

# PARENT BULLETIN

## KURNAI COLLEGE – PRECINCT CAMPUS

Web page address  
www.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:** 8.00AM—4.00PM

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DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	VET Swim training & testing for Pool Lifeguard Award
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Girls Volleyball @ Morwell Leisure Centre
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	VCE Theatre Studies 'The Club' @ Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 11 & 12 Excursion to Long Tunnel Mine @ Walhalla
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 12 Gene Technology Access Centre, Parkville Age VCE Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May until Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 11 Outdoor Education— Walk the New Strzelecki Track
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 11 & 12 Environmental Science to Healesville Sanctuary

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**CUPPA N CHAT AT THE PRECINCT**

Parents of past Churchill Campus students will know that last year I held informal meetings with a group of parents once a month to hear their views, opinions and concerns regarding the Churchill Campus. We called these sessions "cuppa and chat." I found these chats very valuable and quite a number of changes were implemented because of the parents who attended the sessions and put their views or concerns about a variety of issues up for discussion.

One of the areas that we at the Precinct will be concentrating on this year is to listen to the views of parents about how they see the Precinct operating. Often parents see their views and opinions disregarded especially as their children progress into the upper levels of education and get to the point where they know it all. This couldn't be further from the truth in my opinion, as parents hold very valuable opinions built up over a long period of time about the school their children attend.

I'd like to begin these Cuppa n Chats soon and will be inviting different parents to come and informally chat about our school.

If you receive an invitation please consider attending so that we can have an informal chat about how we can improve the education of our students while we enjoy a coffee and some cake.

### **BEHAVIOUR ON BUSES**

We have been contacted by the bus line regarding the behaviour of some Precinct Campus students. While we understand that some buses, especially those going to Morwell, can be crowded, students must not behave in a manner which endangers their safety or that of other students or road users.

Students must understand that their use of the schools buses depends on them behaving appropriately and that if this does not happen they will have to make alternative arrangements to travel to school.

### **ONPSYCH**

We all have times in our lives when we need a bit of extra support and guidance; someone to talk to outside of our immediate circle of friends and acquaintances. Over the past few years it has been increasingly difficult for schools to help students access psychology services in this area.

Onpsych is a new organisation committed to providing psychological services in the Latrobe Valley. If you believe that your student is going through a difficult time and would benefit from some professional help please contact the advocates for assistance.

Geoff & Nello

### **AFTERSCHOOL SUPPORT**

There has been a strong rise in students seeking support from their teachers outside of classes. Staff at the Precinct have always been willing to offer their time to students intent on improving their grades and their understanding of subjects – therefore it is really positive to see so many students taking up this support. Over the next few weeks the Precinct will be putting together a document, for students and families, outlining where and when teachers will be available to offer extra support outside of class time.

On top of this is the Performance Class program which runs during year 12's spares and are used to support all of our students in VCE and VCAL. This program is also being well supported by our students who are using their time with Performance Class teachers to look into potential career pathways or get on top of work.

### **HOME STAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Kurnai College has an expanding International Student Program, and the College is seeking interested Community Members in the Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill area who would like to be a part of it.

We are looking for host families to provide paid long term accommodation for overseas students (aged 15 – 18), predominately from China and Japan.

These students provide an enriching cultural exchange experience for your family and will give you a chance to develop international friendships and understandings.

If you are interested or want more information please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet on 51 323 800.

### YEAR 12 GROUP PHOTO

The Year 12 Group Photo is available for purchase from the general office. The photo must be paid for on order.

There is a sample photo on the window in the office.

The cost per photo is \$19.

The photos must be ordered and paid for by Tuesday 7th May.



By the 26<sup>th</sup> of April you will no longer be able to purchase short term tickets on board buses. The only way to travel will be with a valid MYKI card. To find out more about which type of MYKI card you need, or how to purchase a MYKI card, log on to [www.myki.com.au](http://www.myki.com.au) or call Latrobe Valley Bus Lines on 03 5135 4700 to speak to one of our dedicated MYKI Support Officers.



## Can you open your heart & home to a child today?

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit [www.berrystreet.org.au](http://www.berrystreet.org.au)

## 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.

Girls Volleyball	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	\$7	Permission form and payment due by <b><u>11.00am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</u></b>
VCE Theatre Studies 'The Club'	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	\$16	Permission form and payment due by <b><u>11.00am Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</u></b>
Year 11 & 12 Excursion to Long Tunnel Mine @ Walhalla	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	\$16	Permission form and payment due by <b><u>11.00am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</u></b>
Year 12 Gene Technology Access at Parkville	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Cost	Permission form due by <b><u>11.00am Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</u></b>
Age VCE Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	\$10	Permission form and payment due <b><u>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</u></b>
Year 11 Outdoor Education— Walk the New Strzelecki Track	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May until Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	\$25	Permission form & payment due by <b><u>11.00am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>
Year 11 & 12 Environmental Science to Healesville Sanctuary	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	\$50	Permission form and payment due by <b><u>11.00am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>
Year 12 City Universities Tour	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May until Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	\$42	Permission form and payment due by <b><u>11.00am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>
Mt Hotham Camp	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July until Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	\$870  <b>Payment Plan</b>	The second instalment of \$200 was due on <b><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u></b> <b>and is now overdue.</b>  The third instalment is due on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

## THE PRECINCT CAREERS & PATHWAYS NEWSLETTER



# CAREERS

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX



### CHECK OUT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

**Tuesday**

**23 July**

**PARENT  
INFORMATION**

**NIGHT**

**Wednesday**

**31 July**

**UMAT TEST**

La Trobe University is inviting Year 10-12 students and families to **'Experience La Trobe'**. This is an opportunity to check out courses, see facilities, participate in a workshop of your choice, and speak to staff. **When:** Melbourne (Bundoora), Fri 5 April; Bendigo, Fri 21 June (school holidays). This is a free event with lunch and entertainment provided. **Register at:** [www.latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience).

**NOTE:** La Trobe will be offering the **Bachelor of Civil Engineering** at both the **Melbourne** campus and the **Bendigo** campus from 2014.

### UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS



**LA TROBE  
UNIVERSITY**

**AUSTRALIA**



**THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE**

**CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY** - 'Access all Areas' is designed for Years 10-12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the university. This is your opportunity to explore the Melbourne Parkville campus. **When:** Friday 5 April and 12 July; **Information/registration:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas).

## YOU WANT TO STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?



Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some independent colleges. This is a range of suggestions only.

- RMIT offers a **Bachelor of Arts (Photography)** at its City campus, and also a 'major' in photography in its fine arts degree; Deakin offers a 'major' in **photography** in its arts, film and TV, film and digital media and its media and communications degrees, La Trobe offer a 'major' in **photojournalism** in its arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers **photography** in its visual arts and fine art degrees.
- A **Diploma of Photoimaging** is available at a number of TAFEs including Holmesglen, NMIT, RMIT, while photography is offered in a number of TAFE visual arts diplomas (eg NMIT, Swinburne, VU).
- Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the **Photographic Imaging College** in Hawthorn and the **Photography Studies College** at Southbank.

Want to study photography? Then attend Open Days. Choosing a course without visiting is unwise.

### A FANTASTIC NEW WEBSITE



You really need to check out this new website at: [www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au). This site provides you with the ability to search for a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs, private providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships, and access information about tertiary study. It is really worth spending some time on this website.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The annual 'Age' VCE and careers expo 2013 is coming up soon. There will be around 190 institutions to provide future study advice to prospective students. Also featured are seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career and employment advice. **When:** 10am-3pm, Thurs 2/Fri 3 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 4/Sun 5 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse, Station St; **Cost:** \$10; \$25 per family (covers all 4 days).

All Yr 11s VCE students from the Precinct Campus will be attending this expo on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

THE AGE  
VCE AND  
CAREERS  
EXPO 2012



# Morwell Tigers Junior Football Club

INCORPORATED A10033  
FOUNDED 1957



*Would like to announce that we will be starting a All Girls Football Side. So if you are aged between 13 & 18 & would like to play, Please contact Rebecca on 0439-397-089 or coming down to our club rooms on either a Tuesday or Thursday between 4:30 – 5:30pm.*

**YOU KICK LIKE A GIRL**

**AFL VICTORIA**

FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP  
in a family environment

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