



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

16th September 2021

KEY DATES

Thu 16th & Fri 17th September	Parent Teacher Conversations Fri 16th, 3:30pm - 6:30pm Fri 17th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Mon 4th October	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 27th October	Year 7 Immunisations: HPV Second Dose (must not be within 7 days of COVID vaccine)



Daniel Swallow

Message from our Campus Principal

With short, sharp COVID lockdowns having been a natural part of our process in 2021, the extended lockdown of this term has been a little more surprising. I'm so proud of our students and how they have adapted to this, though I'm sure I've said that a number of times throughout the year.

Our attendance rate to online check-ins has been absolutely fantastic and, although it's not the same as being in the classroom, just having the opportunity to see staff and other students briefly is so important for the connectedness of our students. At this point in time, we're still not sure about what will happen next term and we look forward to seeing the Premier's roadmap out of lockdown on Sunday. Fingers crossed though, our return hopefully won't be too far away.

Families of Year 7 and 9 students should have received NAPLAN results in the mail recently. This, no doubt, highlighted some strengths and weaknesses of your child. As a school, we too have focused on some strong wins in our NAPLAN data and have begun talking about how we can work with our cohorts of students to establish gains in areas that they have struggled. Needless to say, the performance of our students on the back of so much time away from school is something to be commended for. The individual and collective successes have come despite the struggles many students have faced and we are really proud of them for that. At the same time, there is a lot of understanding and empathy for the situations where students are feeling that they achieved what they were capable of. All of this in mind, we remind families that this is only one measure on one week of a students' capabilities and is only a guide.

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 our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Daniel Swallow

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

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Message from our Campus Principal continued ...

It is disappointing that we have had to cancel our camps for Term 4 due to COVID restrictions. Yet another year that students have not, for the most part, been able to participate in camps which are such a valuable part of their extra curricular development. It was fantastic, though, that the Year 7s had their opportunity go ahead earlier in the year. We are currently working on ways that we can provide some fun activities for our Celebration Day at the end of the year.

I hope that you and your families have a great holiday break and get away from screens for a good portion of the time. We hope and look forward to seeing everyone face to face at the start of next term, restrictions willing, or at least in the near future.

Mental Health Practitioner

Kurnai College is excited to be part of the Mental Health Practitioners initiative. This initiative supports our school to recruit a mental health practitioner. We have engaged a mental health practitioner for 5 of days a week. Students and parents are advised to contact the Welfare staff member at their student's campus if they would like to discuss their suitability to engage with the service. Please note, referral and consent forms will be required prior to service commencement. We are excited to have Karina Proctor at Kurnai College who will make a positive contribution to supporting student wellbeing. For more information on the Mental Health Practitioners initiative see the Department website

[Mentalhealthpractitionersinsecondaryschools\(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthpractitionersinsecondaryschools)



Karina Proctor

Camp Refunds

Year 8, 9 & 10 Camps have all been cancelled due to the level of uncertainty created by the current COVID 19 outbreak.

A credit will be processed on the school account ASAP. For a refund of money paid, please contact your campus office for a payment requisition form and we will process ASAP.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Face masks continue to be one of the most important ways we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. To ensure public health directions are being followed, students aged 12 years and over **must** wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses and when in taxis or ride share vehicles – unless they have a [lawful exemption](#).

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: We actively participate in our own learning

Excellence: We do the best that we can do

Work Ethic: We are committed to working hard

Relationships: We value and respect each other

Year 7 & 8 News

Welcome to the last update from the Year 7 and 8 Team in Term 3. We understand that this has been a challenging term for everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you who have managed to attend online classes every lesson and have been keeping in contact with your teachers. For those who might be struggling in this difficult time, I wish you to keep trying and don't give up; the skills you are learning will be life long and your resilience will reward you in the future.

Year 8 Camp

It is with a heavy heart that I regret to inform you that the 2021 Year 8 camp will not go ahead. Due to ongoing restrictions, we have been informed by the Department of Education that there will be no camps and excursions at this time.

Please contact the office to discuss refunds and credits to your accounts.

Parent / Teacher / Student Conversations

I hope that parents and carers have taken the opportunity for parent/teacher conversations in the last days of this term. With the current restrictions, the process this semester has been a little different to usual but we trust that you have still been able to speak to those teachers you have sought an update from.

Parent Teacher Conversations are a great opportunity to discuss how students are going from the teacher's and family's perspectives so we can work together to give our students the best possible chance to succeed with their learning this year and into the future.

Learning Behaviour Updates

Learning Behaviour Updates have been released in a slightly different format. Please take the time to have a look at them. You will be able to discuss the updates with teachers during parent and teacher interviews, but if you miss your opportunity there, don't hesitate to contact teachers using Compass.

KPA's

This has been another great term for our Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments. Our students have shown through this difficult time great learning and engagement in their classes. This is shown by the sheer amount of KPA's being sent out. I would also like to congratulate our staff who continually are acknowledging our students for the positive work they are doing every day.

KPA Count for this term:

07A	1644	08A	1871
07B	1347	08B	933
07C	1334	08C	653
07D	1178	08D	958

Finally, I wish all our students and family a safe and enjoyable holiday. I encourage our students to stay safe and prepare for Term 4 as well as they can, and find some time to take a break and enjoy the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria.



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Year 9 News

Congratulations to all families for getting through this term and yet another lockdown. But we are all now much better at this style of teaching and learning. Year 9 students and their families are showing outstanding resilience and creativity to keep their learning on track. The previous

lockdown introduced changes to increase the quality of remote learning by running a full timetable schedule of classes delivered online. As always, any student that cannot access the online learning needs to contact Mr Di Fabrizio or the school urgently. We implore all of you to make contact if there is a problem. Kurnai will do whatever we can to enable your child to continue their learning.

All students should have completed their CATs by now and your teachers are working hard to give you feedback on each piece of work. If a student has missed a due date, please ensure they submit the work they have completed for assessment, so we have a chance to give them a grade on the work they have done.

Morrisby Reports and Interviews

All Year 9 students that returned permission forms for the Morrisby Career surveys have now received their detailed report and completed an individual interview. Parents should have a look at their child's report and talk to them about the interesting insights into their possible future learning and employment pathways. We will build on this with all students commencing work on their career portfolios over the next few weeks. Thanks to Alan Ferris for his dedicated work to coordinate and assist students in finding more direction in their future.

YEAR 10 Pathways Program

We have completed an online information session about the Year 10 Pathways program at the senior campus in Churchill. This is a VCAL style course offering a combination of Literacy and Numeracy support along with regular hands on opportunities. The Year 9 team has spoken to students to identify those who are interested in finding out more. Applications are open to all Year 9 students for 2021. Interviews with students and parents will be held later this year.

Year 9 Melbourne Camp

In response to the current lock down, the Year 9 students voted for the Melbourne Experience Camp for Morwell campus to be postponed and not cancelled. Unfortunately, despite this proactive effort on behalf of all students, the camp has now been cancelled. Mr Di Fabrizio will talk to all students about this when we return to face to face learning. We will look for opportunities to find a suitable, safe replacement activity.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Sandra Treloar

Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay

Jillian Tymms



**Jordan
Melnuish**

Year 10 News

Hello to all Year 10. Thank you so much for your engagement in Remote Learning this term. The latest GPA reports are now available for viewing. Congratulations to all those students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 and above. A number of students improved their GPA results from August to September. Keep up the great work! Congratulations to all those who have received certificates!

Parent-teacher-student conversations will take place Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm to 6:30 pm and Friday 10am to 12noon by phone call. The teacher will call the parent phone number at the booking time to discuss the students' progress.

All students should now have chosen their Year 11 course for 2022.

Camp

This Year 10 Camp to Melbourne has NOW BEEN CANCELLED. Refunds are being sorted out now.

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. Congratulations to all those students who have attended 100% of their classes each day!

PBS

This year students will receive a KPA report for working well in class. This will automatically result in an SMS message being sent to a parent or guardian of the student stating which school pillar they were exhibiting in the classroom. 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 also be rewarding students with great attendance to school.

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 e-mail us or phone on 51650600

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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi

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Sarah Lewis



Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



Voice



Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



Percussion

- Drum Kit
- Congas
- Glockenspiel
- Xylophone
- Vibraphone
- Timpani



Strings

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



Keyboards

- Electric Keyboard
- Piano



All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the school if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitar and Keyboard are not hired.

Contact the Music Director if you have any inquiries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College

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Date: _____ Campus Attending: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____

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Second-hand Textbooks



Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College

Second-hand textbook trading system

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
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Why Become a Member?

As an organization our primary focus is on engaging youth in activities and programs. As a member you will be contacted first for upcoming programs and once off activities that we think you'd enjoy most. In the past we have run many successful activities that have limited availability, so we offer those spots to our much-loved members first. Events such as scavenger hunts, laser tag, bowling, movie days, gaming tournaments, camps, and much more. Being a member also means you can be included in programs with social media involvement like Cooking with Gina, Film Production Program, TikTok Tuesdays.



Our Vision

Latrobe Youth Space Inc. is a youth led adult guided initiative that endeavours to empower the young people of the Latrobe Valley. The youth space provides activities and services that will help grow their skills and experiences and lead to new opportunities.

LATROBE YOUTH SPACE

"Nothing for us, without us"



Our Programs

Youth Insearch works with at risk youth aged 14 to 20 supporting them to turn their disadvantages into their advantages, enabling them to reach their full potential.



Latrobe Streetgames provides free, accessible sport and recreation activities to teens and young adults across Latrobe City.



Film Production Program is an opportunity for local young film makers to learn to use professional equipment to create short films.



Cooking with Gina is an interactive cooking experience where our on site nutritionist will teach you how to make healthy family meals.



Rainbow Club is Latrobe Youth Space's LGBTQIA+ social group. Aiming to empower all and be inclusive to everyone.



Koori Youth Group is a social group with a focus on support and cultural learning. This is a group open to all.



YOUTH EVENT



E-SPORTS

ONLINE WITH
STREETGAMES

YOUTH COUNCIL
SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT

TUESDAY,
28 SEPTEMBER

Get active online this school holidays and join us for an epic e-sports battle plus a chance to show off your latest dance moves.



BOOK FOR FREE:

Tickets are free but need to be booked through Eventbrite: tinyurl.com/esportslatrobe

GOT QUESTIONS?

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