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Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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Well, we are nearly there!

Our Year 12 VCE students will be finishing their exams this week, in time for the Year 12 Graduation to be held on Wednesday night at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon. For the first time in the last three years we will have parents at the graduation celebration; a little bit more of the return to normality.

The Year 12 exams have been running extremely smoothly with no major issues occurring, despite some of the stories that have appeared in the daily newspapers. The examiners have commented very favourably about the focused approach that students have brought to their exams this year.

This week Year 11 VCE students are sitting their exams while Year 11 VCAL students are finishing off anything that needs to be completed before they move into their Year 12 VCAL program in 2023. Next week 2023 Year 12 students have the chance to spend three days at Ormond College at The University of Melbourne. With a different range of activities set up for VCE and VCAL students, this is an excellent opportunity for students to get an insight into the different pathways that might be available for them after they finish Year 12.

And then we begin the two weeks of Headstart. It is important for students and their families to understand that is really the beginning of the 2023 classes. At all year levels students will be doing work that is part of the 2023 syllabus. VCE students will have a range of tasks that they will be required

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to do over the holidays. This also a chance for Year 11 students to get a taste of the course and subjects they have selected and have a better understanding if what they have chosen is right for them. Headstart is a time when changes can be made with the help of teachers, Advocates and the Careers Team. At the end of all this, the last day of Headstart will be spent with the rest of the school, celebrating the end of 2022 at Gumbuya World.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you and your students in 2023.



Calendar

Key Dates

Term 4 2022	
Wed 26 Oct - Wed 16 Nov	Year 12 VCE Exams
Mon 14 - Tues 15 Nov	Year 11 VCE Exams, no scheduled classes
Wed 16 Nov	V.E.T Induction, no scheduled classes
Wed 16 Nov	2022 Year 12 Graduation
Thurs 17 - Fri 18 Nov	Year 11 VCE Exams, no scheduled classes
Mon 21 Nov - Wed 23 Nov	Year 12 Preparatory Camp
Fri 25 Nov	Student Free Day - College Wide Assessment Day
Mon 28 Nov - Fri 9 Dec	Head Start 2023
Fri 9 Dec	Gumbuya World
Fri 16 Dec	College Awards

Term 1 2023	
Tues 31 Jan	First Day of Term 1 for students
Mon 6 Mar	School Photos

College Key Contacts

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



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VCE - VCE/VM Booklist 2023

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Books for Sale Second Hand 2022-23

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Sustainable School Shop

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

PPEP Talk - 16 November 2022



Koorie Year 12 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who attended the Koorie Graduation with our Koorie Education Support Staff.



2026 School Term Dates

There have been changes to Victorian school term dates for 2026. This will provide an opportunity for Victorian communities to participate more broadly in the 2026

Commonwealth Games.

The 2026 Commonwealth Games will take place across regional Victoria from Tuesday 17 March to Sunday 29 March 2026, with Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat, Gippsland and Shepparton hosting a range of activities and events for 20 different sports and 9 para-sports.

The 2026 Victorian school term dates are:

- Term 1: Tuesday 27 January to Friday 13 March 2026
- Term 2: Monday 30 March to Friday 19 June 2026
- Term 3: Monday 6 July to Friday 18 September 2026
- Term 4: Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026.

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to <u>School term dates and holidays</u> in Victoria.

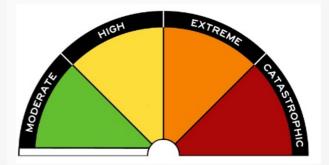


Important School Information

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 <u>kurnai.co</u> 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 <u>http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx</u>

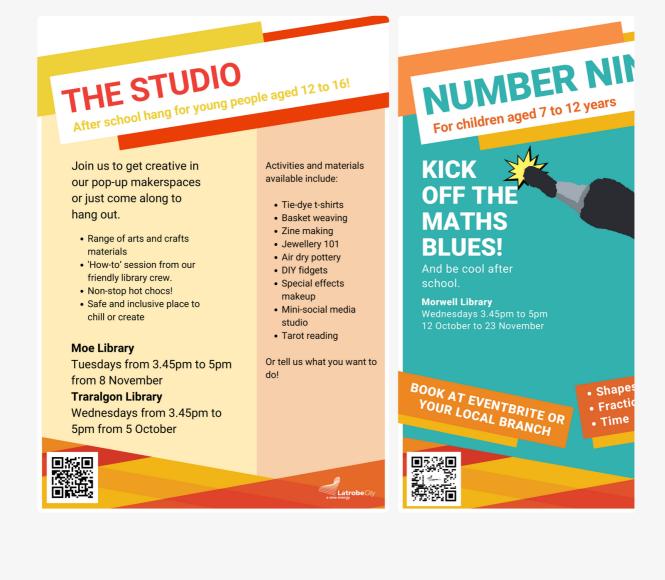
Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

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

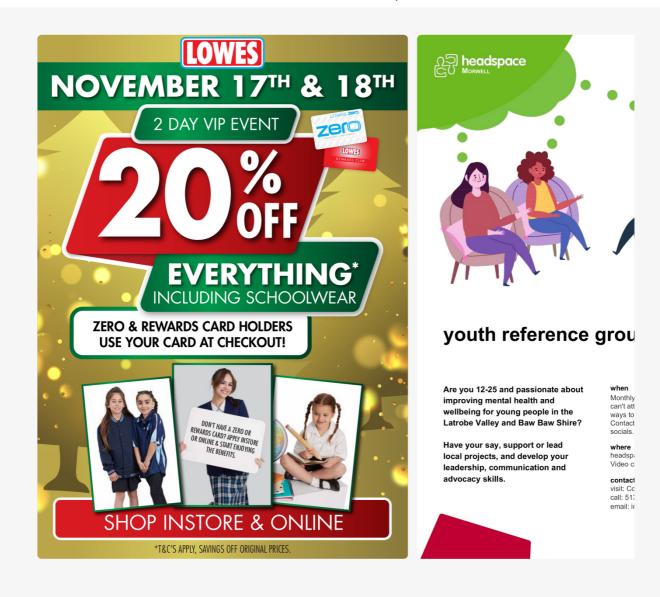


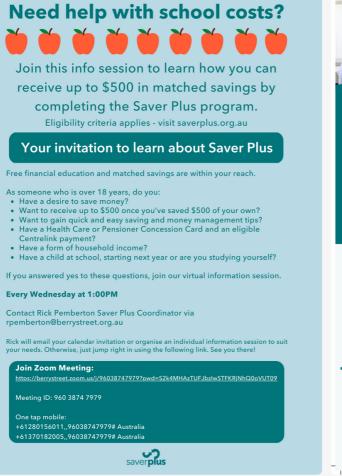
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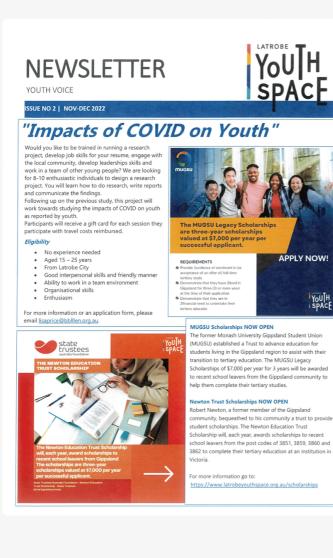


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 ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card <u>AND</u> an eligible Centrelink payment* ✓ Be studying yourself <u>OR</u> have a child in school (can be starting school next year) ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)* ✓ Be 18+ years old *Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible 		laptc tab
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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partners! The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.





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Starting Friday November 25 Calling all Artists, Street Artists, and lovers of street art The Fatcap Concept is deliver a series of Street Art Workshops. Facilitated by professional artists, particip use of spray-paint, learning skills and techniques to produce art pieces to be disp An extension of the program into 2023 will see participants working alongside pro paint a group mural on the exterior wall at Latrobe Youth Space. Workshops will is required to participate. Contact <u>hello@latrobeyouthspace.org au</u> for more inforr



YoYo with a PoPo

Every first Monday of the month, we get a spec from our local Proactive Police Unit: Eyewatch we get a special visit Latrobe Police Service Area, to share some tea and biccies. Come along and join in as we knock up a batch of YoYo's and have a good old yarn.





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