



# Morwell 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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# Message from our Campus Principal



Welcome back to another year of learning!

We have hit the ground running this year, navigating the ins and outs of the new requirements of Covid and ensuring that we keep our staff and students as safe as possible. Whilst cases were inevitable this year, I'm pleased to report that they have been absolutely minimal in the circumstances and I am reassured that our staff and students are as safe as they can be. We were pleased to have our air purifiers delivered over the holidays and have them installed in most classrooms and common spaces. Our classrooms are

being well ventilated and our students have been working together safely. Thanks to all our families for your support in administering the RAT tests now that they are available and ensuring that your children are away from school when they show signs of illness. The support from our community has been phenomenal this year.

We were really pleased to take possession of two new portable classrooms over the holidays. Since the plans were developed for our new buildings, we have already shown growth in numbers sufficient for the provision of more classrooms. The new portables are high quality learning areas; nothing like portable classrooms of the past.

They have access to all the technology and comforts of our

other classrooms and are a fantastic addition.

Additionally, the final stages of our building project are soon to get underway and you will notice the demolition of our old administration building soon. This stage has caused some disruption to our staff, but thankfully will have minimal impact on our students. Hopefully, by the end of this year, the building project will be completed. This has been a long time coming. I can still remember the building of the new gym and refurbished technology (old gym) being done 10 – 12 years ago. It feels like we've been renovating ever since!

Next Thursday is our annual Year 7 Parent BBQ. I look forward to meeting with families at this event and hearing about your experiences of high school so far. This is a great opportunity

to reflect on the positives and start to address any concerns.

More importantly, this is a chance to meet the new friends your children are making and develop connections with their parents. I have loved getting around the classrooms of our Year 7 students and seeing them settling in to high school. They have all approached their learning with positivity and excitement.

This year, we have welcomed some fantastic new staff to our teaching team:

- Oliver Clark (English & Humanities)
- Shawn Jordan (English & Humanities)
- Anna McGregor (English & Humanities)
- Stacey Miller (English & Humanities)

- Ang' Bolding (English & Humanities)
- Mark Heiberg (Maths & Humanities)

We have also welcomed back Jessica Qu who rejoins our team as a Maths and Science teacher after a year of leave.

These additions have strengthened our teaching team and have started with enthusiasm. I encourage you to use Compass to contact them, and any of your child's teachers, to follow your child's learning.

Unfortunately, we already farewell Ange Bolding who has taken on another position leading the Young Parents' Program. Cassandra Keevers will be returning from leave to replace her and brings many years of experience.

Cassandra was a teacher at

Morwell Campus for a long time and will know many of our families already.

I hope this year has started well for you and for your children, and if there is anything we can do to make your child's experience of schooling better, please don't hesitate to get in touch and talk to us.



# Year 7 & 8 News



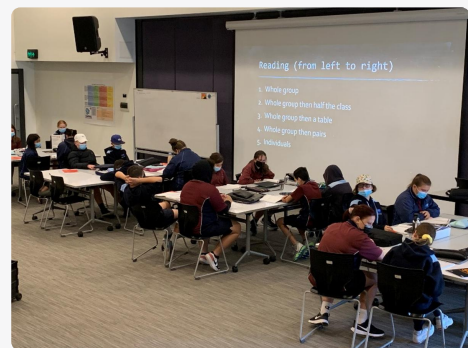
Welcome to the 2022 learning year!

The Year 7 and 8 Team would first like to welcome all our new Year 7 students to the Kurnai Learning Community. We would like to also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families to Kurnai College.

For those who do not know me, my name is Daniel Murphy and my role this year is Campus Assistant Principal and the Year 7 and 8 Sub-School Leader. I will be your primary contact with any and all communication for Year 7 and 8 students. I will endeavour to make 2022 the best school learning year I can make it and if there is anything I can do to help our students please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been absolutely fantastic to see students settling in (or back in) to our Kurnai Learning Community. We have had a great start to the year, with all Year 7 and 8 students engaged in the classroom and our teachers are acknowledging these positive behaviours with record numbers of green positive write up across all our form groups.

The learning in our core and practical classes have been aimed at bridging any key skills that may have been missed over the last two years of interrupted learning as well as really



extending our students that have excelled in this challenging time. Our targeted reading program, TR@K, is in full swing with all students (Year 7 – 9) placed in classes according to their ability levels and working hard at increasing their phonetic reading ability. This is a key focus for the College and the results of this program in recent years speak for its value.



As a Year 7 and 8 Team, we have started educating our students on our key foci for 2021 through assemblies and promotion around the school. These foci are important areas identified by the staff and students and they cover a range of areas including, but not limited to, Attendance, School Wide Positive Behaviour Data

(SWPBS) and NAPLAN.

**Attendance**

We are already pushing as another major focus for the year, holding students accountable for being at school all day every day. At our last Year Level Assemblies for Year 7 and 8 we talked about students achieving 95% attendance.



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students and families on the following attendance data:



**7A: 99%**

**7B: 96%**

**7C: 94%**

**7D: 96%**

**8A: 92%**

**8B: 92%**

**8C: 91%**

**8D: 92%**

**School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS)**

We as a campus are really pushing our positive framework as well as introducing some minor tweaks to enhance instant engagement from our students and parents. As I mentioned above Year 7 and Year 8 students have had a record-breaking start to their positive Compass entries.

<b>07A</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>08A</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>07B</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>08B</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>07C</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>08C</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>07D</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>08D</b>	<b>306</b>

## **CAMP**

We are soon to put out the paperwork for Year 7 Camp. This is a really important adventure for our students and the most important camp of their high school years. We will be working with every family to try and ensure 100% attendance at the camp. If you are concerned or expect to face financial difficulties with this camp, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

We will also be preparing for our Year 8 camp. This is another fantastic adventure for Year 8 students later in the year.

Please note: Camps will be processed through the Department of Education Camps and Excursions rules and regulations and are subject to approval and Covid19 restrictions. We will keep in constant communication and have contingency plans in place.

## **Year 7 BBQ**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Year 7 parents, students and families to our welcome BBQ. Every year we have a great turn-out of both families and teachers. It is really important that all parties work together to get the most out of your child's education. This event is a great way to start off their high school life on a strong positive note. All Year 7 students are keen to show their families around their new school and teachers are eager to meet families to discuss their positive start.

We will have lawn games and music as well as a free BBQ. We really value all the feedback we receive and the engagement of our families in our Kurnai Learning Community.

Please find below the flier that will be sent home to all families this week.



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**THE MORWELL CAMPUS  
YEAR 7 TEAM**  
invites you to our

**PARENT & TEACHER  
MEET & GREET  
BBQ**



**FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
THURSDAY AT 5PM**  
Morwell Campus - Yellow Building

We are providing a free, informal BBQ for you and your family to meet and have a chat with your child's teachers.

This is a great opportunity to ask any specific questions about your child's classes, put names to faces, and share with your child about their first experiences of secondary schooling.

All Year 7 Students are encouraged to attend with their families.

Morwell Campus Principal <b>DANIEL SWALLOW</b>	Assistant Principal - Junior Subschool <b>DANIEL MURPHY</b> daniel.murphy3@education.vic.gov.au
Year 7&8 Assistant Team Leaders <b>BEN KIMPTON</b> Ben.Kimpton@education.vic.gov.au	<b>ROSS JOHNSON</b> Ross.Johnson@education.vic.gov.au

 (03) 5165 0600  Please note that all attendees aged 16 years and over must be double vaccinated.

Please remember that if you need any support with anything for Year 7 or 8 to contact either myself or the Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leaders, Ross Johnson and Ben Kimpton, so that we can support your child to have the best educational experience possible in their early secondary school years.

# Year 9 News

Welcome everyone to Year 9 2022

This year will see the return of lots of great activities, events and learning opportunities for students and term 1 will certainly have its share of the fun and challenges. We have almost completed our first 2 weeks and everyone has really settled in well. Full steam ahead!

## **THE YEAR 9 TEAM**

Anthony Di Fabrizio - Year 9 Team Leader



As School Photo day is scheduled on Wednesday the 16th of February. All students should remember that this is a day that memories are made. So make sure you have full school uniform and be neat a tidy as possible.

In 2022, Anthony Di Fabrizio (the author) is again in the role of as the Year 9 Team Leader. I have already spoken to many of my newly minted Year 9 students and their parents I look forward to talking with many more of you in the near future. Please consider me your first point of contact for anything relating to Year 9 students.



We have a great Year 9 team again this year dedicated to making sure students engage in all of the learning opportunities afforded to them. Student Leadership nominations and appointments have been made and will be announced on Friday the 10th of February.

### **THE YEAR 9 CAMP**

Year 9 Camp is in Term 3 this year and planning is underway. This camp will be a 4 night stay in Melbourne where students will have the opportunity to experience a range 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 are 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 closer to the date.



# Year 10 News

Welcome to the new year of 2022! The staff of the Year 10 team would like to thank all of the students for their great start to the year. We look forward to having a great year full of positive outcomes for all students!

## **Team Members**

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numeracy), Jessica Qu (Science, Life Skills and PBS Leader), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Heiberg (Maths, Numerack and Humanities) and Angela Bolding (English and Humanities) and Denise Cairnduff (English and Health/ PE).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, May 2nd to 13th. The students will be arranging a placement or two during their team-time classes this term. Please contact Sheryl Tangi if you have any issues. We will have limited spaces to place students due to Covid-19. Please also read the Careers Information on Teams from Alan Ferris. One student has already organised his two weeks of Work Experience. If this goes well, he could have an apprenticeship. All students need to create a USI number and complete the General Safe@Work certificate and the certificate of the related industry a.s.a.p.

## **I AM DEADLY PROGRAM**

One of our Year 10 students will be attending the I Am Deadly Program run by Youth Space. It will be out every Thursday for Terms 1 – 3. He will attend a number of excursions to TAFE courses etc. Well Done! We have just received a second application.



## **CAMP**

This year our Year 10 students hopefully be going to Tasmania in the second last week of term three. Information should be out to students after School Council approval towards the end of March.

## **SWIMMING and ATHLETIC SPORTS**

The swimming sports this year are only for students who have signed up to attend the swimming trials on Thursday 17/2. The school athletic sports will take place on Tuesday 1st March and we are hoping for a great turn out of students to the event.

## **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. The attendance line number is 51 323 711

## **PBS**

Students can receive a KPA SMS message to parents from teachers each lesson for positive behaviour. 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 be rewarding students with great attendance to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 16th February	School Photos
Thursday 17th February	Swimming sports trials
Tuesday 22nd February	Tech School Visit
Tuesday 1st March	Kurnai Athletic Sports
Tuesday 1st March	Melbourne Youth Leadership Conference
May 2nd – May 13th	Work Experience (2 weeks)
September 5th – 9th	Tasmania 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

[tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)



# Calendar of Events

## Key Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	
Wed 16 Feb	School Photos (see flyer on School news page)
Thu 17 Feb	Swim Trials - permission forms due Tue 15 Feb
Thu 17 Feb	Welcome BBQ - from 5 pm
Tue 1 Mar	College Athletics
Mon 14 Mar	Labour Day - Student Free Day
Wed 23 Mar	Immunisations Year 7 & 10
Fri 8 Apr	Term 1 Ends

<b>Term 2</b>	
Tue 26 Apr	Term 2 Commences

## College Key Contacts

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



# School News

## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [Kurnai College Privacy Collection Notice](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

I am pleased to confirm that our school will be participating in an exciting new research project into a type of teacher professional development called 'Quality Teaching Rounds.' The research is being undertaken by the University of Newcastle. Four teachers from our school, as well as some of their students, will be invited to participate.

Invitations will be sent out to the relevant classes in due course.

Student participation is entirely voluntary.

For further information, please contact the research manager, Tim Dean, at [qtr\\_vic@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:qtr_vic@newcastle.edu.au) or phone (02) 4985 4300.

## School Photos

# ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

### THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backgrounds to choose from.



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Contact:



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos you need to log onto  
<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>  
 Click on Order Your School Photos  
 and enter your school access key.

**Access Key: JDYQ2C6A**

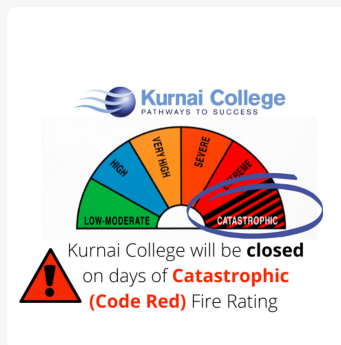
Packages are available to order with this access key.



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 Pathways to Success

# Community News

All campuses of Kurnai College have been categorised by the Department of Education in such a way that will result in school closure in the case of a Code Red Fire Danger day. This is a change to the past and families should be aware so that they might prepare when Summer comes back around





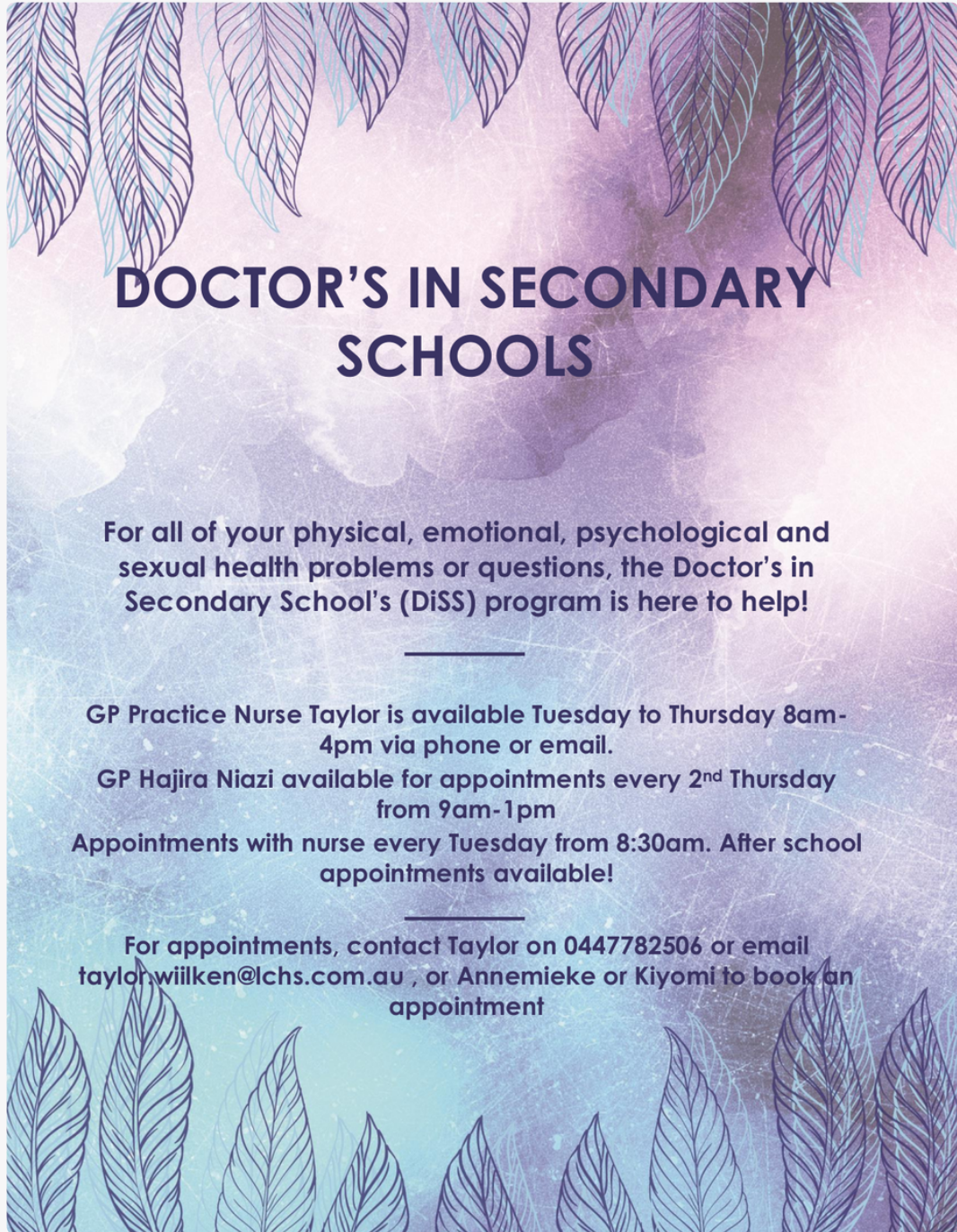


## AFL GIPPSLAND GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN ROADSHOW

Purpose -  
To give as many girls living in all areas of Gippsland an opportunity to experience Australian Rules Football.

- Introductory program targeted to girls aged 7-14.
- Engage and encourage relevant junior clubs and competitions to be involved and support the potential of girls participation (or mixed where applicable) at your club.

<p><b>Foster Footy 4 Fun</b> 12th of February at Foster Showgrounds</p>	<p><b>Traralgon Footy 4 Fun</b> 26th of March venue TBC</p>
<p><b>Korumburra Footy 4 Fun</b> 26th of February at Korumburra Showgrounds</p>	<p><b>Sale Footy 4 Fun</b> 2nd of April at Sale Main Oval</p>
<p><b>Nar Nar Goon Footy 4 Fun</b> 5th of March venue TBC</p>	<p><b>Boisdale Footy 4 Fun</b> 9th of April at Boisdale Recreation Reserve</p>
<p><b>Dalyston Footy 4Fun</b> 6th of March at Dalyston Recreation Reserve</p>	<p><b>Inverloch Footy 4 Fun</b> 16th of April at Thompson Reserve</p>
<p><b>Warragul Footy 4 Fun</b> 12th of March at Marist - Sion College</p>	<p><b>Bairnsdale Footy 4 Fun</b> 23rd of April at Nagle College Bairnsdale</p>
<p><b>Morwell Footy 4 Fun</b> 19th of March at Morwell Recreation Reserve</p>	



## **DOCTOR'S IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**For all of your physical, emotional, psychological and sexual health problems or questions, the Doctor's in Secondary School's (DiSS) program is here to help!**

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**GP Practice Nurse Taylor is available Tuesday to Thursday 8am-4pm via phone or email.**

**GP Hajira Niazi available for appointments every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday from 9am-1pm**

**Appointments with nurse every Tuesday from 8:30am. After school appointments available!**

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**For appointments, contact Taylor on 0447782506 or email [taylor.wiilken@lchs.com.au](mailto:taylor.wiilken@lchs.com.au) , or Annemieke or Kiyomi to book an appointment**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCCER IN WEST GIPPSLAND?  
JOIN US & LEARN MORE AS WE CELEBRATE



# FEMALE FOOTBALL FEBRUARY

A FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CLUBS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN SOCCER

★ Sunday 20 February ★ 10:00am - 1:00pm  
★ Baxter Park - 28 King St, Warragul



- ⚽ MEET THE CLUBS
- ⚽ ON PITCH SESSIONS
  - FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES
  - EXPERIENCED 10AM-11AM
  - BEGINNERS 11AM-1PM
- ⚽ FREE BARBECUE
- ⚽ VIP PRESENTATIONS
  - COACHES & REFEREES
  - COMMITTEE MEMBERS
  - INCLUDING FORMER MATILDA JANE OAKLEY!

REGISTER: [www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC](http://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC)



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You sure do!**



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