

# Newsletter University Campus

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## Key dates:

Thurs 16 - Thurs 23 April	Tassie Bush Fire Relief Program
Mon 20 April	Interschool Volleyball
Mon 20 April	Senior Tennis
Thurs 23 - Fri 24 April	Mitchell River Camp
Thurs 23 April	Interschool Golf
Thurs 23 April	Top Arts Excursion
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - College Closed
Fri 26 June	Last Day of Term 2

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## Message from Campus Principals



Nello Carbone & Geoff Block



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**Hello Everyone and welcome back after the Easter Break.**

## Parent Teacher Conversations

It was good to see so many parents and students at the Parent Teacher Conversations at the end of last term. It is a very clear fact that parents who take the time to attend these conversations are in a much better place to understand the progress of their student and to assist them in their needs while undertaking a sometimes stressful two years. Please remember to act on any suggestions that teachers may have discussed with you regarding the best way to help your student.

If you have not yet accessed the reports you may do so through Compass. Call the General Office on 5132 3800 if you experience difficulties doing this.

## Police and RACV Presentations

Victoria Police and the RACV gave students presentations on a variety of driving related topics yesterday. The Police talk, given by Leading Senior Constables Rob Nichols and Darren Anderson, was aimed directly at risky behaviour while driving a car or motorbike. Quite a number of our students have their driving license and drive to school regularly. While most of these pose no problem whatsoever, we do hear of students undertaking some extremely risky driving behavior on weekends and after school hours. As a school we care about the safety of all our students and we try to do everything we can to help our student understand the dangers posed by risky behavior behind the wheel of a car. We certainly hope that the information given by the police will draw attention to our students of what could happen while driving.



## Message from Campus Principals Cont...

The RACV presentation centered around the RACV's free roadside assist to all 18 year old VCE drivers. As a school we believe that keeping our students safe while driving is an initiative that we are happy to support. It adds a bit of peace of mind knowing that your young driver will have 24 hour free assistance if they need it.

### Tassie Trip

Another group of 7 VCAL students took off for Tasmania this morning. This group of students, under the direction of VCAL teachers Brett Gay and Andrea Gordon, will be assisting to rebuild sheds in bushfire damaged areas. From past trips we know that the students will learn much from this weeklong experience assisting others who have lost so much.

### Federation University a Smoke Free Campus

Until this year the University, when it was Monash University and then Federation, allowed smoking in certain areas for their students and staff. This year the University has decided that all its buildings and grounds will be smoke free.

On one level this should not have an impact on Kurnai students because secondary students have never been allowed to smoke when at school. However we are not so naïve to believe that all secondary students don't smoke and that these students have never smoked when at school or on University grounds. The real difference this year is that University security staff have been asked to identify and deal with smokers on and as a result students are being brought to us or reported when they have been seen smoking on CCTV footage. Smoking is not good for your health or the health of others. If you would like help to break this habit contact your VCE or VCAL advocate and they can direct you to appropriate support services

*Nello & Geoff*

### Service-Learning Journey in Cambodia

The College is pleased to announce an opportunity for Year 11 VCAL students to embark on a community based project in Cambodia. The aim of the camp is to provide quality community service, education and adventure. Responsible travel experiences positively impact lives and communities around the world and the students will be working with disadvantaged communities in Cambodia, doing maintenance on buildings, working with orphaned children and helping out in small villages.

An assembly will take place with all Year 11 VCAL students in the next week to seek interest and will be followed by an information evening for parents and students once numbers have been established.

For further details please contact Brett Gay or Bernadette Cropper on 5132 3800.



## Work Exposure with Government, Canberra – Sam Solomon Year 12

The Work Exposure with Government Programme (WEX) held in Canberra provides high performing Indigenous students in Years 11 and 12 with hands-on experience and information about job opportunities and career pathways in Australian Government. Students were selected to participate from across the country and Sam Solomon was a very deserving participant to represent not only Kurnai College but also Victoria.

It was no holiday, participants were up at 6.30 for a jog around Lake Burley Griffin and did not finish until about 10.00 p.m. at night following the evening debriefing.

The students met and had lunch with high ranking indigenous people within government, including at Parliament, the Federal Police and the Australian Defence Force.

Sam was treated to a session on 'Question Time' in Parliament and was able to shadow the Liberal Minister Bruce Dillson from the electorate of Dunkley. It certainly proved to be an eye opener.

Later that day all the WEX students met with Mr. Abbott and had their photo taken with the Prime Minister. Mr. Abbott spent a good ten minutes with them in his private courtyard and answered their questions.

Students also went to the Australian War Museum and witnessed the 'Last Post' and ceremony which was a very moving experience for many of them. Following on from that the students were treated to a performance of 'The Black Diggers' about Indigenous soldiers who heard the call to arms and stepped up to fight for Australia on the battlefields of Europe; and the realities faced by families of returned indigenous ANZACS.



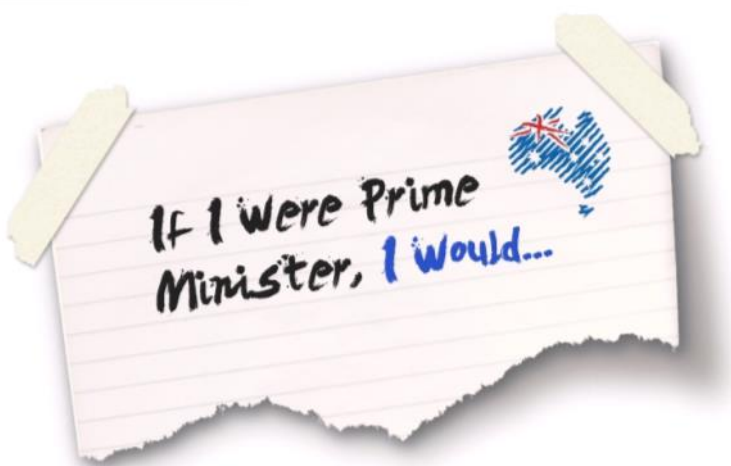


## Year 11 & 12 SACs Term 2

Week 2	Week 3	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
20/4 - 24/4	27/4 - 1/5	11/5 - 15/5	18/9 - 22/5	25/5 - 29/5	1/6 - 5/6	8/6 - 12/6
Yr. 12 Literature Yr. 12 Business Management	Yr. 11 Biology Yr. 12 Biology Health & Human Dev.	Yr. 11 Food Tech Yr. 12 Food Tech Yr. 12 English	Yr. 11 English Yr. 11 Outdoor Ed. Yr. 12 Food Tech	Yr. 11 Biology Yr. 11 Outdoor Ed. Yr. 12 Biology Yr. 12 English Literature	Yr. 12 English Yr. 12 Outdoor Ed. Yr. 12 Enviro. Science	Yr. 11 Acc. 02.01 Yr. 12 Acc. 02.2

### Attention Writers:

If you are interested in winning \$1000 and have strong ideas on what you would do as the Prime Minister of Australia, you should have a crack at writing an essay on "If I were Prime Minister, I would..." Entries close on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, and forms are available from the English office at University Campus or at [www.conservative.org.au/competition](http://www.conservative.org.au/competition).



### 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*

## Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

### Work Ethic

Crystal Shortland  
Travis Towers  
Chris Martin  
Sam Solomon  
Murdo McKay  
Ellie O'Keefe  
Tearna Schumann  
Meagan Maslen  
Shona Marino  
Sera Kingston  
Michelle Hawkes  
Jordan Goodwin  
Dylan Goodwin  
Gabrielle Clark  
Teagan Marriott  
Maddie Hill  
Jade Smith  
Sophie Gould  
Maddison Schneider  
Sophie Chambers  
Ryan Mayo  
Jessica Smith  
Ethan Moule

### Engagement

Brian Duffell  
Meagan Maslen  
Michelle Hawkes  
Justin Slatter  
Kiana Wilson  
Khalid Narawi  
Shenarra Quinn  
Dylan Goodwin  
Taylor McGregor  
Chylari Hood  
Jorja Pendlebury  
Dante Brown  
Regan Webster  
Bijanka Langanke  
Riley Watts

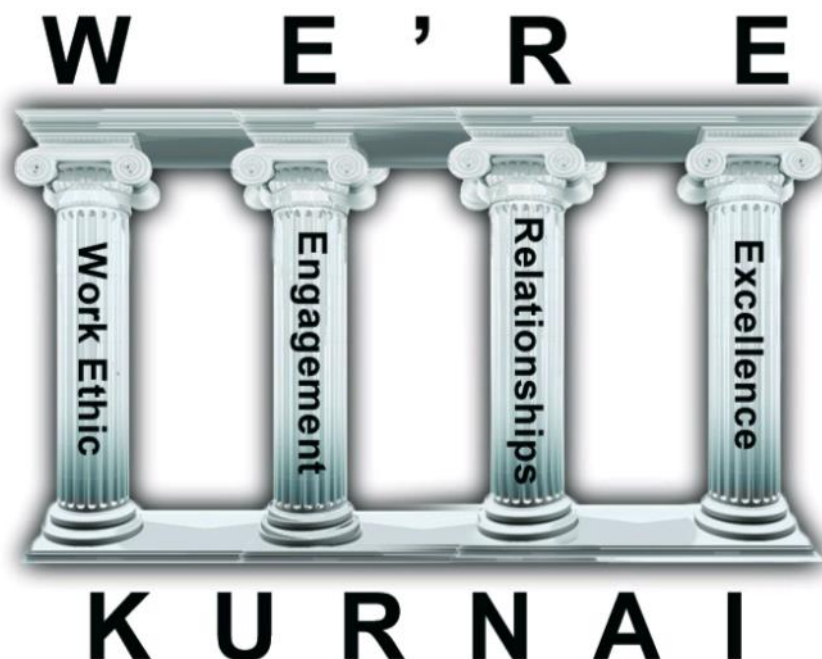
### Relationships

Matt Sanders  
Lucinda Beecher  
Courtney Quirk  
Brittany Smart  
Ziyuan (Neil) ZHU  
Hannah Tewerik  
Jordan Goodwin



### Excellence

Tarna Flake  
Jessica Fossati  
Cameron Smith  
Jake Wardill  
Aiden Ewald  
Kyralee Murphy  
Sophie Fitzpatrick  
Leslie Penney  
Zoe Hibbert  
Lucy Severson  
Tarna Flake  
Oakley Martin





## 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
Tassie Bush Fire Relief Program	Thurs 16 April - Thurs 23 April	\$0	Mon 13 April
Orienteering Summit	Thurs 16 April	\$0	Mon 13 April
Interschool Volleyball	Mon 20 April	\$7	Fri 17 April
Senior Tennis	Mon 20 April	\$7	Fri 17 April
Food Cents	Mon 20 April Tues 21 April	\$0	Fri 17 April
Aqua Fitness	Wed 22 April Wed 29 April	\$0	Tues 21 April
Top Arts Excursion	Thurs 23 April	\$23	Mon 20 April
Interschool Golf	Thurs 23 April	\$7	Wed 21 April
Year 11 Mitchell River Camp	Thurs 23 April - Fri 24 April	\$30	Thurs 16 April
Black Diggers Perform	Thurs 23 April	\$0	Wed 21 April
Senior Football	Tues 5 May	\$7	Mon 4 May
The Age Careers Expo	Fri 8 May	\$10	Wed 6 May
VET Rockclimbing 1	Wed 13 May Wed 27 May	\$0	Mon 11 May
Rockclimbing/Abseiling	Thurs 14 May	\$0	Tues 12 May
Yr. 12 OE Rockclimbing	Sun 24 May - Wed 27 May	\$260	Tues 28 Apr

## Message from the School Nurse

### Free Online Courses.....take a look!

I would like to welcome everyone back for Term 2 and hope the holidays were relaxing for you.

As part of the Kurnai focus on enhancing the health of students, I would like to invite you to go to the below website. The Black Dog Institute has FREE online learning courses for adults on **Building Resilience in Young People** and **Navigating Teenage Depression**.

They are great courses and are quick to complete. I encourage anyone with teenage children to give this a try.

You will learn about:

- What resilience is and how it helps
- How to teach kids to control emotions, and a step-by-step process for problem solving
- Supporting a young person you care about who may have depression or bipolar disorder.

*Access the courses at [www.BLACKDOGLMS.com](http://www.BLACKDOGLMS.com)*

I hope you find some helpful tips on how to continue to support our young people to really shine and reach their full potential.

Take care and I hope you have a great Term 2.

Kind Regards,

*Laura Van Stijn.*

(Secondary School Nurse – Kurnai College)

## Lecture by James Morris

Students were invited to a pre-holiday talk by one of last year's VCE graduates, James Morris. James came in on the Wednesday before the Easter holidays to talk with students about his experiences of Year 12. He spoke about the tips and tricks he used to achieve his high result as well as how to get the most out of the Easter holiday break. Students stayed around for a further 40 minutes after James' presentation to chat with him about some of the more intricate parts of his approach.

Students said that it was again great to see how 'normal' guys and girls can achieve such good results through simple strategies... and of course hard work.

James' talk follows on from Emma Telford's (Dux of 2014) earlier lecture where she unpacked the secrets to her life balance and academic success. It is great to see our students attending these talks, asking great questions and continuing to improve themselves.

### Attendance

The College attendance line is 03 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message

