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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



Welcome to the pointy end of the school year.

Year 12 students are rapidly coming to the end of their secondary education. Year 12 VCAL students have been having meetings with their parents/guardians and school support staff to map out what needs to be done to complete their certificate and what strategies are in place to take them to the next stage of their life.

Year 12 VCE students who are not planning to sit exams in Term 4 have already started sessions around preparing for job applications and interviews while focusing on meeting the outcomes needed to help them with their next step. For all those students sitting exams at the end of the year, they are busy finishing their outcomes, completing the SACs and SATs that are the school assessments contributing to their final study scores and getting ready for those exams. Revision lectures are available face-to-face at Fed Uni in the first week of the holidays as well as practice exams. Online revision sessions are also available in the second week of the holidays. You are right; for scored VCE students the next holidays are not really holidays!

On top of all that the General Achievement Test (GAT) will be held on Wednesday 7th September for all Senior VCAL students and all VCE students studying unit 3-4 VCE subjects.

While the GAT is generally not part of a student's final assessment, if something happens which stops a student completing an exam, the GAT results are used to help give the student a derived score. For this reason, it is important that students take the GAT seriously.

While teaching staff always find this the busiest and most stressful time of the year it is also a time when the work load of the education support staff increases dramatically. also With this in mind. congratulations to the Careers Team for being shortlisted in the Victorian Education Excellence **Awards** in the category of Outstanding Education Support Team. Announcement of the award winners will be made at the Theatre Regent October. Regardless of the outcome our school community is always aware of the valuable work the Careers Team does across our College. We are very lucky to have them and wish them all the best for their night at the Regent.

Congratulations to Lily-Rose Williamson, one of our Year 12 VCE students who has been drafted to the Essendon Football Club. Congratulations also needs to be given to our students and the Health/PE department teachers for the number of sports teams and individual students who have progressed into the later inter-school stages of the

sports competitions this year. It seems that at every morning briefing Candy White is telling us about the student successes...AND the number of students who will be missing classes when the next round of sports is occurring. Still great to see students being more active now we are slowly moving away from the COVID limitations of the past two vears.

For all of you with students doing Year 11 courses we hope to see you at Parent/Teacher conversations on Thursday and Friday 15th/16th September.

These meetings are an important way to find out in more detail how students are progressing in their subjects. They also give you a chance to information with share teachers about the issues your students are facing that we may know nothing about. So please, when you receive notification for bookings, book those meetings.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and we look forward to working you with in Term 4 and beyond.



Calendar

Key Dates

Term 3	
Wed 7 Sept	GAT (General Achievement Test) No scheduled
	classes
Thurs 15	Year 11 Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm -
Sept	7.30pm
Fri 16 Sept	Year 11 Parent Teacher Conversations 10am -
	1pm
Fri 16 Sept	Year 12 Practice English Exam 9.00am - 12.15pm
Fri 16 Sept	Last day of Term 3 - No scheduled classes

Term 4	
Mon 3 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Wed 19 Oct	Last day of Year 12 Classes
Thurs 20 Oct	Year 12 Celebration Day
Wed 26 Oct - Wed 16 Nov	Year 12 VCE Exams
Wed 16 Nov	2022 Year 12 Graduation
Mon 28 Nov - Fri 9 Dec	Head Start 2023
Fri 9 Dec	Gumbuya World

College Key Contacts

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



School News

Holiday Practice Exams

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
	19th Sept	20th Sept	21st Sept	Sept	Sept
9:00am	Product	No Exams	Chemistry	Biology	Health &
	Design		Further Maths	Business	Human Dev
	Physics			Management	Sociology
	Psychology			Art	Maths
					Methods
12:30pm		No Exams	Legal Studies	Theatre	Physical
			Studio Art	Studies	Education
			Specialist	Literature	Music
			Maths	Food Studies	History
					(Revolutions)
					Accounting

Holiday Timetable - Inner Gippsland VCE Lecture Series

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Time	Mon 19 Sept	Tues 20 Sept	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Mon 26
			Sept	Sept	Sept
10am-	Health & Human	English	Biology	Physics	Psychology
12.30pm	Development		Unit 3		Unit 3
		Business		Further	
	Chemistry Unit 3	Management		Mathematics	Legal
					Studies

1pm-	Physical Education	English	Biology	Maths	Psychology
3.30pm			Unit 4	Methods	Unit 4
	Chemistry Unit 4				

We want our Parents/Caregivers/Guardians to tell us what they think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August** to **Friday 16th September.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. Please contact the general office if you would like further information.

'Pay it Forward'



This semester VCAL Literacy have watched the film 'Pay it Forward' and are now looking at some community based pay it forward initiatives. One such project is Tabitha's Closet. They collect clothing and offer it for free to people in need throughout the Latrobe Valley.

We have already sorted a large amount of baby clothes, but they are in desperate need of clothing for teenagers and young people. We ask if you have any good quality clothes at home that you consider donating them. There will be a box for donations inside 5W121. We will be collecting clothes until the end of term.

Music News

Our music students from across the College have joined forces to entertain and delight audiences over the past fortnight. Students performed at Morwell Central, Morwell Park, Yinnar and Churchill primary schools. Each performance was met with tremendous applause as the primary school students sang and danced along. It is a fantastic opportunity to establish connections with the local community through music. The school visits are designed to provide students with the opportunity to see, try and hear a wide variety of musical instruments during engaging and fun filled performances.

Our students performed at the 'Love Your Sister' family fun day at the Traralgon Racecourse on Sunday 21st August. We were very grateful to be invited to perform for such a worthy cause and collaborate with local secondary schools in the area. Once again, our music students provided entertainment which was well received by the audience. The highlight of the day for many was meeting Samuel Johnson, the founder of the event.

We would like to thank our fantastic musicians on their wonderful contributions to these various community events.







What's Next:

 Kurnai's Got Talent Grand Final Tuesday 13th September (Morwell Performing Arts Centre) 6pm - 7:30 pm



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- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
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Community News

Geoff Watt Memorial Fun Run



Discount Early Bird Entries for Geoff Watt Memorial Fun Run. Three months to train for the events of your choice. Live music, food stalls, Tarago River cheese & Mitchelton wine, Grand Ridge apple & pear cider, Craft beers, Stalls: Bulla, berries, breads, olives, Danish pastries, etc. Entertainment for kids & Vintage Car & motorbike show.

Fancy Dress & Spot Prizes on the day. Prizes for best four runners in each event & Team with largest no of entrants. When entering add your Team or Workplace.

Young Achiever Awards for Top Gippsland Athletes, 3
Male & 3 Female (up to 27 years of age)

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary you will receive a \$50 Active Feet voucher when you enter.





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Music & Lyrics

Dennis Kelly

9 September 7pm Tim Minchin

10 September Ipm & 7pm

Grey St Compus Stadium- 154-184 Grey Street Traralgon

For more information

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Have you been thinking about becoming a foster carer? Kids in your area need care!

Are you able to provide Aboriginal children and young people with a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their needs?

Will you be prepared to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

At VACCA we are seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding; carers who believe that they can make a positive impact on a child's life.