Message from our Campus Principals

Hello Everyone

Last week we held our Parent Teacher Conversations at the University Campus. The sessions were very well attended with many staff having very few spare spots throughout the afternoon.

These sessions are so important for the continued success of our senior students. It is a very well known fact that parents who attend these sessions and have an input in the education of their student play an important part in the success of the student. Parents who are informed can better handle matters when the going gets tough. We strongly encourage you to attend these Parent Teacher sessions in the future for the benefit of your student.

Inappropriate Photos

Unfortunately there are students who have been involved with taking inappropriate photos of themselves or others. These inappropriate photos are then shared with other students either directly or through online sites. This appears to be an Australia-wide problem with young people. We urge you to discuss this matter with your student so that the embarrassment and legal ramifications that can stem from this practice is limited. There is a further section in this newsletter on this issue. Please take the time to read it and understand it before discussing with your student.

Nello & Geoff
***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@kurnaicollege.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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VCE External Exams – Navigator 2016

The final written exams for Year 12 start on 26th October with English and EAL at 9.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. All examinations will take place in the Green Inc. building.

Students are expected to arrive at the exam at approximately 8.30 a.m. so checking of dictionaries and stationery can take place.


An assembly will be held before the end of term to students.

Please encourage your son/daughter to access past examination papers and examiners reports and practice some of the questions. Teachers will be happy to assess their practice attempts.

**USEFUL WEBSITES**


[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

ACE Your Exams

It was great to have Elevate Education come back for another session to support our VCE students. The 1 hour lecture on Monday covered the key areas that help ACE YOUR EXAMS:

- Fixing mistakes to ensure constant improvement (using your teachers)
- Time Allocation during exam preparation
- Techniques for managing stress and time pressure in exams

The young presenter gave a number of real life examples that could inspire and guide our students to move into exams with clarity and purpose.

For more information or to follow up on what was learned, we strongly suggest:

1. Go to [elevateeducation.com](http://elevateeducation.com)
2. Enter username **STUDENT**
3. Type in password **pacco**

You will be able to find great information, get PRACTICE QUESTIONS and TIPS that could take you to the next step.

Student Activity Pack

Students gain access to our support website through a unique username and password following their Elevate session. [www.elevateeducation.com](http://www.elevateeducation.com) contains a range of resources students can access after the seminar. These include:

- A copy of Elevate's best selling guide, Science of Student Success written by the company’s founder, Doug Barton. The book retails in bookstores for $20 but is FREE for Elevate clients. It is available to download in PDF mode under the tab ‘Books’
- A range of practice papers for each subject
- Video tutorials
- Tips from presenters all around Australia who have recently aced and faced their final years of high school
- Question forum that allows students to have support even after their Elevate session
Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

One of the classes went on a day excursion to the snow on Monday 8th August. The destination was Mount St. Gwinear, however there was no snow! Instead, the class hiked up nearby Mount Erica, via Mushroom rocks. To start off with, the class did a short 20 minute walk near the Mt Erica carpark. This short hike provided students with insight into the ancient Myrtle Beech forest, typical of Australia during the times of Gondwana. The weather was absolutely stunning all day, with plenty of sunshine and no wind; it made the hike a delight. As the student progressed up the mountain, they were able to see the differences in vegetation due to the elevation and position on the mountain. The hike began with the ancient beech forest, then moved into tall ash forest, finishing with heathland and snowgums up at Mount Erica. Mushroom rocks were a highlight; gigantic granitic boulders forming a maze. Students explored this area for a while. Snow started to appear as we reached the summit of Mount Erica. It was a serene environment, much different to what many students have experienced. Overall, most students seemed to enjoy the trip, even though we didn't ski.

DEGAS Exhibition

Students from Year 11 Art classes had the opportunity to see the works of one of the great Impressionist artists, Edgar Degas, at the NGV last week. In Victoria, we don’t get the opportunity to see such a collection of famous European works so we are wrapped that our kids were able to get a first-hand experience of the loose pastel, charcoal and oil painted works.

Students also headed off to the Ian Potter Centre in Fed Square where they looked through our Australian collections and contemporary art works. All of this helped form an even better understanding of Impressionist Art (which is being studied in Studio Art) and added to the students understanding of art in general.

What trip to Melbourne is complete without experiencing the laneways and outdoor art that spreads through the CBD. Students also took time to explore Melbourne's shops and get more familiarised with the Melbourne streets.
## Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

### Work Ethic
- Jasmine Carrigy
- Joanna David
- Rachel Francis
- Kimberley Gordon
- Ian Gibson
- Maddison Harris
- Moises Haviland
- Jemma Lade
- Yuxin Li
- Brandon Mehmet
- Diana Nieuwberg
- Aphinan Pewngam
- Daniel Rowe
- Emily Tobler

### Excellence
- Marnie Bunker
- Adriana D’Alia
- Breanna Kootstra-Denton
- James McKean
- Taneaka Pullen-Whitmore
- Joel Robinson
- Tiara Vajler
- Blake Woodman
- Jinya Zhou

### Relationships
- Lyndsay Bennett
- Joel D’Armico
- Mirrin McKay
- Rachel Pendlebury
- Rachael Peter

### Engagement
- Chelsea Chambers
- Alexander Devonshire
- Pat Ludgate
- Katelyn Madsen
- Tahliya Pennicuik
- Aidan Quigley
- Jordan Taylor
- Nick Teresi
- Jess Wright
- Daniel Wynne
- Viola Xu

## Dairy Assistance Payment now available

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package, students with parents in the dairy farm industry can benefit from a one-off payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm, are eligible for the payment. The school will need to ensure that evidence is provided with applications and record how the funding has been allocated for each individual student.

Consistent with the 2016 CSEF Drought response, the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding is paid to the school that the student attends to be used towards camps, sports, excursion and/or other education expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. These guidelines only apply to the Dairy Assistance funding (not the CSEF payment which was paid separately and is subject to CSEF policy). Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible.

Families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A once-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016. To apply for the CSEF Dairy Assistance, parents are to complete an application form and return it to their school office by 18 November 2016.
### Key Dates

### Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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| Aug 22 -  
Oct 19  
Every Monday | VCAL Sport Term 3                          | $50  | CLOSED         |
| Aug 29    | On The Road Again                          | $0   | Aug 26         |
| Aug 30    | ‘The Big Group’ Tour                       | $0   | Aug 26         |
| Sept 1    | Yr. 11 Outdoor Ed. Rock Climbing          | $36  | Aug 24         |
| Sept 8 - 9| VCAL Winter Sleep Out                     | $0   | Sept 6.        |
| Sept 11 - 14 | Licola Wilderness Camp                   | $0   | Sept 8        |
| Sept 14   | Surf Awareness                             | $0   | Sept 7        |
| Oct 3 -  
Nov 21  
Every Monday | VCAL Sport Term 4                          | $15  | Sept 9        |
| Oct 12    | Surf Awareness                             | $0   | Sept 7        |

### 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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As a parent, it may be difficult to know where to start when it comes to setting limits on children's online activity. How much time online is too much? How can you set reasonable limits? And more to the point, how can you enforce them? Here are some tips to help you bring a mindful balance to your family's use of digital technology.

1. AGREE LIMITS
   Talk to your children about the amount of digital time they're living and then, based on what you agree is a healthy balance, set 'switched off' times of day. Help your children create a media use roster allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

2. BE AN OFFLINE SUPPORTER
   Support and encourage your kids in activities that don't involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer.

3. SET FAMILY RULES
   Make sure you're seen as a positive example. Do you want the dinner table to be a device-free zone? If so, then have everyone (including Mum and Dad) turn off their mobile phones and devices during dinner, or when taking part in family activities. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.

4. TURN OFF DEVICES BEFORE BEDTIME
   Lack of sleep can affect alertness, concentration and memory. For a better night's sleep try encouraging children to switch off at least one hour before bedtime. Create a charging station and charge all household devices in the one spot overnight.

5. MAKE THE MOST OF PARENTAL CONTROLS
   Many parental controls tools allow you to set time-of-day restrictions on children's device usage. We recommend Telstra Mobile Protect for mobile devices and Telstra Broadband Protect for your home network.

6. CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPES OF SCREEN TIME
   Not all screen time is created equal. Think about the differences between using a device for homework or creative expression versus using it for passive entertainment.
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● Morwell ● Moe ● Warragul

Latrobe Community Health Service

www.lchhs.com.au

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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.