



Churchill Newsletter

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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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Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris



Hello everyone

There was a great vibe around the campus as we welcomed all staff and students back onsite, all together. The staggered return allowed all members of our community time to ease back into the routine of school.

A huge thank you to all our year level leaders and their teams for organising activities, lunches and time to chat, as our students transitioned from remote learning to face-to-face classes.

With the gradual easing of restrictions, many of our Term 4 activities and events are set to return in either the usual format or another.

Year 7s will enjoy the Thinking Olympics in Week 8, we will welcome Grade 6 students for transition activities and all year levels will have their Year Level Award ceremonies.

Keeping the lines of communication between students, staff and families is key to our students experiencing success. The past eighteen months has presented many challenges, and has also revealed opportunities.

To get a better picture of students' learning successes and challenges we will be talking to all our students during homegroup in one on one *Conversations for Success*. These will provide us with information which will help us to best support our students. In Week 9 we will extend invitations to families to join us in *Conversations for Success*. Appointments can be made via Compass for a phone conversation with your child's homegroup teacher.

Information will be provided when the appointments are open. I hope you are all able to join us in the conversations.

Whilst I am unable to hold a Cuppa and Chat at the moment I am more than happy to have a phone chat. Call the General Office on 51323700.





Year 7 News

Year 7 Team



Returning from Remote Learning has been a much-awaited pleasure for our Year 7s. For some students, it has been like commencing Year 7 all over again. Feelings are important to us, so we remind students and parents to contact school, the Year Level Leader, Student Welfare Officer, Advocates to keep us informed about recent experiences back at school.



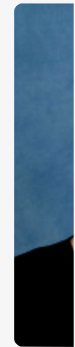
The photos this edition capture our team goals: getting back into 'the swing of things', returning students to a routine of learning, peer activities to build relationships and teamwork, re-establishing routines such as school expectations, positive behavior towards each other, bringing equipment to class and the 'classics': managing a locker and timetable.





Year 8 News

Year 8 Team



Back Onsite

Over the last two weeks, the Year 8 students returned to onsite schooling on Tuesday and Wednesday.

When the Year 8 students came back onsite on the 12th of October, for the staggered return, they participated in a modified period 1 class based on their ideas about how they would like to return to school. Some students decided that they would like to do something physical, such as dodge ball, others wanted to chill and catch up on work, whilst others wanted to chill and make something. To celebrate the return to onsite learning, the Year 8 students also enjoyed a hotdog lunch. On the 25th of October, Year 8 students have been finally able to step away from online learning.



Awesome Attendance

The attendance was taken from the 30th of August to the 7th of October. Students who had a 91% or higher attendance during the remote learning time were also able to participate in the Ice Cream bar. The following students achieved that requirement: **Robbie Gray, Charlee Taylor Simpson, Darcy Fehlberg, Hallie Beam, Luisa Cardillo, Jarrod Thomas, Jacinta Gittos, Ajay Perrott Orr, Nephi Doherty, Dean Xuereb, Tayla Heslop, Eleanor McEwen, Tj Peek, Desi Webb, Arabella Baker, Archer Clarke, Ruby Turner Jellis, Adyan Chowdhury, Danie Lawrie, Harley, Tay Mansfield, Jesse Stevens, Sidney Townsend, Precious Glade and Leandra.** This was an **Awesome effort.**

Visual Communication



The Year 8 students have been making metal trees, which are on display at the General Office.

Student Absences

A big thank you too all parents and guardians who are continuing to help us to keep track of student attendance during remote learning. Please continue to make sure that you do let the school know, by contacting the school prior to 9am where possible if it is expected that your child will be away from school. You may leave a voice message on the absence voice mail, which can be accessed 24 hours a day.

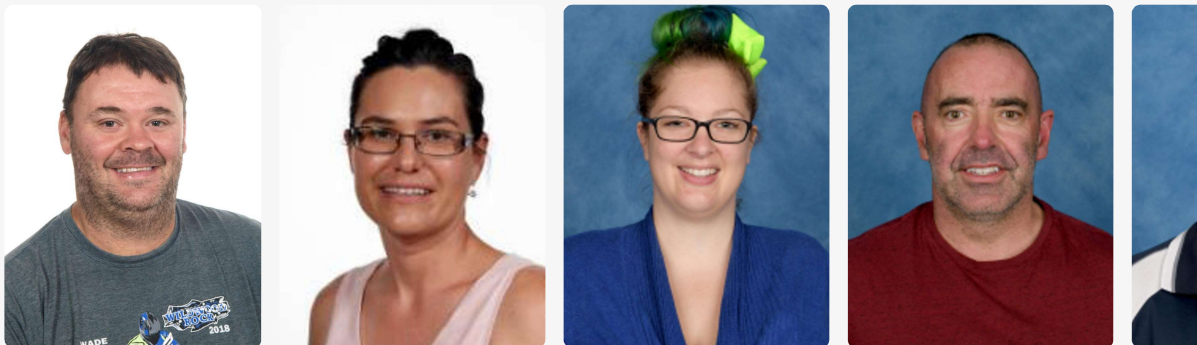
Absence phone number - Churchill - 5132 3711





Year 9 News

Year 9 Team



Hello again everyone and welcome to this edition of the year 9 news. It has been great to see the year nine cohort return to face to face teaching through the staged return. It really looks like everyone is ready to get back to it full time and by the time you read this that will have occurred. It is extremely unfortunate that a number of events have had to be cancelled throughout this year as a result of the pandemic and term four is no exception with the unfortunate cancellation of Tech school and leadership excursions. The future is bright however and the return to face to face teaching is a great step forward for students, staff and families. On behalf of the Year 9 team, welcome back.

Attendance

A number of students have had legitimate reasons for not attending school through the staged return. In order to ensure that students who might be struggling with the return to on-site schooling can be identified and supported, it is important that absence is reported with an explanation to the absence hotline (51323711). Parents of students who have not attended school onsite during the staged return and have not provided reason will be contacted by a member of the year 9 team. We understand these are challenging times and there may be valid reasons for absenteeism. We have a range of supports at our disposal and

encourage all families to take advantage of these by communicating concerns or challenges with school staff.

First Day back to On-site Learning

In order to ease the transition back to school from remote learning, the year 9 team organized a day of novel and fun activities aimed at reconnecting students with their peers and teachers. There was a range of activities on offer from energetic ball games to more sedentary crafts and puzzles. This was all capped off with a baked spud for lunch catered for by the students of the year 9 cooking class.



Awards

Congratulations to these students for their work during remote learning. Their outstanding efforts qualified them for an Allstar award and a hot chip lunch.

Daniel Bonica , Gabrielle Bonnici, Lola Hill, Makayla Durand, Chris Bolton, Jorja Hart.



Art Project

This term the 9 Art Project class have started to paint a mural that will be displayed on the walls of one of the buildings at the school. This mural is a collation of designs from every student, that has meaning to them individually.

The designs are all pouring out of a big ice cream sundae glass designed by one student and are floating in the liquid mixture from the glass.

The designs range from jumping koi fish to floating bubble eye balls to mushrooms and flowers. Students are learning the tricks of using exterior paint and how different it is to water based acrylic paint.



Year 10 News

Year 10 Team



There are only FIVE weeks left for our students here at the junior campus before they transition to the senior campus or to other adventures.



The Year 10 cohort have made a cracking return to onsite learning and we (the Year 10 team) are looking forward to sharing their last few moments at the junior campus with them all!

The expectations on our Year 10 students have not eased, especially when we have many more things to remember and model to the younger students – the correct wearing of masks, socially distancing where possible, wearing the correct uniform, behaving and speaking respectfully to each other and their teachers.

The term will go quickly and hence the focus for the newsletter will be to keep you informed of all that is happening in the coming week.



Thursday the 9th of September marked R U OK Day, a day that encouraged people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives. Students were encouraged to design and create a cartoon strip that depicts the theme R U OK? CONGRATULATIONS to **Zoey Lenser (C1B)**, who was one of two campus winners!



HTVA History Enrichment School Holiday Program

William Bonnici (C1A) has a passion for history and is currently enrolled in VCE History and was invited to be part of the **HTVA History Enrichment School Holiday Program**.



Here is William's overview of his experience:

I was given the opportunity of a lifetime from my Humanities teacher, Mrs. Horner to experience a virtual history program run by the HTAV (History Teachers Association of Victoria). What we did (40 students from all over Victoria) was participate in activities run by members of the HTAV and other people that work in the history field. Most of these activities were run by historians who have taught or researched the subject.

The first thing we looked at was the Black Death plague and how it affected humanity. We also looked at how people in some parts of the Commonwealth will look for treasures amongst sources of water and what they do with these treasures. The final activity was how to gain more information from the internet correctly looking at various sources telling whether they are reliable or not, as well as how we can make better questions if we were to conduct historic investigations giving us more broader answers. All I can say is a huge thank you for HTAV and my teacher for giving me this opportunity!



Careers News

Suze Benson - Careers Advisor



YEAR 10

2022 Timetables will be finalised over the next few weeks. If there are any concerns with the subjects you have chosen, please do not hesitate to contact Suze Benson via teams.

YEAR 9

As we know, 2022 is not far away. With our time hijacked this year, Year 9 student's have some preparation to do before they start Year 10. Next year is going to bring with it a world of career exploration and planning, with a strong focus on where they are headed after high school. Planning now can make their future decisions less overwhelming.

We start this planning with the Morrisby Profiling Interviews with Specially trained Career Analysts. These interviews are taking place in Week 6 (Monday 8th November and Friday 12th November 2021). Students who have not brought back their permission to meet with the Careers Consultant are encouraged to do so ASAP. Otherwise, they forfeit the opportunity to meet with them. *If you require a new form, please contact Careers.*

As a reminder, Morrisby is an online Careers Screening Resource, we utilise to support students broaden their understandings of their pathway options, highlighting their strengths and will provide career suggestions from a list of 600+ occupations.

The link to access Morrisby is on Microsoft Teams under Year 9 Team's channel. Please ensure your child has definitely completed this before 29/10/2021.

If you would like to know how to support your child at home, please see Careers Contact below.

2022 YEAR 10's CHOOSING A VCE SUBJECT

Year 9 Students who have a demonstrated ability to cope with a VCE subject next year, have been invited to attend an information session with the Uni Campus Careers staff on **Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 10am**. More information about this, will be sent via Year 9 team leader Mr Glen Stephenson.

Undertaking a VCE subject in Year 10, requires a mature and high level of commitment to keep up with the work load. Acceptance into a VCE subject must be backed up by a student's academic performance and endorsed by teachers.

To assist families (in year 9 and 10) we have put together some virtual information that we hope will assist students with these important decisions.

Virtual information can be found

If you require further information, you are invited to contact our campus Careers Advisor – Suze Benson – 51323700 or the University Careers Team – 51323800.

QUOTE: A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY LEADS TO BIG RESULTS, YOU JUST HAVE TO SHOW UP.



Calendar Of Events

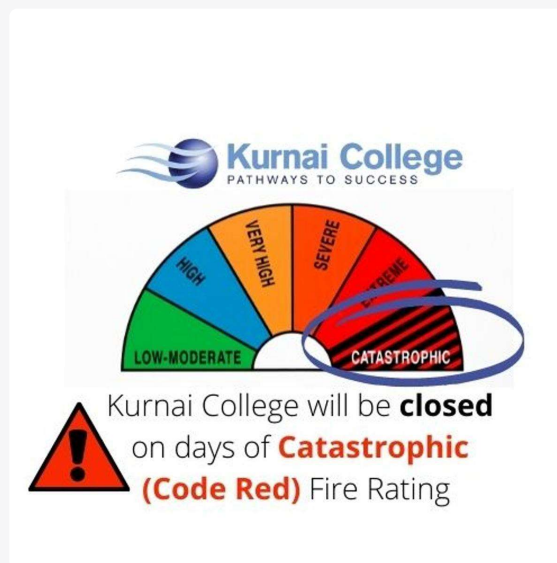
KEY DATES	
Mon 1 November	Staff Development Day - Student Free Day
Tue 2 November	Melbourne Cup Holiday - Student Free day
Tue/Wed 10-11 November	Year 9/10 Theatre Production
Thur/Fri 18/19 November	Year 7 Thinking Championships

College Key Contacts

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



School 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

NAIDOC Celebrations

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders – past, present and future – for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal people. We must always remember that this land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.



Kurnai College proudly celebrates NAIDOC week each July, with this year's event being postponed until this month in the hope we would be able to celebrate in person.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, we have had to cancel this year's event, but we would like to let you know that we have not forgotten.

What does NAIDOC stand for and why do we celebrate this?

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. In celebrating NAIDOC we recognise the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, with celebrations held all around Australia.

"Healing Country" is the theme for this year.

The theme calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. "Country is inherent to our identity. It sustains our lives in every aspect – spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally." Country is more than place. It is family, kin, ceremony, traditions and language. "Healing country means resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of Indigenous people."

We look forward to being able to celebrate NAIDOC week next year with our community. Stay safe everyone.

Fun Run

Due to COVID restrictions our Fun Run has not been able to go ahead, but we hope to do so in the near future, but we would like to congratulate Hallie Beam who was the highest money raiser for the school.



Kurnai Young Parents Program



The Kurnai Young Parents Program

Are currently taking enrolments for the 2022 Yr12 VCAL Program.

Enrolment is open to current and expectant young parents under the age of 21.

To find out more or to register your interest please contact:

Simone Hearne: 0407 951 456 or
Cristy Russell: 0417 352 912

INTAKE CLOSES 10TH OF DECEMBER 2021 AND WILL REOPEN LATE
JANUARY 2022

kurnaiyoungparentsprogram.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au