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Churchill Campus 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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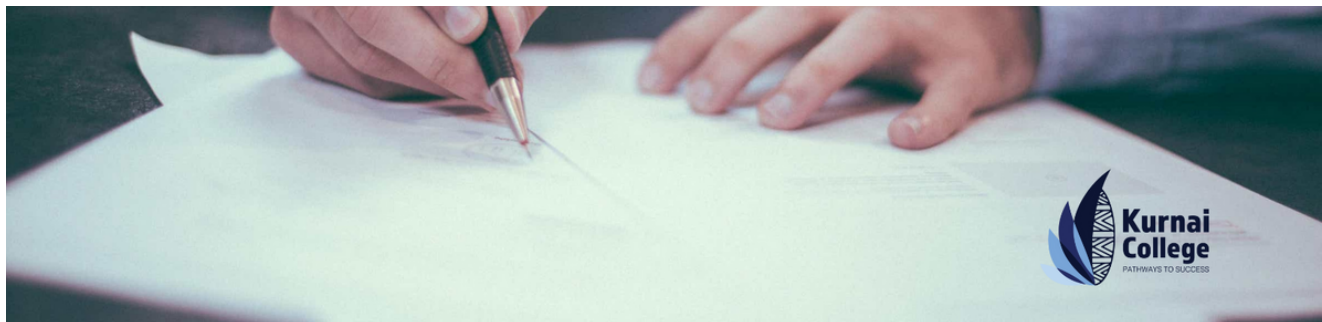
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Message from our Campus Principal



Top Performance Averages

Congratulations to all students who received a certificate for the recent learning behaviour update. Students who achieve Good or Excellent for all the learning behaviours will score a Performance Average of 3.5 or above. These students are demonstrating the behaviours to be successful and, as such, are recognised with a certificate.

Homegroup teachers and Team Leaders are working with students to identify strategies for students to improve on their recent scores. The Homework Club on a Wednesday night is available for all students who would like a quiet space to finish off work or to seek assistance.

We are committed to supporting students to reach their potential. The last two days of Term 1 are our Parent, Teacher, Student conversations. These are an important part of our calendar and provide time for parents to discuss students' progress so far.

I encourage you to check the Learning Behaviour Update which will be available prior to the conversations and then make an appointment with your child's classroom teachers to discuss their progress.

'Doing my best on the NAPLAN test'

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy test is well underway. I have been really impressed with the way that students have been engaging with the online test and how well they have been conducting themselves. They've been organised, respectful to others, and doing their best!

End of term activities

At Churchill, we always endeavour to finish the term with a whole school assembly followed by a fun activity. Whilst we are still waiting for the colour to arrive, we are hopeful it will be here in time to hold our annual Colour Run! More information will be made available in Compass in the coming week/s.

Awareness Days

Each year we invite our Year 5 and 6 students from across our feeder schools to attend a day at Churchill Campus and experience a day in the life of a Secondary Student. Our awareness days are in Week 2 of Term 2, on May 2nd and May 4th .

Cleo Lazaris

Churchill Campus Principal



Calendar Of Events

Key Dates

Term 1	
Fri 24 Mar	Yr 7 Wellington Cricket
Fri 24 Mar	Wellington Volleyball
Thu 30 Mar	Blue Edge Visit the Summit
Sat 1 April	Easter in Yinnar Music Performance
Wed 5 Apr	Parent, Teacher Conversations 3.30pm - 7.00pm Bookings open on Compass Mon 27 March at 9.00am
Thu 6 Apr	Parent, Teacher Conversations 10.00am - 1.00pm No Scheduled classes
Thu 6 Apr	Term 1 Ends

Term 2	
Mon 24 Apr	Staff Professional Development Day - No Scheduled Classes
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 26 Apr	Students Commence Term 2
Mon 23 - 26 May	YR 7 Camp Coolamatong
Mon 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - College Closed
Fri 23 Jun	Term 2 Ends

Term 3	
Mon 10 July	Term 3 Commences
Mon 4 Sept	Student Free Day
Fri 15 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Mon 6 Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - College Closed
Fri 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony

College Key Contacts

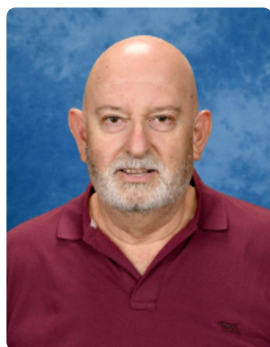
For a full list of College wide key contacts please go to:



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Year 7 News



Learning Behaviour Update (LBU) Reports

As we move towards the end of Term 1, parents and Year 7 Students will receive the second set of scores for their subjects, on Compass. We can then compare what has happened in the last four weeks of learning.

Are students adjusting well to bringing equipment to class from their tidy lockers?

Are students completing class work as either expected or negotiated with their teachers?

Are they arriving on time to classes and participating by asking questions, paying attention and working well with peers? etc.

We expect that in Term Two, students will be feeling more adjusted, confident, and organized, and will have learned some strategies that enable them to do their best in classes.



Recognition and Celebration

Students, teachers and no doubt home are feeling proud of the astonishingly high number of students who achieved over 3.5/4 for their first LBU score this term. As the photos show, our hot chip and cold drink lunch was a 'sell-out'. Certificates were awarded in assembly, along with our weekly spinning of the PBS Achievement Wheel. Let's not forget those students who have been recognized for trying their best and have remained confident and determined that they can and will improve their learning this year. They are positive about what skills they need to work on and that's great to see.



Camp Coolamatong

Just \$50: Now Everyone can go to Camp Coolamatong!

The government has subsidized the camp fee, a clear sign that the life skills, academic, social and emotional learning outcomes from attending camp are valuable for our growing youngsters. A decision about whether or not to go to camp need not be about whether your

child has been to this camp or one like it in previous years, but the new, age-appropriate range of activities, their stage of growth and relationship-building benefits of the experience. Of course, we will need to look at each student's behavior so far this term to ensure that we can trust every student to 'do the right thing', be trustworthy and responsible away from home and school, before permission to attend is granted.

Please sign up for camp on Compass as soon as possible.

Art

Stereotypes

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The class has worked on twisted Fairy tale stereotypical characters and has changed them in one of four ways: Make life bad for the 'hero' character, make the 'hero' character evil, give the character the opposite personality, or change the species of the character.

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Darren Campbell

Tear 7 Team Leader



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Year 8 News

Warm welcome.



Hi everyone,

Our Year 8s are working well in preparation for the upcoming CATs. They'll be taking place over the next few weeks. The latest Learning Behaviour Updates are now available on Compass and we've celebrated record numbers of high learning behaviour achievers and high attendances over the last week. Well done to those students!

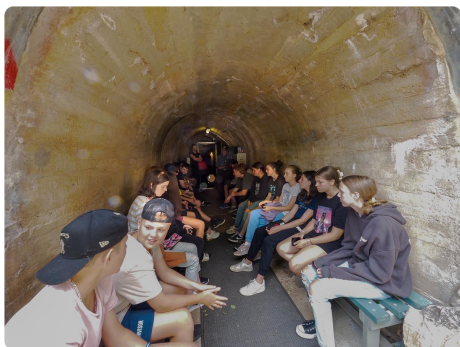
Student Laptops

This a reminder that students are expected to have a charged laptop and that students need to bring their laptops to all classes. Could parents and guardians please check that their child is taking their *charged* laptop to school with a charger? This would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.

Karoonda Park Camp

Year 8 students from Kurnai College, Churchill Campus went to Karoonda Park for their school camp at the end of February. We changed the dates of the Year 8 camp to maximise the camp experiences based on activity options available in the warmer weather.

On the way to Karoonda Park, the students stopped off at Buchan Caves and went through



the Royal Cave. The limestone cave consisted of many chambers, filled with calcite-rimmed pools and stalactite crystals covering the cave's roof. Jumping back on the bus the students travelled the last part of the journey before arriving at Karoonda Park. Excitedly the students exited the bus ready and wanting to explore the place they would call home for the next

week.

The students settled into their dorms and were treated to some free time, before a delicious three-course dinner. A night hike around the farm and neighbouring bushland entertained the students as they went searching for native wildlife. Possums, koalas, frogs and spiders were some of the many animals spotted.

We cycled through a range of activities on Tuesday, enjoying the great weather throughout the day. Half of the students started with abseiling and zip lining while the other half went horse riding, played frisbee golf, battled the initiatives course and played Gaga Ball. We enjoyed an amazing lunch with sausage rolls and salad then swapped groups for the afternoon. Many students rode horses, abseiled or went on a zip line for the first time. Some students were quite apprehensive about these activities but persisted with them, eventually enjoying the experiences. We finished off the activities with some free time or a swim in the pool.



The fantastic weather continued into Wednesday. We packed the bus and headed off to Willis campground in the Snowy River National Park, for the overnight camp and white water rafting on the Snowy River. On the bus ride to Willis, we stopped off at the ghost town Suggan Buggan, and explored the old 1865 preserved schoolhouse.

We saw spectacular scenery as we drove along mountainous roads with steep drops. Many students had not previously experienced the Victorian High Country. We had mixed



reactions to the steep windy roads. On arrival at the campground and raft departure point, we saw a canoe tree with 2 canoes cut from it!

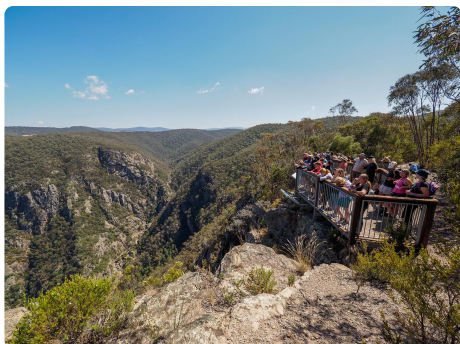
After a rafting safety talk, students were

divided into two groups for the activities. While one group rafted or kayaked down the river, the other group set up camp and had some free time at the river. Some very excited and some very nervous students paddled their way down the Snowy River, travelling through the rapids and paddling along the more placid parts of the rivers.



Exhilarated, the students reached the exit point, hardly minding that they were soaked from head to toe, others jumping in to enjoy a swim at the end of the raft. The first group exchanged stories of their adventures, and waited for the second group to come down the river. Despite some student's earlier reservations about rafting, their doubts were washed away once on the water, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We then had a large campfire where we cooked baked potatoes and a beef stew for dinner. We went for a night walk to New South Wales then camped under huge tarps hanging from the trees. We enjoyed waking up in the bush Thursday morning and having a lazy breakfast looking over the Snowy River, mountains and the bush.



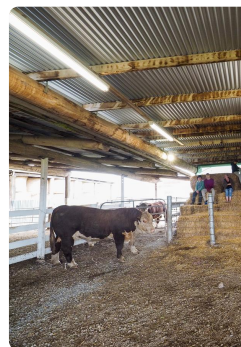
After the long pack-up, we were back on the bus for the trip home. We detoured past the Little River Gorge, which is the deepest gorge in Victoria. We went on a hike where we were able to burn off some energy and explore the spectacular sights.

After some morning tea, we were back on the bus where many students slept, exhausted. Arriving back

at Karoonda we were met with a lasagne lunch. After unpacking and re-energised after lunch, we tackled a walk to the top of Dingo Hill. The walk was interesting as we hiked through cow and horse paddocks, through the bush and up the mountain. We then enjoyed afternoon tea with a hot campfire milo and views across the mountains before the walk back to camp. We finished off Thursday with a game of spotto and then a movie night.

Karoonda park staff surprised us on Friday morning by planting a tree for our school. The Omeo Gum will have a plaque dedicating it to Kurnai Churchill. The Omeo Gum is a favourite koala feed tree. The Karoonda environment is still struggling after the fires and a tree-planting program is in place to support them, for the long term.

Getting on the buses Friday morning and leaving Karoonda Park was an experience met with mixed feelings. The students were sad to be leaving camp but were excited to be heading home to see their families. The staff were very proud of how the students engaged and presented themselves throughout the entire camp experience.



Student Accounts of Camp

Lily Sykes

In week 5, Term 1, the Year 8 teachers and students travelled by bus to Karoonda Park Camp in Gelantipy. On the way to camp, we stopped at Howard Park and Buchan Caves, and had lunch there. During camp, the activities groups participated in: Horse riding, Abseiling, Initiative courses, Night / Day walks, Zip Lining, Movie Night, Camping and rafting at the Snowy River.

During free time, we had dinner duties and played dodgeball, gaga ball and other activities. Overall Karoonda Park camp helped students and teachers. It encouraged people to try more things and to form more relationships.

Xaiden Hudson

Camp is very educational and a bit thrilling. We rode on horses, went abseiling, and went on a flying fox. We went water rafting on the Snowy River and camped by the Snowy River. Before we got to camp we looked at things and listened to history in the Buchan Caves.

Lilly Holt

42 students were at Karoonda Park Camp. The year 8 camp was one of the most enjoyable and amazing camps! We slept at the Snowy River on Wednesday night after rafting in the Snowy River which was half a kilometre away from the state border to New South Wales. Some of the activities at camp were horse riding, abseiling, flying fox, hiking, night walks and swimming. The food was amazing and we did volleyball or gaga ball in our free time

Ali Severson

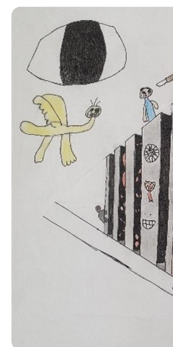
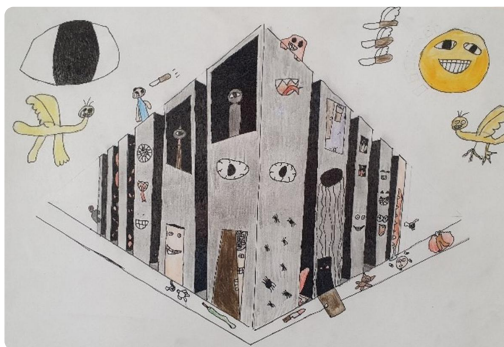
42 year 8 students from the Churchill Campus travelled up the mountains to Karoonda Park Camp for the week. We experienced different activities and challenges, such as horse riding, hiking, rafting, swimming, abseiling and even a flying fox. On Wednesday night we went up to the Snowy River and did an overnight camp which students really enjoyed. They experienced a fun and enjoyable time as well as learning a lot at camp.

Camp Week Program at School

Students remaining at school undertook inquiry projects looking at sustainability within the Snowy River Hydro Scheme and the issues relating to brumbies in the high country. They also enjoyed extra food and wood technology classes and some social and team-building time. Many students reported the capture the flag activity was the highlight!

Art

Students have been working on their themed two-point perspective city street artworks. All horizontal lines must go back towards two vanishing points, including the outside lines of the building. All details and features of decoration are in a theme of their choice. Students have then outlined and added colour decorations to their city streets. Students have spent two-three weeks working on these amazingly detailed drawings with a wide variety of engaging themes.





Karen Anders
Year 8 Team Leader



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Year 9 News



Hey everyone,

There is a lot happening with our Year 9's over the past few weeks and I'm excited to get to share some of these things with our community.

The students have settled into the year and we are seeing a lot of positive learning happening across the year level. Each week we are seeing an increase in our KPA's (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements) with a peak of over 500 acknowledgments in a week. The green

Compass reports acknowledge the positive learning behaviours our students have shown, which I share each week with our students at assembly. Please continue to support us in acknowledging your child's great work by talking to them about these KPA's at home.

LBU Reward Lunch

Recently we acknowledged the strong start to the year our students have achieved by giving students who achieved an LBU of above 3.5 a certificate at assembly. We had many students across the year level get above a 3.5 or get very close to it, which is amazing to see. As well as being acknowledged at assembly and receiving a certificate to put in their professional portfolio; students who achieved a score above 3.5 also were rewarded with a



hot chip lunch and a can of drink. The next round of LBU's are due out shortly and I look forward to seeing the amazing effort our students have put in recently be acknowledged in those reports.

Don Valley School of Leadership

Congratulations to **Nicola MacGregor, Armani Matthews, Arabella Altavas, Claire Lindsay, Harry Forbes, and Toby Mountjoy** for being accepted to the Don Valley School of Leadership in Term 2.



This program allows students to live onsite at the school to undertake an 8-week program aimed at developing their leadership skills, amongst other personal qualities, and work collaboratively with other year 9 students from a number of high schools across Victoria. They will get to continue their learning in this unique environment while also participating in many adventure activities and working together to develop a community learning project which will benefit the entire school community. I can't wait to see what they come up with and the growth that they will undoubtedly show through their participation in this program.

NAPLAN

Well done to both of our Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts for the efforts they have put into completing their Naplan testing this year. Students were treated to extra brain food and the chance to enjoy a hot Milo before these tests to ensure they were fuelled and ready to give these tests the best effort they could.

Naplan is a great opportunity for our students to identify their growth across a 2-year period of schooling. From my observations walking around and monitoring these tests our students have worked hard and I can't wait to see the amazing growth that their results will show. I look forward to celebrating our student's achievements with them once we get the results later this year.

Year 9 Camp to Melbourne

The Year 9 camp to Melbourne is beginning to come together and I look forward to providing this opportunity to our students. The camp will be running from the 14th of August to the

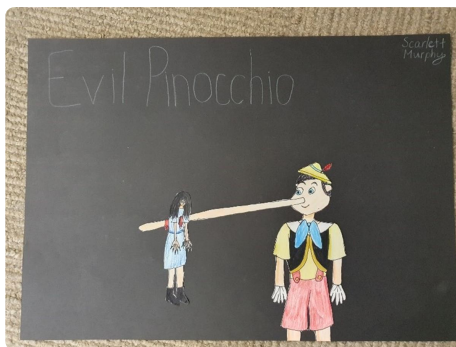
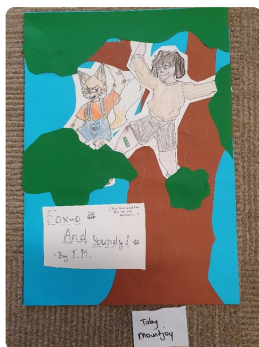
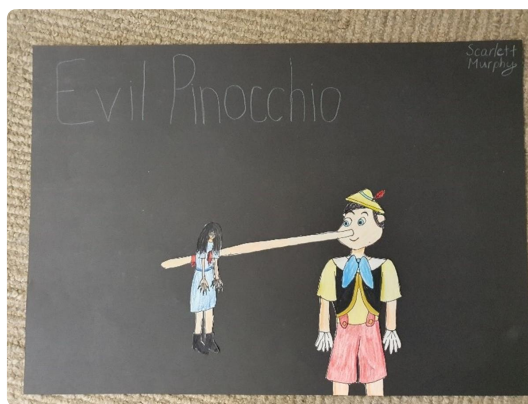
18th of August. I will be providing more details to students and their families over the next couple of weeks so please stay tuned and get involved once this event becomes life on Compass.

Art - Say it! Creating an impact with art

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Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the items mentioned above, Year 9 student matters, or just general inquiries, please do not hesitate to give the year 9 team a call on 51323700 or email Matthew Suter.

Matthew.Suter@education.vic.gov.au



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Year 10 News



Reports and attendance are two areas we focus on and celebrate as a campus, and an area where many of our students are kicking goals! It was very pleasing to see over half of our cohort achieve 3.5 and above in the first of our learning behaviours update. Congratulations to all, an outstanding achievement!

LBU Allstars:

Robert Aarons, Kendra Bailey, Arabella Baker, Cianese Bannister, Hallie Beam, Elise Blight, Ashton Busk, Luisa Cardillo, Sky Consta, Nephi Doherty, Darcy Fehlberg, Krystah Foster, Kiara Freeman, Jacinta Gittos, Ella Hanson, Tayla Heslop, James Hutchinson, Marissa Johnstone, Bethany Laws, Jessica Macgregor, Jett Macrae, Taylor Mansfield, Bryleigh Matthews, Leandra McLauchlan, Najib Moawad, Brooke Ryan, Harley Scandrett, Tahli Schmidt, Tamsin Schmidt, Lexi Sykes, Jarrod Thomas, Sidney Townsend, Ruby Turner Jellis, Dean Xuereb, Desiree Webb, Sway Wilson, Zoe Woodward.

College Athletics Day

Year 10 was well represented at our recent college athletics day. Congratulations to all who participated and represented their house and our team.

Work Experience

Students are currently busy arranging work experience which will take place in Term 2 from Monday 15th to Friday 26th May.

Tassie Trip

Information and consent forms for our Year 10 trip to Tasmania will be out within the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that spots are limited and will be done on a first-in-best-dressed basis. The camp/trip is always a highlight for the students and staff, and is a great way to create positive memories of the high school years. Please keep an eye out for this information.

Expectations and Attendance

With such a busy program, and students representing the school in local workplaces across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students to behave in ways that reflect our values. The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students the expectations of attendance, behaviour and wearing the correct uniform. We appreciate your support on these matters and respectfully remind you of notifying the school if your child is absent and to sign your child out from the front office if you collect your child early from school.

Todd Miller

Year 10 Team Leader



College News

Message from the College Principal



G'day everyone,

It's been a super busy term across our campuses with everyone focussed on improving their learning. I've been super impressed by the excellent work I've been seeing in the classes I visit and even more satisfying is seeing the great way our students, their teachers and classroom assistants are working together.

We have had some staffing challenges and it continues to be a challenge to find teachers and other staff, but we are not as desperate as some schools in Gippsland, and I'm pleased that our education program hasn't had to be reduced.

The athletics sports were a highlight for the many students who participated and enjoyed the day, and we are thankful to our staff team who organised the event lead by Ms Dodd.

Morwell campus building project is virtually complete and the school is looking great and providing an awesome place for our students to learn.

Have a great easter and don't eat too much chocolate!

Anthony Rodaughan

College Principal

School Captains

University Campus

Kurnai College University Campus College Captains Jazmine Sanders, William Bonnici, and Kerwin Valdez were inducted into their roles during Kurnai College's Awards Ceremony held in December 2022.

"It's truly an honour to be school captain. I look forward to hearing the voice of the Kurnai Community and making a positive change," said Will.

"I am wanting to help promote mental health and be a voice for our students", said Jazmine.



Churchill Campus

Bryleigh Matthews and Sidney Townsend have been inducted at the Churchill Campus as School Captains alongside, Vice Captains Zoe Woodward and Bobby Aarons.

"Being school captain gives me the opportunity to make this incredible school even better," said Sidney.

"I want to make sure students feel like they are heard and included in the school community," said Bryleigh.



Morwell Campus

At the Morwell Campus, School Captains Kieran Webb and Ayla Schiavello were inducted as School Captains.

"I'm very excited to be able to give students a voice," said Ayla.

"With all the activities planned, I can't wait to see how much of an improvement we can make to the college this year," said Kieran.



To see all the School Captains' introductions: <https://kurnai.co/captains>

Athletics Day

The last day of summer, Tuesday 28th February provided a perfect warm day to host Kurnai College's Inter House Athletics Carnival at Joe Carmody Reserve in Newborough on.

Students from across the College came together and participated in various track and field events, novelty events such as limbo, longest footy kick, or the balloon toss, or simply spent a relaxing day catching up with their friends.

Forsyth prevailed and took out the Kurnai College House Athletics Championship Cup winning by a whopping margin of 392 points ahead of runners up **Thorpe**.

It was fantastic to see the students competing, striving to do their best for their house, and getting into the spirit of the day by getting involved and dressing up in their house colours.

Congratulations to all our competitors and we wish our top performers all the very best in their efforts for the Wellington Athletics Carnival that will be held next term.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students from Kurnai College for their efforts and to the Health and Physical Education staff for their professional running of the day.



Results

Forsyth	(Blue)	1281
Thorpe	(Red)	889
Siddle	(Yellow)	853
Freeman	(Green)	730



Age Group Champions

Year 7	Skylah Russell	Aiden Goodwin
Year 8	Alyssa Cormack	Cody Boys
Year 9	Claire Lindsay	Troy McCann
Year 10	Kystal Collier-Luke	Jackson Jones

Year 11	Nadia He	Andrew Tyrell
Year 12	Zoe Nickson	Ben Woodward



Records Broken

YR 7	200m	Skylah Russell	FRE	30.27	def	E. Martin (THO 2011) 30.26
YR 7	Long Jump	Skylah Russell	FRE	3.9m	=	S. Bry (FOR 2020) 3.9m
YR 9	High Jump	Claire Lindsay	FOR	1.37m	def	C. Aristtidou (2011) 1.35m
YR 12	200m	Lachlan Freeman	SID	23.20	def	A. Wellington (FOR 2022) 24.05

Music News

Yinnar Food Truck Festival

Our music students from across the College have had a very busy start to the school year. Students came together to perform at the *Yinnar food truck festival*, it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to have been invited to participate in this great local community event.



Welcome BBQ

During the term we welcomed new families to the College with a BBQ and musical entertainment at both Morwell & Churchill junior campuses. This gave our Kurnai College community the opportunity to see and hear first-hand our wonderful musicians at work and the possibilities that exists for new students wanting to be involved in our music program.



V.C.E Workshop

During the school holidays we will host a V.C.E music workshop aimed at refining our student's aural analysis, theory and performance skills in preparation for end of year examinations.

Easter in Yinnar Collaboration

On Saturday the 1st April our College has been invited to perform at the Easter Celebrations in Yinnar. We will be performing in collaboration with Traralgon College and our students are very much looking forward to the event. Please come along from 4-6PM and support our performing arts students.



What to Learn a musical instrument?

Student wanting to learn a musical instrument, we have limited spaces available for brass & woodwind instruments. Please collect an expression of interest form from the general office, or speak to the College Music Coordinator, Mr Chris Gretton to find out more information.

Sports News

Wellington District Cricket

During week 6, Kurnai College had three integrated teams from the Churchill Campus and Morwell Campus represent the College at the Wellington District school cricket.

While neither the Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9/10 teams came away with a win from their respective 20/20 games, the students had fun participating and working together as a team while upholding the school's pillars; engagement, excellence, relationships and work ethic.



School Values

Kurnai College's four pillars underpin all aspects of our work.



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Excellence

We do the best
that we can do



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Engagement

We actively participate
in our own learning



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Work Ethic

We are committed to
working hard



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Relationships

We value and respect
each other



School News

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Wednesday 5th April, 3.30pm - 7.00pm and Thursday 6th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm. There will be no scheduled classes on Thursday 6th of April, therefore the last day of classes, Wednesday 5th April, is a full day with the usual 2:50pm finish.

Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews will open on Monday 27th of March and you will be notified via the Compass Parent Portal when they open.

Blue Edge

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) Program is once again been offered at the Churchill Campus this term. The eight-week program which is run by Blue Light in partnership with Victoria Police combining physical training, mentoring and life skills. Over the duration of the eight-weeks, the selected 12 students from Years 8/9 participate in two sessions a week that aims to increase the student's resilience and wellbeing using fitness and activity-based learning. In partnership with Victoria Police members, the program builds positive relationships between young people, the police and wider community support networks.



Homework Club

After School Homework Club

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER!

Bring your school work for any subject area such as:

Mathematics
Science
English
Humanities
Reading and Writing
Learning Skills
And more!

We will supply snacks and helpful teachers.



WEDNESDAY 3PM-4PM
IN THE LIBRARY
NO BOOKING REQUIRED



Student Representative Committee 2023

SRC 2023

The Student Representative Committee has been busy this term getting their systems and meetings in place. Students who were interesting in having a say and sharing their classmates opinions were invited to apply for the committee and there have been several meetings.

The focus this term is organising the Churchill end of Term celebration event- A colour run. What a great start the SRC have made so far!



KURNAI COLLEGE COLOUR RUN
Free Dress 5/4/2023
Gold Coin Donation


SRC 2023 NEWS AND NOTICES

Latrobe Youth Space




SCHOOL CAPTAINS WENT TO THE LATROBE YOUTH SPACE. HERE THEY ATTENDED A MEETING WITH OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO DEVELOP RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA.


Latrobe Youth




D&D
TUESDAYS
4 - 7pm
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DRUMBEAT
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Wednesday
March 8th



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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



PBS
School
Leadership
Team
2023

Cleo Lazaris
Sandra Flake
Harry Owens
Tom Kindellan

SW-PBS Kurnai College Churchill

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1

Recognising and Acknowledging

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a framework to help improve students' social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes. At Kurnai, we work together to teach, and to acknowledge, when our students display those small behaviours which eventually contribute to success.

Students may be acknowledged by their teachers by receiving a punch in their rewards card which can be exchanged for small treats or rewards. They will also be recognised with a "positive acknowledgement" which can be seen on their Compass profile.



When students learn to put together all the behaviour that contributes to a good work ethic, engagement, good relationships with others and striving for excellence, then success will naturally follow.



What might you notice?

Families who have signed to receive SMS notifications will notice messages from the school alerting them that their child has been displaying the expected behaviours. You can check what your child has done by checking Compass.



Important School Information

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

From 2020, the Victorian Government is investing an additional \$160.9 million for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund over the next four years. This funding will help ensure more than 220,000 government and non-government students from lower-income families can participate in camps, sports and excursions each year.

THE EDUCATION STATE

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Kurnai College

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order*

OR

Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veterans Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)?

Yes

No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.


You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /

VICTORIA

State Government

 CSEF Application.pdf

2023 College Council Elections Nominations

Congratulations to Bronwyn Woodward, Jason Phillips, Elizabeth Barkley and Louise Watson on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillors will be

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enjoyable and productive.

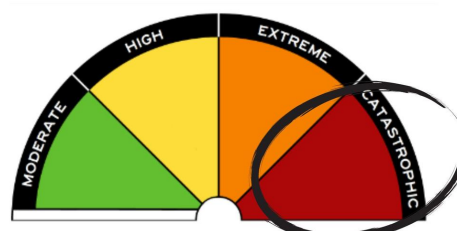
We are also delighted to be able to announce that Dan Swallow from the Morwell Campus and Matthew Suter & Peter Townsend from the Churchill Campus have been declared DET Representatives.

A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

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.

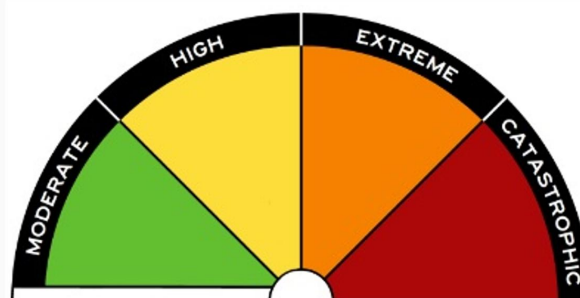


Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

Bushfire Preparedness

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



Community News

Berry Street

Need help with school costs?

Join this info session to learn how you can receive up to \$500 in matched savings by completing the Saver Plus program.

Eligibility criteria applies - visit saverplus.org.au

Your invitation to learn about Saver Plus

Free financial education and matched savings are within your reach.

As someone who is over 18 years, do you:

- Have a desire to save money?
- Want to receive up to \$500 once you've saved \$500 of your own?
- Want to gain quick and easy saving and money management tips?
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment?
- Have a form of household income?
- Have a child at school, starting next year or are you studying yourself?

If you answered yes to these questions, join our virtual information session.

Every Wednesday at 1:00PM

Contact Rick Pemberton Saver Plus Coordinator via rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Rick will email your calendar invitation or organise an individual information session to suit your needs. Otherwise, just jump right in using the following link. See you there!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/96038747979?pwd=STk4MHAxTUEjbnh5STFKRjNhOQo0eU09>

Meeting ID: 960 3874 7979

One tap mobile:

+61280156011, 96038747979# Australia

+61370182005, 96038747979# Australia

Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

laptops & tablets

uniforms & shoes

books & supplies

sports fees & gear

lessons & activities

camps & excursions

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Jade, Sharon or Richard

enquiries@berrystreet.org.au

1300 610 355

DELIVERED BY

Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Youth Space

Please find attached below the link for Youth Space's latest newsletter

[Youthspace_Newsletter.pdf](#)

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Holiday Camps

Kinship Care Support Group



Holiday Camps

Doxa

2023

WHAT IS ON OFFER?

During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Mainsbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years and will be free for participants registered with the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.

MALMSBURY CAMP

Our Malmsbury 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.

CITY CAMP

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

January 9 to January 13
5 days and 4 overnights

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

TRANSPORT

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

For further information, to book or help to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start, email: info@doxa.org.au or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200 or see our website: doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/



BERRY STREET

Latrobe City Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or friend is unable to? Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through? Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement? **All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied**

WHEN:

The first Monday of each month at 10am-12pm

WHERE:

Morwell Neighbourhood House
48-50 Beattie Crescent
Morwell

RSVP FOR CATERING:

Anita on 0475 740 927 or kinshipcarers@berrystreet.org.au or use the following link to register <https://forms.office.com/r/Gxk2dgVsBu>

2023 MEETING DATES:

6th of February
6th of March
3rd of April
1st of May
5th of June
3rd of July
7th of August
4th of September
2nd of October
6th of November
4th of December


BERRY STREET

Belonging to
Children,
Young People,
Families &
Their Futures.



Latrobe Valley Express


All Ability Sport




Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All Ability Tennis, Term 1, 2023

Two tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill Tennis Club in Traralgon, every **Thursday** evening during Term 1.



Junior/Beginners session (5 years-13/14 years) – 5.30-6.15pm
Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Youth Plus session (14 years – 25 years) – 6.15-6.45pm


The cost will be \$25 for the term, payable by the 3rd session. Registration will be done at the first session.

Tennis will start on Thursday 9th February, 2023

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle and wear a hat/sunscreen! If you wish to bring your own racket, please make sure it is named.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group **All-ability sports, Latrobe Valley**



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.

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

Young Carers



Thursday, 13 April 2023

Qu Bah and Village Cinemas Mid Valley Morwell
12.30pm at the Qu Bah in Morwell
Carers only event

Are you a Young Carer? Do you live in the Latrobe Valley? Are you supporting someone who has a disability, is frail aged, has a chronic or mental illness? If the answer is YES, who is looking after you? Come and join in, have some fun and meet other young people in caring roles.

RSVP: Thursday, 6 April 2022



For more information phone Leanne Crowe on 1800 242 696 or Danica Di Ciero at headspace on 5136 8300



1800 242 696



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CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

2023 JUNIOR PROGRAM

TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 - 16 YEARS OLD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

U13 & U16

TRAINING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT FROM JAN 31

U5, U7, U9 & U11

TRAINING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT FROM FEB 7

4:30PM - 6PM
U13

5PM - 6:30PM
U16

5:15PM - 6PM
U5, U7, U9 & U11

MARY VALE RECREATION RESERVE
GRANT STREET, MORWELL VIC

FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILLUNITEDSC

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CHURCHILLUSC@GMAIL.COM

Morwell Citizen Band

Morwell Citizens Band resumes on 7th February with Training Band (6:40pm) and Main Band (7:30pm).

Interested in playing with the band? Contact the band via Facebook, Messenger, Email or phone.

MORWELL Citizens Band
Est. 1987

Churchill United Soccer Club

ASD Support Group

SuppAUT

Latrobe Region Parent/Family Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

SuppAUT is a parent-run group that aims to support one another as parents /families of a child/children with Autism. The group is open for all, whether your child is a baby, pre-schooler, school aged - specialist school, mainstream school, home-schooled or is an adult - we all need support and can support each other. We share our own experiences, problems, joys, successes and support each other with a listening ear and understanding.

It is a very informal gathering, sometimes a guest speaker is invited. All parents/carers/family members are welcome and children/siblings are welcome too.

We meet every FIRST FRIDAY of the month - except during School/Public Holidays

2023 MEETING DATES

TERM 1 - 3 FEB 3 MARCH

TERM 2 - 5 MAY 2 JUNE

TERM 3 - 4 AUG 1 SEPT

TERM 4 - 6 OCT 3 NOV 1 DEC (CHRISTMAS LUNCH TIME TBC)

Meet at Daily Living Disability Services

7 Rocla Road, Traralgon

From 10am - 11.30am

Daily Living Disability Services

ALL WELCOME TO COME FOR A CUPPA, MORNING TEA AND A CHAT IN A RELAXED SETTING

For more info or enquiries about the group phone Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au

Join our group on Facebook - SuppAUT Autism support group for families in Latrobe Valley, Victoria

Baseball

Funded Suicide Prevention Training

BASEBALL

COME AND TRY

DAY

25th

MARCH

ALL

AGES

LOCATION

Andrews Park
Churchill VIC 3842

TIME

11am to 2pm

COST

FREE + BBQ provided

CHURCHILL
BASEBALL CLUB

CONTACTS:

Georgia Larkin: 0490 674 370
Gregg Duncan: 0418 320 057

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/churchillbaseballclub

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Twitter

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LIVINGWORKS
safeTALK

VICTORIA
State Government

Department
of Health

Learn the skills to
keep someone safe
from suicide.

2023 Latrobe City Training

LIVINGWORKS safeTALK

Learn to reach out to someone thinking about suicide,
overcome attitudes that act as barriers to help, talk openly
about suicide, and connect them with further support.

Upcoming Training Dates

Wednesday 15 March, 2023
6:00-9:00pm
Book:
https://www.trybooking.com/CEVSN

Latrobe City Council
Nambur Wariga Room
141 Commercial Road, Morwell
Victoria

Free to attend
This program is proudly supported by the Victorian Government

Supported by:

Latrobe City

Gippsland Festival of Rugby

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All sites

The Summit Autumn Camp

Are you between the ages of 13-17 years old and have an NDIS plan? If so, join us on the Autumn ROADIES camp experience! The perfect way to meet new friends, try new things and get a taste of our ROADIES Camps!

DATE

Wednesday 12th April - Friday 14th April 2023

LOCATION

The Summit, Traralgon East

OUT OF POCKET COST

\$100 (covers accommodation, meals and activities)

NDIS plan charges will be discussed with you to ensure your specific support needs are met

WHAT TO PACK

Medication and Medication Forms

Hat

Sunscreen

Packed morning tea and lunch for first day

A CHECKLIST WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE ITINERARY

Time Table

ICG Office	Drop - off	Pick - up
ICG Latrobe	11:30am	2:30pm
ICG Bass	10:30am	3:30pm
ICG East	9am	4:30pm

NDIS Benefits and Outcomes

Social participation in the community

Meet new people and develop friendships

Increase your capacity to access your local community

Development of your life and independent living skills

Improve and develop your communication skills

Opportunity to access new activities and try new things

Selfcare for carers and participants

For further information please contact us or scan the QR code to register your interest

1300 736 765

www.icg.asn.au

GIPPSLAND
FESTIVAL OF
RUGBY

SATURDAY 1 APRIL
11AM - 5PM

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM
CATTERICK GRESKARALCON

WATCH ON
RUGBY VICTORIA
PACIFIC

FIJIAN DRUA VS. MELBOURNE REBELS

WOMEN @ 12.00PM

MEN @ 2.35PM

RUGBY COME AND TRY ACTIVITIES

LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO

WEAR YOUR
RUGBY COLOURS

WELCOMED

FREE
EVENT

RUGBY
VIC

REBELS

LATROBE VALLEY

Latrobe City

GippsSport

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If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email

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