Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. We hope you had a great break. The year must have begun well because everyone I talk to tells me the holidays seemed to have finished a few months ago.

At the end of 2016, during Headstart, the students elected our school captains; Sophia Patikisa and Ryan Carlson and vice-captains; Stacey Rogers and Joel Robinson. Ryan was our first VCAL school captain but it was his good fortune to pick up a building apprenticeship just as school started. Hopefully the students will have elected his replacement within the next week. As we have said on numerous occasions, student voice is important at University Campus and we look forward to working with the new student leaders and the Student Representative Council in 2017.

Young Persons Of The Year Awards 2016

Midway through Term 4 the University Campus was asked to nominate outstanding students for the Yinnar and Churchill Young Person Of The Year award. These awards are announced on Australia Day together with all other Australia Day awards. The criteria for the nominees was very stringent in that they must be good students as well as good citizens involved in their local community.

We are very pleased to announce that Alicia Ewen was chosen for the Churchill area. She was presented the award by Bob Lowick from the Churchill Lions Club. Alicia was surprised by the nomination and winning the award. In her short speech Alicia she thanked special guests, Russell Northe and Darrell White and everyone else who made it a very special occasion for her.

Annabelle Linton from Yinnar was the Young Citizen of the Year for Yinnar and District. Annabelle is an outstanding student and a real community minded young woman. She supports all those around her and enjoys the closeness of the Yinnar sporting community. At the ceremony Herb Smith from Yinnar Lions Club presented Annabelle with her award in front of special guests Russell Northe and Darrell White from LaTrobe City. Annabelle responded with a short speech thanking Kurnai College for nominating her and her local community for supporting her growing up in such a special community.

We at Kurnai are proud to have young people of Alicia and Annabelle's caliber as our students. Congratulations Alicia and Annabelle.

Year 11 Awards

On Tuesday this week the Uni Campus came together in an assembly to present the 2016 Year 11 Subject Award winners with their certificates. The following students were congratulated for their efforts in receiving their awards.

- Science Award – Rose Van Rooy
- Maths Award – Rose Van Rooy & Lucy Sevenson
- Art & Design Award – Maddison Hill
- Performing Arts Award – Chloe Libreri
- Music Award – Sophia Patikisa
- Technology Award – Lucy Sevenson
- Health & PE Award – Lucy Sevenson
- Humanities – Sophia Patikisa & Josh Monaghan
- English Award – Lucy Sevenson
- Numeracy Award – Joshua Hall
- Literacy Award – Mick Berger
- VCAL Skills Award – Cameron Stewart
- VCAL Personal Skills Award – Robert Goodwin & Brittany Chalmers
- EAL Award – Vincent Timogan

Geoff & Nello
School Nurse Update

Welcome back to a new year!

I am Kurnai's brand new school nurse. My role in Kurnai College is to help everybody be as healthy as they can be. I do this by teaching students about being healthy and by helping the school to be healthy.

I am available to talk to students and families about concerns with health such as:

- Adolescent health concerns
- Safe sex
- Smoking, alcohol and drug use
- Feeling stressed or unhappy
- Healthy weight and diet
- Problems at home
- Hygiene issues – body odour, lice, etc
- Coordinating services between school and community-based health and support services
- Referral to appropriate services

I work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays across all the campuses of Kurnai. Students can organise to see me by talking to their teachers or the welfare team or email pearse-clark.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Sarah – School Nurse

Insurance and Ambulance cover

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Debutante Ball 2017

Parents & Carers of students planning to do the Debutante Ball in 2017 need to be aware that as the Deb Ball is an external event to the normal school curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation.

One of these conditions is that families with outstanding charges are required to bring them up to date before their child can begin dance lessons in preparation for the Deb Ball.

This does not include the College’s yearly school charges but only costs that should have already been paid such as outstanding balances for camps and excursions, extra curriculum music costs or charges relating to damage of school property.

In addition to payments made at the campus office, the College offers both Centrepay and Bpay options as a method of payment. Centrepay, allows families to have fortnightly amounts automatically deducted from any Centrelink payments.

If you have any concerns or wish to organise a payment plan please don’t hesitate to contact the campus office.
VCAL news

Busy, busy, busy! We have hit the ground running in VCAL. Students have settled well into their classes and are working hard to meet the outcomes in Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development and Work Related Skills. Students have been getting to know their teachers and peers in their subjects through formal and informal activities.

VET (Vocational Education Training)

VET is a vital part of a VCAL students program. Students attend training at a number of different providers across the local area including AGA, Federation Training and Kurnai College. We are fortunate enough for our students to have a wide array of areas to study including hairdressing, animal studies, beauty, auto, building and construction, community services and many more. Most VET classes run on a Wednesday, however, this year auto and building and construction are being offered on Wednesday and Friday. Students are reminded that they need to attend all of their VET classes and if they are going to be absent, they need to contact their VET provider and notify the VCAL team.

Year 10 VCAL Foundation

This is the first year we have trialled a Year 10 VCAL program here at Kurnai College. Our new students have settled really well into their new schooling environment. With the course structure more suited their learning needs, all students have really engaged with their studies. In Numeracy, students have all completed the first unit of speed/distance/time with flying colours and are moving to fill some of the gaps in their knowledge. In our PD/WRS lessons, we are planning activities to develop interpersonal skills and getting to know each other a bit better. Students have started their VET in Certificate I in Employment Pathways and are really enjoying the change of pace the University Campus offers. The class will be doing their first hands on community based project next week when they build a sandpit at the Morwell tennis club. Students will be applying the knowledge they have gained from their classes on campus.

Structured Workplace Learning

SWL offers students the opportunity to gain skills and experience in a variety of industries. We are very fortunate that we have fantastic support from our local employers who take student on every Wednesday/Friday. Year 12s are expected to be out on work placement by week 5 of Term 1 whilst Year 11s will commence the first week back of Term 2. We are always looking for businesses to take our students on (we need to place 100 students!). If you are a local business owner who would like to take on a placement student, please call the VCAL team or careers on 5132 3800.

Just a reminder that Monday Period 5 is a study period for all VCAL students. Students have access to teachers, aides and classroom resources to complete work they may be behind in or if they need extra assistance with their class work. Students are able to bring in their VET work or to see careers with assistance to find work placement or part time work.

Kurnai Kafe

Don't forget that before school students can grab a coffee, hot chocolate or a milkshake along with a $1 toastie (yep, just $1 for a ham and cheese or a cheese toastie). At recess coffee and baked goodies are available. Keep an eye out for our posters for what is available for lunch!

Monday 13 February Pasta Bake (vego available) $3
Tuesday 14 February Salad rolls (YES THEY ARE BACK!!) $2
VCAL News contd...

Meet the VCAL Team

VCAL students at the University Campus are supported by a team of teachers who have a passion for applied learning. Where possible, classes are taught using a more hands-on or real world approach. Students can often be seen in different parts of the campus applying and demonstrating their understanding through activities such as OH&S audits, applying maths principles to kite building or their communication skills through working in the Kurnai Kafe.

Students needing support can access this through the VCAL office and student services. The VCAL office is the student's first port of call if they are experiencing difficulties with school, VET or work placement. Support is also available for students experiencing health or wellbeing concerns or if they just need a chat. Nicole Carder is the VCAL co-ordinator and the advocates this year are Julie Garden and Brett Gay who come with a vast array of skills and knowledge to support our VCAL students. Daniel Murphy is helping to set up and facilitate the new Year 10 VCAL program. We are in regular contact with employers and VET providers, developing links and gathering information about required skills, personal attributes and requirements in different trades and industries. This information is then used to help build our school based curriculum and to support students with their career planning. We can also assist parents and carers with information about their child's progress, pathway planning or to discuss any concerns that parents have about their child's learning or wellbeing.

The VCAL office can be contacted by calling the front office on 5132 3800.

Nicole Carder
Brett Gay
Julie Garden
Daniel Murphy
Kurnai College School Council Elections are now happening and we ask that you consider being involved.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact your Campus principal for further information.
## 2017 School Council
### Election Process and Timetable

Name of the School: Kurnai College

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Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2017

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nomination forms may be obtained from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd February, 2017.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 8th March, 2017.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal
### Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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**Mt Hotham - Year 11 - Ski/Snowboard Camp - 2017**

The Mt Hotham camp will run from Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July. The total cost of the camp will be approximately $1165.00 which includes:

- Resort entries
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Lift
- Lessons
- Night skiing on Wednesday evening
- Ski/Snowboard Hire including carve skis, boots and poles or board and boots
- Transport to and from Mount Hotham

While we understand this is an expensive camp we strongly believe that this is the most economical way of giving students the opportunity to participate in Alpine Snow sports.

Students will need to return a signed permission form and pay their deposit of $300 by Monday 20th February 2017 to secure a position for the camp.

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Candy White at the University Campus on 5132 3800.

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A reminder to call our ABSENCE HOTLINE 5132 3711 preferably before 9am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
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Invitation to participate in the Boomulele Street Band and the Boolarra Folk Festival

Community members are warmly invited to take part in a performance of the Boomulele Street Band at the Boolarra Folk Festival on 4th March, 2017 in Centenary Park, Boolarra. Participation is free and everyone is welcome.

Boomulele is a street band featuring percussion, ukulele and vocals based in the Latrobe Valley. The Band plays simple grooves while parading along. Steve Schultz leads percussion and Brian (Strat) Strating leads ukulele and arrangements. Boomulele is one of ten street bands in the StreetSounds Project coordinated by Lyndal Chambers of Community Music Victoria. Street bands are informal and highly accessible to people of varied abilities. Open to all, regardless of age, ability, instrument or training, they bring people together to make music and have fun.

Rehearsals are held every second Thursday night 7.30pm – 9.00pm at St Lukes Uniting Church, 283 Princes Dve, Morwell. The next two Boomulele rehearsals are happening at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th February and Thursday 2nd March leading up to the Boolarra Folk Festival on 4th March, with a rehearsal at 3.00pm and a gig from 4.10pm-4.30pm. You may like to come to the Festival earlier too. There’s a lot on including a free Drumming Circle with Steve Schultz at 1.10pm-2.30pm in the Boolarra Memorial Hall.

Contact: Barry Stuckey  0429 966130  stuck.cs@gmail.com
Brian (Strat) Strating  0429 797750  brianstrating@gmail.com

For more information about Boomulele, the StreetSounds Project and the Boolarra Folk Festival
https://room.crcr.io/lo/30000/70000
https://jimeo.com/286397064

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YES WE HAVE A U/16’S FOOTBALL TEAM!

TRAINING MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 4.30 start - 5.30 finish
Players of 12yrs or older welcome
No past footy experience needed
If transport or lack of football gear a problem we can supply
All players supplied with a new Boolarra Football Club training singlet
We provide a safe, friendly, family environment
Please contact Damian ‘Scar’ McGrath for any more information

Looking forward to meeting you

Damian McGrath
 Boolarra Football Netball Club Inc
0438 691753
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 of these community events.

**Kurnai Pillars**

**Work Ethic**

“We are committed to working hard”

**Excellence**

“We do the best we can do”

**Relationships**

“We value and respect each other”

**Engagement**

“We actively participate in our own learning”