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Churchill Newsletter

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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.

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Message from our Campus Principal

December Term 4, 2022



Cleo Lazaris

The Campus Awards are an important part of our school calendar. It is a time to reflect on the year that has passed and to acknowledge the achievements of our students and the school.

Congratulations to all our students, especially the award recipients for 2022.

All the best for the holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.



Calendar Of Events

TERM 4 2022

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th Dec	Headstart continues at Churchill Campus
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th Dec	2023 Year 7s Orientation Days
Tuesday 13th December	2023 Year 7s Parent Information Session
Wednesday 14th December	Years 7, 8 & 9 Walhalla Activity Day
Thursday 15th December	Years 7, 8 & 9 Mirboo North Pool Activity Day
Friday 16th December	College Wide Awards

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Friday 27th January	Staff Professional Development Day - no students
Monday 30th January	Staff Professional Development Day - no students
Tuesday 31st January	Students return to school



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Year 7 News

Congratulations!

AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT
VISUAL ARTS	Sara Anderson & Kayla Stevenson
ENGLISH	Alex Forbes
TR@K	Aurelia Larner & Brayden Watson
PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA	Willow Shields
PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC	Lily Sykes
TECHNOLOGY - WOOD/METAL	Alex Forbes
HEALTH & PE	Pearl Doherty & Jack Thomas
HUMANITIES	Jackson Amos
CULTURE STUDIES	Mia Jones
LANGUAGES	Pearl Doherty
MATHS	Jackson Amos
SCIENCE	Olivia Ford
GROWTH	Elijah Jones
ATTENDANCE	Pearl Doherty & Caleb Smith
SRC LEADERSHIP	Thomas Lavell
YEAR LEVEL	Alex Forbes





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Year 8 News

Congratulations!

AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT
VISUAL ARTS	Molly Billing
ENGLISH	Lila Kerslake
TR@K	Vjay Thomas
PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC	Dallas Ashton
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	Jenny Baker
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Ty Collins
TECHNOLOGY - WOOD/METAL	Claire Lindsay
HEALTH & PE	Ty Collins
HUMANITIES	Toby Mountjoy
CULTURE STUDIES	Sam Robinson
LANGUAGES	Molly Billing
MATHS	Lila Kerslake
SCIENCE	Claire Lindsay
YEAR LEVEL	Jadon Daly
GROWTH	Owen McLean
PERSONAL GROWTH	Lexi Gallagher
ATTENDANCE	Scarlet Perrott Orr
SRC LEADERSHIP	Armarni Matthews



Year 8 Performance





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Year 9 News

Congratulations!

AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT
VISUAL ART	Bethany Laws
ENGLISH	Tay Mansfield
TR@K	Jett MacRae
PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA	Jett MacRae
PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC	Lexi Sykes
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	Luisa Cardillo
TECHNOLOGY - WOOD/METAL	Dean Xuereb
HEALTH & PE	Nephi Doherty
HUMANITIES	Cianese Bannister
LANGUAGES	Ruby Turner Jellis
MATHS	Luisa Cardillo
SCIENCE	Cianese Bannister
GROWTH	Ella Hanson
ATTENDANCE	Nephi Doherty
SRC LEADERSHIP	Sidney Townsend
YEAR LEVEL	Ruby Turner Jellis
GLEN STEPHENSON	Krystah Foster





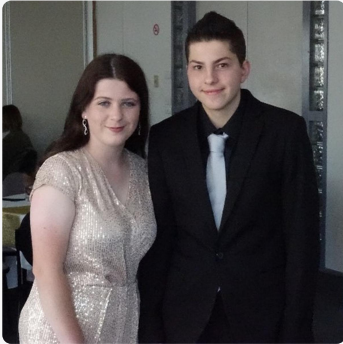
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Year 10 News

Congratulations!

AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT
VISUAL ARTS	Beth Mortlock
ENGLISH	Gabby Marks
PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA	Jay Hart
TECHNOLOGY - WOOD/METAL	Kiara Pulis
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	Ruby Smith
HEALTH & PE	Rieka Arbon
HUMANITIES	Chris Bolton
MATHS	Meg Renwick
SCIENCE	Meg Renwick
GROWTH	Alyssa Jackel
SRC LEADERSHIP	Gabby Marks
YEAR LEVEL	Rieka Arbon & Beth Mortlock
PEER SUPPORT	Kayla Schmidt & Andy Tyrell







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Chinese News

Year 7 students have learned the COLOUR topic in Chinese this term. We gained a wide variety of vocabulary and expressions to discuss our colour preferences. Students also compared the cultural significance of colours in China and Australia. At the end of the unit, students researched the symbolic connotations of colours used in the Beijing Opera and designed their own Beijing Opera facial mask painting. Below are the great works from our creative Year 7s.





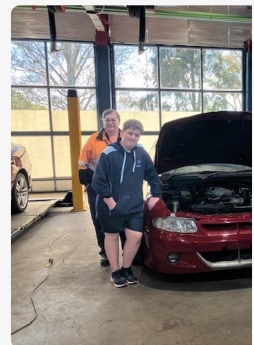
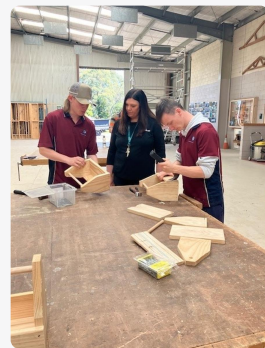
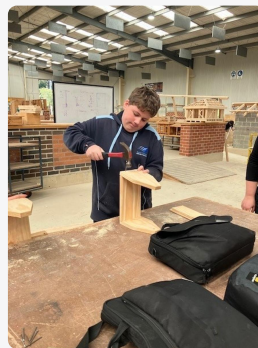
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Hands On Learning (HOL) News

Trade Taster Day

Recently, seven students visited the Yallourn TAFE and were involved in five 20-minute sessions involving carpentry, engineering, painting and decorating, automotive and brick laying.





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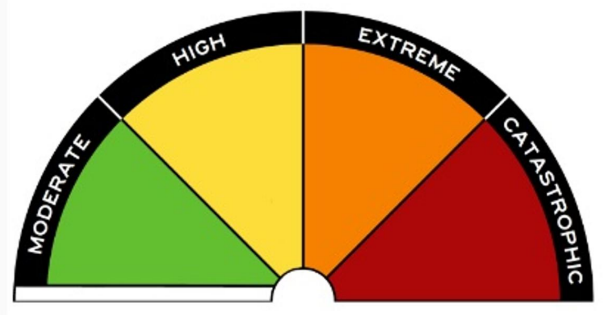
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Bushfire Preparedness

School procedures for the bushfire season

Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.



Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day (Catastrophic) is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by Compass or SMS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day (Catastrophic) we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day (Catastrophic).
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day .

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, re-prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website kurnai.co and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline(1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



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Safety message for families

Information for families

Information for families

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with

- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report

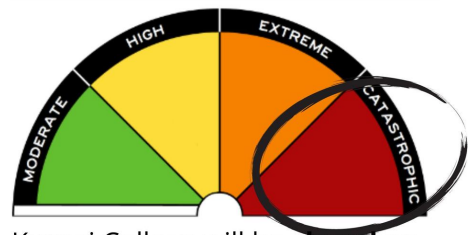
For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au



School News

Code Red Fire Danger

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, all campuses will be closed. This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation to when Summer returns.



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

Sustainable School Shop

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Buy & Sell 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 free to all families



Community News

Youth Space latest newsletter



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Latrobe Valley MYC



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SUP PROGRAMS

What: Stand Up Paddle Boarding sessions
Learn how to paddle, be safe around the water, and have lots of fun.
Open to 8 - 25 year-olds.

Where: Lake Narracan

When: Thursday 16th February 4:30-6pm
Thursday 2nd March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 16th March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 30th March 4:30-6pm

Cost: FREE

**All equipment supplied
Just bring bathers and towel**

Expressions of interest:
ali@surfingvic.com - (03) 5261 2907

Holiday Camps 2023




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Doka
2023

WHAT IS ON OFFER?	MALMSBURY CAMP	CITY CAMP
During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doka will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Malmesbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years and will be free for participants registered with the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.	Our Malmesbury Camp is located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit stand out local attractions such as the steam train.	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD, our City Camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From the large iconic attractions to the hidden gems of Melbourne's laneways, sporting activities, and even an amazing race, the experience they have will be like no other.

DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP	TRANSPORT	FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS
January 9 to January 13 5 days and 4 overnights	We will provide buses to and from central pick up points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and the regional towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Traralgon or you can pick up and drop off your child from the camp.	For further information, to book or help to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start, email: info@doka.org.au or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200 or see our website: doka.org.au/holiday-camp/
January 16 to January 20 5 days and 4 overnights		
April 11 to April 14 4 days and 3 overnights		
April 17 to April 21 5 days and 4 overnights		

LV Express looking for paper deliverers



Hey kids – would you like to earn some extra pocket money and exercise at the same time? The Express is looking for people to deliver the paper on either a Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon (after school).

If you are interested we would love to hear from you. Please call our Distribution Manager on 0456 000 541 for further details.

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We've got news for you

Note: you must be at least 11 years of age
Adult deliverers are welcome

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