Message from College Principal

G’day everyone,

We are quickly moving towards the final weeks for our senior students and before we know it, Term 4 will be upon us. There is a sense of spring in the air and a growing feeling of optimism across our College as the depth of winter recedes.

Our senior students will soon start to experience feelings of anxiety as the exams loom on the horizon with choices about future training and/or work grow closer. In all cases, I feel very confident in the support and resources that are accessible to all our senior students. At the senior campus we have a dedicated team of Pathways staff who are always available with advice and support and our Advocate team are there to provide support and counselling.

David Shields and his team provide ‘Afternoon Study’ sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00pm – 4:30pm in the library; these have been extremely popular with students with an average of 30 coming to each session. With great support from Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and The Smith Family ‘Learning for Life’ the school offers Tutors for Math, Science and English whilst also providing fresh fruit, chips (Tuesday) and pizza (Thursdays). Students who turn up can study any subject they want in a warm, quiet and productive space.

Thanks to the Andrews Government support of State education, we now have Pathways staff at our junior campuses. Recently our Morwell Campus held a very successful careers week; the week featured visitors to the campus, together with a range of activities that prompted students to think about their skills and their passions as they move forward on their own pathway. Parents play a vital role in helping students plan a possible pathway. We all know that the days of having one career or one vocation are almost over; constant training and reskilling is now the new norm. Even so, students still need to have a direction in mind to help guide their decision making along the way.

It can be a worrying time for our young adults in a fast moving and ever more complicated world so our support and guidance is essential. Our Pathways and Advocate staff are here to assist and support but I encourage you all to give your child/children the most valuable gift of all; your time – time to listen, time to talk together, to guide, and time to remind them of their own unique talents and to give them more confidence at this tricky time in their lives.

I know you will all do your best to support your young adults. Should you require assistance or advice, make a time to catch up with our staff at any of our campuses to discuss your needs.

Take care everyone

August 2016
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

University Campus News

Chinese Delegation Visit

Last week a group of students and teachers from schools in Taizhou, Zhejiang Province, China spent four days studying at Kurnai College and living with the families of local students. Each morning the students studied English with the focus on Australian themes. In the afternoon they took part in activities such as tenpin bowling or woodwork at our Morwell Campus; this was something that none of the Chinese students had ever done. The real challenge came on the day when we took the group to Wilsons Prom. It was freezing, drizzling rain on and off and blowing a gale, not the usual kind of day you would go to the Prom. We spent the journey down trying to work out ways to spend our time there out of the weather. We shouldn’t have worried. From the Crimson Rosellas helping them eat their lunch, the stroll on the boardwalk alongside the brown waters of Tidal River to the excitement at seeing the beach and crashing surf of Norman Bay the students had a wonderful time. Some became so caught up in the moment; they took off their shoes and went paddling in the shallows! As they were getting off the bus back at school one of the boys thanked us for the day and taking him to the most beautiful place he had ever seen.

Churchill Campus News

Celebrating NAIDOC Day

Churchill Campus recently held a NAIDOC event where distinguished guests including elders from the local community were invited to participate in the celebrations. Kurnai College celebrates NAIDOC day at each campus as part of its commitment to embracing Koorie culture and continuing to strengthen the connections with our local Koorie community.

The event kicked off with a great performance by the Dedlee Kultya dancers, made up of indigenous students from Kurnai College who also explained the meaning behind each of the dances.

Guest speaker, former AFL footballer Marlon Motlop, shared his personal journey and inspired the students to focus on the small things to improve their life and to develop the confidence, passion and pride to one day tell their own interesting story.

An art work created by Kurnai students under the guidance of Dr John Jackson and overseen by local elders was unveiled and the winner of the design competition for the new indigenous inspired sporting tops was announced, congratulations Vanessa Williams. Both forms of art work will now be an ongoing representation of the links our College has with indigenous culture.

A big thanks to all those staff and students who helped out with the organisation and running of the day to ensure it was successful.

Morwell Campus News

Careers Week

Morwell Campus hosted a Careers Week with many careers based activities rolling out throughout the week. Careers Week encouraged our students to think big, take up opportunities, make positive choices about their pathway and to follow their dreams. The whole campus participated in different careers related activities throughout the week. Many past students returned to the campus to share information and knowledge about their careers and pathways with the students.

Year 9 students attended the Job Skills Careers Expo, where they were able to participate in hands on careers based activities and learn more about further education and training pathways. Employability skills workshops were held for our Year 10 cohort providing our students with knowledge and resources on how to increase their skills and how to stand out in the workforce for all of the right reasons. Our Hands on Learning students welcomed AGL staff whom presented a session related to OH&S. A very valuable discussion about safe work practices at school, work and home. Year 8 students learnt about the web of work and many roles available in the workforce, opening their minds to the many possibilities. Federation Training hosted the Year 7 students in an engaging and interactive TAFE Taster. Students were able to participate in workshops including building, bricklaying, electrical, beauty, automotive, childcare and painting and decorating.
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**Pathways to Success**

### Calendar of Events

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### Kurnai Pillars

**Work Ethic**

“We are committed to working hard”

**Excellence**

“We do the best we can do”

**Relationships**

“We value and respect each other”

**Engagement**

“We actively participate in our own learning”

### Attendance Hotline

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