

Read online: https://newsletters.naavi.com/i/MLr9GyN

# Morwell Campus Newsletter

Issue 2 · 25 Mar 2024

Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence

Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

#### In this issue



Message from our Campus Principal



**Calendar Of Events** 



College News



Year 7 & 8 News



Year 10 News

Year 9 News



**General Information** 



**Community News** 

urnai





#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### <u>NAPLAN</u>

It has been so incredible seeing our students engage so well with NAPLAN these last two weeks. NAPLAN gets a lot of bad press, but when approached the right way it is a very useful tool for

schools. We don't want our students to stress, have anxiety or worry about their NAPLAN results. Instead, going in and trying their best gives them good practice in testing environments and opportunities to show what they can do. We can use this information to compare how we're assessing individuals day-to-day in the classroom to make sure we're getting it right. It also provides another tool to identify learning gaps that we can assist to fill. Most importantly, NAPLAN helps us identify any gaps in our whole school curriculum that need to be addressed and as well as the strengths in what is being taught. When the focus moves away from high stakes and on to using NAPLAN as a supportive and diagnostic tool, the results for students and the school become so much better. Well done to everyone who has given their best.

## **ATHLETICS**

Athletics was another great day out where students have had an opportunity to shine and demonstrate their passions and skills outside of the classroom. Our school has some phenomenal athletes and it is always fantastic to see the pride on their faces as they achieve in this environment. The fun activities also happening were fantastic for those to participate who are not so keen on sports, and even seeing the positive social interactions between students of Morwell Campus and between the campuses of the College was excellent.

Thanks to the parents who came to support their children on the day, it was great seeing you all there too.

#### DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Did you know that your child has free access to a doctor and nurse at the school? The Doctors in Secondary School program has been running at Morwell Campus for a number of years now. It provides a free and confidential service to any of our students who need to access a doctor for any health concerns. The clinic operates just like any other doctor and can do referrals, prescriptions, tests and advice. Students wanting to access the clinic can simply walk in (it's open alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays in the back of the gym), or make an appointment through our wellbeing staff or by using Teams to contact the clinic Nurse directly (send a chat message to DiSS Nurse). The doctor and nurse have been around to meet all the Year 8-10 students in classrooms and attended our wellbeing lunch session recently. Soon we'll be introducing them to all Year 7 students with a tour of the clinic. If your child has any health concerns, encourage them to make use of this service because we know how difficult it can be to see a doctor at other practices. You are also welcome to attend with your child if you wish.

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONVERSATIONS

Parent Teacher Student Conversations are running on the last two days of term. On Wednesday, 27th March, classes will operate as normal and the conversations are available to be booked from 3:30pm to 7pm. On Thursday, 28th March, no classes operate at the school and conversations can be booked from 10am to 1pm. In order to book an appointment, log on to Compass. If you have any issues, please contact our administration staff for support. I strongly encourage parents to attend and speak with the teachers of your child. I also strongly encourage students to be a part of the conversation. By secondary school, students need to take ownership over their education and be prepared to accept the learning feedback from their teachers to either change or enhance their learning habits. Parents need to have an understanding of the progress of their children to encourage and support – we know that all students need a bit of guidance along the way. If you can't make it to either of these times, please make contact with your child's teachers either by phone, or by sending an email through Compass.



# Calendar Of Events

## Key Dates

| Term 1 2024            |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Wednesday, 27-28 March | Parent Teacher Conversations |
| Wednesday 27 March     | Year 7 and 10 Immunisations  |
| Wednesday 27 March     | Last Day For Students        |

| Term 2 2024                 |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday 15th April           | Start of Term 2                                       |
| Monday 22 April to Friday 3 | Work Experience (2 weeks) – Students should be out at |
| Μ                           | placement   |
| Tuesday 11-Friday 14th June | Year 7 Camp Coolamatong                               |

# Student Free days 2024

The following days have been approved by the college council to be our allocated student free days for this year.

- F, 17 May 2024
- Monday, 15 July 2024
- Friday, 30 August 2024
- Friday, 22 November 2024

# College Key Contacts

For a full list of College wide key contacts please go to:

Issue 2 PDF Export - iNewsletter



# College News



### **Music News**

Our musos did and amazing job on the weekend at the 'Show Me Some Art' Festival held at the Moe botanical gardens. It was a great turn out, beautiful weather and our students performed to a very high standard making for a really enjoyable afternoon of live music. A Huge thank you to the staff that attended and supported our kids. Please congratulate our musos on a tremendous job when you see them next week. Thanks everyone



## CSEF



# School Council Elections

Congratulations to Kristen Webber, Kim Savige, Belinda Soppe, Amy Laming and Reaksa Loeur on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as a councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Dan Swallow from the Morwell Campus and Matt Jobling from the University Campus have been declared DET representatives. A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role. Thanks must also go to our vacating members Bronwyn Woodward, Richard Richardson, Gillian Reid, Ryan Ferris and Steve Van Rooy for their significant contributions.

### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our <u>Privacy Policy</u> describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- \* Amharic
- \* Arabic
- \* Dari
- \* Gujarati
- \* Mandarin
- \* Somali
- \* Sudanese
- \* Turkish
- \* Urdu
- \* Vietnamese

## Mobile Phones in Schools

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

We ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

#### **Further information**

**Exceptions:** For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact your Campus Principal if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.
School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available <u>here</u>.
Parent support: The <u>Mobile phones in schools webpage</u> provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.
If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.



# Year 7 & 8 News







We are quickly approaching the end of Term 1 and it has flown by for Year 7 and 8. Since our last newsletter, students have participated in Athletics Day, sports, went on excursions to the tech school, and Year 7s have completed NAPLAN.

# Student Leaders

Our Year 7 and 8 student leaders have been elected and have started work in this space. From term 2, students will have student leader meetings with Mrs Watterson. In these meetings, students discuss initiatives to bring into the school for positive change. The student leaders for 7 and 8 are:

#### Year 7 Student Leaders:

- Isabelle-Rose
   Williams
- Lucas Yates
- Ashden Madox
- Hunter Smith
- Ashton Hunter-Thain

#### Year 8 Student Leaders:

- Emily Liddy
- Tjae Utanga
- Penny Macdonald
- Harmony Dobson

### Year 7 and 8 News

Year 7 students have settled into high school now and continue their learning within subjects. Many subjects have had summative assessment tasks over the last few weeks which are used to track growth and achievement over the term. Year 7s have also now finished NAPLAN and have really impressed us with their readiness, focus and attitude around this. Year 8s are enjoying their classes and extracurricular activities, such as sport and lunch time activities. I have been especially impressed seeing Year 8 students engage in electives now we have moved to elective based choices at year 8. Year 8s have also completed learning tasks and CATs, and are currently receiving feedback on these assessments and refining their skills.

#### YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 Camp to Camp Coolamatong is now live on compass. Permissions are due back as soon as possible. From the Year 7 and 8 Teams' point of view, we believe it is really important that we have all students participate in this camp. The Camp will leave on the 11th of June and return on the 14th. Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can get the full benefit of the curriculum and opportunities that we offer them in Year 7. The students were about camp and the activities in store when we spoke with them all earlier in the week.

Details for Year 8 Camp, which is later in the year, will go out to families in future newsletters.

## Year 7 and 8 Goals (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

I would like to promote the continued fantastic start our students have made towards their learning. We understand that the importance of celebrating the positive success our students demonstrate every day. This can mean showing improvement in the learning or behaviour right the way through to our high-end academic achievers.

### AWARENESS DAY

As many in the Learning Community know, each year we have an extensive transition program for students coming up from primary schools. This starts with our Awareness Day program on the 23rd of May, next term, where we will welcome our feeder schools into the Kurnai Learning Community. These students will take the first steps in experiencing high school life .Due to the increased number of students in the school at that time, some other year levels will be released from school that day. We will update families with more details closer to the date.

The Year 7 & 8 team hopes that our learning community has a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing everyone back fresh in Term 2.



# Year 9 News



As we approach the final weeks of Term 1, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all Year 9 students for their work ethic, perseverance, and determination in what has been a busy term. Students are currently sitting through NAPLAN tests which can be challenging; however, I am pleased to announce that all students are "trying their best on the NAPLAN test".

## Year 9 Team

Ross Johnson : Year 9 Team Leader Karen Anders: Learning Specialist & English/Humanities Teacher Shawn Jordan: Art Teacher Jesse Berryman – Lambert: Digital Technologies Teacher Mark Heiberg: Maths Teacher Nia Whitney: Humanities & Science Teacher Megan Schwarzenberg: Advocate & Drama Teacher

# Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following for being the Year 9 student leaders for 2024:

- Chelsea Parr
- Sarah Hill
- Isabella Laming
- Kirra Hansen

# School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

As previous years we will be continuing the use of Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements (KPA's), it has been fantastic to see students settling back into the Kurnai Learning Community and being acknowledged for their efforts within the classroom.

KPA Data Term 1 Week 8 9A- 1325 9B- 699 9C- 647 9D- 694

# Attendance

This year our aim is to improve student attendance rates to an above 95% average. If you student is absent please contact Kurnai's absence hotline on 5132 3711 or contact Ross Johnson directly via Compass.



# Year 9 Camp

Expression of interest is now closed for the Melbourne Camp. Permission forms and payment will be available via compass shortly.

# Morrisby Interviews

In week two and three of Term 2, Year 9 students get the incredible opportunity to complete a Morrisby pro ling session. My Career Insights (Morrisby) is a program for all Year 9 students in government secondary schools. This program will help your Year 9 child to:

• Learn about what skills and abilities they could bring to a job.

• Find out about what jobs match their abilities, interests and personality, and the subjects they need for those jobs. As part of the program, your child will:

• Complete a series of online questions and quizzes (on the Morrisby Pro le website) at school.

• Receive a Morrisby Pro le Report showing the results from the questions and quizzes, and possible jobs that match their abilities, interests, and personality.

• Have a 30-minute meeting with a Morrisby-trained Career Practitioner, who will explain the report to your child. Here's a link to video <u>https://youtu.be/8kZp4w69S2w</u>

# Around the classrooms

**Digital Technologies:** We have just made a classic arcade game using game maker. We will be planning, designing, and making our own game for our assessment task.

**HPV:** Currently we are rebuilding our bikes ready for our 1st practice race at Casey Fields in Term 2. We have learnt valuable hands-on skills as well are gaining an understanding of the build process for each vehicle.

### **Contact Details**

If you have any concerns regarding Year 9 students, please don't hesitate to email me of phone me on 5165 0600 or <u>Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au</u>



# Year 10 News



We are nearly at the end of Term 1. The staff of the Year 10 team would like to thank all of the students for a great Term 1. We look forward to having a great year, full of positive outcomes for all students! The second LBU reports will be available by the end of this week. Please make appointments for parent-teacher-student conversations on-line on Compass.

# Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack) Alana Andrews (MyIns Specialist, Tr@k Co-ordinator, English) Stacey Miller (English, Humanities) Marg Tomnay (Science, Animal Studies, CSI, Astronomy) Tyron Forscutt (Sport Co-ordinator, PE, Maths) Mark Johnston (Technology, OHS rep) Sandie Treloar (Auslan, Humanities, Homework Club) Oliver Clark (English, Humanities and Homework Club) Elizabeth Titterington (English and Humanities)

# Work Experience

#### Issue 2 PDF Export - iNewsletter

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, April 22nd to May 3rd. The students have been arranging a placement or two during their team-time classes this term. Please contact Sheryl Tangi or Alan Ferris if you have any issues. Please also read the Careers Information on Teams from Alan Ferris. All students need to create a USI number and complete the General Safe@Work certificate and the certificate of the related industry a.s.a.p. All students are expected to have two weeks of placement.

### Camp

This year our Year 10 students hopefully could be going to Tasmania in the second last week of term three. Information should be out to students after School Council approval towards the end of March or early April.

#### Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates especially at Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

#### PBS

Students can receive a KPA SMS message to parents from teachers each lesson for positive behaviour. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will be rewarding students with great attendance to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5 as well as growth reports.

## Dates To Remember

| Wednesday 27th March  | Year 10 Immunisations   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Wednesday 27th March  | Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations 3:30 – 7 pm.               |
| Thursday 28th March   | Student Free Day  |
| Thursday 28th March   | Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations 10:00 am - 1 pm.           |
| April 22nd to May 3rd | Work Experience (2 weeks) – Students should be out at placement |

| 13th | September 2nd – 6th OR 9th – | Tasmania Camp |
|------|------------------------------|---------------|
|      | 13th                         |               |

## Reminders

-Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).

-Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.

-Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).

- NO MOBILES during school hours

# **Contact Details**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to email us or phone on 51650600

sheryl.tangi@education.vic.gov.au



# General Information

## 2024 Student Booklist

VCE Books for Sale Second Hand for 2023-2024

Books for sale second hand 2023-24.docx

# Sustainable School Shop



| SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP        | Register on the Sustai     - www.sustainable  | inable School Shop<br>eschoolshop.com.a |            |
|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|
|                                | <ul> <li>A subscription to this serviced by Kurnai College</li> </ul>                         |   |            |
|                                | Second-hand text  | book trading                            | system     |
| Buy and Sell                   | List Wanted & For Sale Av     they require and what the                                       |   | other what |
| Second-hand Textbooks          | <ul> <li>The school's booklists are<br/>the Ad listing process eas</li> </ul>                 |   | n to make  |
|                                | Assistance is provided to   | accurately price items.                 |            |
|                                | Our Ad Matching service     Exactly the right ite     Who has the most     The cheapest items | ms to buy<br>items you need             |            |
|                                | <ul> <li>Buyers contact Sellers, an<br/>to transact.</li> </ul>                               | d arrange where and v                   | when       |
|                                | Excellent email and teleph     0438 743 444   | ione helplines are pro                  | vided:     |
|                                | Also Buy & Sell   | Pricing Guide                           |            |
|                                | Calculators   | Like New                                | 70%        |
|                                | <ul> <li>Sporting items</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Excellent</li> </ul>           | 60%        |
|                                | <ul> <li>Musical items</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Very Good</li> </ul>           | 50%        |
| 🔥 🛋 Kurnai                     | Electronics & DVD's   | <ul> <li>Good</li> </ul>                | 40%        |
|                                | Stationery     And lots more  |   |            |
| College<br>PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS | www.sustainable   | eschoolshop.co                          | m.au       |

- Be patient many new items are listed each day
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- · Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities

# **Uniform Information**

#### **Kurnai College Uniform Statement**

#### Years 7 to 10

# School Uniforms are available from Lowes Store, Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Morwell

#### or may be ordered online at:

www.lowes.com.au

Layby & Pre-Layby options are available.

SKIRT:

#### **ALL SEASONS UNIFORM**

| DRESS:                    | Summer Dress                      |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| College Check and Pleated |                                   |
| POLO:                     | Burgundy/Navy Short Sleeve - Logo |
| SHORTS:                   | Navy Microfibre                   |
| HOODIE:                   | Navy/Sky - Logo                   |
| JACKET:                   | Showerproof - Logo                |
| JACKET:                   | Navy Puffer Jacket                |
| SOCKS:                    | Navy Ankle                        |
| TIGHTS:                   | Navy Opaques                      |
| CAP:                      | Navy baseball cap                 |

| SPORT UNIFORM | (Compulsory – only to be worn for Sport/PE) |
|---------------|---|
| POLO:         | Navy/White Coolmesh – Logo                  |
| SHORTS:       | Navy Coolmesh                               |

#### ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

 Please note we are transitioning to the new Kurnai logo on uniform items. This will be a gradual transition as current logo stock is exhausted. Students can continue to wear uniform items with the old logo.

\*\* Plain Navy Blue or White long sleeve t-shirts are allowed to be worn under the College Polo Shirt.

#### Footwear

Black shoes with black laces.

White socks with summer dress or shorts.

No thongs, sandals, slides or open shoes are to be worn.

Steel cap boots will only be worn and allowed for the duration of specific technology classes.

#### Headwear

Navy blue baseball cap with college logo, or navy blue broad-brimmed hat or any navy blue cap/hat, without a brand name/logo.

#### Sport and PE classes

Students are required to change for Sport and PE classes.

#### Jewellery

Jewellery should be safe and discreet. Students may be asked to remove or use tape to cover jewellery during sport classes to prevent injury.

#### Make-up

Make-up is permitted but should be discreet.

### Code Red Fire Danger

Kurnai College Morwell Campus is no longer on the Bushfire At-Risk Register Category 4 List



School Preparations for the Bushfire Season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities. The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Kurnai College Morwell Campus is no longer listed on the BARR and Category 4 list. We will no longer close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in the West and South Gippsland

What does this mean for our school?

Our Morwell Campus is no longer identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and will be operating a normal school day and students are required to attend school.



# Community News









St Vincent de Paul Society VincentCare good work Join Us for a Volunteer Info Night! Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or looking to start your journey, there's a role for you - Conference, Soup Van and Retail volunteer opportunities Date: Wednesday 3rd April Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Morwell Neighbourhood House Tea and coffee will be provided Attendees are welcome to stay and chat afterwards. Don't miss this chance to learn more about how you can make a positive impact in our community. We can't wait to see you there! Enquiries - soupvans@svdp-vic.org.au



How would you like to learn a few secrets that only the best comics and clowns know? Let's face it - being funny can be a serious business. It takes teamwork, listening and learning how to 'go-with-the-flow'. Wednesday 3 April | Jpm | GPAC Town Hall Theatre

Led by professional Clown Doctor, and funny-specialist - Kayla Hamili, this specially designed workshop is for teenagers of all abilities and social skills, the outgoing and the introverted. That's because there's a whole to tmore to comedy than meets the eye. Comedy can be a story, a character, a situation, or a combination of all these. Everyone has something unique to offer, and through a series of carefully planned and inclusive games and activities, you'l learn how to delight an audience, and each other, with your own brand of weirdness, generosity, adaptability, and kindness.

The workshop concludes with a short presentation for family and friends

#### See the GPAC website for booking details.







<image><section-header><text><text><text><text><text>

Issue 2 PDF Export - iNewsletter

If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email <u>kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au</u>