



# Kurnai College

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## Churchill Newsletter

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## Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris



### Welcome BBQ

Every year Churchill Campus holds a welcome BBQ to welcome all our new families, students, and staff. This year's event was held on Thursday, February 24th. It was a great opportunity for students and families to catch up in a relaxed atmosphere, have a sausage or two and to hear information from the Year Level Team Leader about the upcoming year. Thank you to our music students who provided the entertainment for the evening and to all the staff who helped to organise the event.

It was great to see so many people and I look forward to getting together at events in the future.

### TOP PERFORMANCE AVERAGES

Congratulations to all students who received a certificate for the recent learning behaviour update. Students who achieve Good or Excellent for all the learning behaviours will score a Performance Average of 3.5 or above. These students are demonstrating the behaviours to be successful and as such are recognised with a certificate. I have asked Team Leaders to

encourage all students to improve on their recent score and over the coming weeks they will be talking to students on ways to improve.

Team Leaders will be talking to students whose performance is below the expected standard and will assist with strategies to improve.

The Homework Club on a Wednesday night is available for all students who would like a quiet space to finish off work or to seek assistance.

My staff and I are committed to supporting students to reach their potential and so I invite you to make an appointment with your child's team leader to discuss their progress.

### **'DOING MY BEST ON THE NAPLAN TEST'**

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy will take place in the middle of next term from May 11-20. All tests will be completed online this year. There will be practise tests in March and April for students to become familiar with the online process.

In order for students to showcase what they can do; teachers will be building on skills and strategies that will help them get ready for the tests.

This is not about "teaching to the test", but it is about teaching transferable skills to other more important assessments and tests, including classwork, Learning Tasks, Common Assessment Tasks (CATs), VCE exams, and more general things like aptitude tests for apprenticeships and other career pathways.

### **College Athletics Sports**

Congratulations to Forsyth on being the overall winners at our recent Athletics Sports. A great day was had by all. I was hoping for a Siddle win this year, but it wasn't to be.

This is one of the few occasions when the entire college comes together and it was fabulous to see students mingling and participating in the wide range of events on offer.



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### Year 7 News

#### **Year 7 Learning Behaviour Updates (LBU Report scores)**

Congratulations to the 47 students from our total of 76 who scored over 3.5 out of 4. They showed skill in submitting work on time, completing class work either in full or to a negotiated standard, on time to class and works respectfully with others. Homegroup sessions have been supporting students address these areas. The next LBUs will be important for measuring student improvement and the impact of strategies over the term.

#### **Camp Coolamatong**

Wonderful to receive high parent and student interest in our 2022 **Year 7 Camp**. If you would like to know more about *payment options and how the Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund*, (especially for Health Care card holders) can contribute to seeing your child attend camp, please contact Churchill Campus office.



Moments from Camp Coolamatong. Peer Support and Year 7 students 2021.

#### **Accelerated Learning Program for Students (ALPS)**



Year 7 ALPS students attended an energetic evening of **discussion, relationship building, learning challenges and team work** on Thursday 10th March from 3.30pm until 8.30pm. Thanks to Ms Barfoot, Ms Dodd and Games Master Mr White for their hard work leading up to the evening and after a long day at the whiteboard!



Our **young artists** display their talent in the Year 7 building. Thank you, Ms Derricott.



Year 10 **Peer Support Leaders** 2022





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### Year 8 News

Hi everyone

Our Year 8 students are settling into the routines of the school day. Our focus for students is to be in uniform, arrive on time with all resources and participate in all learning activities throughout class. Most of our students are on track with this and doing well in their classes. Students have a week and a half of classes until CAT week. They need to be focusing on completing work and asking questions when required to ensure they are prepared with their learning.



#### **Year 8 camp to Karoonda Park**

We are currently finalising the Year 8 camp. We will be going to Karoonda Park, near Gelantipy from the 23 – 27th May. The cost of the camp is expected to be around \$550. We will get details out to students and families as soon as possible.



#### **School uniform**

With the cooler weather coming up, it's a good time to check winter uniform items. We are 6 weeks into term and all students should be in full school uniform. Please contact us if you are having issues accessing the uniform items.

### Team Building Day

Our student leaders are working with the Year 8 Cohort to decide on activities for a Year 8 Team Building Day. Our goal is to provide students with voice and choice in the activities for the day. We hope to have details to share on their choices shortly.

### Chinese

#### Lantern Festival Celebration



大(dà)家(jiā)好(hǎo)! (Hello everyone!)

Recently Year 7 Chinese learners celebrated Chinese Lantern Festival.

Lantern Festival falls on the 15 days of the Lunar New Year, which represents the end of the New Year celebration. To understand the culture of the festival, we watched some video clips about the traditions of the Lantern Festival, and made tiger lanterns together for the year of the Tiger. Here are the pictures about the activities.

Ms Li

### Science

Year 8 science students have undertaken an experiment to better understand processes involved in the rock cycle

Some of these processes take place over millions of years

We have rocked it out in an hour .....





They have created a range of vastly different city streets of creative themes that make an engaging display all together.

Thank you to Elyse Derricott and Year 8 Art students, for the amazing Art displays throughout our campus.







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### Year 9 News

#### **Welcome back**

Hello everyone and welcome back to this edition of the Year 9 News and what a pleasure it is to be writing the article that represents all of the hard work of students and staff to see 2022 off to such a positive start.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians that were able to make it to the welcome BBQ and information seminar. For anybody that missed this and would like the opportunity catch up on the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact Glen Stephenson at the school for a conversation about what to expect over the school year or to receive a copy of the presentation.

#### **The Victorian School for Student Leadership (Alpine School)**

Congratulations to; Bryleigh Matthews, Jackson Owens, Jett Macrae, Zoe Woodward and Krystah Foster. These students are the successful applicants for the Alpine school in term 2. The Alpine School sees students attend the Campus at Dinner plain for the entire term. Here they will participate in a range of learning adventure learning activities all while working together to develop a community learning project that will benefit the entire school community. We are all looking forward to their participation and the contributions they will make to our community.

#### **Learning Behavior Reports (LBUs)**

The first round of LBUs have been now been released. Congratulations to all the students who worked hard and true to earn an All-star award. To those that missed out this time around, a reminder, all students have the capacity to show positive learning behaviour such as those that are reported on in the LBUs. If you are having trouble meeting goals in regard to

LBU's and would like some assistance with strategies or specific things you can do to improve in these areas, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school and make an appointment with teachers or team leader.



### **College Athletics Day**

While the college swimming sports did not proceed in the traditional format this year, the college athletics day did. This was an outstanding day, with fun had by all who participated. In the days leading up to the event year 9s were encouraged to sign up to as many events as they could handle and they did not disappoint. Special congratulations to all those that received a ribbon or medal for their performances.



### **Summit Camp Team Building Day**

Students across year 9 have been working on goal setting during home-groups. Students have learned how to use the S.M.A.R.T approach to goal setting and have written personal, academic and social goals. As culmination of this work and to address the need for an opportunity to bond as a group, the year 9 Team has organised a team building day at the **Summit Camp Trafalgar**. This will take place on the **21st March**. Further details can be found on the Compass parent portal as well as E-consent. There is a \$20 charge associated with this excursion which covers the cost of lunch, travel, and admission to the park. If you are having difficulty paying this cost please contact the office to hear about payment options.

### **Around the Classrooms: Science**

Currently in Science classes, year 9s have been learning about acid-base reactions and the pH scale. This work will see them conducting a range of independent experiments testing the pH of various chemicals and trying to predict whether chemicals are likely to form acids or bases when added to water by looking at their chemical formulas. Pictured here are scientists, Brooke Ryan and Cianese Bannister.





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### Year 10 News

Reports and attendance are two areas we focus on and celebrate as a campus, and an area where many of our students are kicking goals! Congratulations to our students who achieved 3.5 and above in the first of our learning behaviour updates and/or those who attended every day and every class from day one of this term:

**Learning Behaviour Reports Awards:** Jorja Hart, Gabrielle Bonnici, Gabby Marks, Chris Bolton, Vic Cooper, Lola Hill, Daniel Bonica, Meg Renwick, Beth Mortlock, Flynn Hanson, Andy Tyrrell, Luke Marchionne, Chloe Bailey, Alyssa Jackel, Holly Dawson, Lincoln Sturre, Kayla Schmidt, Rieka Arbon, Tahlia Runge, Zoe Long, Kiara Pulis, Ben Teresi.



**Award recipients pictured-** Ben Teresi, Zoe Long, Daniel Bonica, Luke Marchionne, Flynn Hanson, Andy Tyrrell, Chris Bolton, Gabby Bonnici, Vic Cooper.

**100% Attendance:** Lola Hill, Andy Tyrrell, Tyler Johnson, Luke Marchionne, Kayden Gray, Chris Bolton, Gabby Marks, Caleb Smit, Lincoln Sturre, Vic Cooper.



**College Athletics and Swimming** – Year 10 were well represented at our recent college athletics day. Congratulations to all who participated and represented their team. A big congratulations to Zoe Long and Robert Steele who were the individual winners in their age group, and of course, Forsyth (Blue) House for winning the event. On the 15th of February the college held our swimming trials at the new Traralgon Aquatic Centre, congratulations to Andy Tyrell for being the individual age group winner. It is certainly great to see so many Year 10 students participating in sporting events and doing so well.



**Work Experience** – Students are currently busy arranging work experience which will take place in Term 2 from Monday 16th to Friday 27th May.

**Immunisation** – Just a reminder that Year 10 students will receive their Meningococcal immunisation next Thursday 17th March. Please ensure consent forms are approved through Compass, or alternatively you can contact the General Office if you require a hardcopy.

**Tassie Trip** – Information and consent forms for our Year 10 trip to Tasmania will be out within the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that spots are limited and will be done on a first in best dressed basis. The camp/trip is always a highlight for the students and staff and is a great way to create positive memories the high school years. Please keep an eye out for this information.

**Expectations and Attendance** – With such a busy program and students representing the school in local workplaces across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students' behaviour in ways which reflect our values. The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform. We appreciate your support on these matters and respectfully remind you of

notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.





# Calendar Of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
14 March	Labour Day - Pupil free
15 March	Staff Development day - Pupil free
16 - 18 March	Outdoor Ed Camp
16 March	Year 9/10 Cricket
17 March	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
18 March	Year 7/8 Cricket
21 March	Year 9 Summit excursion



# School News

## **School Nurse Update**

### **Hearing Tests**

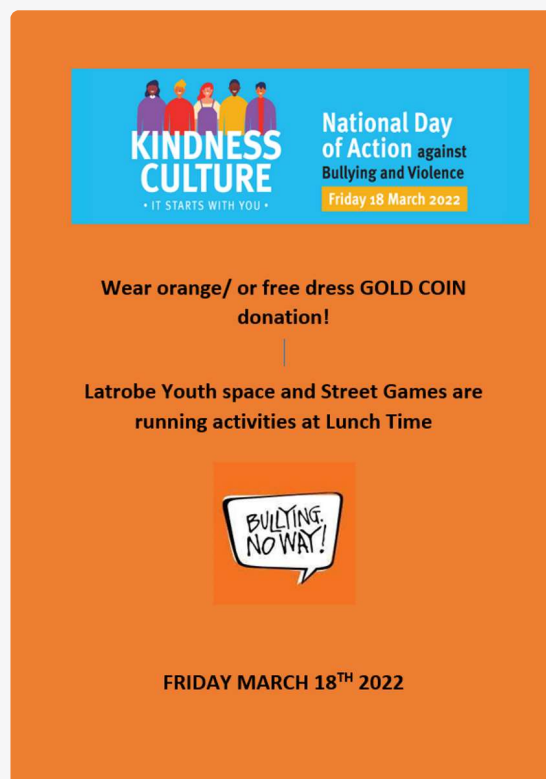
Kurnai College is offering hearing tests utilising the hearing screening App Sound Scouts. The App has been developed by Sound Scouts HQ in collaboration with Australia's National Acoustic Laboratories, the research arm of Australian Hearing and is supported by the Department of Health.

Your child will play a game on an iPad/tablet or smart phone using a set of headphones under the supervision of a responsible adult. A report will be automatically generated following the test. Hearing assessment is encouraged due to the importance of early intervention of hearing issues. Optimal educational outcomes are dependent on good hearing.

If you are concerned about your child's hearing or would simply like a screening done – please contact me at [sarah.pearse-clark@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarah.pearse-clark@education.vic.gov.au)

For more information about Sound Scouts and to view their Privacy Policy please visit: [www.soundscouts.com](http://www.soundscouts.com) or you can contact me for advice.





### **National Day of Action against Bullying**

We are having a special event at Kurnai College for National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

The theme for 2022 is Kindness Culture. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia.

The date is Friday 18th March, 2022

During the lunchtime, we will be visited by Street Games, Headspace and Youth space. We will also be having fun activities to promote awareness of the impacts of bullying.

I work Monday, Tuesday and Thursday across all the campuses of Kurnai. Students or families can organise to see me by talking to their teachers or the welfare team or email [sarah.pearse-clark@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarah.pearse-clark@education.vic.gov.au)

Sarah – School Nurse

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## MUSIC UPDATE

### Churchill Campus Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Barbecue:

Students from Churchill Campus' 9/10 music elective class had the opportunity to provide musical entertainment at the recent Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Barbecue, on the 24th of February.

I would like to congratulate all of the students on their first performance of the year, presenting their most recent ensemble works to a live and well received audience.

It was great to be able to provide live music and entertainment to the new families of our learning community. If any student is wishing to pursue learning a musical instrument, please collect an expression of interest form from the general office, or feel free to speak to Mr Gretton or Mr Hopkins to find out more information.



The Music Place is offering a scholarship for students that have a passion for music. This scholarship is available for students that are learning the following brass or woodwind instruments: *flute, alto or tenor saxophone, clarinet, trumpet or trombone.*

To be considered for this scholarship students will need to demonstrate the following:

- Has shown/demonstrated a passion for music
- The cost of purchasing an instrument would prevent/hinder musical development
- Has shown a commitment to furthering their education.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Aged between 8 to 18
- Must be currently or intending to begin regular music lessons from a specialist teacher
- Successful applicants must consent to completing a media waiver for The Music Place to use their name and image for promotional material.

For application forms or to find out more please contact:

**Chris Gretton** | College Music Coordinator

[christopher.gretton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:christopher.gretton@education.vic.gov.au)



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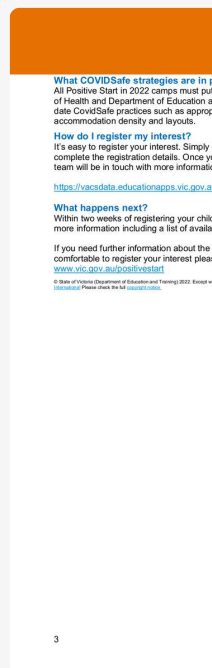
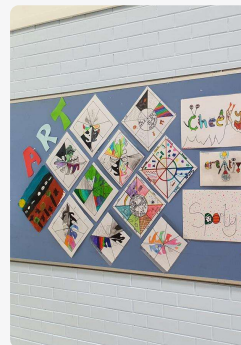


Instrumental Music Expression of Interest Form 2022.docx



## NEW ART DISPLAY CABINETS

There are now various displays of student work both indoors & outdoors in our display cabinets, located around the school library, year 7 corridor, language centre, general office and welfare office Please take the time to appreciate our students' artistic endeavours.







# Community News



## Engaging Adolescents

-RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN TEENAGERS-

**Free ONLINE** program for parents of teens aged 13-18 years

### Tired of yelling and nagging?

#### Resolve difficult behaviour in Teenagers.

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents;
- New understandings of adolescents;
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision making;
- Self check-in, first, for parents;
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them.

### Parents will receive:

- A **FREE** workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts learnt
- A Certificate of Completion
- Live online delivery option (Please contact for details)

**Do this highly sought after parenting program FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME**

**Hurry! Places are limited**

### When?

**11:30 – 2:30pm**  
delivered over 3 Tuesdays:  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### Cost?

**FREE**

### Get in touch

**Bookings are essential!**

Please contact:

**Mark Brookes**  
Uniting Gippsland  
**5662 5150**  
[gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org](mailto:gippsland.leongatha.reception@vt.uniting.org)

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**Uniting**

My name is Mark Brookes and I am the facilitator of the new “**Engaging Adolescents Parenting Program**”.

This fantastic program is specifically targeted to help parents of teenagers (13-18 year olds) learn some new strategies & have those tough conversations in these challenging times.

In the interests of supporting parents in the Gippsland region we are very happy to offer this program in a new live online format.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Gippsland Tech School is pleased to offer Victorian Government Primary and Secondary students the opportunity to participate in our four After School programs on offer. All equipment and consumables will be provided and there is no charge for students to attend as they are funded through the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES).

## GIPPSLAND TECH SCHOOL

<b>Stop Motion Animation</b>  Years 5 - 6  Students will learn the key elements of creating a stop motion film including storyboarding, character creation, props, background, lighting, frame rate and composition.  4pm - 5:30pm 2, 9 & 16 March	<b>Hovercraft Race</b>  Years 6 - 7  Students will learn about advanced manufacturing through design, engineering and fabrication, all with the goal of creating a racing Hovercraft.  4pm - 5:30pm 17, 24, 31 March & 07 April	<b>The Science of Climate Change</b>  Years 7 - 10  Students will investigate climate change to gain an appreciation of challenges and difficulties encountered in finding solutions for the future.  4pm - 5:30pm 10 March	<b>Soma Cubing with TinkerCAD</b>  Years 5 - 6  Students will learn the concepts of producing 3D shapes using TinkerCAD. They will build the pieces required to complete a Soma Cube whilst learning the basic controls of TinkerCAD.  4pm - 5:30pm 22, 29 March & 05 April
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# NewAccess

Developed by Beyond Blue

Good morning,

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>

You can refer by:

<https://www.wellways.org/newaccess-enquiry>.

or calling:

1300 921 535

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