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# University Campus

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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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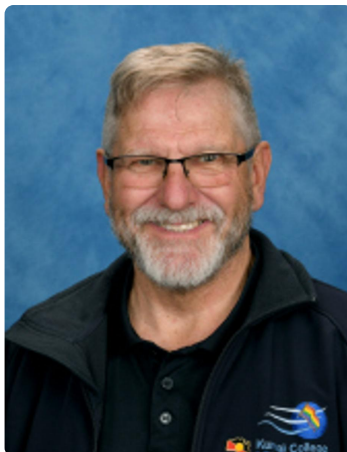


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# Message from our Campus Principal



## Welcome to the end of Semester 1 and start of Semester 2

### **Reports**

Semester reports will be published at the end this term. However, because of COVID and flu related absences of students and teachers, a number of classes/students will not have the reports finished at this time. Teachers will have until the end of the first week of Term 3 to complete these reports. When this is done, parents will be notified by the teachers.

### **Extra support and brain food!**

The last two years of COVID, lockdowns and remote learning has meant that many students are struggling with the more rigid requirements of VCE and VCAL subjects. On Mondays and Thursdays after school, students can get extra support from teachers and tutors to help them deal with areas of their subjects they are finding difficult. So, in the library after 3:00 pm with pizza on Monday, and chips on Thursday, both of which I am reliably informed are very effective brain foods.

### **Mobile Phones at School**

Students and staff have been commenting on the increasing numbers of students using their phones at school. In line with Department of Education policy, if students bring their phone to school, it should be in their bag or locker from 8:20 am until the end of school at 2:50 pm. The one exception is if students need to use it to make payments during recess or lunch. Once the payment is made the phone must be returned to their bag or locker. The other option is to get a debit card to make payments. It works the same as a phone and is way lighter.



### **Congratulations Bridie Byrne**

A bit of a late notice but congratulations to Bridie Byrne who was given the Latrobe City Young Citizen of the Year Award for 2022.

Bridie plays an active role in the local scouting movement. Well done Bridie!

A write up on Bridie's achievements can be found at

<https://latrobevalleyexpress.com.au/news/2022/01/06/awards-recognise-great-girl-guides-of-traralgon/>

### **Early Finish on Friday**

School will finish early on the last day of term, Friday 24th June. Period 4 will be the final period. Buses will start to leave at 1:15 pm. We hope you all enjoy the break.



# Congratulations Blocky



The College congratulates Geoff Block on being announced in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours roll as a recipient of the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service to education in Victoria.

This is appropriate recognition of Geoff's contribution and leadership in education and in improving the outcomes for kids in the Latrobe

Valley.

Geoff Block has been a teacher at Maryvale High school/ Kurnai College since 1977.

He has held numerous roles in that time and has been a principal class officer within the college since 2003.

Geoff has been a visionary influencer and leader throughout his time at Kurnai.

Geoff's particular gifts to the Kurnai/Latrobe Valley communities covers three main areas:

1. Geoff's dedication to the education and wellbeing of disadvantaged young people in the Latrobe Valley has been the hallmark of his work in inner Gippsland over 40 years as an educator and leader.
2. Geoff has been an innovator and early adaptor especially in the area of pathways for senior students. Most particular he has been pivotal in implementing and developing VET provision for young adults and in the creation of the Gippsland Education Precinct as a major destination for Gippsland students.
3. Geoff helped begin the sister school relationship with Kou'an School in Taizhou China and has since coordinated and facilitated numerous student study tours both



to and from China. He has overseen student trips through the VYLC and VYLI as part of this work and numerous trips as well. He has worked to ensure that many students have enjoyed and learnt from these trips that without his help would never have been able to afford these life changing opportunities.

Well done, Blocky!



# Calendar

## Key Dates

<b>Term 2</b>	
Fri 24 June	Term 2 ends

<b>Term 3</b>	
Mon 11 July	Term 3 commences
Wed 13 to Fri 15 July	Inspiring Careers in Health Experience excursion
Tue 19 July	NAIDOC Celebrations
Thu 28 July	Looking for Alibrandi Performance excursion
Mon 1 Aug	Year 12s VTAC Information/TAFE Session
Wed 3 Aug	Uni Campus 2023 Parent Information Night
Mon 8 Aug	Year 12s VTAC Briefing Week
Thur 11 Aug	Year 12 Parent Teacher Conversations
Fri 16 Sept	Term 3 ends - buses start to leave at 1.15pm

<b>Term 4</b>	
Mon 3 Oct	Term 4 commences
Wed 16 Nov	2022 Graduation

# College Key Contacts

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



# School News

## Year 12 Business Management



On Friday the 27th May the year 12 Business Management class attended an excursion to the Yakult factory in Dandenong. The students were able to see first-hand how sustainable business models are applied in practice throughout the tour.

The students were able to learn about quality control and the sterilisation process as well as how Yakult is produced, including the company's principles regarding not releasing anything harmful into the environment, their mission to reduce the use of plastics, and being as energy efficient as possible.

The students were also able to try a bottle of Yakult themselves before the end of the tour.

Nia Whitney, Student Teacher (University of Tasmania)

## Wellington District Interschool Sports

## **SOCCER**

Year 11/12 students from the University Campus represented Kurnai College at the Wellington School soccer in Sale. Both teams played in a series of 40-minute round robin games with a chance to progress to Gippsland Finals that will be held in July next term.

### ***Senior Boys Team***

The boys team comfortably won their first game to **Sale Catholic College** defeating them 11-0.

Despite their best efforts they lost their second game against **Lavalla Catholic College** 3-0. Although they did not come away with the win, the results exhibit the incredible effort the boys put in.

A huge thank you to Alan Roberts for coaching.

### ***Senior Girls Team***

The girl's team also comfortably won their first game to **Sale Catholic College** defeating them 11-1.

Their second game against **Lavalla Catholic College** saw both teams contending fiercely very early on to get on the score sheet first. After a ball deflected off Lavalla's keeper back to our player late in the first half Kurnai College had the opportunity to put away the first goal. Minutes later a one-on-one with the keeper allowed the girls team to enter half time with a 2-0 lead. The second half remained scoreless for Kurnai College to walk away with a 2-0 win. Overall, the girl's remarkable effort sees them progress through to the Gippsland Finals.

Well done to all students that participated and the fabulous display of sportsmanship both on and off the pitch!

## **NETBALL**

### ***Intermediate Girls Team***

On Wednesday Year 9/10 girls from Morwell Campus competed in the Wellington Shire Inter School Sports in Sale with five, 16-minute, games to be played. The girls were excited to discover the games were to be played indoors.

The first game against **Sale College (1)** resulted in a defeat, 12 to 6, but the highlights of the game was the effort of the defenders who ensured every contested ball was Kurnai's. Amelia at GA scored the first goal of the game and went on to score three of the six, with Ayla scoring from way out to score the other three goals of the game.

**Maffra Secondary College (1)** was Kurnai College's next challenge, and sadly it resulted in a defeat, 11 to 5. The teamwork was improving, with fabulous defence by Lizzy and Bridget in GK and GD. Sarah's midcourt work was beautiful. Bridget began to experience what it meant

to be a goalkeeper and was called contact and obstruction anytime she went near the shooters but showed great perseverance all day long in this position.

Game three was against **Maffra Secondary College (2)** and a close game of 7 to 6 with Maffra taking the win. Communication was the highlight of the game. Milla and Amelia took charge and directed play beautifully. Sadly, we lost Isabella in this game to an ankle injury, and she was unable to return for the day. Keely shone in WD and the move of Milla to centre proved invaluable.

The next game was up against **Sale College (2)** and Kurnai College's first win, 8 to 1. Lizzie picked off every loose ball and was quick to move the ball back up the court. The attacking team improved out of sight and worked the ball into the ring with Ayla and Amelia put shots up with great confidence. Bridget and Keely gave no space to their players and made sure they always knew where their players were.

Game five (our last game) and what a thriller it was. **Traralgon College** – who had gone undefeated all day – saw us tie at 14 all. Teamwork was amazing, with the defenders scrapping for every ball and our midcourt working to feed the ball to our attackers. Sarah and Milla worked the goal ring like professionals, giving each other space while waiting patiently for our shooters to position themselves within striking distance of the goal ring.

## **BADMINTON**

### ***Senior Mixed Team***

On Wednesday Year 11/12 students from the University Campus represented Kurnai College at the Wellington School Badminton in Yarram.

The fixture only consisted of playing one game, comprising of 6 sets, two double sets and four single sets against **Yarram Secondary College**.

Yarram Secondary College prevailed on the day winning, 5 sets to 1. However, the attitude and sportsmanship of the Kurnai College's students should be highly commended.





## Cosi Performance

Kurnai College's Year 11/12 Theatre Studies class took to the stage for their performance of *Cosi* earlier in Term 2.

Principal Mr Geoff Block attended the performance on the first evening, stating, "I was really impressed with the quality of the performance. The forgotten lines seemed just part of the story and the power outage was just the sort of stuff-up you'd expect in a mental institution's play rehearsal.

Theatre productions always show students in a very different light to what I usually see. This was no exception. Paris and her cast and crew should be proud of what they achieved."



## Student Absences

If you know your student is going to be away from school, please call the absent line on 5132 3711 as soon as you can and leave a detailed message. This will ensure that their attendance is not poorly reflected. It's not ok to be away, but we understand that sometimes it is unavoidable. If you wish to discuss absences in further details please call the campus office on 5132 3800.





# Tutor Learning Initiative

## **Tutor Learning Initiative to continue at Kurnai College in 2022**

Kurnai College is delighted to share the news that the Victorian Government is continuing the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) in 2022. This initiative is designed to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and engagement in Victoria.

The extension of the initiative will allow Kurnai College to continue to provide our students who need it most with targeted TLI learning support in the 2022 school year.

Despite the continued challenges Kurnai College and schools across Victoria have faced this year, the TLI has ensured that students, who may have fallen behind or become disengaged, receive the help they need. In 2021, the TLI has enabled Victorian government schools, and qualifying non-government schools, to engage over 6,400 teachers as tutors.

Kurnai College would like to thank all the tutors, teachers and families who were involved in supporting Kurnai College's TLI program in 2021. We look forward to continuing Kurnai College's TLI program in 2022 to provide learning support that will enable our students to flourish now and in the future.

## 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



## Community News



NewAccess is available through Wellways across Gippsland, providing free and confidential mental health coaching.

The program provides a great starting point for people feeling stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed about everyday life issues.

It is available for people living and working in the Gippsland region who are 12 years old and over.

NewAccess coaches are trained in low-intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, guiding participants through a tailored six session program. This can be delivered via telehealth or face 2 face.

For more information about the program head to <https://www.wellways.org/our-services/newaccess>

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Contact: Naomi Brittain 0405 739 819

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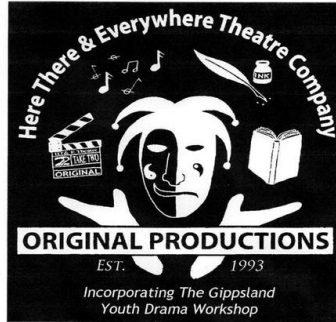
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