

Newsletter University Campus

Date: 05 February, 2015



Key dates:

Mon 9 Feb	Swim Test
Thurs 12 Feb	Campus Photos
Tues 17 Feb	College Swim Sports
Wed 18 Feb	Instrumental Analysis Workshop
Tues 24 Feb	Walhalla
Fri 27 Feb	Avalon Air Show
Wed 18 - Fri 20 March	Wilsons Prom Camp
Fri Mar 27	Last Day of Term 1

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Anthony Rodaughan

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Message from Campus Principals



Nello Carbone & Geoff Block



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Hello Everyone

Welcome back from the holidays. We hope that you all had a happy and relaxing break.

Term 1, a very short one with only seven weeks left, is already in full swing. At a number of assemblies this year it has been made clear to all students the importance to start the year in a positive manner. Keeping on top of the demands of their program is very important at the start of the year. This is particularly important for students in Year 12, regardless of whether they are aiming to get a job, find an apprenticeship or enrol in a university or TAFE program.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are critical to success. A student cannot learn if he or she is not at school and ready and equipped to learn. Getting to class on time is of equal importance.

Parent Contact

It has been made clear to all teachers that when a student is away parents need to be contacted, not only to make you aware of the absence, but also to inform you of the work missed. It is very important for students, parents and teachers to be involved in a student's learning.

BYOD (Bring your own device):

We have been asking students to make sure they bring their laptop/netbook/tablet to school. Schools are no longer funded to provide a device for every student. Therefore, it is important that students bring their own device so that they are able to access relevant programs and resources when in class. If your student is having a problem getting an appropriate device please contact the school to see if there is anything that we can do to help address this situation.

Message from Campus Principals Cont...

Course Changes

Changes to courses/programs will close on Friday 13th February. If students are wanting to make changes to their subjects or courses they will need to act quickly.

Please remember that changes can only occur if there has been a meeting with the careers team and space is available in the class or program being selected.

New Staff

We welcome the following staff to the University Campus:

Sally Kirstine joins us from Traralgon Secondary College. Sally will be most welcome here teaching in the Maths department with the particular skill of teaching Specialist Maths.

Lynda Southall joins from Morwell Campus in the Maths faculty. Lynda joins us with a wealth of experience from our junior campus. We welcome her expertise.

Jenny Schulz and Karen Parker join the Technology department (Food Technology).

Jenny returns to Kurnai after a few years absence. Karen joins from our junior campus and will be teaching Biology and Food Technology.

We would like to welcome all of these dedicated teachers to the University Campus.

We are all looking forward to 2015 and will be striving to build on the strong results recorded by both VCE and VCAL students in 2014.

Geoff & Nello

Year 11 VCE General Maths, Advanced General Maths & Math Methods

Year 11 VCE General Maths along with Advanced General and Math Methods students are expected to bring a TI-Spire (or similar) graphics calculator to Maths class in order to complete the curriculum. Order forms are available at the office.

Debutante Ball 2015

Parents and Carers of students planning to do the Debutante ball in 2015 need to be aware that as the Deb is an external event to the curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation. One of those conditions is that families with outstanding charges are required to bring them up to date before their child can attend the Debutante ball.

This does not include the College's standard levies but costs that should have already been paid. This includes charges such as netbooks, damage to school property, music or outstanding balances for camps and excursions.

We are happy to organise payment plans where necessary.

The College also has Centrepay facilities. Anyone receiving any type of payments through Centrelink can sign up to automatically have fortnightly amounts deducted from their payments to cover material charges, camps and excursions. Forms are available from each Campus office.

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*



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.

Event	Date	Cost	Date Due
Swim Test	Mon 9 Feb	\$3.50	Fri 6 Feb
College Swim Sports	Tues 17 Feb	\$0	Mon 16 Feb
Instrumental Analysis Workshop	Wed 18 Feb	\$25	Mon 16 Feb
Walhalla	Tues 24 Feb	\$25	Thurs 19 Feb
Avalon Air Show	Fri 27 Feb	\$0	Wed 25 Feb
Wilson's Prom Camp	Wed 18 March - Fri 20 March	\$160	Tues 17 Feb

Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers

In order to provide a single point of call for student attendance, from 2015, the College will change from having Campus attendance officers to a College Attendance Officer. The College is pleased to welcome Zoe Plumb to the role.

This will allow parents and carers to make one phone call regardless of which Campus their student/s attend and provide for a better overall view of attendance.

The College attendance line is 03 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message. Please leave a message with your name, relationship to the student, the student's name and reason for their absence. We ask that all parents and carers ring before 9:00 am to notify if their student will be away so their absence can be passed on to their teachers.

"In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child's learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no "safe" threshold."

Hancock, K. J., Shepherd, C. C. J., Lawrence, D., & Zubrick, S. R. (2013). Student attendance and educational outcomes: Every day counts. Report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra.





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Boolarra Football Netball Club



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An informal 'Meet & Greet' with a BBQ for the under15's and 17's teams will be held at Boolarra Football Netball Club on Thursday the 26th of February at 5PM.

Further information will be given on the night about team selection and announcement.

Any further enquiries contact:

15's: Jessica Middlemiss on 0478 007 014 or Cassie Hill on 0422 388 874.

17's: Monique Beamish on 0427 712 541

Have a go with



Open rehearsal on musical instruments for the young and the not-so-young. Come and try the Cornet, Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium and Tuba. Also stay to hear the bands play and meet players and parents from both Training and Main bands.

Open rehearsals held on Tuesday 10th and 17th February.

At the Morwell Town Common Pavilion, corner of Elgin and Chapel Streets – Morwell.

Starts 7pm – 7:30pm.

Beginner band starts at 7pm. Main Band starts at 7:30pm.

For further info contact Beth Turner (President) on tel: 5134 1873 or Joseph Bonnici (Music Director of Brass Band) on 040 7792 131

Tel:

Melbourne Welsh Male Choir



with the
Latrobe City Orchestra

Latrobe Performing Arts Centre

2 pm Saturday 21st March

Tickets Box Office 5176 3333
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Korumburra Show
SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2015

Battle of the Bands



ENTRIES REQUIRED
CLOSING 9TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL BANDS COMMENCING AT 4.00PM
FOLLOWED BY OPEN CLASS

1st prize for both School band and Open band \$500
2nd prize for Open band only \$100 Parry's Gift voucher

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