



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

University Campus Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2020

KEY DATES

26 June Last day of Term 2

13 July First day of Term 3



Geoff Block

Message from Campus Principal

Hello Everyone.

Well, as you are all aware, school closures have been put in place. I have nothing but admiration and praise for the way in which the teachers and students have responded to this very difficult situation. Classes and contact between teachers and students continues in line with our normal timetable. This has increased the workload for both teachers and students but I am happy to say that attendance at this stage is very good. I've even had teachers telling me how much they are missing "their kids". I'm not sure if the kids are feeling the same way.

I would like to thank the library and IT staff for the efforts they have put in to make sure students have a suitable device and internet access. While internet access is still an issue for a small number of students we hope that this will be addressed in the next few days.

All this would be impossible without the support of parents and guardians. Thank you.

If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact school on 5132 3800. We are still running with a skeleton staff and can answer, or get an answer, to any question you have.

Over the page is more detailed information from VCE and VCAL coordinators

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College Principal
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Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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VCE Online Learning

Another term though certainly not the way it was before. It has been fantastic to see our students, with your support, rise to the challenge and work with their teachers and their peers to get on with their classes and work towards their outcomes. I know our staff are working tirelessly to make sure our students can complete their studies successfully and your continued work behind the scenes to make sure your child is attending classes and completing their assigned work is what will ensure that they will continue to learn during this time.

I know this is a time of rapid changes and the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (the people who manage the VCE across Victoria) is still making changes to ensure that students can complete their VCE. From communications we have received from them what we know is:

- **The General Achievement Test (GAT) will move from June to October/November 2020**
- **End-of-year exams will be postponed until at least December 2020**

For those looking to go to tertiary study in 2021, institutions across the country are committed to ensuring entrance will be open and available.

In terms of what can be done to support the learning of your child at home, know that you do not need to now take on the role of a teachers. Teachers are already working hard at the moment to make sure that your child is still learning. The most important thing you can do is to continue to make sure your child is attending their classes on Microsoft Teams, provide a regular space for them to complete their work and continue to encourage and support your child as they adjust to remote learning.

If your child is finding it tough know that we are here and available to listen. If you have any questions a Student Handout was sent out on Compass and Microsoft Teams detailing strategies on how students can work remotely in VCE otherwise remember that you can contact myself or the VCE Advocate Team Todd Miller and Angela Northover with any queries. You can find our details on the bottom of the Student Handout or on the Kurnai webpage.

VCAL Online Learning

As we begin our second week with online learning our VCAL students have settled in reasonably well with this new way of learning. Our VCAL students have been engaging in online conversations, completing their required learning tasks, and even having some fun with virtual activities.

We are very proud and grateful for the patience everyone has displayed as with our current times, technology is not always smooth sailing for our students and even staff. This is a very new way of learning and everyone is learning together.

We would like to thank not only our students and their families for working with us as we adapt to this new delivery method but I would like to also acknowledge and say a massive thankyou to our teachers who have been working behind the scenes to make all of this possible.

A highlight of the online learning delivery has been watching our VCAL students be able to continue their collaborative work in small virtual teams, where they have been able to explore and establish the beginnings of virtual projects. Additional to being able to watch this style of learning unfold online, is being able to see students feel comfortable to support each other and seek support and guidance as they are needing it. Students can access support from their teachers and educational support staff throughout the day via Teams, emails or phone. But I would like to remind families that it is important to be only contacting staff during the school hours of 8am -4pm.

For parents wanting to help their child through their online learning, this can be done by checking compass and seeing if students are up to date with their learning tasks or by helping make sure all the work has been completed on Teams. All VCAL students are required to be online Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and our Year 12 VCAL students are required to be online 8:30am on Friday morning.

In regards to VET, TAFE Gippsland and AGA these organisations are also delivering their courses online. Students should have already started or will start this week.

It is important during these times that we take the time to look after selves and look out for each other.

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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