Message from our Campus Principals

Hello Everyone

Year 11 & 12 Exams

The Year 11 & 12 exams have run successfully over the past two weeks. All VCE students were examined on the units they undertook in Semester 1. From all accounts they went very well with very few students missing their exam.

There is often a lot of talk about exams in the media with a mix of positive and negative views about them. At Kurnai we take the view that exams are important especially at Year 11 because they prepare students for what will be in store for them at Year 12. Currently the Year 12 exams are the most important part of the assessment that provides the ATAR score which is used by universities when selecting students for tertiary courses. Until this changes we will continue to encourage our students to take exams seriously and do the best they can to prepare for them.

The GAT

On Tuesday of this week all students undertaking a Year 12 subject sat for the General Achievement Test (GAT). This is a test which allows the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) to make a judgement of each student’s ability. This is used by VCAA for statistical analysis of the final results.

More importantly for individual students if something goes terribly wrong during the final Year 12 exam period, for instance an illness, a serious problem within the family or an accident, where the student misses the exam or can’t perform at their expected level, the GAT results can be used to adjust the final study score. For this reason it is very important that all students sit the GAT and take it seriously so that if it needs to be used the results are comparable to what the student is really capable of.

Deb Ball Absences

The highlight of the year for some students is quickly approaching. Next week the Kurnai Debutante Balls will be held on Thursday and Friday nights in Traralgon.

We understand that this is a very exciting time for the debutantes and their partners with so many things to be done in preparation for the big night. However it is very important that debs do not miss school to do things that could be done after school. Class attendance is not negotiable. What a student misses in class because of a poorly scheduled hair appointment will be difficult to make up afterwards. Please strongly encourage your student to attend all classes as normal and make every effort to arrange deb related appointments at a time that minimizes school interruption.
RMIT I-Belong Presentations

On Wednesday this week the Vice-Chancellor and President of RMIT University, Martin Bean and Professor Peter Coloe, Pro-Vice Chancellor Science, Engineering and Health attended the University Campus to make presentations to indigenous students who took part recently in the I-Belong Program. This program run at RMIT makes indigenous students aware of the options available to them to study at RMIT after they finish secondary school. In the two days they spent in Melbourne the students addressed areas such as time management, effective presentation strategies, study and memory techniques, how to manage stress and how to deal with the problems faced by students when they move out of home.

We would like to thank RMIT and the organiser of I-Belong, Aleryk Fricker, for providing this valuable service to our indigenous students.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We regularly deal with students at Kurnai who are missing school. The same issues pop up: They fall behind, then they feel increasingly anxious and physically unwell. They miss more school as a result and the cycle continues. There is one thing we have learned and that it’s never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often will lead to better outcomes. Every day counts.

We are here to help – if you’re having attendance issues with your child, speak to the school about ways to address those issues. Don’t wait until a new term/semester or year – call us now.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – this is especially important at the senior school where the curriculum doesn’t stop! Every day counts.

Please contact the management team of VCE or VCAL to work out how your child can improve attendance.
On Thursday 2nd & 3rd June, 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 from current students about their experience at the University. We then went onto Deakin University for a tour of the campus and our last destination for the day was at Latrobe University. On Friday we visited Victorian University Footscray Park, RMIT (City) and finished our trip 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.

EXPERIENCE RMIT – Would you like to learn more about studying at RMIT? The RMIT ‘Experience Days’ Event program is now available, giving Year 10 – 12 students the opportunity to attend free events and engage in workshops in business, science, social impact, health and medical sciences, engineering, marketing and communications, property and project management and design, and experience life on campus. Go to: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays, then to Event Program for more information and to book. The experience days are in the Term 2 holiday break.

WHERE CAN I STUDY PHYSIOTHERAPY? Physiotherapy is a popular choice of career, with many aspiring physiotherapists hoping to become sports physiotherapists. The reality is of course, that many physiotherapists work in other settings such as hospitals, community health centres, in mental health, and in rehabilitation, often with elderly patients. In Victoria, physiotherapy is taught at La Trobe, Melbourne and Monash universities, and, from 2017, at Australian Catholic University (ACU) in Ballarat. The ATAR required for entry to physiotherapy is very high due to the popularity of the course, and to the fact that places are limited. La Trobe uses the ATAR for selection, Monash uses the ATAR and an interview, while at Melbourne, as with many of their degrees, physiotherapy is studied as a post-graduate degree. Applicants for Melbourne must have completed an undergraduate degree with human anatomy and human physiology subjects. The aim of ACU offering physiotherapy in Ballarat is to help tackle the shortage of healthcare professionals in the Ballarat region by offering local training opportunities. There will be up to 50 student places. Purpose-built facilities will be available on campus and there will be access to laboratories, hospitals and health services in the region. The prerequisites for the ACU course are: Units 3 and 4 – a minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and a minimum study score of 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS

WHAT IS THE ASPIRE GENERATION? As noted previously, La Trobe university offers the Aspire Early Admissions Program for Year 12 students applying for La Trobe degrees (applications opened on 1 June and close on 31 August at www.latrobe.edu.au/aspire). In addition, La Trobe desires to promote the ambition of the next generation to come together and solve pressing issues facing our global communities. As a result, La Trobe is launching the Aspire Generation for Year 10-12 students. This is a community of young people connected by their aspiration to make a difference through community service and leadership. The Aspire Generation will be empowered to drive change through community engagement, volunteerism and leadership opportunities. For example, La Trobe’s recent partnership with Orange Sky Laundry underpins the ongoing commitment to driving social change. Students in years 10-12 can register their interest online via the Aspire Generation page.

SPRING INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE HOLIDAYS! This is early notice of an experience of a lifetime. Find out what it is like to be an Outdoor and Environmental Education student at La Trobe university in the September School Holiday Program. When: 26-30 September, 2016; Where: Either canoeing on the Murray River OR bushwalking and climbing at Kooy poo State Park; Cost: $100 (including food/equipment). The trips will begin and end at La Trobe’s Bendigo campus; sign up now.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING - Sample what to expect if you choose to study Engineering at La Trobe at a Women in Engineering event. In workshops you will experience engineering in an interactive and fun way. When/Where: Melbourne Campus: Tuesday 12 July, 9.30am – 3pm; Bendigo Campus: Thursday 14 July, 9.30am – 3pm; Register by contacting Bianca Van Meeuwen at b.vanmeeuwen@latrobe.edu.au by Tuesday 5 July.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AUSTRALIAN POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY? If yes, why not apply for the John Button Prize. The University of Melbourne’s School of Government is offering a $2,500 prize to a Year 10-12 student who successfully expresses their ideas about Australian politics and public policy. The subject might be Australia’s population, climate change, reconciliation with Indigenous Australians, water, asylum seekers, education, health, or the state of the Arts (these are just a guide). The judges want to see clear thinking, enlivened by a sense of passion, about Australia’s future. Please apply online through the Faculty of Arts web page. More details on the John Button School Prize can be found on the School of Government website. John Button was a Victorian Senator of 19 years and Federal Minister for Industry and Commerce from 1983-93. Applications close on Fri 24 June 2016. Info: artsprizes-info@unimelb.edu.au.

RMIT NEWS – RMIT is a provider of both higher education and VET courses. The main campus is located in the City, but there are also campuses at Bundoora and Brunswick.

SCIENCE IN THE CITY LAB TOURS – Are you curious about science? You are invited to visit the state-of-the-art laboratories to learn more about courses, research and training facilities available. When: 11am-2pm, 27 June; Where: City campus; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/june/science-in-the-city-lab-tour/

MEDICAL LABORATORY VISITS – RMIT in collaboration with research laboratories is giving year 10-12 students the chance to visit medical laboratories across Melbourne and regional Victoria. If you are interested in finding our more about being a medical scientist you are encouraged to attend. When: 9am-5pm, 4-8 July; Bookings and information: www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2016/july/medical-laboratory-visits/

NEW DOUBLE DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES – This course will be on offer in 2017 across the City and Bundoora campuses. As the pharmaceutical industry expands in Australia and world-wide, your understanding of the engineering process and other scientific fields involved in drug development and production, will ensure you’re well equipped to work across a range of roles. For more information: http://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/honours-degrees/bh122/#pageld=overview.

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP COMING – The Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University invites Years 9-12 students to this annual event. It is an interactive event for students to engage with like-minded people and find out what their career could look like after completing studies with this Faculty. Learn about areas like graphic design, 3D animation, software development, web design, multimedia development, data science and cyber-security. When: 5-7 July; Where: Monash University, Clayton Campus; Register: https://cgbc.monash.edu/#register; Cost: Free; Info: 9905 5845.

AUSTRALIAN JOBS 2016 – In 2016 the Australian labour market is markedly different from that experienced in past decades. The Federal Government’s Department of Employment has a publication called ‘Australian Jobs’, presenting an overview of the current labour market and highlights the major changes which have occurred. It is useful for those exploring careers and those wanting a better understanding of the labour market. See: www.employment.gov.au/skill-shortages.
OPEN DAYS

Each year universities, TAFE’s and private colleges open their doors to the public and showcase what they have to offer to future students. To ensure you make an informed decision about your future studies it is highly recommended that you attend as many relevant Open Days as possible.

Make a list of the courses and offering institutions you are interested in by exploring the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au (Victorian courses) or www.uac.edu.au (NSW and ACT courses).

Explore the institutions websites and search up their Open Day pages. Register to receive email updates or join any facebook pages that are relevant to your search.

Download any maps and Open Day program information, in particular the area/courses you are interested and make note of any seminars/presentations/demonstration of particular interest to you.

Plan your Open Day outing including your transport and lunch needs and head off on a day/days of adventure and research.

July
31st Swinburne University Hawthorn

August
5th La Trobe University Shepparton Campus
6th Monash University Peninsula Campus
7th Monash University Clayton and Caulfield Campus

La Trobe University Melbourne Campus
Deakin University Warrnambool Campus

14th RMIT
Australia Catholic University
La Trobe University Bendigo Campus

15th La Trobe University Albury Wodonga

17th La Trobe University Mildura Campus

21st Monash University Parkville Campus

University of Melbourne Parkville and Southbank Campus
Deakin University Geelong Campus

28th Deakin University Melbourne Campus

Victoria University Footscray Campus
Federation University Gippsland and Ballarat Campuses

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Koorie News

Activities for Reconciliation Week.

As part of Reconciliation Week students from Kurnai College attended two events. First, we had students attend a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Latrobe City Council which was followed by an afternoon tea and the second event was held at Federation University Campus where our students from the Dedlee Kutlya Dancers performed in front of many people making their Elders, family, carers and Community Members very proud.

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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Fadhli’s Visit

Kurnai College partners with Sekolah Menengah Sains Pasir Puteh School to BRIDGE* intercultural understanding. From 1-8 June 2016, Kurnai College hosted a teacher, Fadhli Fauzi from Malaysia, to collaborate on professional teacher practice and teaching and learning strategies. Kurnai College is one of 15 schools around Australia in 2016 embarking on this internationally acclaimed project aimed at fostering greater ties between Australia and ASEAN countries through education.

The Australia–ASEAN BRIDGE School Partnerships Project connects Australian teachers, students and school communities with their counterparts in ASEAN countries. BRIDGE is a teacher professional learning program that builds teachers’ Asia capability through school partnerships to develop intercultural understanding, improve Asian language skills, enhance technology skills, and establish sustainable school partnerships and a community of learners. Our collaborative project will include English collaborative learning in our classrooms as well as local students from our campus being given the opportunity to develop their Intercultural Understanding by travelling to Malaysia as a ‘Flat Traveller’ (see explanation at the end of the article).

The Australia-ASEAN BRIDGE Schools Partnership Project was launched this year with support from the Australia-ASEAN Council at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Fadhli enjoyed a homestay with EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher Angela Bolding, attended our recent University trip with forty of our Year 12 students as well as assisting in the classroom. Ms. Bolding will have a reciprocal visit to Fadhli’s school, an all-girls select Muslim school, in the upcoming September school holidays.
“When I was chosen to be one of the teachers from Malaysia to join the BRIDGE program I was rather reluctant – thinking of spending 10 days in a country that I did not have any idea about. After being persuaded, I took the offer and I would say the preparations to come here were exhausting. There were so many things to settle and get done. Firstly we took part in a four-day professional learning opportunity in Canberra where I got the opportunity to meet Australian teachers and share knowledge on Intercultural Understanding. I learnt that these people are super friendly. If people asked me the thing I really liked about Australia, the answer would be the cold weather. I really enjoyed the cold weather. Spending a few days at Kurnai College, I was blessed to learn new things. Friendly teachers and staff, naughty, but nice students and conducive school campus. I loved them all. I would definitely come again if I had the opportunity. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude, especially to my teacher partner Angela Bolding for being so nice and helpful. It has been a great journey.”

-FADHLI FAUZI-

**What is a flat traveller?**

Students will be provided with a paper body (as shown) on which they will add a photo as the head using a school photo or photo provided.

The students involved will take themselves (the flat traveller) home for two weeks and provide information about their everyday life as an Australian student.

They will then be sent collectively to virtually experience daily life in Malaysia whilst receiving their own flat traveller from Malaysia who will then virtually experience life in Australia.
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## Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

### Work Ethic
- Eric Andreazzi
- Montana Badcock
- Josh Bognar
- Eryn Dowe
- Bryan Dyfell
- Shania Foster
- Katie Foster
- Josh Hall
- Pengzuo Jiang
- Taya Kennedy
- Kat
- Yuxin Li
- Dylan Motta
- Sophia Patikisa
- Rachael Peter
- Fabienne Shoutens
- Jade Smith
- Katie Stewart
- Josh Symons
- Elena Velasco
- Benjamin Wilson
- Richard Zhang

### Excellence
- Tayla Cheffers
- Caitlyn Ewald
- Sophie Fitzpatrick
- Kimberley Gordon
- Trenthan Gillespie
- Bonnie Keans
- Megan Knox
- Annabelle Linton
- Emily Lugton
- Tarsha Marriott
- Rachael McKenzie
- Madalyn McStay
- Ifi Narawi
- Rachael Peter
- Ellie Polutro
- Mady Schneider
- Lucy Sevensen
- Justin Vantillburg
- Jake Wardill
- Regan Webster
- Daniel Wynne

### Relationships
- Grace Ataare
- Ryan Baptie
- Liam Cassar
- Sam Hogarth
- Lachy Hunt
- Emma Jonkers
- Emily Marin
- Josh Pizzaro
- Nigel Porykali
- Bob Sinyang Liao
- Alleyn Smithwick
- Kate Stewart
- Callum Sturk-Merino

### Engagement
- Emma Darling
- Jacinta Davis
- Rachel Francis
- Tarli Hancock
- Khodi Jennings
- Clare Livesey
- Michal Kurwowski
- Katelyn Madsen
- Delilah Marchionne
- Emerson Rennie
- Joanna Trinidad
- Lisa Tumney
- Vanessa Wilson
### Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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#### KEY DATES

- **June 13**: Queen's Birthday - College Closed
- **June 14**: Report Writing Day - No Scheduled Classes
- **June 15**: Campus Information Evening - Lecture Theatre 5N104, 7p.m.
- **June 16 & 17**: Debutante Ball
- **Oct 26 - Nov 18**: End of Year Exams, Yr. 12 VCE Written Exams
- **Nov 17 - 23**: Year 11 End of Year Exams
- **Nov 28 - Dec 9**: Headstart
**Short Period Homestay Families Required**

Kurnai College will again be hosting two Chinese Study tours early next term. We are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for up to a week.

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 within 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 you and 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 China.

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 these visits are:
- 18th – 22nd July: Students from Fuzhou Overseas Chinese High School, aged 14 - 17 years
- 25th – 30th July: Students from Taizhou Pengjie High School, aged 14 - 17 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.

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**Expression of Interest form**

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

The dates that suit our family are:

- [ ] 18th – 22nd July
- [ ] 25th – 30th July

We would like to have:

- [ ] 1 student
- [ ] 2 students

- [ ] male student/s
- [ ] female student/s

Please contact me on this number to get more information ________________

Expressions of interest are due back in no later than 15th June, 2016
Whilst Kurnai College is happy to include Community Announcements in our newsletters, please understand Kurnai College is not involved in the organisations or the running of any these community events.