



Message from College Principal

Welcome Back to our new year - 2016

With a short first term it seems the Easter holidays are almost upon us!

It has been pleasing to see that all of our campuses have settled quickly into positive and productive learning environments. Our College numbers are higher than expected with a total enrolment of about 1220 students. Our Kurnai teaching and support staff is about 170 in number.

This year we welcome 19 new staff together with a couple of returning staff members. We are really excited about the skills, energy and experience that our new Kurnai team members bring to our Learning Community.

We welcome back Erin Gruis and Selena Gray to Churchill Campus after family leave, it's great to have them back on board.

The following new staff members have joined our teaching team:

Lindy Gumpold	Leading Teacher Churchill
Nicole Ashton	Leading Teacher Churchill
Denise Cairnduff	English Morwell
Jay McDonald	PE Morwell
Claire Seymour	KYPP Team Leader
Ross Johnson	Generalist Morwell
Olivia Wall	English Churchill
Glen Stephenson	Generalist Churchill
Yuhong Jiang	Mandarin Morwell
Matthew Woodhouse	PE and Science University
Megan Boland	Art Morwell
Paul Fawcett	Generalist LV FLO

I am sure some of you have met them already, if not, you will get to know them over the course of the year.



We have also welcomed the following new staff to our support team:

Steph Kennedy	Koorie Support/Wellbeing M'well & C'hill
Cheryle Taylor	Lab Technician University
Marina Cooper	Koorie Support University
Siobhan Reid	Pathways Churchill
Kylie Downey	Pathways Morwell
Ashley Thorne	Library and Classroom Support C'hill
Daniel Porter	Hands on Learning Morwell

Again, I warmly welcome our new team members. We are delighted to have their talents working for Kurnai and our students!

As always, I welcome contact and communication with all of you. If you would like to get in touch, like a tour of a campus or a chance to have a chat please contact the College and either I or any of our Leadership Team will only be too happy to accommodate you!

I look forward to working with you all to ensure our Kurnai Kids have the happiest and most positive learning year in 2016.

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University Campus News

2016 School Captains

After an exhaustive nomination and interview process, followed by a vote of all Year 12 students we are pleased to announce the school captains for 2016 are Daniel Schneider and Regan Webster.



Regan a Churchill resident is an active member of the Traralgon Swimming Club. She volunteers as a lifeguard in her spare time. Regan also umpires basketball in Churchill. Her ambition after school is to become a doctor.



Daniel lives in Yinnar and plays football and tennis for Yinnar. He is interested in becoming a physiotherapist after university.

Daniel and Regan will be officially presented with their school captains badges next Tuesday at our school assembly.

Churchill Campus News

Welcome to our exchange students from Germany



Churchill Campus recently welcomed five exchange students from Germany. They have already had a range of experiences both at school and with their host families. First impressions have included good weather, beautiful landscapes and that the people are very nice. Their initial thoughts on the differences between schooling were that the level of work is easier here and the relationship between teacher and students is more relaxed.

They have been impressed with the variety of subjects on offer, some of which are not available at home.

One of the students has also found wearing the uniform has taken some adjustment as she doesn't have to wear one in Germany.

Highlights of their time in Australia have focused on trips to the beach, Cape Paterson and Wilson's Promontory, camping in a tent (first time ever!), walking in a rainforest and watching the penguin parade at Phillip Island.

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.

We wish Romana, Susanna, Emma, Johanna and Alena all the very best with the remainder of their stay with us in Australia. A special thanks to the host families for caring for these students and the teachers for accommodating the extra numbers in their classes for the duration of the exchange.

Morwell Campus News

In 2015, Morwell Campus was lucky enough to receive funding to help our Learning Community to increase its resilience.

We are working with renowned child psychologist, Andrew Fuller, to understand how we can build the resilience of our students.

Resilience is about being able to bounce back from bad experiences and situations. It can be hard to find positives after negative incidents, we are hoping that the programs we set up will give our students the skills to be able to get up after being knocked down.

One very successful way to increase people's resilience is to help others. We have selected a group of students across all year levels to brainstorm ideas that we can utilize as a school that will make a positive impression on the whole student cohort.

This group very quickly came up with the idea of running a day filled with various activities and presenters. They are now working on developing an Amazing Race style event which will incorporate brain training activities, as well as other fun diversions.

We are currently planning for this day to be held early May.

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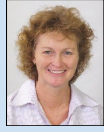


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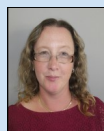
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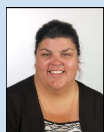
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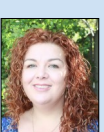
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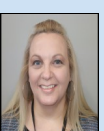
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Calendar of Events

Kurnai Pillars

College Wide Events

Date	Event
March 4	Student Free Day
March 23	Parent / Teacher Conversations 3:30pm - 7:30pm
March 24	Parent / Teacher Conversations 10am - 1pm
March 24	Term 1 Ends
April 11	Term 2 Starts

Work Ethic

'We are committed to working hard'

Churchill Campus

Date	Event
March 14 - 30	Year 8 China Study Tour
March 10 - 11	Wilson Promontory Surf Camp
March 10 & 17	Federation University Experience Days
March 18	Austin Health Open Day
March 19 - April 30	VYLC Trip

Excellence

'We do the best we can do'

Morwell Campus

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March 1	Year 9 Team Building Day
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Relationships

'We value and respect each other'

University Campus

Date	Event
March 7 - 9	Yr 12 Wilsons Promontory Surf Camp
March 15	Yr 12 'Top Arts' Exhibition
March 17 - 18	Yr 11 Wilsons Promontory Surf Camp

Engagement

'We actively participate in our own learning'

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