

PARENT BULLETIN

KURNAI COLLEGE – PRECINCT CAMPUS

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THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2013

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.00AM—4.00PM

SCHOOL HOURS: 8.30AM—2.50PM

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DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 20 th —Friday 22 nd March	Year 11 & 12 Wilson’s Prom Surf & Hike Camp
Friday 22 nd March	Year 11 & 12 Art—Top Arts Excursion to Federation Square
Tuesday 26th March	Parent /Teacher interviews 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 1— Buses will run 1 hour earlier than normal
Monday 15 th April	First day of Term 2

Hello Everyone.

The end of Term 1 is quickly approaching and it is a good time to take note of the things that need to be done before the end of term. If your student is unsure then he/she should be checking with all their teachers to make sure everything is up to date. Sometimes we can easily overlook something that we had every intention of doing but simply got put into the background because of all the other things that get in the way. Please remind and encourage your student to check in with all the teachers just to make sure everything is done for that class.

PARENT- TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 26th March from 3.30 – 6.00pm. These interviews are very important to attend as they give parents and students an opportunity to gauge just where the student is at in all their units. I urge all parents to attend these interviews. I’m told that some students think that their parents involvement in their education at the VCE level is not really relevant and as young adults they are capable of looking after their own school affairs. While I can appreciate this view I think that all parents have a right and a responsibility to take an active interest in how their student is progressing. This does not have to be as a person checking up on the student but more as a person assisting and encouraging the student throughout the journey that will at times be quite stressful. I urge all parents to attend these interviews and take an interest in how your student is travelling at school.

ATTENDANCE

At my very first general assembly at the Precinct Campus I spoke about the need for all students to be at school every single day to make sure of getting the most out of their education. I said that taking days off to go shopping or to socialize was simply not acceptable at this level. I would like to again remind the school community that it’s simply Not OK to Be Away. Every lesson missed means a harder job to catch up on where the student should be. Teachers continually tell me of their frustration when students are absent and they need to catch them up which takes valuable time and effort. Please strongly encourage your student to be at school everyday. The rewards will be there because if the student is not in the class they cannot be learning and taking advantage of the classroom experience.

SCR

I met with the SRC this week and was extremely happy with the level of discussion the representatives put on the table. The maturity and candidness of the responses they all gave gives me confidence that this year will be a fantastic one with such an interested and intelligent group of young people. I congratulate all the representatives and look forward to working with them this year.

The presentation of the SRC and School Captains will be held this Friday afternoon.

Nello Carbone

ENGLISH / LITERATURE

From the beginning of next term, English/Literature teacher Corissa Rieschieck will be offering GEP students a creative writing class at lunchtime every Tuesday in the Audio-Visual room. If you're interested in creative writing, or if you want to build up your skills in imaginative writing for English or Literature, please come along and join in the fun.

THOUGHTS OF A TEACHER

Teaching is exhausting. It takes all of you. Consumes you. Your every waking moment prey to its sudden and compelling grip – tell that student something, remember that anecdote for class, record that program, keep that article, read that book. The moments unrelated to curriculum but relevant to education all the same – that piece of music that reminded you of a conversation, the laughter that made you think of the fun you have in class, that program that brought you to tears because of its relevance. A death, an accident, a birth. A life.

Everything is relative and everything is relevant. The classroom teaches about life, no matter the days you might wish it was just to learn this book and remember those elements. When you leave at night, you wonder if you did all you could – did you offer the right words of encouragement, were you firm but fair, respond but remain removed from the situation, professional yet still friendly? Were you kind?

Yet despite it all, there is a moment that teachers long for. That they wholeheartedly seek with their every action. It's that moment when understanding dawns, when eyes gleam with knowledge and the flurry of excitement flickers over an expression. It's a moment that can be both fleeting and feel never-ending, where time speeds up yet slows right down, where pride blooms in your heart and in your belly and makes you feel like you're doing it right, like you're doing a good job, like you're teaching. That moment of understanding, it's called learning, and being able to see it, even just a glimpse of it, makes it all worth it.

It's this moment that makes me try again each day, no matter how frustrated I was the day before, or how scared or upset or angry or lost or confused or simply fine. No matter how much I might swear and moan, no matter how many tears I cry or fears I develop with every classroom I enter, the thought that I might pass on knowledge of some kind, be it about the subject I teach or about life, that's what makes me wake up in the middle of the night to make note of something I need for the next day, or of what I need to check on, or tell a student, or in this case, wax lyrical. That moment, that precious, priceless moment.

That's what keeps me going back.

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SAC Policy Explained

1. Student Attendance

- a. Students must attend class on the date or dates scheduled by the class teacher for the SAC to be undertaken.
- b. A student absent on the date scheduled for the SAC must provide either a Medical Certificate or evidence of a valid reason attesting to their circumstance rendering them unfit or unable to attend school on that day.
- c. Students absent with a Medical Certificate or valid reason will have the opportunity to complete the SAC for grading at the **next available opportunity**.
- d. Students absent without a Medical Certificate or valid reason will not be graded for that section of the course. This will be reported as Not Assessed (NA).

2. SAC Dates

- a. Subject teachers will give students a minimum of **five** school days' notice of a SAC.

3. Sitting a missed SAC

- a. Students required to sit a SAC other than at the scheduled time must do so at the next available opportunity.
- b. Subject teachers will complete the missed SAC proforma and hand the proforma to the student immediately after the student sits the missed SAC. It is the student's responsibility to present the proforma, with their medical certificate or evidence of a valid reason to the VCE coordinator.
- c. The VCE coordinator will complete the missed SAC proforma, indicating if the SAC will be marked for a grade or not and return the proforma to the subject teacher.

4. Authentication and/or inappropriate behaviour during a SAC

- a. Authentication issues must be supported by subject teacher evidence. Such issues must be reported immediately to the VCE coordinator.
- b. All incidents of inappropriate behaviour must be referred to the Student Managers or VCE coordinator.

COUNTRY SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ONLY

Over the last couple of weeks there has been a number of parents telephone, requesting their child or their friend be permitted to travel on a bus home. The only students who can access our country buses are those students who have submitted bus forms and their home address is closest to a country school bus. No other students are permitted to access these services under any circumstances.

In 2010/11 our College was audited by the DEECD and the Public Transport Department. At that time it was made clear to the College that past practices would not be acceptable and that our buses must comply with policy.

All eligible students have been issued with appropriate bus passes.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property is often brought to school by students and parents. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, 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. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

DRIVING CONCERNS

The Campus has been notified that there have been concerns reported about the behaviour of drivers dropping off and collecting students. As we have a number of learner drivers at the campus we are concerned at the poor example these practices are providing and of the safety issues they raise for pedestrians and other vehicles in the area.

The concerns raised include;

- Drivers parking in the bay at the front steps but facing in the wrong direction, which means they enter and leave by crossing over the double lines and the oncoming lane
- Drivers doing U-turns across the double lines
- Drivers parking on the road, which is not permitted due to the double lines and obstruction to other traffic

Another timely reminder is that the front of the campus is also a school speed zone and 40km is the speed limit between 8 – 9.30am and 2.30– 4pm on school days.

We trust that all drivers will abide by the road regulations to ensure we can provide a safe environment and have a positive influence on our future drivers.

MORWELL EAST FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

U16 & U18 footballers wanted.

Training Monday & Wednesday, 5-6pm at Ronald Reserve, Vary St Morwell.

BBQ following training on Monday 11th February, Round 1 – 6th April.

Contact Wayne Arnold (U16 & U18) 0400 902 577, or Gavin Blair (President) 0408 142 095.

All past and new players welcome.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

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

Outdoor & Environmental Surf & Hike Camp at Wilson's Prom	Wednesday 20 th March till Friday 22 nd March	\$150	Permission form and payment due by Monday 18 th February Now closed
Year 11 & 12 Art—Excursion to Top Arts Exhibition at Federation Square	Friday 22 nd March	\$25	Permission form and payment must be into the office by <u>11.00am on Friday 15th March</u>
VCE/VET Swim training & Swim testing At Churchill Leisure Centre	Wednesday 27 th March till Wednesday 19 th June	No Cost	Permission form due by <u>11.00am on Wednesday 20th March</u>
Mt Hotham Camp	Monday 22 nd till Friday 26 th July	Payment Plan	The deposit was extended till Friday 8 th March The second payment of \$200 is due on <u>Friday 22nd March</u>

TEXT BOOKS/DVD'S

We have a collection of the following text books for collection at the Precinct Office:

The Guardian DVD, Mary & Max DVD, French Revolution, Twentieth Century History 1900-1945 & Twentieth Century History 1945-2000, VCE Sociology 1&2, VCE Sociology 3&4, Issues of Sustainability 3&4, Monitoring Eco Systems VCE Units 1&2, The Old Man Who Read Love Stories, Dear America, Life of Galileo Insight Text Guide, Selected Poems, Growing Up Asian in Australia, True Blue on Being Australian, Acting in Person & In Style, Visual Communication & Design Units 3&4, Maestro, Uncovering Psychology 1&2, Health & Human Development, Maths Quest 12, Food Solutions, Uncovering Psychology 1 & 2, The Legal Maze, Macquarie Dictionary, Music an Appreciation, Bertolt Brecht—Life of Galileo, English in Year 11.

All of the above Texts, Novels and DVD's have been ordered and paid for at the Morwell Newsagency. Please check at the office for new books arriving each day .

FREE HOLIDAY TUTORING

Access Monash will be running two days of study support and tutoring for VCE students in Gippsland this school holidays. Tutors will be available for Units 3 & 4 classes of English, Literature, Math Methods, Specialist Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Where: GippsTAFE Academy, 49-63 Princes Street, Traralgon.

When: Monday 8th April, Tuesday 9th April. 10.00am – 2.30pm.

Students can choose to attend one or two days. To secure a place, students should register before March 19 at :

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/holiday_tutoring

CONDITIONS OF BUS TRAVEL – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses at all times the following conditions apply, to which students must abide to:

1. At the bus-stop do not play on the road or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
2. Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
3. Do not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
4. Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
5. Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
6. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
7. Do not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
8. When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
9. No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, eg aerosol cans.
10. Seat belts must be worn where fitted.
11. In the morning, arrive at the bus-stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
12. Do not eat, drink or smoke while on the school bus.
13. In the morning, let the school and driver know if you will not be riding home on the bus that day.
14. Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
15. Use a standard conversational tone and do not call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
16. Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any misbehaviour or vandalism.
17. If you ride a bike to the bus-stop, please leave it in a safe and secure place. The Department of Transport and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus.
- It is most important that parents waiting for bus passengers at a roadside bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus, to prevent accidents.
- School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions. It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.

Regards

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PUBLIC BUSES – MYKI MATES

INELIGIBLE CONVEYANCE TRAVELLERS ONLY (students who travel from Traralgon to Precinct or Churchill Junior Campus and Morwell to Churchill Junior Campus) Students who usually buy tickets will be effected as tickets are being totally phased out.

There will be myki Mates located at bus loops in the coming days.

Below please find planned schedule for targeting school children at bus loops.

March:

15th – Bridle Road (Kurnai Morwell)

18th – Corner Northways Road and McDonald Way (Kurnai Churchill)

22nd – Northways Road* (Precinct - Churchill). They may decide to stay all day to reach University students as well.

For more information please contact:

Angela and Anthea—myki Support Officers

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OPEN DAYS



Wed 31 July

UMAT TEST

Thursday 16 & Friday 17
May

MELBOURNE
UNIVERSITIES TRIP

Universities and TAFE Institutes hold annual Open Days for the public. They are an opportunity to visit, talk to staff and students, collect information and see facilities. As such, they are a great way to assist in deciding where you wish to study once you finish school.

They are generally held in term 3, but many of the dates are supplied here so you can get them in your diary and make your visits a priority. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to start your visits; Year 12 is not too late....

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (10am – 4pm):

- Sat 3 Aug – **Monash** Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 4 Aug – **Deakin** Uni (Warrnambool); **Monash** Uni (Caulfield, Clayton); **Swinburne** (Uni & TAFE) (Hawthorn)
- Sun 11 Aug – **Australian Catholic Uni** (Melbourne); **Deakin** (Geelong); **RMIT** (Uni and TAFE)
- Sun 18 Aug – **La Trobe** Uni (Bendigo); **Melbourne** Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA);
- Sun 25 Aug – **ACU** (Ballarat); **Ballarat** Uni; **Box Hill** Institute; **Deakin** (Burwood); **La Trobe** (Bundoora); **Victoria** Uni; **William Angliss** Institute
- Sun 1 Sept – **La Trobe** (Albury/Wodonga)

WANT A HEAD START IN FINDING YOUR IDEAL COURSE?



Explore your options early by attending the ‘**At Monash Seminars**’ to hear from current students, graduates and staff. Gain an overview of the university experience, courses, and careers. **What, when and where?**

- **Arts** (Humanities and social sciences): Tues 5 March (Caulfield campus), Wed 22 May (Clayton)
- **Architecture and interior architecture**: Wed 6 Mar (Caulfield)
- **Nursing, midwifery and emergency health**: Thurs 7 Mar (Peninsula)
- **Business & economics**: Wed 13 Mar (Clayton)
- **Science**: Thurs 14 Mar (Clayton)
- **Physiotherapy and occupational therapy**: Tues 19 Mar (Peninsula)
- **Information technology**: Wed 20 Mar (Caulfield)
- **Pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences**: Thurs 21 Mar (Parkville)
- **Design and fine art**: Wed 17 April (Caulfield)
- **Psychology**: Thurs 18 April (Clayton)
- **Law**: Wed 1 May (Clayton)
- **Health science and social work**: Tues 7 May (Caulfield)

ENGINEERS CAREERS EXPO

Engineers Australia has an Expo providing interactive workshops, over 80 exhibitors, presentations and advice from leaders in the engineering profession.

When: 11am-7pm, Thurs 21 Mar; **Where:** Etihad stadium; **Information:** www.engineeringexpo.org.au; OR: Call Sarah on 9321 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au.

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!



Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.



You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.



To find out more contact Meryl Watson,
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