Hello Everyone,

What a busy fortnight we’ve just gone through!

**VCE/VCAL Information Night**
On Tuesday night we held the Year 11 Information Night. It was very well attended with about 150 people. The evening was very well run and gave prospective students and their parents valuable information about VCE, VET and VCAL. Parents were then able to speak with individual subject teachers about the specifics of a subject. The careers team were in attendance and were very busy answering careers specific questions the whole evening. We’d like to thank Laurel Kane and her team for organizing this very successful event.

**Attendance to all Classes**
Attendance to all classes is such an obviously important part of learning that I’m surprised that there is sometimes a need to remind some of our students of its importance. If you are not in class, listening and participating in discussions, you cannot be learning. It’s impossible to experience the essence of the class discussion at any time other than the time it is held. A discussion cannot be repeated for the sake of one student who missed it. All students need to clearly understand that attendance to all classes is not negotiable and if for any reason a class is missed it is up to the individual student to catch up with the teacher and complete the required work.

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**Attendance Hotline:**
The College attendance line is 03 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message.
Chinese Study Tour Visits

Kurnai College has two sister schools in China; Jiyun Experimental School in Wenzhou and Kou’an Senior Middle School in Taizhou. Both these schools will be visiting us early Term 3 as part of their study tours to Australia. Jiyun’s visit finished on Wednesday morning and Kou’an will be with us in the first week of August.

The students and staff from Jiyun were very appreciative of the experience they had while they were here. Many of the children were in tears as they climbed on the bus. The teachers commented on how much the students had learned both within the school and through their visits to local attractions. But they said the biggest impression was made by the time students spent with their homestay families; a chance to experience everyday life in Australia. Our thanks to those of you who were able to help this program by taking a student/s for the week that Jiyun was here.

Kou’an is the school that has been providing homestays for the past six years for our Year 10 Chinese study tours. They have not visited us for many years so we are pleased to have the opportunity to repay the favour.

Thanks again to all the parents and staff who have supported this program. Special thanks to Corine Noblet for all the organisation she has done to make sure that the study tours run so smoothly.

Geoff & Nello
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Block on 5132 3800 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

VCAL News

VCAL students will be sleeping rough at the University Campus on Monday 27 July to help raise money and awareness of homelessness. Students will brave the cold with just their sleeping gear, warm clothes and cardboard boxes. The event has been planned by the senior Year 12 VCAL class as part of their Personal Development studies and follows on from their homeless unit of study in Literacy. Students will start the night off with a dinner of soup and will participate in a number of activities throughout the night.

Funds raised will go towards vital Mission Australia homeless services assisting women and children leaving domestic violence relationships, young people without a stable home who are staying temporarily with friends, and people living on our streets. If you would like to donate money towards our fundraising total, please contact reception at the University Campus on 5132 3800.
VCAL News

Without the ongoing support of local businesses and community organisations, our VCAL Structured Workplace Learning program would not be viable. Students in VCAL must complete a work placement one day a week as part of their studies. This provides students with experience in a variety of industries and with opportunities that they cannot get in a classroom setting. In upcoming newsletters we will acknowledge some of the other local businesses/organisations that have supported our program by taking on VCAL students.

A big thank you to:

- Tobruk St Primary School (Morwell)
- Olivier Panel Works (Traralgon)
- AGL Loy Yang (Traralgon)
- Total Tools (Traralgon)
- Custom and Classic Cars (Morwell)
- Stable Australia (Morwell)
- Ritchies IGA (Churchill)
- Kingy’s Electrical (Traralgon)
- Yallambee Aged Care Services (Traralgon)
- Morwell Shop Fitters (Morwell)
- Woolworths (Mid Valley)

We are always looking for willing businesses to take on work placement students. If you would like to find out more about the VCAL program or to discuss the benefits of taking on a work placement student, please call the VCAL team on 5132 3800.
Short period Homestay Families Required

Kurnai College will be hosting the last Chinese Study tours early next term. We are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for two nights.

While at Kurnai, they will be participating in a mix of English Language classes located at the University Campus and immersion classes at the Churchill Campus. These classes will be followed up by organised afternoon activities in the local area.

The Homestay will provide a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment for young students, as it will likely be the first time these students have been out of China. If possible, it may pay to consider having two students billeted with your family making it less daunting and easier for the students.

Hosting an international student will be very rewarding and offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about a new culture and share our Australian way of life. This would be a great opportunity to consider for our students who are currently studying Mandarin or have/will be participating in our trips to Chinas, either later this year or in coming years.

Host families are paid a nominal fee of $20.00 per night per student, which is to assist with food, accommodation and transportation as required for students that are living with them.

The dates for the last visit are:

7th – 9th October  Students from Dalian, age 14 - 16 years

If you are interested or want more information please contact Corine Noblet on (03) 51 323 800 or noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Or complete the below form and return it your General Office.

Expression of Interest form

I, ______________________________ the parent/s of ____________________________ (student’s name) am interesting in assisting Kurnai College in being a Study Tour Homestay family.

We would like to have [   ] 1 student [   ] 2 students, [   ] male or [   ] female stay with us.

Please contact me on this number to get more information ___________________
Year 12’s, as part of a special DVD presentation that features the class of 2015, email 1 Baby photo and any photos you have of your time at school. Digital images only.

Photos that are not digital should be scanned and saved as a jpeg file.

BABY PHOTO

Photos that work best are those in which you are facing the camera with your eyes open. It is also better if there are no obstructions in front of your face e.g. a dummy, a hand, etc.

Suitable age is 0–6 Years.

SCHOOL DAYS PHOTOS

Any photos of you and your friends from Years 7-12. Examples can include, class activities, camps, excursions, formal, deb, school sports, just fun photos taken in the school yard. If you attended a different school before coming to Kurnai, that’s okay, send in a photo that has just yourself in it. I am aiming for at least 1 photo of each person.

NO inappropriate photos.

EMAIL photos and queries regarding the Year 12 graduation to Kallitsa Yiannacou at the email address below:

The deadline is 30 September.

kurnaigraduation@gmail.com

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Careers News

Melbourne University Trip
On Thursday 15th and Friday 16th May, Year 12 students participated in the Melbourne University Trip. This trip allowed students to experience first-hand what it would be like to be a student at the various institutions in the Metro area. Students were given an opportunity to ask questions, see the facilities on offer and better inform themselves when making a decision on their post-secondary education. On the Thursday, students visited Monash University Clayton where they had a tour of the Campus as well as heard a past Kurnai student speak about his experiences at the University. We then went onto Deakin University for a tour of the Campus and our last destination for the day was at Victorian University. On Friday we then visited RMIT (City), University of Melbourne and finished off at Swinburne Hawthorn Campus. This was a very valuable and worthwhile trip and the staff would like to thank all students who participated in making this a very stress free and relaxed excursion.

UNI Open Days – Remember that Open Days are coming up in August. Open Days are a great opportunity to see the Campuses that interest you, attend information sessions about courses and careers, and get your questions answered. Here is a reminder of the dates:

- Sat 1 Aug – Monash (Berwick & Peninsula Campuses)
- Sun 2 Aug – Deakin (Warrnambool); Monash (Caulfield & Clayton); Swinburne (Hawthorn)
- Sun 9 Aug – Australian Catholic University (ACU) (Fitzroy); Deakin (Geelong Campuses); La Trobe (Bundoora); RMIT; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 16 Aug – Melbourne; Monash (Parkville – Pharmacy); La Trobe (Bendigo)
- Sun 23 Aug – Box Hill Institute; Deakin & MIBT; Victoria (Footscray)
- Sun 30 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Federation (Ballarat & Gippsland)
Careers News Contd...

Year 12 News

VTAC - Year 12 students who wish to apply for tertiary courses for 2016 will be able to do so through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website from 3 August, 2015. Applications will be open for several weeks after that, with opportunities to change applications occurring for some time. More details next term. See: www.vtac.edu.au.

Secure your Place at La Trobe before your ATAR – Don’t forget that La Trobe University’s Aspire Early Admissions Program applications have opened. The Aspire Early Admissions Program acknowledges students’ volunteering efforts when you apply. If you are a successful applicant, you will receive an offer into a course in September, before receiving your ATAR. Check out the program and key dates at apply now. REMINDER: ACU offers a similar program (Early Achievers Program).

University of Melbourne News

Statistics – Melbourne is a large University, with over 42,000 students, of whom about 13,000 are international students. In last year’s VTAC applications for courses, Melbourne was students’ first choice for Arts, Biomedicine, Commerce and Science. In world University rankings, Melbourne ranks extremely highly.

Access Melbourne - Melbourne offers a program called ‘Access Melbourne’ through which students can access courses on lower ATAR’s due to some disadvantage they have experienced. This year 2,530 offers were made to Access Melbourne students. For 2016 entry to Melbourne, Guaranteed Access is offered for these students if they achieve at least 78 for Environments or Science, 80 for Arts, 88 for Commerce and 95 for Biomedicine. Access Melbourne students are also eligible to apply for the Diploma of General Studies at Melbourne, a possible pathway into a degree. The Bachelor of Arts (Extended) is offered to Indigenous students, offering extra support and a lower ATAR. The Bachelor of Science (Extended) will be offered from 2016.

Melbourne JD Showcase – This is designed to give Year 11 and 12 students an interactive experience combining sample law classes on topics of interest with information about Melbourne Law School and the JD (Juris Doctor) program. Some highlights will be: a panel discussion with JD students, So Sue Me!, dispute resolution session and Criminal Law, New Media and Open Justice. When: 9am-3pm, Tues 7 July; Where: Melbourne Law School; Cost: $20 (incl. morning tea and lunch); Register: www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/showcase.

Music at Melbourne – The University has music programs at the Conservatorium (Parkville) and at the Victorian College of the Arts (Southbank). These two programs will amalgamate in 2016 into one Bachelor of Music. Students will be able to tailor their degree to suit their requirements, and students from both courses will work more closely together, and with other Fine Arts students. Music will still be offered at both Campuses for the present.

What is Health and Biomedical Informatics? This is a new area of study which uses information to improve health care and to give insights into the causes of disease. Digital technology in the future will greatly affect health care, as it has banking and insurance, for example. Some of the challenges in medicine are earlier diagnosis, more personalised therapies, better clinical trials, risk profiling, and controlling health system costs. Biomedical information involves nano informatics, imaging, clinical information and public health information; these can be used to stop people dying due to inadequate IT systems. This is a career for those wanting to combine ICT with biomedical information. See: www.healthcareitnews.com/news/why-informatics-top-new-career.
Careers News Contd...

Monash News
Year 10 and 11 Students – Monash is offering the following holiday programs:

Year 10 Independence Day - learn about the importance of prerequisites, subject selection and key considerations when choosing courses, University and career. When: 11am-3.30pm, Thurs 2 July; Where: Clayton Campus; Cost: Free (lunch included); Information and bookings: http://destination.monash/year10-day.

Year 11 Inspiration Day - students will be inspired to make the most of their final school years, and learn about resources and research strategies when considering study and career options. When: 11am-3.30pm, Wed 8 July; Where: Caulfield Campus; Cost: Free (including lunch); Info/bookings: http://destination.monash/year11-day. Faculty-based workshops will be available to students. Upon registration, your preferences for workshops will be made (first-come first-served).

Drama Workshop for Year 12’S – Monash Centre for Theatre and Performance invites interested Year 12s to a one-day drama workshop. When: 10am-4.30pm, Tues 30 June; Where: Clayton; Cost: Free; Register: Nicholas.sofos@monash.edu or 9905 8737.

Computer Games Boot Camp (CGBC) is an opportunity for students to learn more about areas of computer games such as graphic design and 3D animation. Workshops, industry leaders, games tournaments. When: 9.30am-6pm, 7-9 July; Where: Monash Clayton; Cost: Free; Book: Melina Talanis, Ph 9902 0108, melina.talanis@monash.edu.

Flight Attendant Pre-Training Course at William Angliss Institute – Do you like the idea of your office at 32,000 feet and the view from your window changing daily? Then the lifestyle of a flight attendant could be for you. William Angliss Institute in La Trobe St, Melbourne is offering a nationally accredited Cert III in Aviation (Flight operations) AVI 30208 course including units to ensure that your flight attendant application and interview stand out. The course will provide insights into the life of a flight attendant (it doesn’t guarantee you a job). For information Ph: 1300 ANGLISS or email study@angliss.edu.au.

Tax File Numbers
The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has changed the process for applying for your tax file number and schools are no longer able to assist you. Students now need to go to www.ato.gov.au and apply for TFN online. You will then be notified to attend your local post office for an appointment. It is advised that ALL students apply for a TFN so that it is organised prior to future employment or higher education.
Message from Nurse Laura

Hi Everyone,

This cold weather is challenging at the moment! I hope you all had a chance to rest and relax over the school holiday break. Despite the cold, we still benefit from getting outside for some exercise and enjoying the great outdoors. I have added some winter health information below.

It is also important to find the time to fully relax from time to time. If this is something you rarely find time for, challenge yourself to stop and look for your own ways to take care of yourself. What is your preferred way of relaxing? Is it listening, reading, and engaging in exercise, meditation, aromatherapy or visual relaxation? You may try something new and possibly combine a few? It’s up to you to and I hope you enjoy finding new ways to relax at least a couple of times per week, and daily as you master the skills of relaxation. Try some of the relaxation activities below and encourage those around you to have a go too. All the best!

Laura Van Stijn
Secondary School Nurse

Free Vitamin D

As the temperatures drop at this time of year, so to does the UV level - now is the time to think about your sun exposure and vitamin D levels over winter. Vitamin D plays an important role in maintaining healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

When UV levels are 3 and above, sun protection is required because that is when the sun can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. However in Victoria average UV levels from May to August are low (1 or 2) so sun protection isn’t needed unless you are in alpine areas or near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or water.

Kurnai Blood Donors

A number of staff from the University Campus donated much needed blood last week in Traralgon. This very worthwhile cause helps many people in our community that require blood. Kurnai College staff have been donating blood for a number of years now and we would like to encourage any of our parents or students to come along with college staff once per term to donate. Contact the Campus if you would like to be a part of the regular donating group.
Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

Work Ethic
Zachery Bell
Regan Webster
Dakota Doherty
Alleyn Smithwick
Kiowa Scott-Hurley
Michaela Lawless
Curtis Williams
Ashlee Mayer
Brodie Sherritt
Ebbonie Shirreff
Elyse Gillespie
Zachary Helyar
Kaitlin Nardino
Samuel Solomon
Luke Cassidy
Matthew Berend
Emily Martin

Engagement
Joanna Trinidad
Harmony Nolan

Excellence
Jannah Wolske

Guest Speaker: Joe Vatucicila from No-Limits
We are looking forward to Joe Vatucicila joining us for some Motivational Talks on Monday. It is the time of year where students can begin feeling a bit flat – it’s cold, the work continues to come in and becomes increasingly more difficult, the pressures of next year also start to mount. Joe’s reputation for lifting aspirations and motivations with his music and his message comes at a great time.
Free Academic Success Program

Kurnai’s University Campus will begin its Academic Success Program this afternoon (Thursday). The Program is aimed at ALL students eager to improve their academic success (at either a basic or a high level). The Kurnai Educational Hub Pilot (KEHP) along with the Smith Families Learning for Life are strongly supporting the program which will provide ALL students access to paid tutors in the fields of BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, ENGLISH, PE, HEALTH AND ALL MATH’S.

KEHP and LFL will also provide FREE Pizza’s, Chocolates and Fresh Fruit for attending students as Kurnai College continues to look for ways to give the very best of support to our kids.

WHEN: Every Thursday during Term 3 (unless otherwise stated) 3.00pm – 4.30pm
WHERE: Kurnai University Campus Library
WHAT: FREE TUTORING (if required), FREE PIZZA & SNACKS, TEACHER SUPPORT, A RANGE OF STUDY SPACES AVAILABLE.

Any student or family wanting further tutoring should contact David Shields at the school to see what other FREE tutoring options are available.

Upcoming SAC’s

Year 12 Literature
• Term 3, Week 3 – Close Passage Analysis
• Term 3, Week 8 – Creative Response

Year 12 English
• Term 3, Week 4 – Text Response
• Term 3, Week 9 – Creating and Presenting

Year 11 English
• Term 3, Week 3 – Text Response
• Term 3, Week 8 – Creating and Presenting
• Term 4, Week 2 – Language Analysis
• Term 4, Week 5 – Oral Presentations

Unit 2 Accounting: Outcome 1 Part 1 Area of Study 1 ‘Recording and reporting accounting information’.-Chapter Test Price Setting Strategies. Friday August 21 Week 5. Closed Book

Unit 2 Legal Studies: Outcome 1 Area of Study1 ‘Civil law’. Tuesday August 11 Week 5. Students may have 1 A4 double sided handwritten cheat sheet.

Unit 4 Accounting: Outcome 1 Area of Study 1 ‘Extension to recording’. Friday August 21 Week 6. Closed Book.
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.

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**SAFE TOWNS**

**WorkSafe inspectors are coming to the Moe Region**

You're invited to attend a free information lunch to find out how to prepare for a possible inspector visit at your workplace.

WorkSafe inspectors will provide practical advice on how to comply with Victoria’s Health and Safety laws, as well as Return to Work and WorkCover insurance.

**Date:** 5th August 2015  
**Time:** 12pm – 2pm  
**Location:** Moe Racing Club (Turfside Function Centre)  
Waterloo Rd, Moe Vic 3825  
**RSVP:** Register your attendance by 31st July 2015 at worksafe.vic.gov.au/safetowns

To find out more, visit worksafe.vic.gov.au/safetowns

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

Kurnai College is taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help the College by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for educational resources for our College.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the Campus.

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**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