



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Friday 7th February, 2019

KEY DATES

TUE 11 Feb	KURNAI COLLEGE SCHOOL COUNCIL
THU 13 Feb	COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS
THU 20 Feb	YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ
TUE 3 Mar	COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY
MON 11 Mar	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
FRI 27 Mar	END TERM 1



Message from our Campus Principal - Cleo Lazaris

WELCOME

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of our learning community, particularly to our new students and their families, and to our new staff. The year has kicked off to a positive start with our Year 7s settling into the routine of secondary school.

We have a number of new staff joining us at Churchill Campus:

- Clancy Bennett returns from family leave and will replace Erin Gruis as our Literacy Specialist. Erin is currently on family leave.
- Kara Thompson has transferred from University Campus and will be a member of the Year 8 team. Kara teaches Science, Maths and Art.
- Jen Caruana was at Morwell Campus in 2019 and joins our Year 8 team. Jen teaches Art and Humanities.
- Gabriella O'Bree will be teaching Maths and Science and is also joining the Year 8 team.
- Darren Campbell is leading the Year 7 team and will be teaching Humanities and English.
- Rachel Dodd joins the Year 9 team and will be teaching Humanities and Science.
- Paula Woodland is joining our Advocate team.



Cuppa and Chat with Cleo

The next catch up will be Tuesday 25th February, at 9:00am.
All parents welcome.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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Hotline**

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Message from our Principal continues.....

YEAR LEVEL TEAMS

Churchill Campus has a team structure to support students with their academic and social growth. The team is led by a Team Leader who is supported by a team of staff who predominantly teach students in that year level. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the relevant team leader:

Year 7 Darren Campbell

Year 8 Lindy Gumpold

Year 9 Glen Stephenson

Year 10 Jenny Horner

WELLBEING and ADVOCATE team

Our student welfare consisting of Selena Gray and Erin Keogh work together with our advocates; Tom Kindellan, Paula Woodland, Shane McColl, Robin Fitzpatrick and Elyse Derricott, and all support our Year level teams to support our students.

MOBILE PHONES

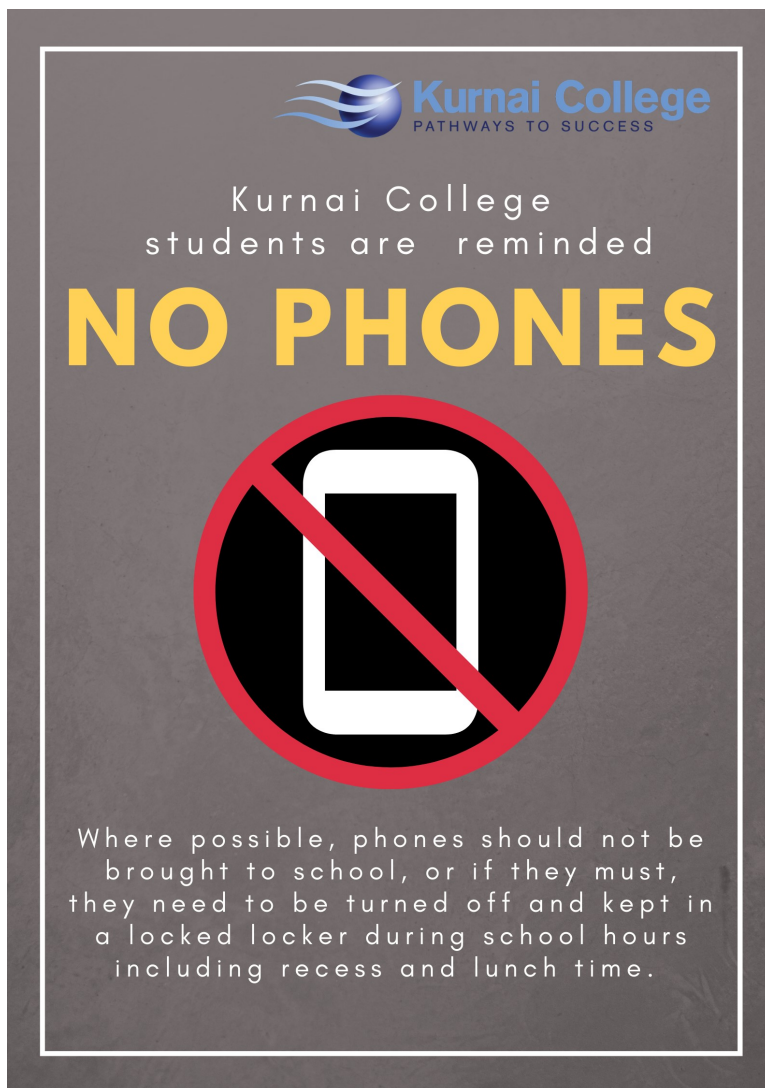
Students are managing the “No Phone” policy really well. We now have lockable phone cabinets if students would prefer to have them locked securely during the day instead of leaving them in their regular lockers.

VISITING THE CAMPUS

It is important for us to know who is in the school at any given time. So we please ask that all visitors report to the General Office and not go directly to other buildings. Our office staff will assist you with your enquiry. If you need to collect your child early, our office staff will arrange for them to come to you in the General Office foyer.

CROSSING

It is important for students to use the crossing on Switchback Road as they arrive and leave school. This is a 40-km zone and vehicles are required to stop at the crossing. There is no guarantee that they will stop at other places along the road.



UNIFORM

Kurnai College values its image in the community and strives to continually improve our reputation, one area in which we particularly need the support of families is student uniform. Student dress standards promote a positive image of the school within the community and it promotes a sense of identity with the college. Many workplaces require a uniform and it is important that we hold the same expectation as it helps us to fully prepare students for the world of work in the future.

Please be aware of the correct school uniform options, navy blue bottoms, the Kurnai polo top and black shoes are the accepted parts of uniform. Students are also required to bring their P.E. uniform on the days that they have P.E. On occasions where students are out of uniform they need to come to the office where they will be given a College uniform to wear for the day. Thank you to all families for support on this matter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos were taken on the morning of Thursday 6th February. Students were required to bring back their photo form with correct payment on the day, to give to the photographer. If your child did not hand in a form, orders can still be made online with the unique School ID code that can be found on the order form. Spare forms are available at the General Office. ORDERS: www.theschool.photographer.com.au

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This term Kurnai College will be hosting the School Swimming Carnival on Thursday 13 February. This is a College wide event where all three campuses come together for a day filled with fun and laughs. The events include traditional race events and are used as a trial for interschool swimming, but students are not required to swim if they don't want to. There are several 'fun' events held throughout the day including tube races, lilo races, costume parades, and more. It is always a fun filled day and we encourage all students to attend and dress in their house colours. Students can find their House colour on Compass (Red, Yellow, Blue or Green). Permission forms are available on Compass, parents are required to provide consent by 11:59pm, Monday 10th February.



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Year 7 News

WELCOME

Our Year 7 students have happily and bravely begun their secondary schooling at Kurnai Churchill. Fortunately, a highlight has been the support of Year 10 Mentor students who are nearby and keenly performing their role. We have met regularly to map out the day ahead, answer student questions and help each other begin to understand the who, what, where and when challenges of being in a new school.

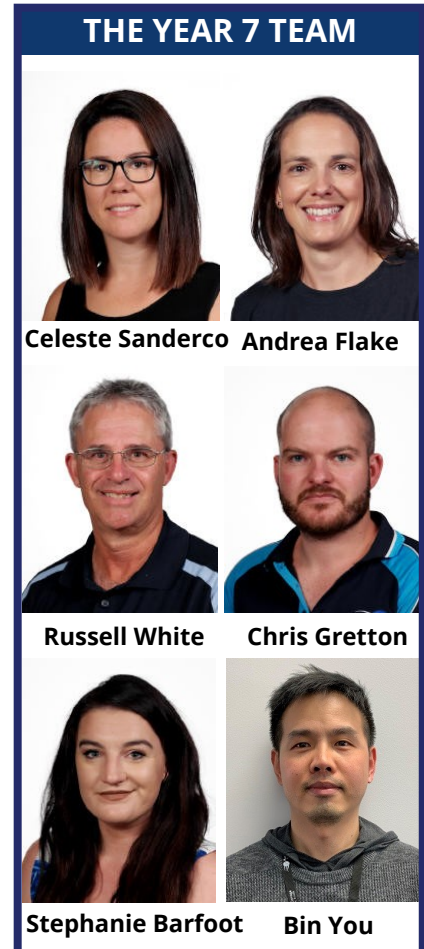
Workbooks have been set up to help all students become organized. This makes sure our young learners have easy access to their notes, can locate important knowledge and look back on progress before moving confidently on to the next stage of their learning. Many students were rewarded and congratulated for their successful workbook effort as part of the Positive Behaviour Support Program.

As well as workbooks, teachers will be closely monitoring that students are in uniform. We aim to support their organization with lockers and recording general and class information. We may all have a different approach to keeping organized such as a diary, laptop notes, a strong memory and of course our phones. Now that phones are banned during the school day, we will prioritize time to help our Year 7s feel and stay organized.

The targeted reading program, TR@K, places all students in a group according to their ability levels and we aim to lift skills such as students' phonetic reading ability. I hope to chat with a number of students about their reading and general learning confidence and skills soon.

Year 7 Camp at Camp Coolamatong is a really important occasion for Year 7, definitely the most important camp of their secondary school years. We hope every family can support our desire for 100% attendance at the camp. If you are concerned about financial difficulties with this camp, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

Communication is the key. Being the parent of a Year 7, I have spent the last week or 2 dealing with a number of last-minute tasks and wondering what else might be happening other than the odd story or reassuring quick reply. Compass is usually the answer. An email or phone call are ideal and we will get back to you soon after. The Year 7 team and I welcome student and parent feedback so we can continue to reflect on how to best provide enjoyable, supported and challenging opportunities in this important first year at secondary school.





WELCOME BBQ

On Thursday 20th February we will be having our annual parent BBQ. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the friends their children are making, to connect with teachers for the first time and to see the school.

We encourage you to bring your families and enjoy a sausage or two. This is a casual evening with no formal presentations.

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Year 8 News

The staff of the Year 8 team would like to welcome all students, parents and friends back to the 2020 school year.

TEAM MEMBERS

This year the Year 8 team members are: Lindy Gumpold (Team Leader), Robin Fitzpatrick (Science, PE and Health), Kara Thompson (Science, Math and Art); Nicole Ashton (English, Humanities and Forensic Science); Gabriella O'Bree (Math and Science); Cathy Tan (Chinese); Jen Caruana (Art and Humanities); and Clifton Kline (Culture and Theatre Studies).

If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child or would like to know more about the Year 8 program please contact the Year 8 team.

FORM GROUP AND TR@K

Each Monday and Wednesday all students will start the day with a 15-minute Form Group Assembly. This will take place in the Library and starts at 8.30am. It is during this time that the students are provided with any information about the school day and where permission forms are handed out. The students then move to their TR@K classes. This year, the Year 8 and Year 9 students are combined in the TR@K classes. On Tuesday and Thursday students need to move promptly to their TR@K classes.

LOCKERS

This year, the lockers are located in the Science corridor. This area will be unlocked at 8.10am each morning, which gives students 10 minutes to collect their books for the first two periods before the morning bell goes at 8.20am. At this time students need to make sure that they have handed in their mobile phone, before moving to their classes or Form Group.

TECH SCHOOL EXCURSION

On the 18 and 19th of February Year 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Tech School, in Morwell. The aim of the excursion is to support the work, on Energy, which students are undertaking in their Science classes this term. This activity will be made available, through Compass, and the excursion is limited to fifty students.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

A big thank you to all parents and guardians for helping us to keep track of student attendance. In the first week back at school, all student absences were able to be explained. Please continue to make sure that you do let the school know, by contacting the school prior to 9am where possible if it is expected that your child will be away from school. You may leave a voice message on the absence voice mail, 5132 3711, which can be accessed 24 hours a day.



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THE YEAR 8 TEAM



Lindy Gumpold



Robin Fitzpatrick



Gabriella O'Bree



Cathy Tan



Kara Thompson



Nicole Ashton



Jen Caruana



Clifton Kline

ATTENDING SCHOOL

Attending school on a regular basis is extremely important for all students so that they have the opportunity to access all they need to learn throughout their schooling.

If a student has a day off school, once a fortnight, this adds up to 20 days in a school year (approximately 40 weeks in a school year).

The message is that "It's Not OK to be Away". When students are absent from school they may be at risk of not achieving their potential and therefore limit their life choices. Other consequences of poor attendance are:

- Social isolation
- Gaps in their learning of knowledge and basic concepts
- May feel insecure in the school environment
- More likely to leave school early
- Could lead to school refusal further in their education
- May place themselves at risk of harm while absent
- Could get too easily involved in socially unacceptable and / or illegal activities

Some Benefits of Regular School Attendance for students:

- The development of skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, and being organised will optimise life choices
- Regular attendance leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a length of time
- Regular attendance leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others
- The more students attend, the more they will learn and the more they will like school.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

If students arrive at school, out of uniform, without a note, they will be required to change into school supplied uniform for the day and complete a detention at recess. If your child is out of uniform, please provide a signed note, which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Your child will still be required to change into supplied school uniform but will not be required to complete a detention. When students are at school or participating in school activities that take them out of the school grounds they are expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, beanies, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however they can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. If you require any assistance with school uniform. Please don't hesitate to contact the school and speak to either a member of the Year 8 Team or the Advocate Team members.

STUDENT LAPTOPS

A reminder that students are expected to have a laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop or will need to access a school laptop in the short term. Laptops are provided to students for short term loans when they are without a laptop as their own may require repairs. These students are issued with a laptop borrowing card. When students forget to bring their laptops to school they miss valuable class time by going to the library to borrow a laptop. If parents and guardians could support the school by checking that their child is taking their laptop to school that would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.

Year 9 News

Welcome to the new year of 2020! With a new year a new decade, it's a great opportunity for a fresh start for everyone as we all settle back into school. The first week has really seen students hit the ground running and getting right back into some great learning. This year promises to be full of excitement for all as most of the year 9 cohort will reach the age that they can gain part-time work. To coincide with our students access to entering the workforce, our expectations of Year 9 students at school will continue to reflect those of prospective employers and the wider community. These expectations include; being punctual, wearing the appropriate uniform, showing a good work ethic and treating others with courtesy and respect. We look forward to the year ahead and will encourage students to not only display these virtues themselves, but to encourage others to as well as they take on a more senior role at the campus.

YEAR 9 TEAM

The staff of the Year 9 team would like to thank the students for their great start to the year and look forward to having a great year full of positive outcomes for all students! Glen Stephenson will lead the year 9 team this year. Our year 9 team members are; Lisa Knowles (Middle years literacy and numeracy), Dave Frendo (Technology), Corryn Evans (Maths Science), Rachel Dodd (Humanities) Elyse Derricot (English, TR@K, Advocate), Chris Flake (Technology).

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

A friendly reminder that students should be bringing their own devices to classes. Our library has a system so that students can borrow devices if necessary, but there is simply not enough resources for all students to do this all the time. Students using their own devices benefit from; being able to save passwords and commonly used pages, having consistent access to saved files and school work, being able to spontaneously retrieve prior work and conduct research without delay.

Morrisby Testing and Consultations

Year 9s across the state will again participate in the Morrisby careers advisory program this year. This program consists of students completing a series of quizzes that collect information on a range of areas from reasoning to personality types, followed by a one on one consultation with a Morrisby careers advisor. Permission must be given for the process to take place and after the positive outcomes for last year's participants, it is strongly recommended. Permission forms were provided to students at the beginning of week 2 and need to be returned to the front office by 13th February. For any further information please do not hesitate to call Glen Stephenson on 51323700.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles



Dave Frendo



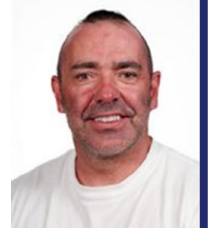
Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

The majority of the cohort have done a great job of wearing full school uniform this week, however, a few students have come to school wearing non-uniform items. Kurnai's uniform policy is as follows: Students are to wear the maroon college polo with navy shorts or trousers with girls having the option to wear the college dress. There is a choice of the college jumper, knitted jumper, spray jacket or fleece jacket. Shoes must be predominately black and covered in with white socks. The PE uniform consists of the navy college polo with navy shorts or track pants and runners. If you are in need of assistance to acquire any item of school uniform, please contact Glen Stephenson and he will assist if possible.



Year 9 Cooking Electives.

Year 9's have started their cooking electives with enthusiasm and passion.

Most of the Occupational Health and Safety components have been completed, and now the kitchen is full of beautiful aromas, pots, pans, laughter and of course music.

Students understand the importance of self-evaluating and have been completing this at the end of each lesson. New Adjectives have been introduced and encouraged to be used when they reflect on the appearance, aroma, taste and texture of their product.

Our Master Chef class cooked gorgeous meat pies yesterday, making their own pastry which looked appetizing and very tasty.

Just remember to start bringing your own container.



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Year 10 News

Welcome to Year 10: The Year of Many Opportunities!

Year 10 is the year of endless opportunities.

Term 1 will focus on supporting your child to explore and prepare themselves for work experience (more details below). It is in Term 2 where students will spend two weeks in their work placements and on their return to school, they will start exploring and choosing their preferred pathway in 2021 (Course Counselling). Term 3 is a little slower with the highlight being the trip to Tasmania (more details below). While Term 4 is one to celebrate students last moments at the junior campus. In between there will be opportunities to participate in the Trade Pathway Program (Term 2 and 3 only) as well as spend time exploring university courses through the Fed Uni Experience Days.

Your child will be supported by a very experienced team of teachers and I am proud to share with you all the Year 10 team for 2020.

You are encouraged to contact any member of the team with regards to the progress of your child as well as any questions you have with regards to Work Experience, Course Counselling, Tasmania or any of the programs offered throughout the year.

YEAR 10 TEAM

Jenny Horner (Humanities, Team Time, Skill Builder) will lead the year 10 team this year. The year 10 team members are;

Lisa Knowles (Literacy Specialist, English, Skill Builder), Mary Corponi (Peer Support, Personal Finance, P.E., Science), Sandra Flake (Maths, Science, English, Team Time), Ian Hopkins (Music), Andy Leeson (P.E., Outdoor Ed, Maths, Team Time), Rebecca Lynch (English, Humanities, Team Time).

CHANGES TO HOW WE TEACH MATHS

In 2020, we are taking a different approach to setting up our Year 10 Mathematics classes. Before students commence a new topic they will be screened for their prior knowledge of that topic, and be placed in with students who are at a similar level. This will enable the targeted teaching to be focused, allowing students to experience significant growth from their current level, rather than achieving some or no growth. All students, including those in ALPS, will be grouped according to their screener outcome. Groups will change from time to time according to future screeners.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Flake from the Year 10 team.



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Clancy Bennett



Mary Corponi



Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Rebecca Lynch

YEAR 10 DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 28 February

Guest Presentation - Pelvic Pain



Wednesday 11th March

Fed Uni Experience Day
Outdoor Education, Exercise & Sport Science



Monday 9th - Friday 20th March

Common Assessment Tasks



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March

Parent Teacher Conversations

WORK EXPERIENCE

TERM 2: Monday 4th to Friday 15th May

Year 10 Work Experience is a valuable opportunity for students to explore and prepare themselves to experience a range of workplaces. Students take a very proactive role in finding their preferred business for their two-week placement in early May.



Students can choose to complete two weeks at the same workplace OR choose two placements (one week each). Students can start to approach businesses now to see if they are willing to take on work experience students.

There are several items, including USI (Unique Student Identifier) and certificates that need to be completed before any student will be allowed to commence their placement.

Those who are interested in completing their work experience within the construction or trade industry (any trade that requires one to work on a building site) will be required to attain their Construction Induction (White) card. More information will be shared with students shortly.



EXPECTATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

With such a busy program and students representing the school in local work places across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students to behave in ways which reflect our values. The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform.

We appreciate your support on these matters and this week draw your attention to notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.

TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 September 2020)

I am excited for the '2020 Trip to Tassie' camp which, for myself and students, is a highlight of the school year. We have tweaked the itinerary for the 2020 camp making improvements in accommodation choices, less bus travel time and more activities. Excursion forms will come out shortly with the cost being approximately \$900. Signed forms together with the DEPOSIT must be returned to the front office before or by the due date to secure a place. Numbers are limited to 60 students across both the Churchill and Morwell campuses.

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Calendar of Excursions / Camps

All Years

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
THU 13 Feb	College Swimming Sports	\$NIL	10/2/2020
TUE 3 Mar	College Athletics	\$NIL	TBA

Year 9

Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due Date
TUE 11, 18, & 25 Feb	Outdoor Education Swim Training	\$NIL	Due Now
WED 11 – FRI 13 Mar	Outdoor Education Surf Camp	\$180	21/2/2020



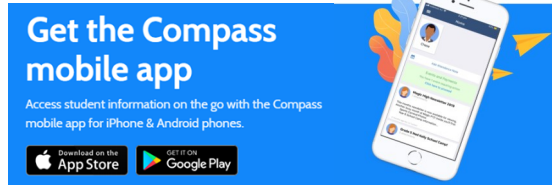
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We are pleased to introduce you to our online service for families called “Compass”.

Compass provides the school community with a range of facilities which will streamline communication and provide enhanced access to information.

When fully integrated parents will be able to use Compass to:

- **Email address and mobile number** – update your details through the portal. The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.
- **News feed** – the school will post news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.
- **Attendance** – view your child’s attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence.
- **Reports** – view your child’s current and past progress and semester reports as an electronic PDF file.
- **Newsletter** – the newsletter will be published on Compass and parents will be able to login to view it each fortnight.
- **Teacher email** – parents will be able to email their child’s teachers directly.
- **Excursions** – approve your child’s participation in excursions and other special events.
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conversations**—make appointments with teachers.
- **Curriculum materials** – assignments and homework will be made available for parents and students to access.

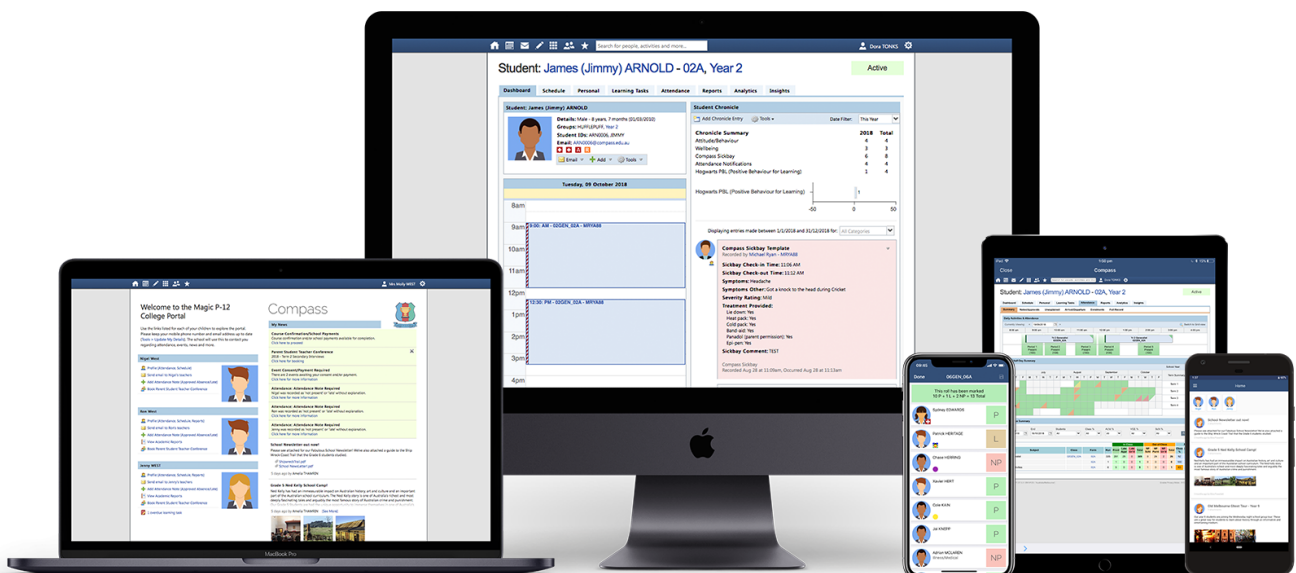
HOW TO ACCESS COMPASS

1. Download the mobile app onto your phone, or search <https://kurnaicollege-vic.compass.education> in your web browser.
2. Use your unique log-in details that you have received in the mail to log-in. (If you do not have these details, contact the general office).
3. If it is your first time logging in, you will be asked to change your password.
4. Proceed to dashboard to view your student/s profile.

You can access Compass on any internet device, such as a computer, laptop, iPhone and Android Phone.

Parents will play an important role in this initiative. Each family has a unique login for Compass and we ask that parents log in at least once a fortnight to access the newsletter and the news feed. All new families should have received a letter in the mail with their Compass log in details enclosed. If you have not received a letter or if you require any assistance with Compass please contact your campus office.

WEBSITE <https://kurnaicollege-vic.compass.education>



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

As the new year begins its important to keep in mind that attendance at school is compulsory for all students 17 years of age and under. Every student should be at school, in class learning from the experiences that are carefully provided for them.

Of course there will be times when a student is sick and it is unavoidable to be absent. We fully understand that from time to time illnesses will impact on attendance. So will events outside the control of the student, for example close family bereavement. If these events do occur a parent should provide an explanation to the school though the Absence Hotline (03) 5132 3711.

All studies show that the more time is spent away from school and school work missed the more likely a student will begin to disengage and not perform to their capacity. This will affect future learning and ultimately employment prospects later on.

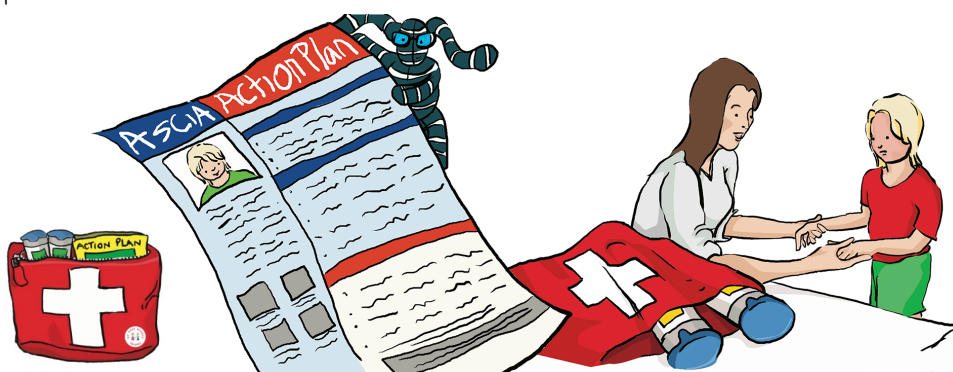
All parents and guardians should strongly encourage their student to attend school every day. Setting out a regular morning routine will help to make getting to school easier for your student. Remember that IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY.

Annual Update Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management Plans

Does your child have a current Asthma Action Plan or Anaphylaxis Management Plan?

Whilst your child is attending school and suffers from these medical conditions, it is your responsibility each year to supply the school with updated medical information from your family doctor. This information is retained by the school so that should a medical issue arise the correct medical treatment is administered.

Please contact your family doctor to arrange an updated Management Plan as soon as possible. Once you have the plan please ensure that the school is given this information as soon as possible.



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School Council Election 2020 – Open 13 February

Kurnai College School Council Elections will open on 13 February 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 state-wide 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 four 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.

A mandated elected Student member category – members of this category are enrolled at the school and in year 7 or above.

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. Members over the age of 18 will require to provide a current Working with Children's Card.

Why is Student membership so important?

Students have a unique perspective on learning, teaching and schooling. Electing Student members onto school council allows all students to have a say in the future direction of their school and ensures student input into decision making.

Student representation on school councils assists in the development of students' skills, including leadership, skills, and communication skills.

Does my child need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them in order to perform their duties as a councillor.

Student members are encouraged to attend the Department's free face-to-face Improving School Governance school council training to support them to undertake their role. Training is also available online.

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 / Student / DET 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.

2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS & TIMETABLE



Name of the School: Kurnai College

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday, 13 February, 2020
b)	Closing date for nominations	Thursday, 20 February, 2020
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday, 21 February, 2020
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Friday, 28 February, 2020
e)	Close of ballot	Thursday, 5 March, 2020
f)	Vote count	Friday, 6 March, 2020
g)	Declaration of poll	Friday, 6 March, 2020
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 10 March, 2020
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 10 March, 2020

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINATIONS IN SCHOOLS in 2020

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against: Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students

Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Latrobe City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Latrobe City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.kurnai.co/sites/default/files/policies/Schools%20Privacy%20Policy.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

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'

Attendance Hotline

5132 3711

NEW WEBSITE

THE FACE OF KURNAI

The updated website brings together all the essentials into one easy accessible location. With the enhanced navigation system, you will be able to get campus newsletters, key contact numbers, access compass and all the latest news with a single click.

The screenshot shows the Kurnai College website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, OUR COLLEGE, LEARNING, PROGRAMS, ENROLMENT, CAREERS, and CONTACT US. Below the menu is a large image of a group of students in school uniforms. Underneath the image are four tabs: Churchill Campus, Morwell Campus, University Campus, and Young Parents Program. The main content area features a 'Welcome from the College Principal' section with a photo of the principal and a 'Latest Kurnai News' sidebar. There is also a 'Calendar Events' section and an 'ABSENCE HOTLINE' box with the number 5132 3711. At the bottom, there are contact details for each campus and links for the Compass Portal, Book a School Tour, and Term Dates.



To get the latest news join www.facebook.com/kurnaicollege

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Cornavirus Symptoms

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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Fever



Runny Nose



Sore Throat or Cough



Headache



Difficulty Breathing

RITCHIES

Where the Community Benefits

When shopping at Ritchies and using a community benefit card linked to Kurnai College, Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards can be used at ANY Ritchies IGA store, supermarket or liquor throughout VIC, NSW and QLD by any of our staff, students and their families/grandparents.

If you would like to support us and you don't already have a CB card please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store to use every time you shop. All you do is nominate Kurnai College, It's that easy!

To date our school has received \$10,969.24 in donations from Ritchies.

Here is a list of our store locations in Victoria. The Ritchies Community Benefit Card or Key tag can be used at **ANY** of these supermarkets or liquor departments.

Check our website: www.ritchies.com.au for phone numbers and addresses of the following stores or ring Head Office

Victoria		
Aspendale Gardens	Diamond Creek	
Bairnsdale	Dromana	Rowville
Balnarring	East Bentleigh	Sale
Beach Street Frankston	Emerald	Seaford
Beechworth	Hastings	Somerville
Bright	Maffra	Timboon
Carrum Downs	Mount Eliza	Sorrento
Camperdown	Mount Waverley	Towerhill Frankston
Cobden	Narre Warren	Wantirna
Cobram	N/W Amberley Park	Wonthaggi
Churchill	Paynesville	Yarra Glen
Cranbourne	Ringwood North	Yarrawonga



CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB



BECOME A RAM IN 2020!

WHO?

Boys & Girls
Ages 4 - 16

WHEN?

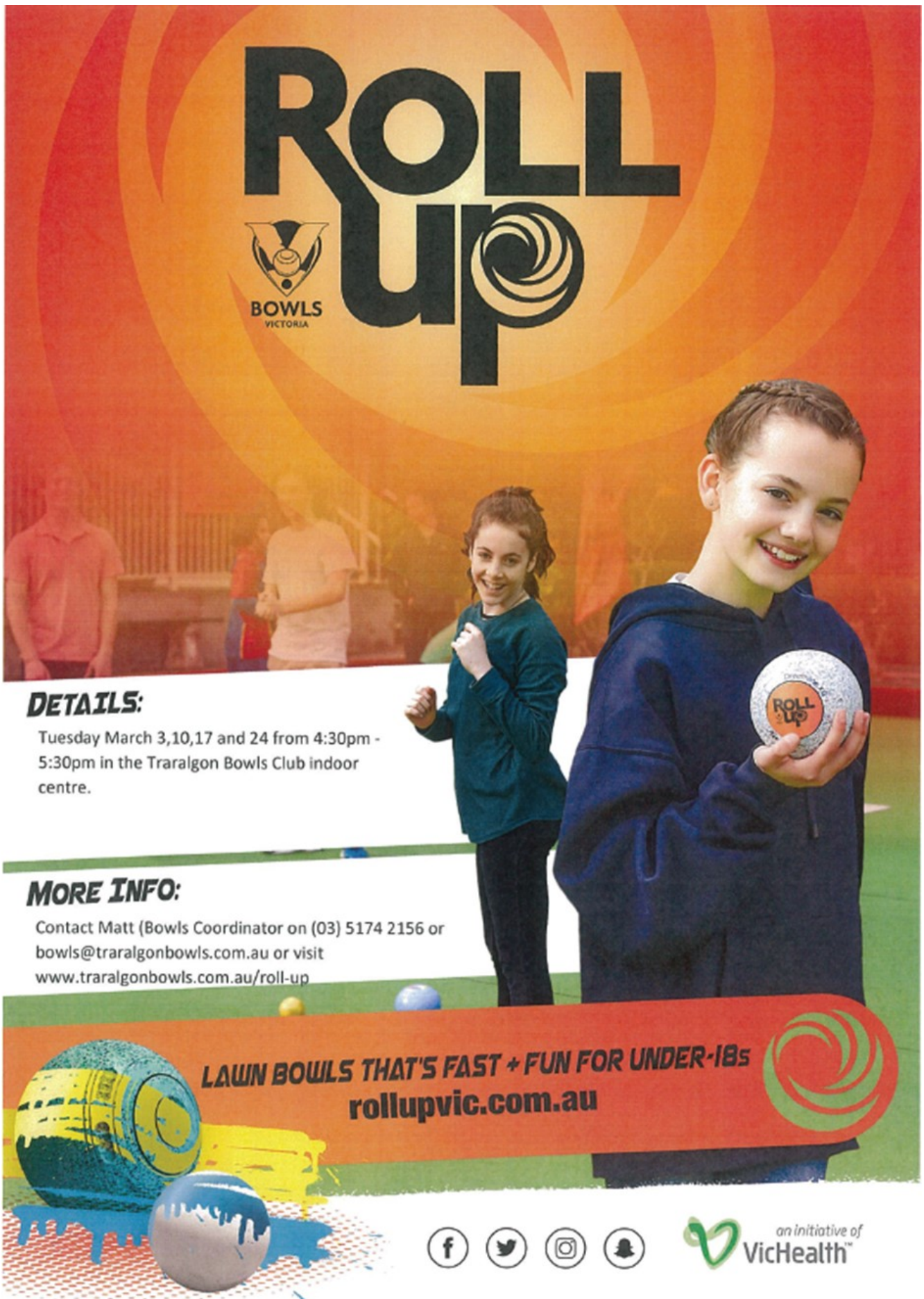
Thursday, February 6,
2020
4:30pm-5:30pm

WHERE?


Hazelwood South Reserve
Tramway Road, Churchill

If you have any further questions, please contact
Tracey Tabone (Junior Co-Ordinator) on
0431 045 599





ROLL UP



DETAILS:
Tuesday March 3,10,17 and 24 from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the Traralgon Bowls Club indoor centre.

MORE INFO:
Contact Matt (Bowls Coordinator on (03) 5174 2156 or bowls@traralgonbowls.com.au or visit www.traralgonbowls.com.au/roll-up

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