



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Newsletter

March 2021

Message from College Principal

G'day everyone,

It has been great to have everyone back at school and we are gradually getting back into a rhythm at Kurnai College. The past 12 months or more have been some of the most challenging times for many of us. As a community, a school, as families or individuals, we are all still working our way through this experience. We have seen this evident in all of our campuses and the consequences of the stresses of these times will continue to be felt for some time to come. We must be patient with ourselves and be generous to those around us as we all deal with our own experiences.

One really positive way we have come together recently has been in our swimming and athletics sports. These events were really well attended and I think our students are making up for lost time from last year and throwing themselves into our College program with gusto!

It has also been wonderful to catch up with many families at our campus barbeques. These events at Morwell and Churchill have been well attended and great opportunities

for us all to catch up! I have particularly enjoyed reacquainting myself with a few students that I taught some time ago (please don't guess how long) as they are now bringing their youngsters to Kurnai. This is always a buzz and a great pleasure to see how well people are going and living positive lives.



We are currently looking for a couple of parents to join our school council. This isn't a particularly onerous job and we have been blessed with a positive and supportive council who enjoy contributing to our College direction. Please consider.

Until next time, take care and be kind to yourself and those around you.

Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal

University Campus News

The University Campus has had a great start to 2021, especially if we exclude Lockdown 3.0. The first part of a new school year is always a time for new students to get their heads around the different demands and expectations of the senior campus. Generally, teachers have been happy with the enthusiasm they are seeing in classes. I am sure that all of us just want to get back to normality after 2020.

While teachers have commented on the engagement of students they have also noticed that the remote learning of 2020 has meant that some students need a bit of extra support, especially those coming into Year 11. With this in mind don't forget to encourage your students to make use of Tuesday and Thursday afterschool tutoring sessions, held in the library. Teachers are available to help students with their classwork AND get a snack of chips or pizza,

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those well-known brain foods 😊 If your students are finding they need help, please remind them to make use of this program.

Congratulations Chloe Palmer, our Dux for 2020. Normally she would have been presented with her award at the College Award Ceremony in the last week of school. Given that VCE results didn't come out until after Christmas, we couldn't celebrate with her in 2020. Chloe was very excited that she was shifting to Melbourne to start her studies in animation at RMIT and was glad that she had the money from her award to help make this shift a little easier. We wish Chloe all the best for her future. Geoff Block.



Churchill Campus News

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Churchill Campus school captains for 2021. Congratulations to Lizzy Cassar and Blake Billing who will represent our campus this year. Together with our vice captains and year level representatives they will play a vital role in our Student Representative Council. A message from our captains: Hello, my name is Elizabeth Cassar and I have had the privilege of being elected by my peers as 2021 school captain. I have called Kurnai College home for 4 years now and being able to have a greater say within our school is an honour. I hope to bring a strong school spirit into my role and create a greater, positive learning environment, which will be memorable for peers to look back on. Thank you for electing me as one of your school captains for 2021. I am looking forward to helping make the school a better place for us all. Hello, my name is Blake Billing, thank you for electing me as one of your school captains for 2021. I am looking forward to helping make the school a better place for us all. As you all know, you can come up to me any time to discuss any issues you want me to help with, ideas you have for our school, or to talk about hockey or gaming or the latest anime. I want to create a positive environment where students want to be, and I look forward to you all helping me make this happen. Cleo Lazaris

Morwell Campus News

It has been great to see students and families returning to Morwell Campus this year ready to make up for an interrupted 2020. Our Year 7 parent BBQ saw large numbers of families and students turn up and meet our staff and each other. We were pleased to receive really good feedback from our Learning Community on the efforts we had made so far. Our focus continues to be ensuring the best possible transition for Year 7 students who have had their transition process interrupted last year. This term also sees Morwell Campus trialling a positive reinforcement system that communicates with parents by SMS every time a teacher records positive feedback regarding their child's learning behaviours. This will hopefully enable us to help parents know when their child is achieving good things. Often we struggle to find time to communicate these things, despite them being important. We hope that parents appreciate this communication and that it helps us bridge the gap between the good behaviours and those that distract from learning. We are also pleased to be accessing our new library this year. Furniture is in place and our librarian and IT staff have moved into their new locations. This building is the last of the teaching locations as part of the Morwell rebuild project. Progress is underway on the final stage, rebuilding the administration wing. Hopefully this part of the project will be completed in 2022. Dan Swallow



2021 KURNAI COLLEGE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

COLLEGE CAPTAINS



Joss Ward



Jess Hoghton

CHURCHILL CAMPUS CAPTAINS



Elizabeth Cassar



Blake Billing

MORWELL CAMPUS CAPTAINS



Jada Fisher



Caitlin Aitkin

Calendar of Events

College Wide Events

Date	Event
Wed 31 March 3:30pm - 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Conversations
Thu 1 April 10:00am - 1:00pm	Parent Teacher Conversations
Thu 1 April	End Term 1
Mon 19 April	Term 2 Commences

Churchill Campus

Date	Event
Tue 18 May - Fri 21 May	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
Mon 17 May - Fri 21 May	Year 8 Karoonda Park

Morwell Campus

Date	Event
Tue 16 March	School Photos
Mon 20 April - Fri 1 May	Work Experience

University Campus

Date	Event
Thu 11 March	Year 12 VCAL Holocaust Museum
Tue 23 March	Year 12 Sociology Immigration Museum



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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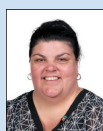
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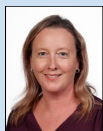
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