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University Campus Newsletter

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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.

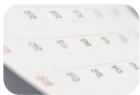
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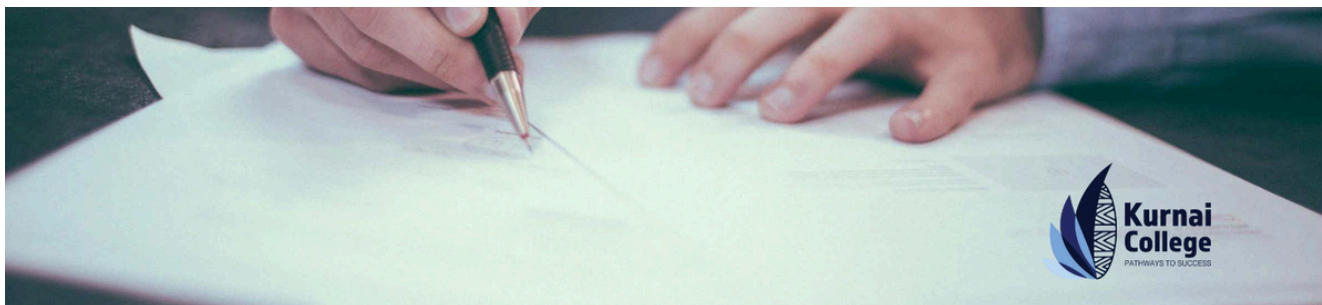
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Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent Student Teacher Conversations

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the Parent Student Teacher conversations at the end of last term. We value the opportunity to discuss student progress and build the relationship with home to ensure each student has the best support possible from us all working together. If anyone was not able to attend and would still like to contact a teacher, please feel

free to contact the campus general office or email the teacher through Compass.

ANZAC Day

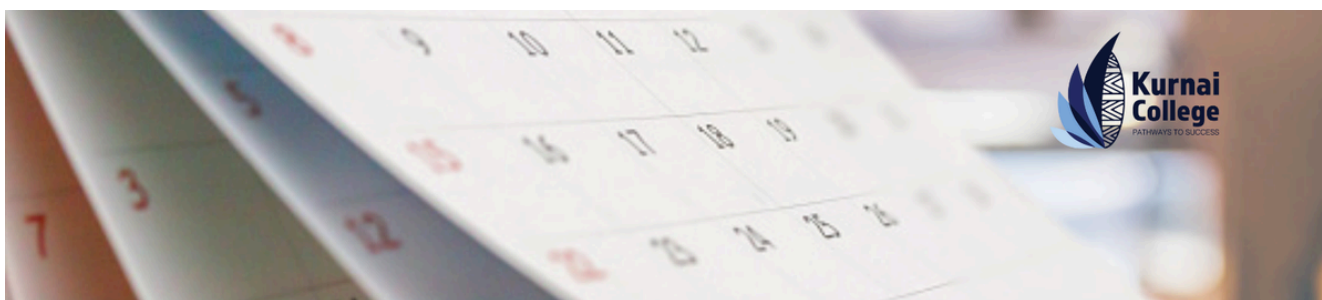
I was privileged to attend the Yinnar ANZAC day ceremony with our School Captains last week where Harry and Brayden marched and laid a wreath on behalf of the College, whilst Gabby led our 424SQN Air Force Cadets and also laid a wreath on behalf of the squadron. The ceremony was led by retired Captain Luke Townsend (incidentally, uncle of Harry), and it was fascinating to learn from his presentation that one of the trees next to the Cenotaph at Yinnar is a direct descendant of the Lone Pine from Gallipoli. On speaking to others in attendance it became apparent this was news to many and illustrated that learning happens throughout our life and not just at school. The remarkable story of connection that resulted in the planting of the seedling highlighted the role people play throughout time to ensure future generations can appreciate the sacrifices made by others in the conflict of war. The Turkish Pine can be seen in the background of the photo of our school captains laying a wreath at the Cenotaph later in this newsletter.

Preparing for the future

An important aspect to studying at the senior campus is to explore opportunities and pathways options to prepare for the next step beyond school. Each of these opportunities was positively received by students who attended. We have had the VCE VM cohort at Farm World completing a Future Careers activity at Lardner Park, a group of selected students attended the Youth Jobs Connect event in Morwell, and the Year 11 VCE students travelled to the VCE and Careers Exhibition in Melbourne. As can be seen in the Calendar of Events we have a wide range of opportunities coming up that will continue to inform and assist students with their pathway planning.

Attitudes to School Survey

The annual Attitudes to School Survey will be commencing soon and you will receive a letter through compass with detailed information. This survey is valuable feedback to us as a campus and college and is used for planning and identifying areas for improvement. Individual student responses are not identified and only group and overall data is provided to the school. Participation in the survey is voluntary and if parents/carers do not wish their child to participate they need to notify the school as per the instructions in the letter.



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 2, 2024	
Friday, 3 May	VCE and Careers Expo
Tuesday, 7 May	RSA Course
Wednesday, 8 May (& 22nd May)	Pool Lifeguard Course Part 1
Thursday, 9 May	Business Excursion - Yarra Valley Chocolaterie
Thursday, 9 May	International Program Principal's Excursion
Thursday, 9 May	Senior Boys AFL Football
Wed 15 to Fri 17 May	RMIT I Belong Camp
Friday, 17 May	Student Free Day

Term 2, 2024	
	Staff Professional Learning Day
Wed 22, Thu 23 & Fri 24 May	Inspiring Health Camp
Wednesday, 22 May	Pool Lifeguard Course Part 2
Tuesday, 28 May	Lume Gallery Experience
Wednesday, 29 May	Wellington Netball
Thu 30 & Fri 31 May	Year 12 Melbourne Uni Camp
Monday, 10 June	King's Birthday, Public Holiday
Monday, 17 June	Morwell & Churchill Junior Campus Assessment Day No scheduled classes
Tuesday, 18 June	University Campus Assessment Day No scheduled classes
Friday, 28 June	Last day of Term 2

Term 3, 2024	
Monday, 15 July	Student Free Day
Tuesday, 16 July	First day of Term 3 - students return to school
Friday, 30 August	Student Free Day

Student Free days 2024

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

- Friday, 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:



Year 11 and 12 News

Complete Works Theatre Company Inursion

Our Year 12 VCE English and EAL students were treated to a drama production by Complete Works Theatre Company on Tuesday 23rd April. The production unpacked the framework of Protest which the students are required to write about for their Creating Texts Unit. Four texts were explored including Emmeline Pankhurst's famous speech 'Freedom or Death' and 'Monologue from City of Gold' by Meyne Wyatt. The production also stepped students through possible writing strategies and inspiration for starting points for their assessment pieces of writing. Students found the production enjoyable, entertaining, and informing.



Farm World Excursion



All VCE VM students attended Farm World at Lardner Park in March. Students completed a Future Careers activity where they were required to research and ask about industries which are expected to experience growth in the future. Growth industries which were explored included robotics, renewable energy and a range of others.

As usual, the entertainment, music, food and local produce were a draw card. Many staff and students took the opportunity to make use of the health promotion tents, including heart, hearing and skin checks. Other highlights included tractor rides around Lardner Park, Freestyle Kings motorbikes as well as Happy the calf.

Year 11 VCE and Careers Expo

On Friday, May 3rd, the Year 11 VCE students attended the Careers Exhibition in Melbourne. Exhibitors from Universities, TAFE, Training Organisations, and Colleges provided information and advice about VCE, career, employment, apprenticeship, and GAP year journeys. The Year 11 students were also able to attend seminars, which covered "need-to-know" information about the ATAR, subject selection, exam preparation for VCE Units 3 & 4, study, tertiary course, career, employment, and gap year options.



Students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the exhibits, especially the ADF, Paramedics and Highway patrol car. Many of the students found answers to their questions and will be following up with the Careers Team regarding future pathways.



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ANZAC Day 2024

As the dawn broke in Port Albert on ANZAC day, students from our 424SQN Air Force Cadets participated in the early morning service, showing respect and dedication to those who have sacrificed for so many.

Throughout the day, the cadets and student leaders from across the college went on to attend services in Morwell, Churchill and Yinnar to lay wreaths while reflecting on the gravity

and significance of the day.

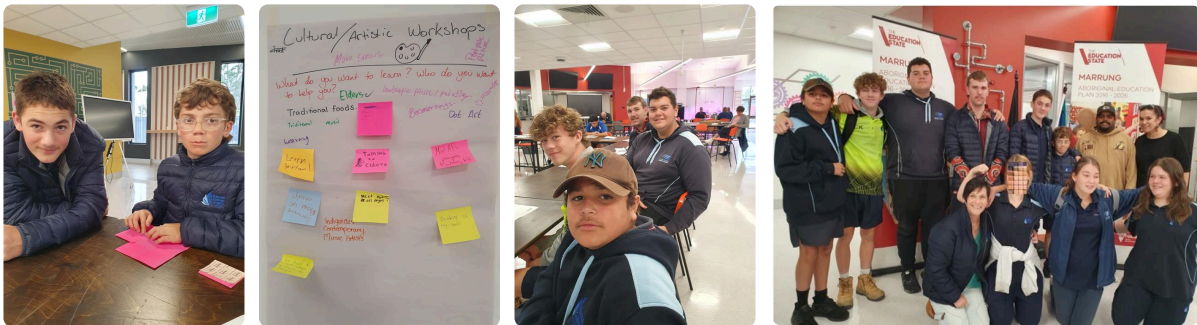


Our School Captains, Harry Townsend, Baillie Young and Gabby Bonnici represented our school with great honour and pride, participating actively in the community at Yinnar.

Lest We Forget

Koorie Emerging Leaders in Schools (KELiS)

Last week Kurnai College Koorie students attended the Koorie Emerging Leaders in Schools (KELiS) program. This was the first Koorie ever Emerging Leaders Co-Design Workshop. The program looks for potential student leaders within the school. The leaders then discuss what they would like to see happen in schools. Some examples were to bring more Aboriginal culture into classes, attend more camps/excursions, any issues that impact on young people in education. This is an opportunity for Koorie Student voice to be heard.



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides funds for eligible students to attend school camps, excursions, sports and outdoor education programs. These payments are made directly to the school and are tied to your student.

Payment amounts for 2024 are:

- \$150 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$250 per year for eligible secondary school students.

2024 applications close on 21 June 2024. Forms can be submitted at your school's office.

Are you eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund? Those who are eligible to apply for CSEF are:

- families holding a valid means-tested concession card.
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

Full information can be found at <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Autism Acceptance Month

April was Autism Acceptance Month (AAM) and a great opportunity to celebrate our students with autism, learn more about how we can support and include them, and help foster understanding and acceptance of autism among all students. AAM is an offshoot of the United Nations' sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day [World Autism Awareness Day - EN | United Nations](#) which was on Tuesday 2 April 2024. The day began with a month of global events to celebrate people with autism.

Our school is committed to understanding, including and celebrating our students with autism and values the contribution they and their families make to our school.

To celebrate AAM, we would like to share some resources which support students with autism and their families.

The Department of Education has worked with organisations for people with autism and lead researchers in autism to develop new resources for schools to help us better understand, support and celebrate the strengths of students with autism. I hope you find them useful and insightful.

AllPlay Learn Inclusive School Communities [Families | AllPlay Learn](#): Monash University's AllPlay Learn team has developed evidence-based guidance and resources on how to create inclusive school communities where everyone feels welcome and supported. It includes videos on engaging with other parents, using inclusive language [Language | AllPlay Learn](#) and student resources [Students | AllPlay Learn](#) you can share with your child or children.

Amaze has produced videos and tip sheets [Inclusive education: building parent-to-parent connections within the school community - Amaze](#) for parents on how to include families of children with autism.

The Art of Learning video. [ART OF LEARNING LONG VERSION on Vimeo](#)

More support for students with autism The department has established the Diverse Learners Hub to help meet the needs of diverse learners, including students with autism. It is key initiative of Disability Inclusion and flagship of the Autism Education Strategy.

The hub provides evidence-based advice, information and resources on best-practice inclusive teaching for students with autism.

Smoking and vaping ban

All parents, carers and students are reminded of the legislation that within Victoria, a person must not smoke cigarettes, including e-cigarettes/vapes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence. The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as sporting groups
- all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes. Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from the [Royal Children's Hospital](#) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

You can also view [this video](#) on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

The image displays four vertical panels, each representing a core value of Kurnai College. Each panel features the college's logo at the top, a photograph of students in a classroom or workshop setting, and a blue box at the bottom containing the value name and a brief description. The panels are: 1. Excellence: A student writing at a desk. 2. Engagement: Two students using a microscope. 3. Work Ethic: A student working on a wooden structure. 4. Relationships: Two female students smiling together.

Value	Description
Excellence	We do the best that we can do
Engagement	We actively participate in our own learning
Work Ethic	We are committed to working hard
Relationships	We value and respect each other



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



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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.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
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- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery
- And lots more

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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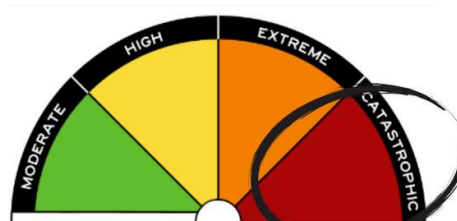
Helpful tips

- 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

Code Red Fire Danger

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, both the Churchill and University campuses will be closed.

This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation.



Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating



Community News

THE STUDIO

After school hang for young people aged 12 to 16!

Join us during school term to get creative in our pop-up makerspaces or just come along to hang out.

- Range of arts and crafts materials
- 'How-to' session from our friendly library crew.
- Non-stop hot choccs!
- Safe and inclusive place to chill or create

Activities and materials available include:

- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Zine making
- Jewellery 101
- Air dry pottery
- Nail polish station
- Painting
- Collage

Or tell us what you want to do!

Moe Library
Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm

Traralgon Library
Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm




GAMING CLUB

After school social gaming for young people



- Love to game and hang out with your mates?
- Heaps of games to choose from!
- Drop in any time during the session.
- Snacks provided.

Moe Library: PS5
Mondays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 12)
Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 13 to 17)


Traralgon Library: Xbox
Thursdays 4pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 17)

Sessions run through school term.
Bookings preferred.

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

Latrobe
**Priority Primary
 Care Centre**





Latrobe PPCC provides free care to people who need urgent care, but not an emergency response.


No appointment is needed, and treatment will typically be quicker than a hospital emergency department.

Opening hours:
 7 days per week, from 8am to 10pm


Address: 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe
 Phone number: 5127 9111
 Learn more: Google "Latrobe PPCC"

RTO NO: 4181



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 Early childhood education and care is in high demand. With our short courses you'll learn how to design your career as a family day care educator.

EXPLORE A CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

This course is for you if:

- You are interested in starting a career caring for and supporting the development of babies and young children
- You don't yet have qualifications in early childhood

The details:

- Tuesday 4 and 11 June, 6-8.30pm
- CCG Warragul campus

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP LEARN MORE
info@ccg.asn.au
 03 5622 6000

BECOME A FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR






This course is for you if:

- You want to care for and support the development of young children in your home to earn an income on your schedule
- You have completed or enrolled in your Certificate III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

The details:

- Tuesday 11 June, 6-8.30pm
- Tuesday 18 and 25 June, 6.30-8.30pm
- Tuesday 2 July, 6.30-8.30pm
- CCG Warragul campus

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