



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Newsletter

Term 3 2021

Message from College Principal

G'day everyone,

2021 keeps throwing us curve balls and every family and every individual has had enormous challenges to confront in their lives to just get by and getting on with the business of living and learning. I hope you have all managed to remain safe and well during these most demanding of times.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter we are back onsite at school and our team at Kurnai will be working furiously to support our students in both their learning and in their wellbeing. Lockdowns impact on us all differently, but all of us are affected significantly. The need to maintain our own physical and mental wellbeing has never been more important and we will continue to do our best to ensure we are looking out for our students as best as we can.

I would like to congratulate all of the members of our Learning Community for embracing the challenges lockdown presents. Our students have been awesome in their engagement and resilience. Our parents have done their bit by supporting their students where they can, which is not only very important and also very demanding. Many of our parents have more than one child to support whilst also maintaining their own work commitments and

obligations. Thank you to you all for your courageous efforts. Our teaching and support staff too, have done a super job with maintaining the continuity of learning during lockdown 5.0 and I know you all appreciate their efforts.



The current lockdown has meant that many of our activities have had to be rescheduled. Course counselling and subject selection dates have changed. A revised calendar of events for the rest of the year will be included in this newsletter. I encourage you all to lock in these dates and hopefully we won't have to reschedule them again.

Hopefully we can look forward to a more normal finish to the year.

Keep safe and well.

Anthony Rodaughan
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University Campus News

Lockdown 5, thank you to the staff, students and families that supported each other during this difficult time. Given the past lockdowns, most students and staff understood what was required to shift from face to face classes to online learning. What was very encouraging was the vast majority of students who maintained high levels of attendance during this time. Hopefully this is the last lockdown but it is good to know that our students' learning can continue with a degree of normality if further interruptions occur.



As part of their VCAL Community Engagement component VCAL students presented our local Victoria Police and SES workers with professionally presented grazing boxes to thank them

for their efforts in response to the devastating storms. The boxes were produced by students in the VCAL catering class. The catering class also produced the treats that made up individualised morning tea packs that were given to residents and staff at Heritage Manor in Morwell. The idea was to give them a small gift that would allow them to know others were thinking of them during what has been a difficult 18 months. On Friday 25th June our senior VCAL team visited the nursing home and handed out the morning tea packs to the residents. These packs were received with great joy and pleasure. Thanks to Amanda Vosper and her team of staff and students for making these gestures possible.

Geoff Block
University Campus Principal



Churchill Campus News

Churchill Campus continues to upgrade classrooms and specialist teaching areas. In 2019 the Science wing was upgraded to provide two large classrooms and a seminar space. This year we are upgrading our Food Technology and Dining room for students undertaking food technology (cooking) classes. The bright and modern colours, spacious preparation areas, brand new appliances and exhaust fans, which are a new feature, will ensure our students have up to date facilities to demonstrate their cooking and design skills.

The addition of a new Conference room will mean staff from across the College and our colleagues from

across the region will have a space to collaborate on teaching and learning. All upgrades to our school will benefit students and positively impact their learning outcomes.

If you would like to have a tour of our new facilities, please contact our General Office on 5132 3700 and I will make arrangements with you directly.

Cleo Lazaris
Churchill Campus Principal



Morwell Campus News

This year we have battled the impact of intermittent lockdowns and other interruptions to work hard at getting students back on track after last year. It certainly has been a busy year with lots going on. Recently the Year 7s attended Camp Coolamatong, returning with stronger bonds and greater resilience to face the challenges that lay before them throughout high school. Planning is also underway for the Year 8, 9 and 10 camps, COVID-19 restrictions permitting. After having missed their Melbourne Camp in 2020, we have taken the opportunity to run a Melbourne-based camp for the Year 10s this year as restrictions prohibit interstate travel. The Year 9s will also visit Melbourne and Year 8s will head to the high country for their camp at Karoonda Park in Gelantipy.

We are always keen to hear what our students have to say and therefore student voice has been a focus again this year. We met with focus groups of students

recently to listen to how they feel about their school and to help us establish what we need to improve on to meet their needs. This has been followed up with surveys of our entire student cohort in the last weeks of Term 2. This information helps us understand where to focus our teacher development and how to support our students to feel like their school is a safe, productive and appropriately challenging environment. Our Student Leaders have met on a number of occasions to provide their input on the school as well. One of their key wins for the year is to see EFTPOS facilities introduced at our school canteen.

Daniel Swallow
Morwell Campus Principal



Calendar of Events

Please note these events may be subject to change in accordance to COVID-19 regulations and the Department of Education guidelines

College Wide Events

Date	Event
Fri 17 September	End Term 3
Mon 4 October	Term 4 Commences

Churchill Campus

Date	Event
Tue 10 - Fri 13 August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Wed 25 August	Course Counselling
Tue 7 - Fri 10 September	Year 10 Melbourne Camp

Morwell Campus

Date	Event
Tue 17 - Fri 20 August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Wed 18 August	Course Counselling
Tue 7 - Fri 10 September	Year 10 Melbourne Camp
Mon 4 - Fri 8 October	Year 8 Karoonda Park

University Campus

Date	Event
Thu 12 August	GAT (General Achievement Test)
Fri 13 August	Theatre Studies Excursion - 'Them'

Students participating in Interschool Netball and Soccer in July



Kurnai Pillars

Work Ethic

'We are committed to working hard'

Excellence

'We do the best we can do'

Relationships

'We value and respect each other'

Engagement

'We actively participate in our own learning'

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