

Newsletter Precinct Campus

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Key dates:

Mon 2 Dec - Fri 13 Dec	Head Start for 2014 Yr.11 & Yr.12's
Thurs 12 Dec	Healesville Sanctuary
Wed 18 Dec	Yr. 11 & Yr. 12 Awards Night 7pm 5N104
Thurs Jan 30 2014	First Day Term 1 (Students Return)
Thurs 13 Feb 2014	Precinct Campus Photos
Tues 18 Feb	College Swim Sports

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Message from Campus Principals

Hello Everyone

The last couple of weeks have been really busy with so many things taking place at the Precinct. The Year 11 students completed their exams last week and all of these have now been marked by the respective teachers.

It must be said the students' conduct during all exams was exemplary. There were no issues at all and the whole exam program went smoothly from start to finish. Several teachers commented on the mature way all students approached their exams. VCE coordinator Bernie Cropper should be congratulated on the organisation and timetabling of the program this year.

Christmas Card Competition

VCE Art students, Shamillah Christopher and Hayley Mills were both winners in the Kurnai College Christmas Card Competition. Both students produced cards that were very professional in design and beautifully produced. Well done to both students and we hope you enjoy your prize.

Headstart

Year 11 and 12 students in 2014 have begun their courses this week. While there may be some slight timetable variations caused by staffing changes in the next few weeks, the classes and teachers should remain unchanged for most students. To this point Headstart has been well attended and the enthusiasm of the students in their new classes has been encouraging to see.

For the first time a dedicated group of teachers are running the VCAL program. We believe that this team approach will result in a more consistent and relevant program for all students. Thanks to the VCAL students and staff who ran a bbq on the first day of Headstart.



Nello Carbone & Geoff Block



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Message from Campus Principals Cont..

Uniform

A reminder that all families need to be aware that while the Precinct Campus does not have a uniform the clothes worn need to be appropriate. As a guide to what is appropriate I quote from the parent handbook:

“Students must wear neat, sensible clothing with no offensive slogans, words and graphics. Boys are not allowed to wear singlets and girls must consider the appropriateness of tops, skirts and shorts. Suitable footwear must be worn in practical classes.”

Graduation Dinner

The Precinct Campus Graduation Dinner was held on Tuesday 26 November at the Premier Function Centre, Traralgon. The function attracted about 300 students, family members and staff.

The night went very well and began with the Precinct School Captains, Dylan Campbell and Shannon Van Sambeek welcoming everyone. This was followed by a sumptuous dinner that was enjoyed by all.



The special award winners were:

Shannon Van Sambeek who received The Caltex All Rounder Award (pictured with Mr Anthony Rodhaughan, Kurnai College Principal).

Ramayer Gourley (pictured right) won both the The Art Foundation Award and The Precinct Sports Award .



The winning artwork combined her two chosen mediums of oil paint and photography - creatively combining the two through a single photo. Her artwork shows the different perspectives that people with autism have. Their view of the world, their hearing and listening and their speech. These areas were contrasted against the black and white image of the young boy.



The highlight of the function was the presentation of the Graduation Certificates to all graduates ending with a beautiful group photo of all the graduates.

Dancing took up the rest of the night and seemed to be enjoyed by both proud parents and student alike.

Many thanks to Kallitsa Yiannacou for the meticulous planning of this year's Graduation Dinner and for making sure the function went smoothly.

Special congratulations Ramayer

As well as winning the Precinct Sports and Art Foundation Awards we heard this week that Ramayer Gourley is also representing the Victorian Under 21s and the Open Netball teams.

Following the State titles in October, where she represented Latrobe, Ramayer was selected in the All-Stars team. This led to a place on the Victorian Talent Squad and then successful trials for the Victorian Under 21s team.

In March and April next year Ramayer will represent Victoria in the Open Division of the National Mixed Netball titles in Brisbane and the Under 21s National's in Adelaide.

Ramayer is to be congratulated for the way she has managed to balance the demands of Year 12 with her netball commitments both in Latrobe Valley and Melbourne. If her drive and dedication this year is any indication, we are sure she will achieve her goal to play in the Australian Netball League.

Nello & Geoff

PBS

Headstart is a great time to begin the 2014 coursework, build relationships with peers and teachers, make the most of all opportunities and work towards being your best self. The PBS team encourage all students to embrace our Four Pillars; Excellence, Work Ethic, Engagement and relationships. The Precinct Campus staff are looking forward to working with our 2014 cohort.



Gippsland Campus Change of Preference Information Day

The Gippsland Campus will be running a Change of Preference Information Day on **Wednesday 18 December, on campus from 11am to 3pm**. This will be an opportunity for prospective students to receive advice, learn more about available courses and pathways, and speak one-on-one with staff about their study options for 2014.

GEP Careers Team C.O.P. Advice

The Kurnai Career's team will be available to assist all Yr. 12 students seeking course and pathway advice during VTAC 'change of preference' period starting on Monday 16 December until 10am Friday 20 December.

Year 11 Exams - Congratulations

A huge 'thank you' to all students who sat the exams recently. Your behaviour and attitude towards them was exemplary. This will stand you in good stead for the Year 12 exams next year when the same behaviours will be expected from you. This is fantastic practice. Have a great HeadStart into Year 12 and the staff look forward to working with you next year. It promises to be a very successful year.

Bernadette Cropper - VCE Coordinator

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VCE – Summer Program

The Cambridge Summer School offers fast-track courses in the following subjects: Maths Methods, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, German and many others. All subject courses are run over six days and includes over eighteen hours of lectures and tuition time. Information on these courses can be found in the Precinct library or phone the Cambridge Corporate on 9846 3337 or find them on www.cambridgevce.com

VCAL News



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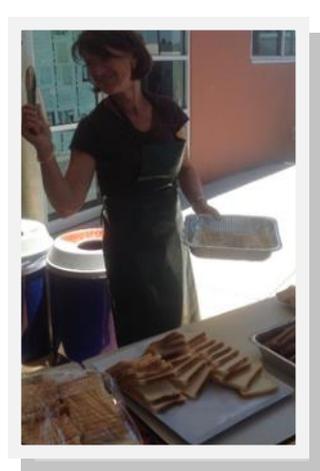
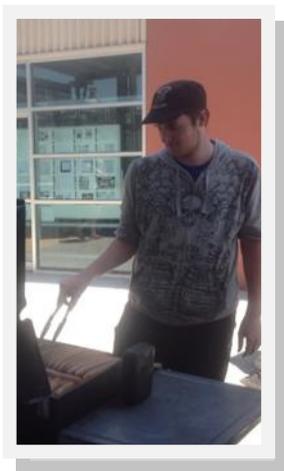
Laurel Kane
VCAL Team member



Paul Radford
VCAL Team member

VCAL Team

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning students, those transitioning from the junior campuses and to those that have recently enrolled at the College. There have been some changes to the structure of VCAL at the Precinct campus. One change is the introduction of a dedicated VCAL team. Students will now have a central one-stop-shop for their VCAL needs. Students have been made aware of where to find the team. Students had an opportunity to meet the team and other VCAL students at a BBQ cooked by the VCAL 'Serve It Up' catering class.



Expectations

At an assembly on Monday all VCAL students were reminded about the following expectations:

- We come to class on time, prepared and ready to learn
- We will always attend and if we are absent we let the attendance officer know
- We will be on task in class and we will not distract others from their learning
- We will follow all teacher instructions

These expectations are to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to experience success and to strive for excellence during their time in VCAL.

Timetables

Students received their new timetables on Monday morning. Students will have noticed that they have a spare during period 5 on a Monday. This period can be used for catching up on incomplete classwork or assignments, contacting employers about work placement or part time work, getting extra support from their teachers, getting help with their VET classwork or meeting with their Advocate about a range of issues. If you have not collected your timetable please see a member of the team.

Headstart Attendance

It is important for all VCAL students to be present for the entire duration of Headstart. During Headstart teachers are starting units of work that build students skills and knowledge for the year ahead. It is also an opportunity for students to meet their teachers and peers that they will be working with next year.

Tasmania Bushfire Relief

Five VCAL students are currently being selected by staff to go to Tasmania in March 2014. They will be helping with the rebuilding process in the Tasman Peninsula region that experienced bushfires earlier this year. The students will be working with teacher Brett Gay, members of the Traralgon South community and Rotary Tasmania. We look forward to announcing those that have been selected shortly and reporting on the preparations for their trip.

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: *We actively participate in our own learning*

Excellence: *We do the best that we can do*

Work Ethic: *We are committed to working hard*

Relationships: *We value and respect each other*

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College Music

Advocates for Music Making



The winner of 2013 Kurnai Idol Grand Final is..Sera Kingston (Morwell) and Hayden May (Precinct)

8 finalists, each performing two songs, it eventually came down to the second song choice.

Vocalists had to demonstrate their workmanship with an accompanist, diversity in song choices, and making every moment of their performance work to their advantage.

At the end of the night, the verdict came down to points.



2nd place went to...

Matt (Morwell) and Joel Berend (Precinct)



3rd place went to...

Amy Jenkins (Precinct) and Chloe Szkwarek (Precinct)

Encouragement awards to:

Courtney Jenkins (Churchill) and Sheeny Whadcoat (Precinct)

Other Grand Finalists on the night include:

Churchill Campus - Madeleine Young, Zek Halge

Morwell Campus –Frances Simmons;

Prizes were:

1st Place – Cup, \$100 voucher from A& P Electronics, \$50 voucher courtesy of Kurnai College and name engraved on winners shield;

2nd Place – trophy, \$75 voucher from A& P Electronics, \$50 voucher courtesy of Kurnai College;

3rd Place – trophy, \$50 voucher from A& P Electronics, \$50 voucher courtesy of Kurnai College.

Encouragement awards:

Medallion and \$60 voucher courtesy of Kurnai College

Participants:

Medallion and \$30 voucher courtesy of Kurnai College