Swimming Sports

Whilst the weather struggled to brighten throughout the day the students and staff enjoyed the time together at the swimming sports on Tuesday. There was plenty of enthusiastic participation in the competitive and fun events. Lots of students made an effort to represent their house colours in creative ways and added to the spectacle of the event. Crowds gathered for the diving competitions with plenty of ‘interesting’ styles on display. Congratulations to all who participated and we wish those competitors who will now be able to progress to the next level of competition all the best. There is a swimming report and photos later in the newsletter.
Welcome To Our Exchange students from Germany

A very warm welcome is extended to our five German Exchange students Romana, Susanna, Emma, Johanna and Alena who have joined our Year 10 cohort this week. The girls were excited to start their school experience in Australia and are already actively participating in classes. Their second day at our school was spent at the swimming sports in cool and overcast weather which may not have matched their initial expectations of Australia; however this should change as the temperature heats up this weekend. The German connection has long been a part of the Churchill Campus program and has been a great experience for scores of students who have been on exchange to and from Germany.

The benefits for the exchange students and our learning community as a whole continue to grow our understanding of different cultures and encourage a global perspective. Thank you to the host families for caring for these students and also the teachers for accommodating the extra numbers in their classes for the duration of the exchange.

Newsletters

A reminder that our normal distribution method is by email and any family that has not yet provided an email address can do so by calling our general office on 51323700. There will still be some hardcopies of the newsletter available from the General Office for students to collect if emailing is not convenient.

Progress Reports

At regular intervals the Campus prepares Progress Reports for students that indicates the level at which they are displaying behaviours that are important for learning. The Progress Reports will be published online through our student management system – Compass - with the name Learning Behaviour Updates. The first report is due to be published in the week beginning the 14th March. New families and anyone who has misplaced their log-ins can contact the Churchill Campus office on 51323700 to obtain their log-in details. If families are unable to access Compass, or for some reason require a printed version of the report, this can also be arranged by contacting the office.

Students Crossing The Road

We remind students that for their safety and in consideration of drivers, students need to use the available school crossings down the hill from the school on Northway's Road and also the pedestrian crossing at Monash Way. We appreciate the crossings may not be in the ideal place for students convenience however crossing at other points is not a safe option. We do not want any of our students injured or worse through poor decision making and so ask for parental support in reinforcing the expectations in relation to using designated crossing points. Parents who collect or drop off students on the south side of the divided road are particularly asked to ensure that their passengers use the designated crossing points and walk along the grass verge to and from the vehicle.
Year 7 news

General News

Our year 7 cohort are now well and truly settled into life as secondary students. From the time they arrive at school to the time they leave, students appear to be coping really well with all the diversity, challenge and processes that a secondary school setting provides. We have had a busy fortnight with School Photo’s, School Assembly, Intro to musical instruments and most recently our College Swimming Sports.

Year 7 Peer Support Program

At the end of 2015, a selected group of year ten students attended a 3 day camp at the Summit. These students were able to build relationships with each other and also there own leadership skills. The skills they developed are put to work as they proceed to help 2016’s year 7 students, with their first year of high school. The groups are sorted to personalities and interests, which help leaders and year 7’s to get along better. So far year 7’s have developed relationships between leaders and students; by playing ice breaker games. They have also learnt about persistence and are yet to learn about leadership. By the end of the semester year 10 and year 7 students will have an experience that will last a lifetime!

(Zeke Halge & Georgia D’alia – Yr 10 Leaders)

English

Year 7 English has been busy with spelling, grammar, reading and writing all being a focus this term. The students have settled in well to the routine of classes and engage with all activities positively. This term we are looking at persuasive writing and techniques, students are building quite the persuasive vocabulary and are writing essays to persuade. In form group we are also exploring best fit books and silent reading has been a positive way to start our morning and develop positive reading habits.

Humanities

During Humanities, students have begun a study of History. There have been many a discussion about why we study History and the importance of it. Students have spent the first few weeks of this term establishing some basic skills such as a concept of time, fact vs opinion, types of evidence and hypothesise. Students have also showcased their understanding of chronology through completing a timeline of their own lives. Next week students are going to look at what constitutes a civilisation, and specifically focus on ancient civilisations. Students will become time detectives.
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Maths

As you will recall students completed a numeracy assessment during orientation. In combination with this assessment and others during classes, main stream students have been divided into two fluid groups. One group is focused on extending their skills (building their tool kit) in numeracy and the other is extending these skills to provide greater strength across the four maths processes. All classes are reinforcing these skills with a "speedy maths" lesson, to again strengthen students automaticity.

Challenge your student to the below Zupel (they should know how to do this) let us know how you go!

Health & P.E

During Health and P.E classes students have been developing technique with body weight fitness exercises, they have also completed a number of fitness tests. We have introduced a range of minor games geared towards active participation. Health topics covered so far are identity and an introduction to the three elements of health (Mental, Physical & Social).

Reminders

* Students will require a device (please contact us if you are needing some support)
* Spare locker keys should be handed in to a staff member or at the library
* No spray on deodorants are allowed at school (roll on only)
* Students need to be at school by 8.25
* Students require a note when they are out of uniform, injured or unable to participate in something.

Uniform:

Students on the whole have been really good with uniform, both turning up to school in the correct uniform and remembering to bring their P.E change.

Reminder: Shoes – Predominately Black in colour (Except for shoes used for P.E)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding uniform please contact the school or send an email to malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au or hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Contact details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding year 7 students or programs, please don’t hesitate to email us or phone on 51323700

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hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 8 News

Sports Captains

The Year 8 House Vice Captain received their badges in time for the Swimming Sports. Congratulations to Mason Porykali and Yasmin Tanti (Red House); Tim Hutchinson and Ruby Reily (Green House); Blake Whykes, Brooke Dalrymple and Sydney Simpson (Blue House); and Brodie Cook and Hayley Sheers (Yellow House).

Elections for the Year 8 Student Leaders were held this week. The Year 8 students who expressed an interest in representing their peers wrote an application responding to a series of questions explaining why they should be selected for the positions of Year 8 Leaders or Year 8 SRC members. During Form Group the student applications were shared with the Year 8 students and a ballot occurred. The students who will be leading Year 8 during 2016 are:

Year 8 Leaders – Brooke Dalrymple and Will Richards
Year 8 SRC – Eliza Bruerton and Tarley Smith

Swimming Sports

It was great to see that 50 Year 8 students participated in the annual swimming sports held at the Moe Pool. This participation ranged from swimming, diving (some spectacular dives were performed by the Year 8 boys), novelty events and students dressing in house colours and actively supporting their house.

Student Leaders
Year 8 news continued

Weekly Raffle

In the past week the issuing of raffle tickets, by the teachers of the Year 8 students, has been used to catch students doing the right thing. When students are displaying a behaviour from the Four Pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence, or Work Ethic they receive a ticket which they fill in with their details and then place in the PBS box in the Library. Each week a ticket is drawn and a student receives a movie voucher to recognise their positive behaviours.

The Year 8 team is pleased to acknowledge the positive behaviours of Emily Griffiths who received the first movie voucher for 2016.

Silent Reading

During Silent Reading the Year 8 students, on the whole, are reading quietly and are engaging with their books. The teachers involved in the Silent Reading time would like to remind all students and parents that only novels are allowed to be read during this time. At present we are seeing quite a few ‘Where’s Wally’ picture books which are not encouraging the students to read.

We ask that parents and guardians talk to their children about the books they are reading and encourage silent reading at home.

VLINE Update

Following on from last week’s message, we wanted to provide you with another update about V/Line services.

Our program of additional maintenance continues on our VLocity fleet with some services being replaced by road coaches.

We now have a stable service plan which will continue until mid-March to help provide certainty for customers so they can plan their travel.

In recognition of these ongoing service disruptions, V/Line is now offering free travel on coaches replacing trains.

Customers do not need to touch on and off their myki or buy a ticket when travelling on coaches that replace V/Line train services.

Customers travelling on regular V/Line train and scheduled V/Line coach services will need a valid ticket.

More information about free travel is available at ptv.vic.gov.au

A list of services replaced by coaches is available for staff, students and parents to view at vline.com.au

We apologise for any inconvenience during this period.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us at comms@vline.com.au.

Regards,

The V/Line Team
Year 9 News

General News

The staff of the Year 9 team would like to thank all of the students for their great start to the year. Our students are now working towards their first progress report due out at the end of the first week in March. The Year 9 team would like to congratulate the students for being organised and well behaved at the swimming sports on Tuesday. It was good to see the students dressed up in house colours.

Team Members

This year the Year 9 team members are: Josh Garth (Team Leader), Sheryl Tangi (Assistant Team Leader), Andy Leeson (Healthy and PE), Dave Frendo (Technology), Robin Fitzpatrick (Health/PE and Science) and Olivia Wall (English and Humanities).

Mentoring

Beginning next week each of the Year 9 students will be allocated a team teacher as a mentor. Each teacher will have approximately fourteen students assigned to them to catch up with during form group time. This will allow the students to build their confidence and help develop a rapport with the staff and enable the school to be proactive and assist students more quickly with any concerns.

Year 9 Camp

We would like to invite all Year 9 students to a camp in Melbourne later on this year in September. We will be visiting many of the highlights in the city including Vic Market, Eureka Tower etc. It is also a great opportunity to see firsthand what the big city has to offer.

PBS

Many of the students have received raffle tickets recently for showing positive behaviours re the school matrix. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. Congratulations to all of the students who have already received an award! Our first movie ticket winner was Cain Iorangi. Well done!

Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:25 am.
- Please use roll on deodorants at school as sprays can effect asthma sufferers.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 9 students please don’t hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51323700

garth.joshua.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 10 News

The year 10 team would like to thank the students for their participation in the swimming sports. It was great to see students dressed up in their house colours supporting each other on the day. Students are currently working towards their first progress reports due out in the first week of March and the staff would like to encourage students to continue working on their learning behaviours as these behaviours will assist students in their learning.

Work Experience

All year 10 students should be actively looking for placement for their 2 weeks of upcoming work experience early in term 2. We would encourage students to try 2 different places to get the most from this time. Students and families should also be aware that they are responsible for getting to their placement on time and take this travel time into account when considering placement.

Celebration Day

The Celebration day is coming up on Wednesday the 24th of February at the Mirboo North Pool. Please ensure that your permission form and money is handed into the office. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with the year 10’s on the Morwell Campus. Our VCAL Personal Development group have been working hard on a range of fun activities for the students to participate in.

Driving Simulator

All year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in the driving simulator thanks to the work of Australian Road Safety Sense. Students will experience the dangers of impaired driving, fatigue, weather, distractions, concentration, and lack of experience, peer pressure and mobile devices in a safe environment. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students as we know that these distractions and weather conditions can result in accidents on our roads and this program allows students to see first-hand what can occur if concentration is lost.

PBS

Students have begun receiving raffle tickets for showing positive behaviours that reflect the four pillars of Excellence, Engagement, Work Ethic and Relationships. Congratulations to all students who have been receiving these tickets and to the winner of our first draw Tyler Wilk-Clark.

Camp

All year 10 students are invited to the Central Australia Camp in September. This is a great opportunity to see many sites and explore the beauty in the Australian outback.

Devices

It is important that all students have access to a device that can be used in class. If you are experiencing any difficulty in obtaining a device please contact the team for assistance.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding Year 10 Students please email Nicole Ashton or Clifton Kline or call 51 323 700
Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 16th February Kurnai College held its annual swimming carnival at the Moe outdoor pool. The student contingent was great in light of the unpredictable weather.

Competition on the day was steady in the main pool while diving appeared to be the main attraction. For other students they were happy supporting fellow team mates in events, catching up with friends from other campuses and playing in the kid’s pool. Hot snags were a welcome relief for those eager competitors who braved the chilly waters.

Well done to all students who competed on the day and to those students who have qualified for the next round.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Year 7 Champions:**
- Matthew McCafferty, Amelia Bolton, Gabrielle Hines, Amity Larcombe

**Year 8 Champions:**
- Vincent Schoutens

**Year 9 Champions:**
- Bridget Cain
- Grady Long

**Year 10 Champions**
- Hayley Huizer
- Tayla Kelty-Roberts
- Alexander Devonshire

Honourable mention to Bridget Cain who broke the 50m butterfly (34.06 sec)

The overall standings on the day were:

1st Freeman  
2nd Forsyth  
3rd Siddle  
4th Thorpe

Thankyou to all staff for their efforts on the day.
Kurnai College Music What’s Happening ……

Strike Up The Band

Still taking enrolments, Kurnai College Music offers tuition on a variety of musical instruments. Students learn how to play the instrument of their choice whilst learning to read music notation and applying this knowledge on to their instrument. Students will also make music with others.

Instruments and position are available in all categories of Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Strings.

Definitely looking for students to build up the Choir, Concert Band, Percussion group and Guitar ensembles.

Music Expression Of Interest forms are available at the front office.

Students are welcome to enquire in the Music room to ask and possibly try the instruments.

For all enquiries contact Music Director Joseph Bonnici on 51323700.

Fundraising

The collection of bagged Aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it’s for Music.

Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers

The College attendance line is 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message. Please leave a message with your name, relationship to the student, the student’s name and reason for their absence. We ask that all parents and carers ring before 9:00 am to notify if their student will be away so their absence can be passed on to their teachers.

“In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child’s learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no “safe” threshold.”


Zoe Plumb
Attendance Officer
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

Key Dates

All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 29 February 2016. This applies to 2015 applicants

Insurance and Ambulance cover

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323711 preferably before 9.00 am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
Kurnai College
would like to invite you to the following event

Compass School Manager
Information Evening for Parents

Wednesday 24th February at 5:30 pm Morwell Campus
or
Thursday 25th February at 5:30 pm University Campus

(the location of each session will be sign posted)

The Smith Family are supporting us to provide two informal information sessions for parents. These sessions will assist you to monitor and encourage your child’s progress by learning the following:

- Logging into Compass School Manager
- Viewing Reports
- Interpreting Information
- Contacting College Staff

A light supper will be provided thanks to the Smith Family

College Principal
Anthony Roudahan

Morwell Phone: (03) 5165 0600
Churchill Phone: (03) 5132 3700
University Campus Phone: (03) 5132 3800

E-Learning Coordinators
Josh Garth email: garth.joshua.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
Steven Dockley email: dockley.steven.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
Upcoming Excursions / Camps

To ensure the smooth organisation and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by 2pm on the return date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time, SSR has received significant funding to help more families receive financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s commitment to provide support to all students in secondary school, the Affordable School Uniform Program (ASUP) has been introduced.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed in a secondary school (approx. value $250):
- jumper
- PE jacket
- PE shoes
- joggers (in black or in navy blue)
- black or grey shirt or shirt and tie
- black or grey belt
- black or grey tie

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 SSR recipients can apply for a pack from September 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will go to. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents in accordance with the guidelines. Parents who missed this year’s SSR applications or those who did not wish to apply initially, the school program will be permitted via school nominations are ongoing.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
No. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for secondary school books or shoes are covered by the regular SSR program and CSEF.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and their likelihood of eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only SSR recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform replication agency. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform shop (or direct at SSR).
- The student’s existing carryover from last year is included.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Southern vouchers cannot be backdated.
- Each voucher specifies a particular item and the quantity ordered.

More information
For more application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr
Public Bus Travel for Ineligible Students - MYKI Card Required

- Morwell students attending Churchill Campus
- Traralgon students attending University Campus and Churchill Campus
- Newly enrolled students to Kurnai College in Year 11 or 12 who live in Morwell

Students who are not attending their closest school are not eligible for Conveyance Allowance (assistance with financial costs to travel to school).


We encourage families to purchase either a Student Yearly or Half Yearly Concession Card with MYKI Card from their local V/Line Station. This allows your child to travel anywhere within Victoria for free as per PTV website terms and conditions.

Concession cards can be used on the following services:

- On train, tram and bus passenger services operating in metropolitan Melbourne
- On train and bus passenger services operated by V/Line throughout regional Victoria
- And other public transport services operated under contract or service agreement with Public Transport Victoria (PTV). Please refer to http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions

PTV Student Travel Information

Do students need concession cards?

16 years and under
If you are a student aged 16 and under (and don't travel with a Student Pass) you can travel on concession fares. You do not need a concession card.

If you wish to use the student pass, then you must also have a Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card.

17 years and over
If you are a student aged 17 and over, you must carry a valid Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Concession Card to travel on concession fares.

Travelling with a student pass
If you are a primary or secondary student travelling with a Victorian Student Pass or Regional Transit Student Pass, you must also have a Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card with your pass number endorsed on your concession card. The pass and concession card must be carried at all times when travelling.

VPT Student Concession Cards are generally only available to Australian citizens and permanent residents.

Student passes
If you are a primary or secondary student with a Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card, you may be able to buy a yearly or half yearly student pass. The pass provides great savings for regular travellers.

The type of student pass you need depends on where you travel.
**Victorian Student Pass**
The Victorian Student Pass gives you unlimited travel on metropolitan trains, trams and buses, on all regional town bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria.

The pass is a myki and should be shown to public transport staff on request when travelling on services where myki is not operating.

To travel on this pass, you must also have a Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card with your pass number endorsed on your concession card. The pass and concession card must be carried at all times when travelling.

**Applying for a Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card or Student Pass**
2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student/Tertiary Concession Cards and Student Passes are now available for sale and the application forms are available from V/Line Office, PTV Website or at Campus General Offices.

**CONTRACTED SCHOOL BUSES**
(Hazelwood North, Yinnar/Hazelwood South, Boolarra, Whitelaws Track and Jeeralang Buses)

Students accessing these services are reminded that there is no adhoc travel. Students may only access their designated bus and are not permitted to have friends accompany them to and from school. The bus and bus stop designated are the only stop you should be getting on and off the bus.

This procedure is as per Emergency Management Guidelines.

or any further information please contact Leonie Mackie on 51650 610 or Fiona Fraser on 51323 708.

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**Kurnai College Four Pillars**

**Engagement:** We actively participate in our own learning

**Excellence:** We do the best that we can do

**Work Ethic:** We are committed to working hard

**Relationships:** We value and respect each other
Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (even if you're a student) and have a child at school to study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au
School Council Election 2016

Kumai College School Council Elections are now happening and we ask that you consider being involved.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember:

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year! Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact your Campus principal for further information.
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2016

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

Nomination forms may be obtained from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday 15th February, 2016.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 29th February, 2016.

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:

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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 Rodlaughan
College Principal
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Air Cadets will be recommencing Friday 5th February. Any students interested in joining, please contact the general office.
Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

- **Windwind**
  - Flute
  - Clarinet
  - Bass Clarinet
  - Saxophone

- **Brass**
  - Trumpet/Trompet
  - French Horn
  - Fagott
  - Baritone
  - Trombone
  - Tuba

- **Percussion (drums)**
  - Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani

- **Strings**
  - Guitar
  - Bass Guitar

- **Keyboards**
  - Electro Keyboard / Piano

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College.

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Date: ____________ Campus Attendance: ____________

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Year Level: ____________

Instrument wishing to learn: 1. ____________ 2. ____________ 3. ____________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________

Home Address: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? Yes, what was it? ____________________________

Do you have your own instrument? Yes, which instrument? ____________________________