

KEY DATES

27 Jul	ALPS TESTING YEAR 7 IN 2021 9 AM & 3.30 PM
29 Jul	COURSE COUNSELLING—YEAR 10 1.30—6PM
31 Jul & 7 Aug	YEAR 7 GIPPSLAND TECH SCHOOL



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Welcome Back to Term 3

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 3. It was great to see our students return last week and ready to tackle what traditionally feels like the longest term of the year. The mornings are cold and dark and the lure of a warm bed is often hard to resist. In addition, there is the uncertainty around the current COVID 19 situation.

As I write this newsletter we are fortunate that there are very low cases in the Latrobe Valley and the greater region of Gippsland.

The Premier has recommended for people in regional areas to wear a mask if they are unable to socially distance in public areas such as on a bus, train, tram, taxi and the like. The advice around schools has not changed at this stage. Students are not required to socially distance in school but I do ask that they remain 1.5 metres from adults where possible. Wearing a mask is not a requirement however staff and students are welcome to do so. We ask students to not touch their mask if they are wearing one and to regularly sanitise their hands.

The advice on washing hands, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, not sharing equipment or food and using hand sanitiser continues to be a priority at our school. The enhanced cleaning regime will also continue through Term 3.

Assessment Weeks

Our Common Assessment Tasks are used to gauge student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum standards. They are the final or summative assessment for a unit of work in any given subject. All Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) will be completed during weeks 8 and 9 of this term. There will be minimal disruption to classes during this time and I ask that student absences are also kept to a minimum. Students who miss CATs will need to make up the time to complete them. This might include attending our after-school homework club on a Wednesday evening. If your child is absent please inform the Team Leader so that arrangements can be made.

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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**Attendance
Hotline**

5132 3711

Message from our Principal continues.....

Camps

Camps will not be running for the foreseeable future and it is likely that most excursions will also be on hold for the remainder of the year. Some excursions to other educational facilities such as the Gippsland Tech School will go ahead as originally planned.

New Equipment

During lock-down we installed three sets of sheltered seating. They have quickly become a hit, with students taking full advantage of the sunny days to sit outside at recess and lunch time.



Year 7 News

Feeling Right About Things

It's often tricky this year to explain what a 'normal' day is for our Year 7s as growing individuals and in terms of learning. At the moment, we are in constant contact with students encouraging them to communicate their concerns as they happen. Stories will inevitably happen, feelings may become messy and friendships strained. Self-confidence is precious. But students often hold back on letting us know how we can help and that tomorrow will see it go away. Our advice, if we end up sorting out situations, it's not worth delaying, students need to deal with learning and personal concerns. Send a teacher an email. Leave a message at the office. Ask a friend to come with you. That's what makes Kurnai Churchill a happy place, getting off on the right foot.

Achievements and Advice for Future Learning

Next newsletter edition, we will celebrate several achievements arising from Year 7 student reports. Of course, the Team will recognize numerous aspects of students' feedback before then, in person, but I encourage all parents to enjoy some sit-down time reflecting on the report positives of 'unique' Semester One. Parents could also encourage students to take a close look at teacher advice to determine goals which could be written in the front of subject work books or pinned up behind the bedroom door, hung on the fridge, even sung to the beat of the latest hit!

Upcoming Learning Events to Look Forward To;

*Year 10 Mentors have had a wonderful input in Semester One and still have a presence and support role in the Year 7 Building. Health awareness, occurring every Friday for Term 3, looks at what it means to be healthy; how mental, social and physical health combine to make up a person's overall health.

*50 Year 7 students have signed up to visit Gippsland Tech School.

7B and 7D students attend July 31st &

7A and 7C students, August 7th.

Great that students can explore this facility in person, a contrast to the Teams online Science sessions last term.

*ISO Games 2020. In the final 2 weeks of Term 3, students will be divided into carefully formed groups representing a country. The learning revolves around personal development and curriculum areas in the spirit of competitive fun. A highly successful program in its 13th year.



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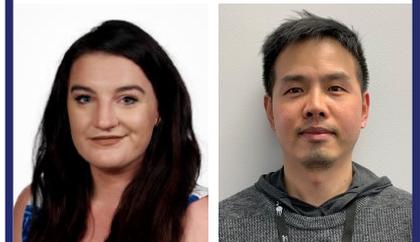
THE YEAR 7 TEAM



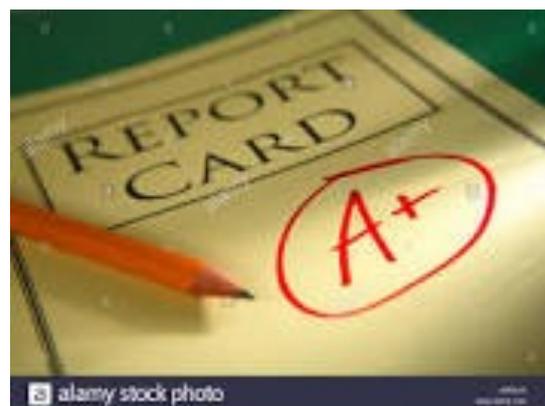
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Russell White Chris Gretton



Stephanie Barfoot Bin You



Year 8 News

Welcome back to Term 3

On behalf of the Year 8 team members, Nicole Ashton, Kara Thompson, Gabi O'Bree, Robin Fitzpatrick, Kline, Cathy Tan, and Lindy Gumpold we would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3.

At the start of a new term, it is important that all students are fully prepared for school by having the necessary equipment for class, including laptops, being in school uniform and arriving to classes on time.

Semester Reports

Semester reports have been completed and will be available online. These reports provide information about the work that your child completed in Term 1 and during remote learning. The Areas for Improvement will provide ways that your child can improve their work and working habits.

Student Attendance

A big thank you too all parents and guardians for helping us to keep track of student attendance. 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, which can be accessed 24hours a day.

[Absence phone number - Churchill - 5132 3711](tel:51323711)

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

Uniform Expectations

With the colder weather, students are still expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however they can wear long sleeve navy tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that if they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. If you child is out of uniform, please provide a note which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Students are also reminded that baseball hats are not to be worn to classes and will need to be kept in lockers and used only at recess and lunchtime.

Change of Electives

With the start of Term 3 all students have changed elective subjects. The photos show some of the activities that the students started with in the first week back at school.



Year 9 News

Hello again everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I would like to start by congratulating students on the way they have settled back into school routine, especially given the circumstances going on in the greater Victorian community. We have seen 43 students achieve 100% attendance in the first week back, a great start that we will endeavour to continue to improve on as the term progresses. Students who achieve 100% attendance within each week will go into a prize draw to win a small gift that may include chocolate or E-gift cards to the value of \$10.

Attendance

Although the Year 9 Team makes every effort to follow up with any student absence that is unexplained, families can assist with this task by phoning the absence hotline when they know their child is going to be away, and monitoring their child's attendance and punctuality using the compass platform. If your child is unwell, they should not come to school.

The absence hotline number is **51323711** and for any assistance accessing or using the compass platform to monitor attendance and punctuality, please contact Glen Stephenson on 51323700.



Careers Week

This year, the Year 9 Cohort will participate in a "Careers" week. This event will be held in lieu of the Melbourne Discovery Camp which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The careers week will include students completing their one-on-one consultations with a Morrisby career advisor. These will take place virtually at school. Students will also have the opportunity to work on developing a resume and career portfolio.

A number of guest speakers have also been invited to provide insight into their chosen careers. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any of you to contribute to this event by sharing your career experience as a guest speaker or by sending a recorded message. Guest speakers will not be required to physically attend the event and will join us via video link up. If you are available at approximately 2:00 PM between 10th and 14th August and would like to share your career story. Please contact Glen Stephenson on 5132 3700 or email Glen.Stephenson@education.vic.gov.au

Digital Devices

A reminder to all year 9 students that devices are part of the required equipment for school. In order to fully participate in a 21st century learning environment, students need to be able to access digital resources and platforms during classes. The most reliable and efficient way for them to do this is by having their own fully functioning device with them at the beginning of each class. Students are no longer permitted to borrow electronic devices from our library due to the risk of virus transmission. If you are having difficulty providing your child with a functioning digital device, please get in contact with the school.

Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder to all students and families that students are not permitted to use or be in possession of a mobile phone during the school day. If students must bring their phones to school they should be locked away in their lockers or the storage facility provided. Students found to be using or carrying mobile phones will have them confiscated. Parents/guardians will be required to collect confiscated phones from the front office. They will not be given back to the student at the end of the day. If this is likely to cause any inconvenience, we kindly ask that your child not be permitted to take their phone to school.



Glen Stephenson
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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



Year 10 News



2021 Subject Information Day

The annual Subject Information Day was a great success with the cohort taking in a lot of information on a range of subjects available to them in 2021.

This event was a key element in students choosing their preferred pathway in 2021 (VCE or VCAL). For some it meant a shift in thinking and a change in direction!

Course Counselling Interviews

We are now in the final preparations for Course Counselling interviews which will take place on:

When: Wednesday 29th July 2020

Where: Churchill Campus (Language Centre)

Who: YOU and ONE legal guardian/carer or an adult who has a genuine interest in your future pathway (i.e. older sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent).

Time required: 15 minutes (between 1.30pm and 6.30pm)

This is the final step in your child choosing their pathway and subject for 2021! ALL students are required to participate.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Due to the restrictions placed upon us in Term 2, the Year 10 Team had to postpone the Work Experience Program until late in Term 3.

Once the Course Counselling Program is completed, we will be supporting students to reconnect with employers regarding possible placements for the last week of Term 3 (a modified one-week program from :

Monday 14th to Friday 18th September).

UNIFORM

With the colder weather upon us please note that students can wear long sleeved shirts under their school shirt, however, this cannot be a hoodie and must be a neutral colour (navy, black or white).

Winter jackets that are not school uniform (puffer jackets) can be worn to school but must be removed during the day. School pants / tracksuits bottoms must be navy in colour.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder that students are not to have their mobile phone on them during school hours. If they are found with their device at any time throughout the day they will be asked to hand over their phone and it will be taken to the front office where parents will be called to collect the device. The ban on student using mobile devices at school is a state government directive.





Music Program Trial

2020

Your Child has expressed an interest to be part of a trial of the Kurnai College Music program. As a part of the trial students will attend a 1-hour session where they will receive musical tuition on their chosen instrument. This trial is of no cost and will only be available during **Term 3**.

Tuition is available for the following instruments:

Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass clarinet
- Saxophone



Brass

- Trumpet/cornet
- Trombone
- Tenor horn
- Baritone horn
- Euphonium
- Tuba



Keyboards

- Electric keyboard
- Piano



Voice

- Singing/choir

Strings

- Guitar
- Bass guitar



Percussion

- Drumkit



Please fill in and return bottom slip to the General Office

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Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Instrument wanting to learn: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

If you would like further information please contact:

Chris Gretton College Music Director 51323700

Living WELL LATROBE

Latrobe City Council COVID Helpline

Do you have questions about what local support is available to you during COVID-19? Are you caring for someone who needs help? We can help you connect with supports and better understand what is available in our community.

Coronavirus has put additional pressure on individuals and communities and many businesses and organisations are operating differently. We want to hear how you can best be supported during this time and into the future as we work through the challenges. We want to help build a stronger resilient community.

Phone 1300 367 700 and choose option 2, or send us an email COVID19Helpline@latrobe.vic.gov.au

You can leave us a message and we can call you at a time that suits you best.



If you need an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for Latrobe City Council.

For specific advice on Coronavirus and Government information call the National Helpline on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How will **SCHOOL** be different at **KURNAI COLLEGE?**

No Sharing - Students must
**BRING YOUR
OWN EQUIPMENT**



No
**DRINK
FOUNTAINS**

Bring your own
DRINK BOTTLE



Students must
**BRING THEIR
OWN DEVICE**

EXCURSIONS

+ CAMPS
cancelled for now



Appointments must be
made to visit the Campus

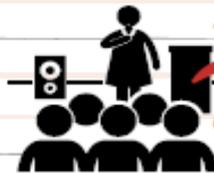
**PLEASE PHONE THE
GENERAL OFFICE**



Regular
HAND WASHING
and use of
Hand Sanitiser



Parents must
REMAIN IN CARS
at drop off and pick ups



No
ASSEMBLIES

