

Newsletter University Campus

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Key dates:

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| Mon 30 Nov - Fri 11 Dec | Head Start |
| Tues Dec 15 | College Awards Night - 7pm 4N120 |
| Thurs 28 January, 2016 | Term One Commences |
| Wed 3 Feb 2016 | First day of VET classes |
| Thursday 11 Feb 2016 | School Photos |
| Friday 4 March 2016 | Staff Professional Development - Student Free Day |
| Mon 18 Apr 2016 | Staff Professional Development - Student Free Day |

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Message from Campus Principals

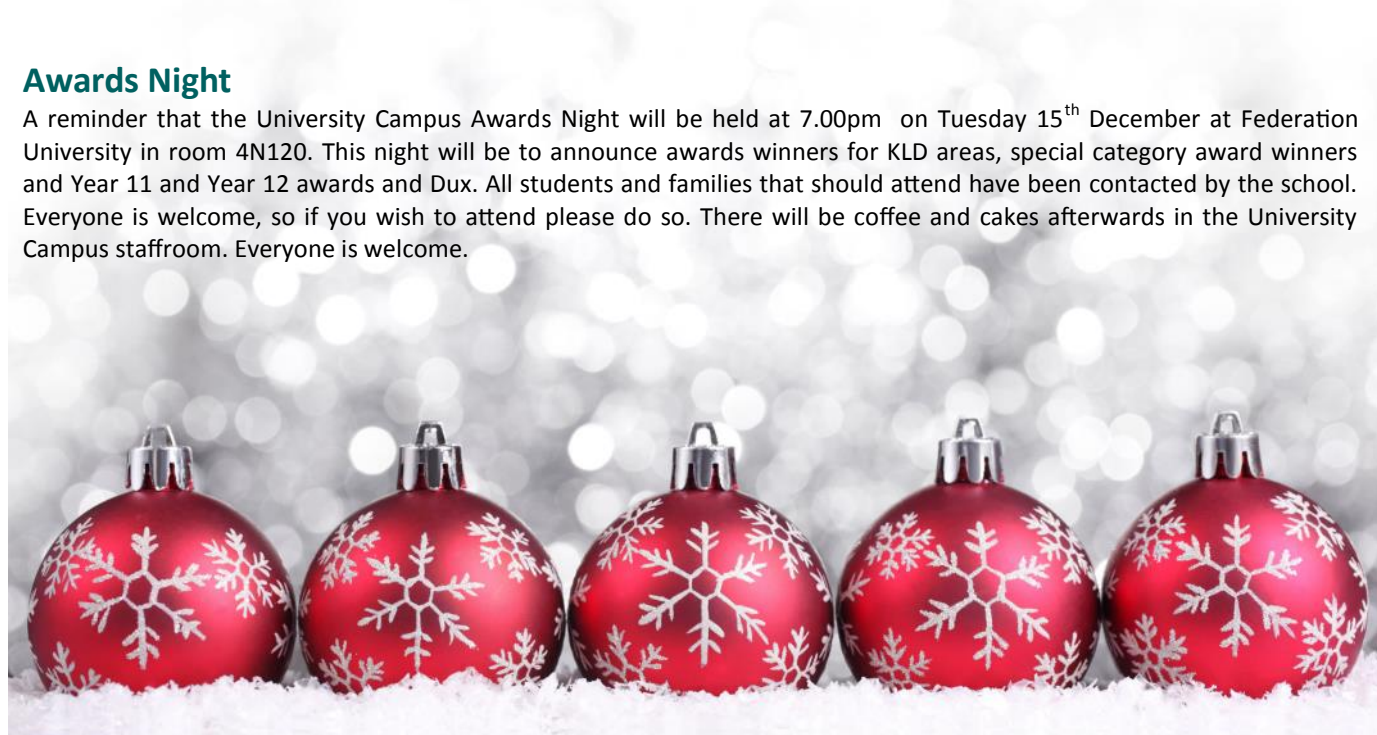


Hello Everyone,

This is the final newsletter for 2015. We would like to thank all members of the Kurnai Community; staff, students and parents for their involvement and commitment this year. There have been many changes this year that have helped to make the University Campus a more dynamic, inclusive and supportive environment. We would particularly like to thank Julie Nethercote and the Smith Family supported KEHP initiative for the work that has been done in linking Kurnai College more closely to the local business community. This is starting to reap real benefits for our students.

Awards Night

A reminder that the University Campus Awards Night will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th December at Federation University in room 4N120. This night will be to announce awards winners for KLD areas, special category award winners and Year 11 and Year 12 awards and Dux. All students and families that should attend have been contacted by the school. Everyone is welcome, so if you wish to attend please do so. There will be coffee and cakes afterwards in the University Campus staffroom. Everyone is welcome.



Message from Campus Principals Contd..

VCE Results

We eagerly look forward to our 2015 Year 12 VCE results that come out on Monday. We feel that our VCE Year 12 students this year have been a diligent, steady and hard working group throughout the year. We know that whatever results each student receives they have studied well and should be satisfied with them. We'd also like to remind all our Year 12 students that the ATAR score is not the be all and end all of everything. There are many ways to achieve goals that don't require an ATAR score.

Please make sure that you get careers advice if the score you finally get is not what you thought it would be. You can contact the careers team through the General Office.

It is the time of year where we say farewell to staff who are either leaving Kurnai or taking a break from teaching. Heather Ernst and Kristy Bannister have both been on leave this year and have decided to move on to other jobs in 2016. We wish them well in their new careers. Rachel Weiss and Richard Reid are both taking leave in 2016. Rachel is travelling and teaching in Europe and the United Kingdom while Richard is having a break from work to hike and pursue his business interests. We're a little jealous of both of them and look forward to their return to Kurnai. And finally we say goodbye to Webbie. Sue Webb has been a lab tech at Kurnai College for as long as anyone can remember, making our science teachers' lives easier by organising their experiments for them. Sue is retiring to spend time with the grand kids, dig in the garden and enjoy a life without a timetable. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

And that's it for 2015. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Geoff and Nello

Public Bus Travel for Ineligible Students - MYKI Card Required

- Morwell students attending Churchill Campus
- Traralgon students attending University Campus and Churchill Campus
- Newly enrolled students to Kurnai College in Year 11 or 12 who live in Morwell

Students who are not attending their closest school are not eligible for Conveyance Allowance (assistance with financial costs to travel to school).



Please refer www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/pages/conveyance.aspx for more information.

We encourage families to purchase either a Student Yearly or Half Yearly Concession Card with MYKI Card from their local V/Line Station. This allows your child to travel anywhere within Victoria for free as per PTV website terms and conditions.

Concession cards can be used on the following services:

- On train, tram and bus passenger services operating in metropolitan Melbourne
- On train and bus passenger services operated by V/Line throughout regional Victoria
- And other public transport services operated under contract or service agreement with Public Transport Victoria (PTV). Please refer to <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/concessions>

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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elcome to VCAL

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. Students have been introduced to the VCAL team and many have popped by the VCAL office with different enquiries. Parents can contact the VCAL office by calling the front office on 5132 3800.

Timetables

Students should have received their timetables last week. Students will have noticed that they have a study 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. There may be some changes over the break based on teacher feedback and students will be provided with new timetables on day one of Term 1.

Electives - Catering

All students study an elective subject as part of their VCAL program at Kurnai College. Students have commenced their studies in either Metal, Wood, Catering or Sport. We will regularly showcase some of the great work our students have been doing.

Students in Catering have started headstart with making rumballs for our 2015 work placement employers, super healthy fruit cups and some not so healthy Christmas baking. The fruit cups were sold for 50 cents to promote healthy eating. On a hot muggy day it was well received and the class sold out in 5 minutes. More healthy meals and snacks will be on offer through out the year.



VCAL News Contd..

Personal Development

VCAL students are required to work in groups throughout the year to complete tasks and projects. We have students from not just our Kurnai Junior Campuses but from other local and interstate schools. So our students begin to feel comfortable working with each other, they participated in a number of activities that allowed them to meet and work with a variety of different students in their class.



Work Placement

One aspect of their studies that most VCAL students enjoy is work placement. Students are expected to be on work placement one day a week (Year 12s by week 5 of term 1 and Year 11s commence Week 1 of Term 2). Students will be supported in class to find a suitable work placement and the Year 12s have started looking into local industries and employers that might be suitable.

VET

VET commences on Wednesday 3rd of February for all students. Don't forget that students have only the first 3 weeks to request a change of VET subject. Any enquiries regarding VET should be directed to Heather Slater. If you do not know what VET you are studying in 2016, please contact Ms Slater as soon as possible.

Attendance

Attendance at all aspects of the VCAL program is imperative for students to achieve success and to meet the outcomes. For school absences parents should contact the schools attendance line on 5132 3711. For absences from VET parents should contact the VET provider and the school attendance line. For work placement absences, students should call their employer and the VCAL team as soon as possible.



We wish all of our students and their families a Merry Christmas and safe break. For those who are leaving us for employment or further training we wish you the best of luck. We look forward to seeing everyone else at the commencement of the 2016 school year.



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