campus Principal



Calendar Of Events

Key Dates

Term 3	
Mon 5 - Fri 9 Aug	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Wed 7 Aug	University Campus Information Evening, 5pm - 7.30pm
Tue 13th Aug	Aspiring Athletes Program - Summit Excursion
Wed 14 Aug	Year 10 Subject Information Day
Mon 9th - Fri 13th Sep	Year 10 Tasmania Camp
Thu 19 Sep	Parent Teacher Conversations, 3:30pm - 7pm
Fri 20 Sep	Parent Teacher Conversations, 10am - 1pm
Fri 20 Sep	Term 3 Ends

Term 4	
Mon 7th Oct	Term 4 Commences
Mon 7th - Fri 11th Oct	Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp
Mon 4 Nov	Student Free Day - Professional Practice Day
Tue 5 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thu 21 Nov	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development
Fri 22 Nov	Student Free Day - Assessment Day
Mon 25 Nov - Fri 6 Dec	Year 11 & 12 2025 Headstart
Wed 11 Dec	Gumbuya World
Friday 13 Dec	College Awards

College Key Contacts

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



Year 7 & 8 News



Welcome back to a fresh term and semester! Students in Year 7 and 8 have settled back into their routines quickly, this is shown by the amount of Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements (KPAs) sent out in the first few weeks. We have been lucky enough to welcome Kirti Kumari and Bronwyn Webster into the 7/8 team this term. They have quickly formed great routines, high expectations and relationships with their classes.

Around the Classes

Physical Education

In PE, students have begun attending the Traralgon Aquatic Centre for compulsory swimming. Half of the 7/8 cohort will be attending this term, the other half in Term 4. Swimming is compulsory and consent is required through compass. Students without consent will be completing water safety theory back at school and will receive a DNP-LP on their reports, so it is important to attend these sessions.

Maths

In Maths, Year 8 students are studying Algebra, with a current focus on adding and multiplying algebraic terms.

English

In English, students at 7 and 8 have been learning how to respond to a text. Year 7s are reading the novel 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman, and Year 8s are watching 'Remember the Titans' as their respective mentor texts.

Humanities

Year 7s have started their Geography Unit on Water in the World. Students are learning about classifications of environmental resources, and how water is a resource. Additionally, they are exploring how water connects places. Skills students will learn include how to ethically collect, record and select relevant geographical data and information from useful sources.



Year 8 Camp

Year 8 Camp planning is underway, with consent live on Compass. Year 8 Camp is at the beginning of term 4 and will be at Karoonda Park. This camp will allow students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build new friendships, challenge themselves in numerous situations, see their peers in a different light and step outside their comfort zone.



For any questions or concerns regarding Year 8 Camp, please contact Assistant Team Leader, Anna McGregor.

Year 7 and 8 Goals (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

I would like to promote the continued fantastic start our students have made towards their learning. We understand the importance of celebrating the positive success our students demonstrate every day. This can mean showing improvement in the learning or behaviour right the way through to our high-end academic achievers. As you can see below the numbers of our positives are extraordinary and I encourage you to continue the

conversations you are having at home about the positive choices our learners are showing every day. Since the start of the term, the following KPAs have been awarded to 7/8s.

Form Group	KPAs
7A	497
7B	211
7C	237
7D	200
7E	179

Form Group	KPAs
8A	533
8B	242
8C	183
8D	223
8E	178

Support

Please remember that if you need any support with anything for Year 7 or 8 to contact either myself or the Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leaders, Sarah Lewis and Anna McGregor, so that we can support your child to have the best educational experience possible in their early secondary school years.

Mr Daniel Murphy

Assist Principal & Year 7/8 Team Leader



Year 9 News



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays but more importantly, it is great to see all students settling back into the classroom ready for another exciting Term.

As the colder weather hits sickness comes more prevalent within our school community, if your child is absent due to sickness (or any other reason) please contact Kurnai's absence hotline on 5132 3711 or contact Ross Johnson directly via Compass.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

As in previous years we will be continuing the use of Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements (KPA's), it has been fantastic to see students settling back into the Kurnai Learning Community and being acknowledged for their efforts within the classroom.

KPA Data Term 3 Week 1-2

- 9A- 134
- 9B- 123
- 9C- 84
- 9D- 89

Top Ten KPA Receivers Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

Paige MANN	20
Tyson O'DONNELL	20
Jack HERON	19
Jaeda BLAY	18
Jewel KILLORAN	18
Isabella PARKER	17

Kayla HADDOCK	17
Kirra HANSON	17
Mia RICHARDSON	17
Derek MITCHELL	16

Attendance

This year our aim is to improve student attendance rates to an above 95% average. If you student is absent please contact Kurnai's absence hotline on 5132 3711 or contact Ross Johnson directly via Compass.



Learning Behaviour Updates

Learning Behaviour Updates were released recently and it fantastic to see the growth of many students. As a parent/carer LBU's can provide an opportunity for you to set goals with your child to support and further their education.

Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp

Students received their packing list, itinerary and notification of watching an MA rated film in last weeks assembly. Students will set off from Morwell train station on Monday 5th August exploring Melbourne's CBD for 5 days. If you have any questions or concerns regarding camp please contact Ross Johnson directly.

Morrisby Interviews

In week 5, Year 9 students get the incredible opportunity to complete a Morrisby pro ling session. My Career Insights (Morrisby) is a program for all Year 9 students in government secondary schools. This program will help your Year 9 child to:

- Learn about what skills and abilities they could bring to a job.
- Find out about what jobs match their abilities, interests and personality, and the subjects they need for those jobs. As part of the program, your child will:

- Complete a series of online questions and quizzes (on the Morrisby Profile website) at school.
- Receive a Morrisby Profile Report showing the results from the questions and quizzes, and possible jobs that match their abilities, interests, and personality.
- Have a 30-minute meeting with a Morrisby-trained Career Practitioner, who will explain the report to your child. Here's a link to video <https://youtu.be/8kZp4w69S2w>

Year 9 Focus

At the beginning of every fortnight, the Year 9 Team implements foci for all year 7 students. This fortnight, we have started with the foci of bringing your device to class.

Project Time Evening

Recently students from the Year 9 Project Classes (HPV, Game Maker, Create & Art) had the opportunity to showcase their Semester 1 projects. It was fantastic to see so many community members come and see all the hard work that the students have put in.

Around the Classroom

HPV

Last Friday, Morwell Campus's Year 9 Human Powered Vehicles (HPV) racing team took another trip down to the Casey Fields Criterium Track.

They spent the day testing the recent modifications that they have made to the vehicle in preparation for the 24hr Maryborough Energy Breakthrough race that will occur in mid-November.

Students have spent several weeks adding extra ventilation, trimming & gluing a new nose cone as well as making modifications to the drive train.

Working in 4 teams the students completed a combined total of over 600km on the 1600m track (a new training record). The riders also had to face tough weather conditions such as strong winds which helped improve rider skills.

Aboriginal Studies

In 9/10 Aboriginal Studies students have been studying Human Rights and learning about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The class has also been participating in NAIDOC week activities in class and celebrating Aboriginal culture. The students went on an excursion to the University campus for the College's NAIDOC celebration day where they

participated in a Welcome to Country, a Smoking Ceremony and got to listen to guest speakers. The students really enjoyed being able to be part of the day.

Science

In Year 9 Science the students have studying Biology this term and have been focusing on the brain and the nervous system. The students have constructed paper hat models of the brain as well as made models of neurons out of pipe cleaners. They were also able to watch a demonstration of a brain dissection. The students have been enjoying all of the practical experiences in Science this term.

Contact Details

If you have any concerns regarding Year 9 students, please don't hesitate to email me or phone me on 5165 0600 or Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au

Ross Johnson

Year 9 Team Leader



Year 10 News



Over the next few weeks, all Year 10 students will be researching and choosing which program they are interested in being involved in for Year 11 2025. Students will be attending a Subject Information Day at the Uni Campus on August 14th. There will be a Parent Information Evening at the Uni Campus on August 7th, followed by Course Counselling Appointment for all Morwell Year 10 students on August 21st in the Orange building. Please check all of the dates below.

University Campus Information Evening

2025 Year 11 and 12

On Wednesday 7th August, Kurnai College will be holding its Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening at the University Campus.

Join us for an informative evening designed for current and prospective families, showcasing our college's Year 11 and 12 programs and subjects for 2025 and beyond.

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SENIOR PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 7th August
5.15pm - 6.00pm School Tours
6.00pm Presentation & Information Expo

This information evening will showcase our University Campus and provide an overview of programs available in 2025 for years 11 & 12 VCE & VCE-Vocational Major studies.

We welcome all prospective students and their families to attend and explore the opportunities available.

Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal

Matt Jobling
Campus Principal

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The event will begin with school tours at 5:15 pm, followed by the main presentation at 6:00 pm. In addition, information booths highlighting various subjects and initiatives will be on display in the library.

More about the University Campus can be found at

<https://kurnai.co/university-campus>

Camp

This term, 22 Morwell students have the opportunity to go on the Tasmania Camp. They will leave Morwell Campus on Monday 9th September and return on Friday 13th September. They will tour a range of places including Hobart, Port Arthur, Cataract Gorge, Devonport.



Job Skills



On July 23rd, the majority of Year 10 students went to the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park. They had the opportunity to visit many stalls, collect information, and talk to a range of industries from the area.

Attendance

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

PBS

Students can receive a KPA SMS message to parents from teachers each lesson for positive behaviour. 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 be rewarding students with great attendance to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5 as well as growth reports.

Dates to Remember

FROM NOW	Sign up for Course Counselling Appointment (Sheet outside Year 10 office)
Wednesday August 7th	Parent Information night at the Uni Campus for 2025 at 5:15 pm for Tour
Wednesday August 14th	Subject Information Day (Free at Uni Campus)
Wednesday August 21st	Course Counselling at Morwell Campus (Orange Building)
September 9th to 13th	Tasmania Camp

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 5165 0600

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Sheryl Tangi

Year 10 Team Leader



College News

Message from the College Principal



What a cold winter we have all had so far and it certainly hard to jump out of our warm beds each morning. Whilst it's always tempting to stay in bed and keep warm at home, it's really important that our students attend school every day. As a parent, I have often been tempted to give the kids a day off, but I know that those lost hours can add up and have a disastrous effect on students' results and choices. I'm afraid all of us parents need to be cruel to be kind and make sure our kids head off to school

whether it's rain or shine.

I know there will be an article about our NAIDOC week in this issue but I do have to say what a wonderful event we all enjoyed this year at the University campus. It seems to grow bigger and better every year and our thanks go to Marina, Hayden, Hollie, Corine and the Kurnai team for a fabulous week of activities featuring Indigenous culture.

Our college is working hard to build up our teaching team and I know that many parents have been concerned about changes in teachers and unsettled timetables. We have already welcomed four new international teachers and there are three more in the system coming to Kurnai. Let's make sure we welcome them to our Learning Community and give them every opportunity to be successful teachers in our college.

Have a great term, everyone, I'm sure the weather will be improving soon!

Anthony Rodaughan

College Principal

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Formal Event

Kurnai College celebrated NAIDOC week on Thursday, 25th July to recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Students, local politicians, members of the Indigenous community and Aboriginal Elders gathered at the University campus to attend the event showcasing this year's theme "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud".



The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with the fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other and to the rich tapestry of traditions which define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Today is a day to share some significant stories and knowledge from several of our guest speakers. At Kurnai College, we continue to learn and respect the First Nations people and hope to strengthen our understanding and connections to ensure that all families feel welcome and accepted within our schools", explained Koorie Education Support Officer, GunaiKurnai man Hayden Edwards.



Aunty Minni (Christine Johnson) conducted a Smoking Ceremony to welcome the guests as they arrived.

"The Smoking Ceremony is a traditional Aboriginal custom to welcome visitors to our land, cleanse the area and ward off any bad spirits from the people and the land," said Hayden.

Fellow Koorie Education Support Officer, GunaiKurnai and Monaro Ngarigo woman Hollie Johnson commenced the official

proceedings, performing a Welcome to Country in her grandparents' native language on behalf of the Brayakaulung clan of the GunaiKurnai Nation. Kurnai College students Shyann Parry and Matilda Freeman performed an Acknowledgement of Country with Lousie Potts signing in Auslan.

College Principal Anthony Rodaughan addressed the room, welcoming everyone in attendance, "At Kurnai College we have had the fire burning for quite some time. These schools that have been attending our NAIDOC week celebrations are now lighting their own fires, eager to continue this kind of work within their own learning communities".



Mr John Russell, from Frankston High School, has been attending Kurnai College's NAIDOC events over the past few years, with his students and staff. He shared with the audience his growth and understanding of Indigenous culture and how he has taken inspiration from Kurnai College to implement changes in his school, including the initiation to host their own NAIDOC week event.

Cr Darren Howe, Latrobe City Mayor also addressed the audience, speaking of the meaning of NAIDOC and this year's theme.

"This event provides the opportunity to celebrate the rich culture and the enduring strength of the First Nations community that exists in our region".

"NAIDOC week is about taking the time to learn about our First Nations culture and history, and participating in honouring the oldest living culture on earth".

"This year's NAIDOC theme Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud represents the strength and vitality of the First Nations people. By embracing their heritage, we are not only acknowledging the injustices of the past but also forging the path towards reconciliation and mutual understanding".



Kurnai College Indigenous student dance group Dedlee Kulya took to the stage performed three traditional dances, Wooriyl the Lyre Bird, Mungemagebungdula, and Naanaa Nukindhere! The culturally based dances enable the students to connect with their heritage and culture while educating others.



Talia Cooke, a 2021 student graduate, is a 20-year-old Gunai and Gunditjmara woman who is currently in her third year of Medicine at Monash University. She retraced her time attending Kurnai College and her experiences transitioning from secondary school to university as an Indigenous student. As she continues her studies, she hopes to be able to practice medicine and become a doctor for her community.

The college was proud to unveil a commissioned artwork from local artist Nannette Channing (Solomon). Nannette is a passionate and dedicated artist who is passionate about sharing her culture through art and encouraging establishments to display Indigenous artwork.



Special guest, signer song writer, Miranda (Mandy) Garling is a multicultural woman born and raised in Darwin, with Sri Lankan, Indonesian, English, and New Zealand heritage, but also a Bunurong woman who comes from the Koongangi Tribe in Yarrabah, Cairns. Mandy took to the stage to share her story through music. One of the songs she performed is a piece she composed that recognises her Bunurong heritage, the saltwater people of Port Phillip Bay, and is performed in the local

language.

James Solomon, a 2019 student graduate, and Gunaikurnai, Ngario, and Dunghutti man shared his journey of completing Year 12 and then embarking on a career with the Australian Army.

After the formal proceedings, the guests were invited to tour the Indigenous Garden, as part of its official opening.

“Within each of our four campuses, we have worked towards building an area where our Indigenous students have a cultural space that has a welcoming environment, an area that has been filled with native harvest, medicinal and cultural plants,” explained Hollie.



Indigenous Garden

Within each of our four campuses, staff, students and community members have worked towards building an area where our Indigenous students have a cultural space that has a welcoming environment, an area that has been filled with native harvest, medicinal and cultural plants.

During NAIDOC week the garden at the University Campus was unveiled.

The east side of the courtyard encompasses laser-cut shields of the five nations of the Gunaikurnai Nation to honour the Brabralung, Krauatungalung, Tatungalung, Brataualung and Brayakaulung people.



On the west side, the entrance to the wellbeing space features a vibrant mural that represents the totems of the Gunaikurnai People, that of wrens flying home and flying away, unsure of their flight path.

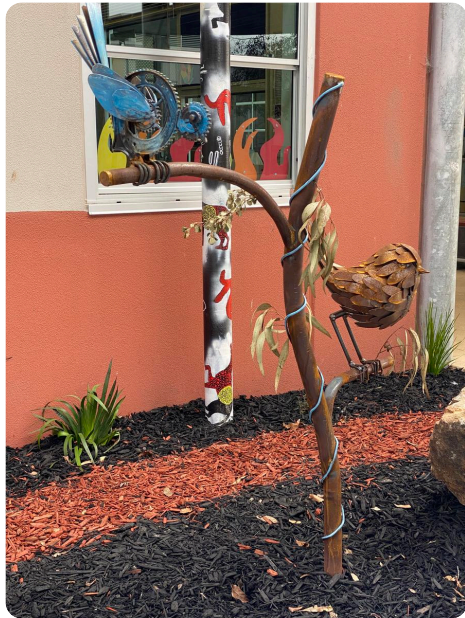
Koorie Education Support Officer, Hollie explained, "As we grow up and the coming of age, we see students who come and go, not sure of what career path they are following. Today their dreams will be different from yesterday and tomorrow. The blue in the male wren additionally plays a part in representing mental health as we all experience highs and lows in life".

The mural also includes a gathering circle designed by our Year 12 Indigenous student, Kelvin. The circle serves as a space for cultural learning and connection, where campfire conversations and yarning circles foster



a sense of belonging, reflection, and a chance to gather thoughts calmly.

Blue hues are incorporated into the artwork representing mental health, acknowledging the highs and lows that we all experience and the care that Kurnai College takes to nurture its students' holistic health and wellbeing.



A metal sculpture featuring Yeerung the male wren and Djeetgun the female wren are two cleverly crafted birds taking pride of place outside of the advocates' office, which were created by Indigenous student Brayden with guidance from Mr David Frendo. Teacher Brett Gay and staff involved in our Structured Workplace Learning program collaborated with students to design and construct a garden, shaped in the form of the Aboriginal flag, next to the mural. These gardens are planted with Indigenous vegetation and feature totem poles adorned with designs painted by our students, Hayley, Dacoda, and

Krystal along with their peers.

Totem Pole Dedication

A fourth totem pole was unveiled on the day, dedicated to College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan, a Jaadwa man to recognise Anthony's 20-year journey at Kurnai College and his dedication to reconciliation.

Mr Rodaughan's son-in-law Ngarrindjeri man Boadie Motton explained how alongside Koorie Support Wellbeing Coordinator, Marina Cooper they devised a plan to create the totem pole.

"We wanted to represent both Indigenous tribes, intertwined with Anthony's family, all whilst keeping it under wraps from Anthony himself".



"The 18 white dots around the bottom section of the pole represent the 18 tribes that make up the Ngarrindjeri nation (located at the mouth of the Murray River in South Australia)".



"With inspiration from fellow Ngarrindjeri artists, Craig Buchanan and Emma Mays, I wanted to include the turtle and fish within the blue waters which surround the Ngarrindjeri country and the yellow representing the sand banks of the land".

Mr Rodaughan's daughter, Anna explained "As we move up the pole from Boadie's design we have each placed our handprints to signify our family and the connection we all have. From the bottom we painted circles symbolizing the newest unborn family member of

Alex and Ben, our son Ollie's handprint, followed by Boadie's, myself, my brother Louis's, my brother-in-law Ben, my sister Alex's, and my mum, Jenna's. Each print is accompanied by a man or woman symbol connected with dots representing the colours of the Aboriginal Flag. And finally, at the very top, we have our Auntie Beth's painting "the legends".

Mr Rodaughan's then placed his handprint in the empty awaiting space.

Reconciliation Plan

Across the four campuses, Kurnai College's continues to implement its Reconciliation Action Plan, which continues to promote and facilitate reconciliation by its continuous approach to building relationships, respect, and trust between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Over the past 6 months, plaques have been installed around the campuses, using Guanikurnai language to identify the different learning spaces and areas of the school.

At the Morwell Campus a family meeting room that has been specially designed to make it a comfortable meeting space, absent of the traditional desks and chairs, with indigenous artwork.

Next year there will be an optional Indigenous polo shirt that all students may wear as part of their school uniform.

Music News

NAIDOC Week

Students from across the College came together to provide a beautiful array of musical performances during the NAIDOC Week celebrations at the University campus. It was an immense privilege and a deeply enriching experience for our students to be part of this

significant event. Through our music, we sought to honour and pay our deepest respects to our First Nations peoples, recognising their enduring connection to the land, waters, and culture. This celebration offered us a valuable opportunity to reflect on the rich heritage, history, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are profoundly grateful for the chance to participate in such a meaningful occasion, standing in solidarity and unity with Australia's First Peoples.



Monash Medical Orchestra

Our staff and students are eagerly anticipating our collaboration with the Monash Medical Orchestra. This year's event promises to be a spectacular musical celebration, bringing together Kurnai alumni, current staff, and students for an unforgettable night of live entertainment. Under the direction of Maestro Robert Dora, Kurnai Staff and students will join forces with the Monash Medical Orchestra and jazz ensembles. The event provides a fantastic opportunity for our performing art students to showcase their musical talents to the broader community.

We warmly invite you all to join us for a celebration of musical excellence on

Saturday 17th August from 5-7PM at Federation University Auditorium building 3E. This is one event you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you there!



Primary Schools Tour

In weeks **7 and 8 of this term**, our music students from Years 7 to 12 will be visiting several local primary schools including Churchill, Churchill North, Boolarra, Yinnar, Morwell Park, and Morwell Central.

These workshops promise to be engaging, informative, and interactive, providing a wonderful opportunity to build connections with our local primary schools. We are excited about the upcoming visits and hope that our workshops will inspire and ignite a passion for music among our younger audiences.

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

Students from across the College will participate in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, showcasing their talents in a range of sections including V.C.E. solo performance, solo piano, concert band, and instrumental ensembles. We wish all our students the very best of luck!

Kurnai's Got Talent:



KGT is back for another year, and we couldn't be more excited! This highly anticipated event offers an incredible opportunity for all students to showcase their talents, compete for exciting prizes, and battle it out for the prestigious title of Kurnai's Got Talent Champion! Auditions for this year's event will take place during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term and continue into Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. We encourage all students to sign up and be part of this fantastic experience. Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying something new, Kurnai's Got Talent is the perfect way to showcase your abilities.

Mr Chris Gretton

College Music Coordinator

Sports News

Senior Basketball

On Friday 19th of July, Kurnai College's Senior Boys basketball team participated in the Wellington District Interschool Basketball at Gippsland Regional Sports Stadium in Traralgon.

The Senior Boys Basketball team had an impressive run to the final with wins against Traralgon College (45 – 23) and Sale College (41 – 25), showcasing their skills and teamwork. Although they narrowly missed out on the final victory against Seda, they put up a good fight and demonstrated strong basketball abilities.

Overall, it was a fantastic day of sportsmanship and achievement for Kurnai College on and off the court.

The Senior Girls team progress to the next stage uncontested and will compete at the Gippsland Regional Finals later in the term.





General Information



Department
of Education

2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**. All families will be invited to participate in the survey, instructions and a link to complete the survey will be distributed via Compass in the week commencing 29th July.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and

Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents/caregivers/guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to the school directly for survey guides in your language. Please contact the general office if you would like more information.

Sustainable School Shop



Buy and 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

Second-hand textbook trading system

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
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Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery
- And lots more

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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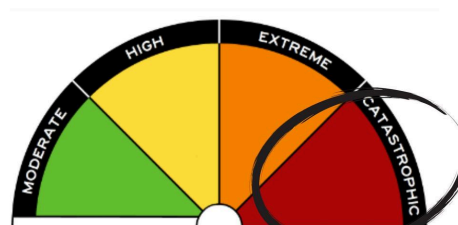
Helpful tips

- Be patient many new items are listed each day
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities

Code Red Fire Danger

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

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




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



Community News

Smile Squad



Book your free dental telehealth chat today!

Smile Squad is offering free one-to-one confidential telehealth appointments to secondary school students, at times that suit them.

Who will students be talking to?
Appointments will be hosted by an oral health practitioner who can talk to students about their oral health and any concerns they may have.

What do students need to do?
All students need a laptop or a mobile phone. Then just follow four easy steps:

1. Register your interest
2. Keep an eye out for your booking confirmation link
3. Check the best link that is sent to you works
4. Log in at the time of your appointment, either from school or home

How long is the appointment?
Each appointment slot is 30 minutes long. Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Does this appointment replace an in-person dental visit?
Telehealth appointments are not designed to replace an in-person dental visit. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about achieving and maintaining good oral health. Smile Squad will be able to explain student options and recommend the best course of action if they believe treatment is needed.



Do parents/guardians need to attend?
Parents/guardians do not need to attend with their child. However, if they wish they can be present on the video call.

We can also organise a separate link for parents/guardians to join from work if they would like to chat to the oral health practitioner.

What if a student has urgent needs?
If a student has dental pain, please contact your nearest dentist or community dental clinic for help.

To locate your nearest clinic, visit <https://www.dhsv.org.au/clinicslocations/community-dental-clinics>.

Who do I contact to make an appointment?
Email Annemieke.
VanVliet-Ellen
@education.vic.gov.au to make an appointment.


Get \$200 to help your child play sport!

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Latrobe Cricket Club

Get Active Kids

Eligible children, (aged 0-18 and named on a valid and issued Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card) may receive up to \$200 to cover the costs for membership and registration fees.

Applications will open in Spring 2024.

INTERESTED IN CRICKET?

Now is your chance to give it a
crack!



**The Latrobe Cricket Club is running
a come and try session for any
girls and boys interested within
the Under 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's
age groups!**

Every participant will receive a sausage and
a drink after the session

The session will run on Friday the 2nd
of August from 3:30pm until 5:00pm at
Maryvale Recreation Reserve - Peter
Siddle Oval -The home of the Sharks



For season 2024/25, Latrobe CC's superstar Irish
recruit, Sam Wilson, will be involved with the
development of all junior cricketers.



For further information please
contact the Latrobe Cricket Club
via our facebook page by scanning
the QR code or through email -
Latrobeccricketclub@outlook.com

THE STUDIO

After school hang for young people aged 12 to 16!

Join us during school term
to get creative in our pop-
up makerspaces or just
come along to hang out.

- Range of arts and crafts materials
- 'How-to' session from our friendly library crew.
- Non-stop hot chocs!
- Safe and inclusive place to chill or create

Activities and materials
available include:

- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Zine making
- Jewellery 101
- Air dry pottery
- Nail polish station
- Painting
- Collage

Or tell us what you want to
do!

Moe Library

Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm

Traralgon Library

Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm



GAMING CLUB

After school social gaming for young people

- Love to game and hang out with your mates?
- Heaps of games to choose from!
- Drop in any time during the session.
- Snacks provided.

Moe Library: PS5

Mondays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 12)

Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 13 to 17)

Traralgon Library: Xbox

Thursdays 4pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 17)

Sessions run through school term.
Bookings preferred.

SCAN FOR MORE
DETAILS.



Latrobe City Council

*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*