



KEY DATES

17 - 23 Feb	College Council Nominations
2 March	College Athletics
8 March	Labour Day Public Holiday - College Closed
31 March	Parent Teacher Conversations (more information to come)
1 April	Parent Teacher Conversations (more information to come)
1 April	Last Day of Term 1
19 April	First Day of Term 2



Geoff Block
Campus Principal

Message from Campus Principal

Hello Everyone.

Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out. It was meant to be done on Friday but then everything changed dramatically around lunch time. I was going to tell you that the year has started smoothly and it was great to be back to normal face to face classes. Students have settled in well and are showing that they are learning and adapting to the different demands of the senior campus. And now we are in lockdown.

You should have all received a message around what to expect for Monday – Wednesday this week. The predicted short time away from school and the very short notice that teachers received means that for this week, work for students will be uploaded on the TEAMS account for each subject. Contact with teachers can be made through TEAMS either by the subject account or the University Students and Staff account. This second account will also allow contact with non-teacher advocates, counsellors and support staff and me.

Hopefully we will be back to face to face classes on Thursday. If the lockdown is extended then we will return to the model that was used last year where we followed the normal timetable with classes running at their scheduled times.

- VCE and VCAL students doing VET courses will have to follow the directions sent out by the different VET providers.

- For students on work placement on Wednesday do not go to your employer for this day. VCAL teachers will let you know what is happening for students with work placement on Friday.

A number of students were quite upset when they found out that we were returning to lockdown. Many of these students were spoken to on Friday afternoon and advocates will be checking in with them. If you can see that your student is stressed by this lockdown please contact the school and let us know.

The school is open for students whose parents are **essential workers** or who need to be at school because they struggle when working from home. Only very limited staff will be at school so the process to access class work and teachers will be the same.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school on 5132 3800. All our calls are being diverted to Morwell Campus, but the staff there will get the message through to me and I will call you back.

Hopefully we are all back at school on Thursday,

Geoff

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Geoff Block

School Hours: 8:30am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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**Attendance
Hotline**

5132 3711

2020 DUX

Kurnai College wishes to congratulate our 2020 DUX, Chloe Palmer.

In a unique year full of uncertainty and challenges, Chloe remained dedicated to her studies to achieve an outstanding result.

We wish Chloe all the best with her future endeavours.

Congratulations!



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled as a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5132 3800 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 18/6/2021.



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 <http://kurnai.co/schools-privacy-policy>.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu & Vietnamese.

A reminder to call our ABSENCE HOTLINE 5132 3711 preferably before 9am if your child is not going to be at school.
This will ensure your child's absence is recorded correctly and you don't receive a phone call from our office



School Council Election 2021 – Open 17 February

Kurnai College School Council Elections will open on **February 17** 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 statewide 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.

2021
SCHOOL COUNCIL
ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Name of the School: Kurnai College

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday, 17 February, 2021
b)	Closing date for nominations	Tuesday, 23 February, 2021
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Wednesday, 3 March, 2021
e)	Close of ballot	Tuesday, 9 March, 2021
f)	Vote count	Wednesday, 10 March, 2021
g)	Declaration of poll	Wednesday, 10 March, 2021
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 16 March, 2021
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 16 March, 2021

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2021

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nominations open on **Wednesday, 17 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Tuesday, 23 February, 2021**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 March, 2021.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	3
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal



KIDDO GIPPSLAND TERM ONE

KIDDO Gippsland is a program for improving your children's physical skills and building the knowledge and behaviours that give them the confidence and motivation to lead active lives.

- TOONGABBIE -

Date: Tuesdays, from 2nd February until 23rd March
Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Location - Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Stadium

- CHURCHILL -

Date: Wednesdays, from 3rd February until 24th March
Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Location - Churchill Hall

- TYERS -

Date: Thursdays, from 4th February until 25th March
Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Location - Tyers Public Hall

- TRARALGON SOUTH -

Date: Fridays, from 5th February until 26th March
Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Location - Traralgon South Community Hall

- COST PER CHILD - REGISTER HERE -

Full term (8 weeks) \$80
Half term (4 weeks) \$45
1 Week \$12



LATROBE STREETGAMES

Gippy Girls Can Skate

Monday's in Feb
4 weeks FREE series
6-6.30pm
Morwell Skatepark

Come along and learn to skate or scoot with our VSA qualified coaches!

Scooters, skateboards, and helmets provided, but feel free to bring your own too. All skill levels, beginners are welcome! Come and have a go!

Learn to skate/scoot

@Latrobe Streetgames
www.latrobestreetgames.com.au

LATROBE STREETGAMES

1 - 28 Feb 2021

MON	3-4 Stockland Traralgon 4.30-5.30 Traralgon East Community Centre	5-6 Skateclub Morwell 6-6.30 Women & Girls (Check Facebook events for venue)
TUE	3.30-4.30 Mid Valley Shopping Centre 5.30-6.30 Street Soccer Morwell Park, Vary Street	WED
THU	3 Tips & Tricks (virtual) 3.30-4.30 Moe South St Primary School	5.30-6.30 Yallourn North Skatepark
FRI	11-12 Callignee Hall (2nd & 4th Sunday from 14 Jan)	SUN

Latrobe Youth Space will be attending the following events. Come along for some freebies and giveaways

- Stockland Traralgon
- Traralgon East
- Morwell Park, Vary Street
- Yallourn North Skatepark

cmu^y
Centre for Multicultural Youth
will attend
• Morwell Park, Vary Street

latrobestreetgames.com.au

GippSport STREETGAMES

8 Feb - 7 Mar 2021

Tues 9 Feb 3.15-4.15pm Trafalgar James Balfour Park 5-6pm Yarragon, Skate Park area	Fri 19 Feb 3.30-4.30pm Erica Recreation Reserve 5-6pm Rawson Recreation Reserve	Sun 21 Feb 1-2pm Neerim South Skatepark
Tues 23 Feb 3.30-4.30pm Longwarry Cricket Club	Fri 26 Feb 3.30-4.30pm Erica Recreation Reserve 5-6pm Rawson Recreation Reserve	
Tues 2 Mar	Fri 5 Mar 3.30-4.30pm Erica Recreation Reserve 5-6pm Rawson Recreation Reserve	Find us on

GippSport Streetgames Baw Baw Group

latrobestreetgames.com.au

Senior School Family Evening

Thursday February 25th 5-6.30pm



Courtyard Area at University/Senior Campus

This is a great opportunities to meet with key staff and other families.

Dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP to

Christine Johnson

0401 742 986 or

Marina Cooper on 5132 3832

by Friday Feb 19th



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'

GAME ON!

MIRBOO NORTH AUTUMN BASKETBALL SEASON

- Monday- U12 Girls, U14 Girls & U14 Boys
- Tuesday- U10 Mixed & U12 Boys
- Wednesday U16 Girls
- Thursday U16 Boys

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

\$80 PLUS \$25 BVC INSURANCE

Go to <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/5716a5t> to register!
Any questions please email mnthjba@gmail.com

JUNIOR TRAINING RETURNS

U6 | U8 | U10 | U12 | U14 | U16

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021

5PM START

HAZELWOOD SOUTH RESERVE



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Attendance Hotline

5132 3711