Message from College Principal

G’day everyone,

The halfway mark of our year is on our doorstep and another semester of learning comes to an end. In the lucky job that I occupy I get to see so many positive things happening across the four campuses of our Learning Community.

This year already a number of Year 8 and Year 9 students have had trips to China. These students have enjoyed Chinese hospitality and seen the wonders of this amazing country.

Our students have also been out and about across Gippsland and we have seen great numbers of students attending their year level camps. Recently, a team of VCAL students returned from Licola where they were helping to refurbish huts in the Lions Wilderness Village.

Closer to home we have enjoyed good weather for both our swimming sports and athletics. Our winter sports day where football, netball and soccer are played along with other sports are happening as we speak.

At all our Campuses I see extra classes being offered this semester, giving students the chance to catch up with learning that hasn’t yet been completed. After school study sessions and tutorials happen almost every afternoon at our University Campus whilst similar opportunities exist at our Churchill and Morwell Campuses.

The most exciting thing for me however is the learning going on in every classroom across our College every period of the day. I am always delighted to visit classrooms and be part of the exciting programs being offered.

The cold outside gives us a good excuse to bunker down at home and complete our learning tasks or revise some of the learning we have been doing. All our students should try to build this habit into their week to consolidate their learning.

I hope your footy team is winning and that the dreaded flu stays away!

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University Campus News

Managed Individual Pathways Program

Managed Individual Pathways (MIPs) program ensures all students aged 15 years and over in government schools are provided with an individual Career Action Plan (MIPs/pathways plan) and associated support as a means to making a successful transition through the senior secondary years of education to further education, training or full-time employment.

Throughout the year students at the University Campus meet with careers advisors in a classroom environment or individually where they are provided with the appropriate information and tools to assist in completing a career action plan.

In 2015, Kurnai College purchased a website Career Tools where students complete their Career Action Plan online which allows them easy access to reflect as well as update their plans when needed.

These sessions also cover the VTAC web site and the opportunity to start searching for appropriate higher education courses as well as to further utilise the career tools website which covers a huge amount of information in the following areas: such as University, TAFE and Private Providers | Job Information | Apprenticeships and Traineeships | Defence Force | Tax file numbers | School To Work Planning | Workplace Learning | Vocational Education and Training.

Students are encouraged to come see the careers team if they are needing further information or advice on their future choices.

Churchill Campus News

Victorian Young Leaders to China

Kurnai College recently sent eight aspiring leaders from Year 9 to China for six weeks where they experienced an intensive language program while living on the campus of a huge Chinese high school.

The first two weeks of the trip were spent in Beijing, then they went to Yangtze, a suburb of Nanjing. They went on a series of fascinating excursions to cultural sites (including The Great Wall of China and the Nanjing War Memorial) in addition to a myriad of quirky shopping trips. Mostly, though, they were immersed in their study.

Every day was packed with activity from morning to night and the Kurnai students got a good insight into the lives of Chinese students. Chinese students start school in the morning at 7.30am and finish at 9.30pm, with two hour breaks for lunch and tea. It’s a rigorous program and our students were amazed, but they soon adjusted to the extended schedule.

Their most memorable aspects included experiencing the culture, learning about how China has developed, meeting new people, improving leadership skills and confidence, and the formal style of schooling. Whilst they will miss the friendly and kind people they mixed with, the students appreciated their comfy beds and Australian cuisine when they returned home.

All in all, the trip was an exciting look at another culture where our students were able to distinguish the ways we are different as well as the ways we are the same.

Morwell Campus News

Experiencing the World of Work – Kurnai Morwell

Over 75 Year 10 students from Kurnai College Morwell Campus participated in the two-week work experience program from May 9th – May 20th.

Work experience is a great opportunity for our students to gain an insight to everyday roles within the workplace, ask questions and learn more about the career pathway in the field of work they have chosen.

Our students were placed in wide variety of industry and professions including: Law | Retail | Health | Trades | Hospitality | Beauty Therapy | Teaching | Engineering | Local Government | Energy Industry.

Staff members visited our students as they immersed themselves in the world of work. It was wonderful to see the students challenging themselves and enjoying the opportunity to try something different to the routine of school and to experience the demands of different jobs. Many indicating their experience has confirmed their desire to pursue a career in the sector.

Our work experience program cannot exist without the assistance and cooperation of local employers and businesses. Kurnai College, students, parents, and staff are most grateful and we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all concerned. We hope the businesses and the employers find the experience as rewarding as our students.
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

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## 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’*

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