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Morwell Campus 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



Welcome back to school for another busy term of learning. We continue our efforts this term to create additional opportunities for our students to engage both in and beyond the classroom in as many ways as they can with excursions, camps and activities throughout. It will be really important for families to be keeping track of Compass for permissions to ensure that children are not missing out. Many of our activities we are unable to accept late consent for and require both students and parents to be organised. If

ever financial concerns are an issue, please ensure that you are communicating as soon as possible with our Team Leaders and office staff. They will assist you in establishing options to support the participation of your children.

We have three camps planned for this term that students should be already signed up for. Year 7 and 8 are on free camps, supported by the Department of Education, and Year 9 are on their annual Melbourne camp. We have seen so much positivity from our students who have participated in camps this year, having missed out on so much in the last two years. We are engaging with the Morwell Tech School again this term, with a number of excursions planned for specific classes

and year levels. These, too, have received very positive feedback from participants and are entirely free opportunities that we encourage our students to engage with if they are given the chance.

This term, Anthony Di Fabrizio is enjoying a term of well-earned long service leave and is replaced as Year 9 Team Leader by Ross Johnson. Ross has worked with the Year 9 students and families closely throughout their time in Year 7 and 8, so he is well-placed to jump straight into the role and ensure the best support and education for your children. Anthony will return in Term 4 to the Team Leader role.

We also welcome Nia Whitney for Semester 2. Nia is a very enthusiastic new member of

our teaching staff, and she will be teaching Year 8 and 9 Humanities.

Next week, the College is taking an opportunity to celebrate NAIDOC Week. This is an important celebration of the cultural histories of our indigenous peoples and the theme this year is Get up! Stand Up! Show Up!

Unfortunately, NAIDOC week always falls during the school holidays, but the College feels that its significance is such that we ensure a celebration occurs soon after returning to school.

This year, we are proud to be able to open our indigenous garden at the Hands On Learning hut and officially recognise our new logo which we have taken on with

recognition of local cultural symbolism.

The cold weather continues through Term 3 and we are aware that cold, flu and Covid are all impacting on students heavily. We ask you to continue to keep children at home when they display symptoms of illness and we encourage you to continue a regular testing regime. If you require RAT tests, students or parents can collect these from our office at any time and the government is arranging further deliveries of these to us to be able to continue to offer them to families to try to reduce the spread of the virus through our students and staff. Though masks are not required, they are encouraged for our

students. Please also continue to contact us to inform us of the reasons for absence.

General illness can be entered into Compass directly by parents but a positive Covid case requires a call to our office because we have to track and report some minor details as well as enter it into our absence system separately. Please contact reception on 5165 0600 if this impacts you.

As per government requirements, close contacts can still attend school but must wear masks at all times.

Thanks to all of our families for working with us to make this year as great as possible and we are looking forward to continuing with another fantastic term.



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Year 7 & 8 News



Camps

There are two free camps on offer this Term to all Year 7 and 8 students. As you read this newsletter the Year 8 students are at the Mill Valley Ranch Camp in Tynong North. Year 7's will be heading to Sorrento from the 8th-12th of August. Permission is open on Compass for this camp and closes on Saturday the 23rd of July. If you require a printed consent form, please contact the general office and they will be able to print one for your child.

School camp is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, friendships, and interests. However, for many kids (and their parents!) just the thought of sleeping away from home can provoke high anxiety. Some of the common worries about camp include: not being able to sleep properly; not liking the food camp; who they will be sharing a cabin with; not enjoying the activities camp or feeling homesick. Although these are understandable concerns, it is important to help kids feel more positive about camp and to overcome the fear of not enjoying camp. The benefits of school camp are numerous, here are my top five:

2. Development of independence skills
 3. Development of decision-making skills
 4. Increased environmental awareness
 5. Learning new skills
- What if your child is feeling anxious about camp?
1. Preparation is the key to feeling less anxious.
 2. Pack together and make it fun.
 3. Give your child a special journal to take with them on camp
 4. Talk to your child's teacher and share the concerns you have. The teacher will appreciate this extra information and most likely will keep a closer eye on your child.

Covid protocols whilst on

camp:

Please note, we recommend all students take a rapid antigen test before leaving for camp. Students will be provided with RAT tests the week before the camp to take home. Whilst on camp, if students are showing any symptoms of illness, we will have extra rapid antigen tests at camp and will facilitate any students who would like to self-test. If a student is unwell, or tests positive to Covid 19 we will contact the family and ask they come and be picked up from camp.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to promote attendance; going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop: important skills and knowledge to help them learn social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work. Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have: better health better job opportunities higher

income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

KPA

Across our college we have an attendance target of 95%. KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments) Year 7 and 8 students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record setting achievements of Positive Green Write ups. I would like to recognise that across Year 7 and 8 they continue to set positive chronological entry records and I ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a positive KPA from their teachers.

Year 7 Coolamatong Camp

At the end of last term Year 7 student went to Camp Coolamatong, about three quarters of our year level, or nearly 80 students, boarded buses at made their way down to the peninsula. Photos show how wonderful it is to see student teams encouraging each other on the survival and ropes courses, lakeside search, with bush cooking and night

activities to name a few.

Several students braved the rock wall climb, some making it to the top, others rightfully proud of a couple of meters. Among other things, students will certainly remember the trip.







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Year 9 News



Year 9/10 Summit Camp

Last week of term 2 was an amazing experience for everyone involved. Congratulations to everyone who attended for a transformative experience that will help us to confront our limitations and exceed expectations in the future. We were expertly guided by our coaches Ella, Cam, Logan, Centauri, Adam and work experience student Josh. They proved to be positive, supportive, motivating and invested in the success of each and every student.



Over our time at The Summit, students were encouraged to unleash their greatness and followed our Five Keys:

1. Have Fun
2. Play All In
3. Make Lots of Mistakes
4. Get Comfortable Being Uncomfortable
5. Don't go Home Wondering What-If

At the end of Day one the teams had begun to form and students chose the following names for their teams:

1. A-Team, 2. MVP, 3. Kobe Bryant, 4. Shezzas, &

Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Kurnai Learning Community back to Term 3. This term Anthony Di Fabrizio will be on long service leave, and I (Ross Johnson) will take over as acting Team Leader.

5. AB

First rotations were the Leap of Faith, Inflatable City, Flying Fox, Rockwall and the Snowy River Challenge. Everybody started stepping out of their comfort zones by hitting their targets, stretches and super stretches!



Each morning started with reading out some positive feedback from students, teachers and coaches. It was wonderful to hear about the amazing challenges each of you took on and exceeded.

The coaches lead students to set a daily intention, choosing to either making a mental note, telling a friend or writing it down. This was done to support ourselves to make the most of camp and model how to make the most of our lives by actively deciding who we want to be and what we want to do. The final link was to add in a touch of gratitude reflecting on everything we have to be grateful for.

So many games were played throughout the week, most notably Gumboot Bowling where only a few could win against Coach Ella). Kade starred in Tug of War almost taking the camp king, Coach Cam down.

Activities continued with High wire, Trust Games, Abseil, Tash's Ladder and the Scavenger Hunt.



And finally, everyone was ready for the Monster Course. As student began in their teams, the mud definitely began to fly! The teams not only completed the lap once but twice! This challenge pushed everyone outside of their comfort zones, in all different ways. The most incredible thing happened, everyone contributed to this activity to their greatest capacity. Students began helping each other within their teams and then, to students in other teams. The group transformed on the Monster course from a competition

between teams to a whole camp effort. Students acted as one and lived up to the values we strive for in WE'RE Kurnai.

Throughout the camp, sleep deprived teachers ran some pretty epic night activities, from movie nights, hot chocolates, night walks, line dancing and even a party (well almost – everyone was too tired on the last night)!

Camp ended with the last set of rotations, the Summit Window, Snake and Nails, Sky Bridge, Orienteering and the Cave. Student's comfort zones had grown so much that these activities seemed not quite as scary and Riley even claimed to have lost his fear of heights..

A huge special mention to our values winners. These people were voted for living and breathing by our 5 keys and pushing beyond their comfort zones, from teams:

1. A Team – Kayla
2. MVP – Sarah
3. Kobe Bryant – Riley
4. Shezzas – Nick
5. AB – Declan and Jasmine

Many thanks to all of the coaches Ella, Cam, Logan,

Centauri and Adam. Thanks also go to the caring Kurnai Team Kelsey, Sheryl, Alan, Shawn, Anthony, Colleen, Janelle and Sarah

Melbourne Discovery Camp

Week 3 will see 40 students attend Melbourne Discovery Camp from Monday through to Wednesday. Students will be visiting a range of places such as:

- Obrien's Ice House
- Artvo
- Melbourne Zoo
- Melbourne Aquarium
- Eureka Skydeck
- Shrine of Remembrance
- Scienceworks

Covid protocols whilst on camp

Please note, we recommend all students take a rapid antigen test (these will be sent home on Monday 18/7/22) before leaving for camp. Whilst on camp, if students are showing any symptoms of illness, we will have extra rapid antigen tests at camp and will facilitate

any students who would like to self-test. If a student is unwell, or tests positive to Covid 19 we will contact the family and ask they come and be picked up from camp.

Students will be required to be at Morwell training station at 6.50am on Monday 25th August.

Packing lists and itineraries will be provided to students in the coming days.

PBS

Kurnai Positive

Acknowledgement data from

Term 2

9A- 292

9B- 230

9C-206

9D- 329

Total = 1057

This is a fantastic effort and students should be proud of their achievements.

Expectations

Students were reminded during their year level assembly of day-to-day expectations such as:

- Being on time to class
- Actively engaging with all learning tasks and set work
- Bring required equipment to class: pens, books, worksheets, device with a charger.
- Correct uniform

Upcoming Excursions

Monday 25th July – Wednesday 27th July – Melbourne

Discovery Camp

Friday 5th August – HPV Casey

Tuesday 16th August – Tech school for Electronics elective class.

Friday 26th August – HPV

Casey

Thursday 17th November –

Monday 21st November – HPV

Maryborough

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 9 students, please don't hesitate to email me or phone me on 5165 0600
 Ross.Johnson@education.vic.gov.au



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Year 10 News



Term 3 Course Counselling

Welcome to a very busy term.

Today, all Year 10 students attended a session with the VCE and VM co-ordinators from the Uni Campus. They explained the changes to the Year 11 structure for 2023 and the expectations of each student.

On August 17th, all Year 10 students will be asked to

choose which course they would like to participate in for Year 11. On August 12th, all Year students need to attend the subject information Day at the Uni Campus. Please give permission to attend on Compass. There will be a Parent Information night at the University Campus August 3rd from 4:30 - 6 pm. If you would like to research the changes to choices in Year 11 2023 please use the site below.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/many-talents-one-vce>

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack), Jessica Qu

(Science, Life Skills and PBS Leader), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Heiberg (Maths, Numerack and Humanities) and Cassie Keevers (English and Humanities) and Denise Cairnduff (English and Health/ PE).

The Summit Camp at Trafalgar

The 22 Year 10 students that attended the Summit Camp in the last week of Term 2, had a great time and learnt a lot about themselves.

Year 10 Tasmania Camp

Due to the possibility of Covid, the Tasmania camp will not be going ahead. This camp will be replaced with something else soon. More information will follow soon.

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.

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

July 26th	Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park out of Warragul (All Year 10 students)
August 3rd	Parent Information Night at University Campus
August 12th	Subject Information Day at the Uni Campus
August 17th	All Year 10 students and a Parent or Guardian, need to attend a Course Counselling session between 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

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



Calendar Of Events

TERM 3	
Monday 11 July	Term 3 commences
Mon 18 - Fri 22 July	Year 8 Positive Start Mill Valley Ranch Camp
Mon 25 - Wed 27 July	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Wednesday 3 August	Parent Information Night at University Campus
Mon 8 - Fri 12 August	Year 7 Positive Start Camp Portsea



School News

EVERY DAY COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses just ...	that equals ...	which is ...	and so, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
1 day a fortnight (90% attendance)	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 day a week (80% attendance)	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week (60% attendance)	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week (40% attendance)	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning

Careers

Career Webinars for Parents

Career exploration at home

Positive parental influence can boost your child's confidence when making career choices.

Use myfuture's *career exploration at home resources* and work together to match their career, education, and training ambitions. View [career exploration at home resources](#).

What counts when making career choices – Free webinar Tuesday 9 August 2022 - 4:00pm AEST

Career decision-making learning includes developing the ability to make career decisions in the context of life planning and relating self-awareness to the knowledge of different opportunities. In guiding this development, we have a responsibility to provide young people with learning opportunities that expand their understanding of themselves in relation to less visible careers, such as those in Agriculture.

Join Dr Nicole McDonald, Senior Research Officer, Central Queensland University as she discusses:

- how to best support young people to develop self-awareness and self-efficacy to support their career goals
- the purpose, meaning and values that are associated with career choice for young people aspiring to a fulfilling career and life
- the unseen job market in the agriculture industry

Register for this free event:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2599373454959194893>

VCE is changing from 2023

Victoria's senior secondary education is changing.

From 2023, the new VCE Vocational Major will replace Intermediate and Senior VCAL. This means the VCE will recognise different students equally.

The new Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will replace Foundation VCAL.


There will be more education choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences – preparing your Child for further study, training at TAFE or work.

Whatever your child's talent, they can now pursue it under one VCE.

Please have a good look over the information as this will assist with the new pathways available for Year 11/12 2023.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/many-talents-one-vce>

Also a reminders to Year 10's to have consent for Jobskills Expo excursion 26th July.



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*Dear Parents and Guardians,
You are invited to attend the 2023*

**YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12
PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING**

Our 2023 Parent Information Evening is designed to showcase our college's Year 11 and 12 programs and subjects on offer next year and beyond.


We are delighted to welcome families to our University Campus to hear about our new initiatives in 2023.

Wednesday 3rd August


**4:30pm - 6:00pm School Tours
6:00pm Presentations & Information Booths**

53 Northways Rd Churchill


For more information, call us on (03) 5132 3800 or email kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au



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**Kurnai College
University Campus
53 Northways Rd Churchill**

Kurnai College is situated in buildings SW & 6W.
The school tours will commence out of building 6W.
The presentation will take place in the Federation University Lecture Room in building 5N.
Parking is available at the Churchill Leisure Centre (accessible from McDonald Way) or in the G1 carpark which can be accessed via Ada Crossley Drive.



Stymie





Community News

If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au