



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021

KEY DATES

28th May—3rd June

State Wide Lockdown. Remote Learning for Students

Postponed due to lockdown

Parent Information Night for 2022 Year 11 at University Campus in 5N104

14th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

15th—18th June

Year 7 Camp

24th June

Last day of term for students (normal hours)

25th June

Report Writing Day (no students required)



Daniel Swallow
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

This year has continued to present challenges to our students and staff. Nobody thought that returning to normal learning after 2020 would be easy, but I'm pleased to say that everyone is rising to the challenge. In the last few weeks, we have seen students really settle back in and the campus has the most calm atmosphere we have seen all year. Term 2 is always a big term though with major events like NAPLAN and Year 7 Camp to keep us busy. The Victorian Government's decision to return us to lockdown for the next seven days brings a new set of challenges but I'm sure that everyone will rise up to it.

NAPLAN

I'm very proud of all of our students for their achievements in NAPLAN. Though we don't receive the results for some time, the effort made by students towards their outcomes during NAPLAN week was the best I have ever seen. I look forward to looking at how we can improve on the learning of our whole school using this data as a guide when we receive it later in the year. Thanks to you, the parents and carers, for ensuring your children were present and ready to demonstrate their learning during these important days.

Reward Afternoon

Last Monday we surprised the students with a reward afternoon for their incredible efforts throughout the term. This was well-timed and well-received, with activities on throughout the day and a free barbecue at lunchtime. The Proactive Police Unit came and joined us for the day along with the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Laurie Marks. On offer to students were a range of activities including board games, movies, inflatable obstacle course, sporting activities and quiet spaces. It was a really positive day!

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Daniel Swallow

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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**Attendance
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Remote Learning

With remote learning starting again next week (hopefully for just a week), teachers are working hard to get learning tasks ready to go. This time, students in Years 7-10 will have a rigorous learning task to complete for each subject with teachers available to support on Microsoft Teams. Students have been told to collect all of their things required for learning before leaving school on Thursday, including borrowing laptops from the library if they were required. At the moment, we are not in a position to make internet access available, however, students can still connect to our network from out the front of the school so driving by and parking on Bridle Road to allow your child long enough to download should enable them to get on with learning if there is no internet access at home. If you require further support, please contact the school and one of our staff will call you back to provide assistance. It is expected that students will engage with their learning from home and upload the necessary tasks. Attendance at school is marked by the completion of tasks over the next week.

I hope our community stays safe and well over this coming week and please don't hesitate to contact us to talk through any needs you may have for support.

Camps, Sports and 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 a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51 650600 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.

Year 7 & 8 News

Year 7 Camp

With the final details being finalised, we are ready to start the adventure with our Year 7 students at camp. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be meeting with the students to inform them of their cabin groups, activity groups and supply them with an equipment list. We look forward to sharing photos and news of what is going to be a great learning experience for our students in our newsletter.

Year 8 Camp

With Year 8 camp planning underway, we are soon to put out the paperwork for parent permission. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight this trip as an important adventure for our students and, after last year, a really important learning experience for our Year 8 students.

We would like as many students to attend as possible. If you are concerned or expect to face financial difficulties, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

Please note: Camps will be processed through the Department of Education camps and excursions rules and regulations and are subject to approval and COVID 19 restrictions. We will keep in constant communication and have contingency plans in place.



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Attendance

With a strong focus on attendance at Kurnai college, I thought it might be a good idea to highlight some positive proactive steps for our parents and carers. As always I want to work with our families to remove any barriers that may be impacting on your learner's ability to come to school, so please feel free to reach out for any support.

Top Attendance Tips For Parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.



Year 8A Learning

Students have been busy learning all new skills and knowledge in our classrooms. I would like to highlight the positive hands on learning task completed by our Year 8 ALPs students.

The task was to use prior learning knowledge and apply it to a real-world engineering problem. Students loved the hand on approach to imbedding a new skill.

Year 7 and 8 KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

Year 7 and 8 Students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record setting achievements of Positive Green Write ups. I would like to recognise the number of positives. Both year levels have achieved across this year, and ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a Positive KPA from their teachers.

Count of **Positive KPA's** for each form group

07A	1284
07B	979
07C	1383
07D	992
08A	1726
08B	732
08C	610
08D	735

Year 9 News

Year 9 students have been working incredibly hard on their classwork this past two weeks. I have been extremely pleased at the general improvement in behaviour and respect overall between students. Students have been involved in taking on responsibilities for opening the basketball courts each morning and making welcome to country announcements. Well done to Ansar and Jade for stepping up to support their fellow students.

Morrisby Testing

Alan and I have left the Morrisby testing open for some more students to complete. This will be closed off very soon and report should be coming out for individual students shortly. Everyone has invested in their future by being involved. This is an extremely valuable feedback process that will assist students, their families, teachers and our careers staff to develop meaningful learning for students from middle school onwards.

Attitudes to Schools Survey

This week students have actively participated in the attitudes to school survey which gives us feedback every year on student attitudes to their school. This data is used to ensure we make improvements to the school's allocations of resources which are meaningful to students. Thank you to all students for their involvement.

All students are welcome to approach any of the Year 9 team to make suggestions for improvements. For example, following student requests, the Year 9 office now has a pump available to students to pump up the basketballs, soccer balls and footballs. Great initiative!

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp for Morwell campus has been scheduled in week 6 of Term 3 this year. Accommodation has been booked and activities are being confirmed so this camp is really taking shape. The purpose of the Melbourne camp is to give students a real experience of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us. We remain extremely keen to get as many students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost. More information will be made available in the next couple of weeks.



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Year 9 Team Leader

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Di Billingsley

Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay

Sandra Treloar



Jillian Tymms

Year 10 News

A huge thank you to all Year 10 students for working towards making a huge decision, VCE or VCAL. The process starts now and will continue for the next few weeks. All Year 10 students and parents have been invited to an information evening on June 2nd next week to find out about the options for Year 11 in 2022. On June 9th all students need to have permission signed to attend the Subject information Day at the University Campus where they will find out about all of the subjects offered for next year. On June 16th, every Year 10 student and a guardian/parent need to attend a Course counselling Interview with a VCE or VCAL panel. Each student is to sign up to a time and a panel that they and a parent or guardian can attend between 1:30 and 6:30 pm. on that date. Congratulations to the four students that have been accepted into the Kick-start Program for Semester 2. Well done!

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech, Textiles and an Advocate), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Johnston (Technology and an Advocate) and Sarah Lewis (English, Humanities and Media).

iTrack

All Year 10 students will have the opportunity to work with a mentor on-line. The program will try to match each student with a person working in the field of work that each individual student is interested in. This mentoring program has been very successful in the past. The program will be run in Terms 3 & 4 during their team-time class so they will not miss their other classes. Any students interested needs to sign up and have a parent signature to be accepted into this program. Information will go out with students this week. We need to finalise numbers a.s.a.p.

Camp

This year we are working on a camp in Melbourne Victoria as we are not allowed to travel inter-state due to Covid-19. Information has been handed out and we will be taking the first **20** students that have their permission form and the deposit money paid to the office.

Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates especially at Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

PBS

This year students will receive a KPA report for working well in class. This will automatically result in an SMS message being sent to a parent or guardian of the student stating which school pillar they were exhibiting in the classroom. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will also be rewarding students with great attendance to school.



Sheryl Tangi
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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi



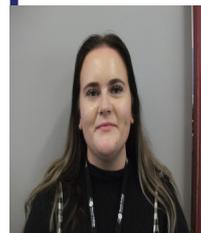
Megan Schwarzenberg



Angela Thomas



Mark Johnston



Sarah Lewis

Dates To Remember

May 31 st	Year 10 students to nominate VCE OR VCAL VCAL Applications are open to Year 10 students
Postponed due to lockdown	Parent Information night for 2022 Year 11 at Uni Campus in 5N104 6:00-8:00pm
June 9 th	Student Subject Information Day at Uni Campus
June 11 th	VCAL Application close
June 16 th	Morwell Campus Course Counselling from 1:30 – 6 pm
June 25 th	VCAL 2 nd Round Applications open
September 7 th – 10th	Melbourne Camp

Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650600

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COVID GUIDELINES

Face masks continue to be one of the most important ways we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. To ensure public health directions are being followed, students aged 12 years and over **must** wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses and when in taxis or ride share vehicles – unless they have a [lawful exemption](#).

College Principal: **Anthony Rodaughan**
Campus Principal: **Geoff Block**
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University Campus Parent Information Session 2022 Enrolments Wednesday June 2nd 2021

6 pm - 8 pm

School Tours - 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Find out about:

- VCAL & VCE
- Subject Content
- Careers Pathways
- Chat with representatives from
TAFE Gippsland & Fed University

Car Parking is available at the Latrobe Leisure
Centre or via Ada Crossley Drive

For more information, contact
Geoff Block 5132 3800
53 Northways Road, Churchill





Winter Workshops 2021



June 28 - July 3

Live in at beautiful Allambee Camp (in the hills behind Yarragon) and workshop at various Trafalgar venues. For 13-21 year olds with an established interest in theatre, from all over Victoria.

The Circus is coming! - Statera Circus performs, and then their artists host a workshop day just for Winter Workshop attendees!

There's an array of interactive and creative sessions with directors, theatremakers, writers, choreographers, circus performers, set designers, lighting designers. Also incorporates a mask session for short film, as part of 'Live WELL-COME Share', a VicHealth-funded project.

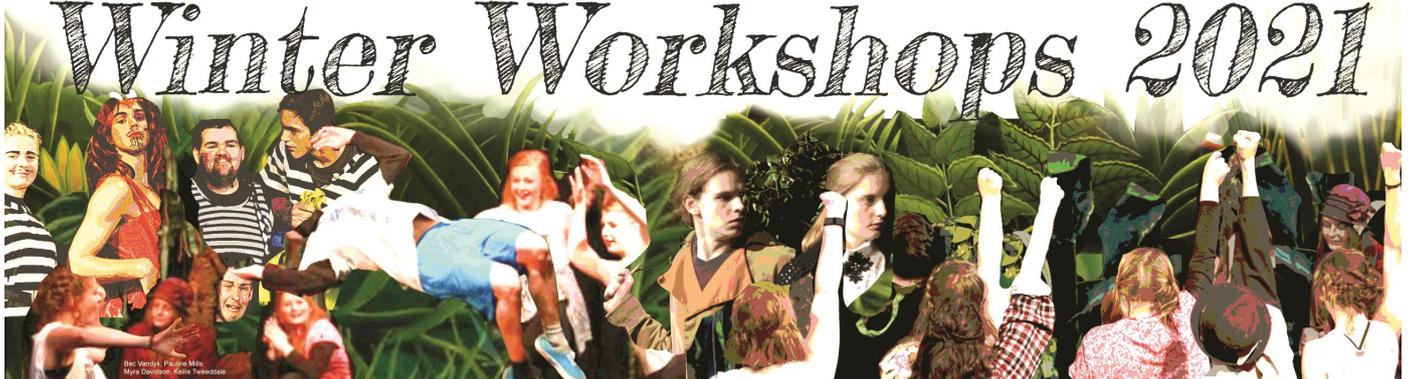
Cost is \$500, all inclusive (workshops, accommodation, food, performance and all transport where V-Line is not available. Yes, we are V-Line accessible... if you can get to Southern Cross Station, you can get to us! Some scholarships - \$100-\$250 are available to selected applicants on request. For registration forms and more information - Joanne: tyu@vdl.org.au or call 0408 366 481



June 28 - July 3

THEATRE CRAFT YOUTH UNLIMITED

Winter Workshops 2021



for 13 - 21 year olds

- including a performance and workshops by the Statera Circus!
- a masks session for short film, funded by VicHealth
- live-in, all inclusive, V-Line accessible - some scholarships available
- contact Joanne tyu@vdl.org.au or by phone 0408366481



Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

- **Woodwind**

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



- **Voice**



- **Brass**

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



- **Percussion**

- Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani

- **Strings**

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



- **Keyboards**

- Electric Keyboard/Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the College if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitars and Keyboards are not hired. Contact the Music Director if you have any queries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College.

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Date: _____ Campus Attending: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____

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your back.



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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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

Student details

Child's surname	Child'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 Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS 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 DHS 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 Victorian Department of Health and Human Services 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 / /



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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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