5 August, 2016

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**Message from our Campus Principals**

Hello Everyone,

A number of randomly picked households will have received in the mail, a Parent Opinion Survey sent our by the College Administration recently. These surveys attempt to accurately gauge the views of randomly selected parents/guardians regarding a number of school areas such as teacher effectiveness, student safety, resources etc. The college is very interested in the feedback we receive from parents. This feedback is totally anonymous. The results are carefully looked at and wherever possible acted upon. We urge all parent who receive a survey to please fill in the survey accurately and fairly so that we can better plan for the on-going improvement of the college and our students.

**Winning Design**

Year 11 VCE student, Vanessa Wilson’s design was successful in being chosen as the new sports top for the college. The design showing a very traditional aboriginal format was one of many design entries from the different Campuses to be included in the judging. This is not the first award winning design by Vanessa who also won an award for a t-shirt logo design for Scouts. Congratulations to Vanessa and we wish her well in future designs.

Geoff & Nello

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**Attendance Hotline**

5132 3711
***Attention all Year 12 Students***

PHOTOS REQUIRED by end of Term 3!

As part of the Year 12 Graduation that features the class of 2016, every student is expected to bring one baby photo that will then feature in the DVD presentation on the night.

**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 yrs.

Photos can be scanned by you or you can bring them to school to scan them.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

When scanning: Select resolution of 300 DPI

When saving: Select JPEG format. **DO NOT SAVE IN ANY OTHER FORMAT**

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

GraduationPhotos@kurnaicolege.vic.edu.au

Digital images only.

Example of a baby photo- facing front and no obstructions covering the face.

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College Magazine

If you wish to order the college magazine for your student, payment must be made by the end of this term. Payment can be made using existing credit (excluding CSEF funds) on your family account, BPayment, EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque. The charge for the magazine is $15. Please contact the General Office if you wish to arrange payment.

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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

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Careers News

Reminders
- **‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS** – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; Details and bookings: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- **YEAR 12 VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC) applications** for 2017 courses open Mon 1 August; timely applications close 29 Sept (see www.vtac.edu.au)
- **MONASH ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (MADA) WORKSHOPS** - 26 & 27 Sept, MADA (Caulfield campus) for Year 11 & 12’s; Bookings: www.monash.edu/mada/workshops

Open Day Reminder – Make sure you attend Open Days this year. They are your opportunity to ‘try before you buy’ your University or TAFE course. They commence THIS weekend at Swinburne (Hawthorn), 10am – 4pm. Remember to use Open Day planners before attending. For example, La Trobe University has a handy tool for browsing the Open Day activities and lets you build a personalised schedule to follow on the day. You can download the La Trobe Open Day app which you can use to access your timetable as well as maps to help you get around.

- **Sat 6 Aug** – Monash (Peninsula)
- **Sun 7 Aug** – Deakin University (Warrnambool), La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- **Sun 14 Aug** – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- **Sun 21 Aug** – Box Hill (Lilydale campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Warrn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- **Sun 28 Aug** – ACU (Ballarat); Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

Year 12 News
- **VTAC APPLICATIONS** - Applications for TAFE and University courses open on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website on Monday 1 August, 2016 at www.vtac.edu.au. Use CourseSearch as it is the primary source of course information. You will also find very useful VTAC videos about applying for courses, SEAS, scholarships, offers and changing preferences at www.youtube.com/vtacmedia.
  You can apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the requirements. Don’t forget to check out the Selection Requirements for each course for which you apply. Many use only the ATAR for selection, however, a lot have other requirements such as an audition, folio presentation, interview or an extra form/documents that must completed as well. You will NOT be offered a place in any of these courses if you do not meet the selection requirements, regardless of your ATAR.
  You have until 29 September for a ‘timely’ application. After that, the normal application fee of $32.00 rises to $100.00

- Some B. Fine Art degrees at the University of Melbourne (Southbank campus) have earlier closing application dates; they close on 31 Aug for Animation, Dance, Film and Television and Screenwriting. For Production, Music Theatre, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts, timely applications close on 29 Sept and there are no later applications

- **SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)** – This Scheme allows selection officers at universities and TAFE’s to grant special consideration for course entry to applicants, but doesn’t exempt you from meeting course requirements. SEAS doesn’t change your educational results or qualifications but enables course selection officers to consider circumstances that may have affected your results or educational progress. There are four categories of special consideration:
  - Personal Information and Location
  - Difficult Circumstances
  - Disadvantaged Financial Background
  - Disability or Medical Condition
  For information about SEAS participating institutions, how to apply (demonstration provided), supporting evidence required (with suggested tips) and other details, see www.vtac.edu.au and search for SEAS.
Careers News Contd....

What if I Don't get the ATAR Required for my Desired Course?
Firstly, remember that even if you think the ATAR will be too high for you, still put your most desired course first in your VTAC application. ATAR's sometimes come down on previous years, and some applicants get in on lower ATAR's because of bonus points achieved, or with a successful SEAS application, so you might be surprised.

However, what can you do if you do not obtain a high enough ATAR to access your course(s)? Many Universities offer pathways into University. For example, Deakin has Deakin College, Monash has Monash College, La Trobe has La Trobe Melbourne and Swinburne has UniLink. These institutions can be accessed with lower ATARs and usually provide pathways into University.

Many other pathways exist. For example, Monash offers some diploma programs in business, science, education & nursing, the University of Melbourne offers a Diploma of General Studies as a pathway, ACU offers courses through ACUCom, and Swinburne, RMIT and Victoria Universities offer certificate and diploma courses in their VET divisions, often offering pathways to University. Some VET providers (eg Box Hill Institute) have formal pathways to University.

Keep in mind as well, as noted in previous issues, that some universities allow students to access their courses on a lower ATAR as a result of their involvement in their communities (eg Aspire program at La Trobe and the Early Achievers Program at ACU).

New Common First Year for Engineering Students at Swinburne
In 2017 engineering students will begin their studies with a common first year. The B. Engineering (Honours) will teach students the fundamentals of engineering before they choose their major, ensuring they can make informed choices about their career in industry. Those who enrol in the B. Engineering (Honours) (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. See: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/course/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/

New Majors in Health Science at Swinburne
In 2017 Swinburne's B. Health Science will include four new majors. The degree is designed to equip students for careers promoting health and wellbeing. New majors in biomedical and clinical technologies, exercise science and nutrition will be offered alongside a revised major in biomedical science. Student who enrol in the B. Health Science (Professional) will also complete a guaranteed 12-month paid professional work placement. Find a course in health at: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/find-a-course/health/

Deakin University News
Find out more about your professional personality, about life after finishing Year 12, and about how to improve your study habits. Check out some of these latest articles featured in the Deakin digital content hub at: http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/whats-your-professional-personality/the-careers-quiz http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/what-life-was-like-after-i-finished/year-12 and http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/five-ways-to-get-on-top-of-your-study-workload.

Also remember to check out the Deakin EXPLORE facility at: http://explore.deakin.edu.au. Find out which course suit your interests, what major studies are available to you, and how to qualify for a career that interests you, plus a lot more.

Exploring Careers in the Emergency Services

Local members from the Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and Country Fire Authority joined forces in delivering an exciting program to Kurnai students and showcasing the diverse careers in the emergency services. The program was coordinated by Kurnai College Careers and provided a rare and engaging insight to the challenging and rewarding roles in the emergency services sector.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students participated in the Emergency Services program. The one-day program included multiple presenters from the various organisations and departments talking about their role, training, skills, likes and dislikes of their job. The students participated in activities which included, an opportunity to view emergency service vehicles and a field visit to the Traralgon Fire station and HEMS 2 at the Latrobe Valley Airport. The students were able to participate in activities and get a real feel for the roles, as well as an understanding of recruitment processes and training requirements.

The program was organised because there is an increasing demand for new recruits in the emergency service organisations and opportunities for work experience in these fields are very limited. This program enables young people to access relevant career information and be able to consider these pathways.
100% ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED EVERY DAY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Emily Bartel  
Mick Berger  
Brendan Briggs  
Ryan Carlson  
Liam Cassar  
Alice Davey  
Sam Davey  
Jaryd Downes-Smith  
Blake Ewald  
Alanna Findlay  
Robert Goodwin  
Kimberley Gordon  
Connor Gunn  
Moises Haviland  
Isabel Hines  
Layla Liu  
Jamie Mareska  
Casey Matthews  
Tahlia Medew  
Allen Metcalf  
Allison Newton  
Ellie Pollutro  
Taneaka Pullen-Whitmore

Chelsea Radford  
Emily Richardson  
Tayla Ryan  
Lucy Sevenson  
Chloe Spengler  
Cameron Stewart  
Kayla-Joy Taylor  
Justin Van Tilburg  
Sam Ward  
Benjamin Wilson  
Vanessa Wilson  
Rhys Woszczeiko  
Jess Wright  
Daniel Wynne  
Eric Andreazzi  
Georgina Brick  
Zac Cantrill  
Emma Darling  
Taria Dykes  
Sophie Fitzpatrick  
Rachel Francis  
Chylari Hood  
Taylah Kilpatrick  
Caleb Leak  
Yuxin Li  
Michael Miler  
Bradley Sands  
Zack Stewart  
Jordan Taylor  
Damian Toward  
Billy Treloar  
Jake Wardill  
Brandon Welsh  
Viola Xu  
Neil Zhu
Every Day Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** - 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 – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy; the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak to, or email your child's teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Speak to the Advocates about developing a plan and putting strategies in place to ensure good attendance

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak the school as soon as possible

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let the appropriate staff in Student Services know so you can work together to get your child to school every day. Phone 51323800

The Importance of full time Attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 - 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.
Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

**Work Ethic**
- Ryan Carlson
- Emma Darling x 2
- Alexander Devonshire
- Keene Griffiths
- Isabelle Kennedy
- Caleb Leak
- Delilah Marchione
- Hayden Patching
- Ellie Pollutro
- Lucy Sevenson
- Jade Smith
- Vincent Timogan
- Jake Wardill

**Excellence**
- Alice Davey
- Sophie Fitzpatrick
- Zequaden Hanratty
- Shae Justice
- Jacinta Nolder

**Relationships**
- Brittany Chalmers
- Alisha Crossley
- Bryan Duffell
- Rachel Francis
- Yuefan Mu (Fan)

**Engagement**
- Rachel Francis
- Trent Gillespie
- Lachlan Kelly
- Annabelle Linton
- Carly Pettigrew
- Lucy Sevenson
- Jade Smith
- Fiona Sorensen
- Jordan Taylor

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**Kurnai College Music What’s Happening ......**

**College Ensembles... moving forward**

Since the last newsletter, students undertaking music from all three Campuses converged onto Churchill Campus. Students had begun to apply the learning that occurred at their home Campuses during their scheduled rehearsal days. Students undertaking VCE Music Performance participated for the first two hours of class time. They led by example in demonstrating the required work ethic, discipline and attitude to making the rehearsals beneficial. The Morwell and Churchill Campus students soldiered on for the rest of the day, further establishing their familiarity and understanding to the works being learnt.

The next combined rehearsals and the ensembles involved are as follows:

- **Monday 8th August** - Guitar Ensemble and KP NoiseMakers – at Churchill Campus;
- **Monday 15th August** - Concert Band and Choir – at Churchill Campus.

These ensembles will be preparing to perform in the annual *On The Road Again* primary schools tour, as well as the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

*On The Road Again* Primary Schools tour is on 23rd – 29th August.

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod starts Tuesday 30th August (Choir). Other groups on between 31st Aug – 2nd Sept.
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### College Principal
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- EMAIL: kurnai.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Attendance Hotline
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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.