



# Kurnai College

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# Morwell Campus Newsletter

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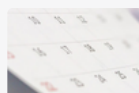
*Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence*

*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



It is a great achievement for students to have reached the end of Term 3. This is the longest term without break and, in the longest time at school in two years, has certainly been a challenge for a number of students, staff and parents. We recognise the level of fatigue that everyone is feeling and look forward to a recharged and renewed effort in Term 4.

Term 4 continues to be busy at Morwell Campus. Our Year 8s head off on camp in week 1 and our Year 10s head off on

camp in week 3. These are the last of a series of seven camps we've had on offer this year in order to make up for the experiences our students missed out on during the Covid remote learning period. It has been a difficult task to put all of these together and my thanks goes out to all of the staff who have given so much time away from their families and personal lives in order to make these important experiences possible for our young people.

I recently sat in on a meeting of our student leaders with our College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan. It was great to listen to these exceptional young leaders discuss their needs, fears and goals so openly. Student voice continues to be a priority for our campus and I look forward

to working with student leaders this year and next, to action responses to some of the areas they have highlighted for improvement. It was interesting to hear that they were seeking more education for themselves and their peers in more broad areas of social/emotional growth to develop a greater understanding of the world around them. As a school, we owe it to our cliental to meet such requests and strive to do so.

It was fantastic this week to have been given the privilege of judging our Kurnai's Got Talent. Congratulations to Ben Carrigy of Year 7 who outperformed skilled and seasoned artists at all year levels, including University Campus students, to take out

first place with his illusions act. His relaxed and humorous demeanour and skilled illusionary talent was incredible to see. He has a great future ahead of him in performing!



I hope that you have all made an opportunity to catch up with teachers throughout our Parent Teacher Conversations over Thursday and Friday. These have been the first ones to be

held face-to-face in over two years and are a great opportunity to come together to discuss the learning of our students. If you missed out on seeing any of your child's teachers for any reason, I encourage you to make contact on Compass via email, or call the school, to find out more about how your child is travelling. Alongside the meetings, we also have our most recent round of Learning Behaviour Updates released recently. They are available on Compass to guide your conversations and highlight any areas of concern and improvement for your child. We have seen consistently excellent results in the Learning Behaviour Updates across the Campus – the best we have ever experienced.

Our College Leadership Team has been working hard to shape dates for Term 4. This is a busy term, with transition, reporting and many other requirements. Please keep a close eye on Compass for a number of student free days that will occur throughout the term for teacher professional learning. We will endeavour to ensure all information comes to you in a timely manner to allow you to plan.

I wish all of our Learning Community a safe and relaxing holiday break. Good luck if your team plays in the Grand Final and I look forward to seeing all of our students back on deck in two weeks for Term 4.



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### Year 7 & 8 News



#### Camp

Our last camp preparations are well underway. We are looking forward to taking a large number of our Year 8 students to Karoonda Park in Gelantipy. Students will undertake a range of activities including horseback riding, whitewater rafting, ropes courses and team building. We ask that if any student attending the camp has any dietary requirements, please contact the school as soon as possible. Camp is the first week of Term 4. Students are to bring their

bags into the gym at the start of the day. Students have been given a packing list, and we have also put the packing list on the Year7/8 Students Teams page for their reference.

Please note, we recommend all students take a rapid antigen test before leaving for camp. Students will be provided with RAT tests prior to the holidays to take home. Whilst on camp, if students are showing any symptoms of illness, we will have extra rapid antigen tests 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 be picked up from camp.

#### Attendance

As we head towards the last quarter of the year, it is important to continue tracking our goals of attendance. We know that attendance is one of the key factors to success at school. At Kurnai College we would like all students to aim for 95% attendance. This is so they can get the most out of their time at school. If you are having trouble with getting your son or daughter to school, please do not hesitate to contact me for support.

- **Remember: 1 day a fortnight missed = 20 days a year = 4 weeks a year = Over 1.5 years of missed learning (P-12)**
- **1 day a week missed = 40 days a year = 8 weeks a year = Over 2.5 years**

**of missed learning (P-12)**

- **2 days a week missed = 80 days a year = 16 weeks a year = Over 5 years of missed learning (P-12)**
- **3 days a week = 120 days a year = 24 weeks a year = Nearly 8 years of missed learning (P-12)**

**Transition**

As we look forward to 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight our transition process for our soon-to-be newest students at Kurnai. At Morwell campus we will be inviting students that need a little extra help with transition into our learning community.

We also have our state-wide transition for all our 2023 Year 7 students on the 12th and the 13th of December, with our Parent Information Night held on the 13th December in our Drama Room.

If you or a family you know have any questions about 2023 please contact me.



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### Year 9 News



#### End of Term

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and effort the students have put in throughout the duration of the last 10 weeks. All students have just finished two weeks of Common Assessment Tasks where they have put their knowledge and skills learnt into practice. Results of these Common Assessment Tasks will be published shortly.

During the break I hope yourself and your child take the time to rest and relax and prepare for the final term.

Term 4 will see the return of Anthony Di Fabrizio to the role of Year 9 Team Leader. I thank everyone who has had the opportunity to have a

conversation regarding your child's education over the course of the term.

#### Learning Behaviour Updates

September Learning Behaviour Updates are now live on Compass. I encourage you to sit down with your student and discuss their report.

#### PBS

Kurnai Positive Acknowledgement data for Term 3

9A- 686

9B- 841

9C- 572

9D- 685

Total = 2784

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

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday 15th September 3.30pm – 7pm and Friday 16th September 10am -1pm. All bookings are made via Compass. If you are unsure on your login details, please contact the general office on 51650600.

### **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



Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who achieved a GPA result above 3.5! Well done to all the students who have an attendance of above 90%. Parent-student-teacher conversations are on Thursday evening 3:30 – 7 pm. and Friday 10 am – 1 pm. Parent can sign up on Compass to attend.

### Year 11 Courses for 2023

Most students have signed up for their VCE or VM courses for next year. Thank you to all the

parents/guardians and students who attended. If you wish to change your course please supply Mrs Tangi with a permission note.

### 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).

### CAMP

Well done to the first 30 students who have signed up for the Year 10 Camp. This camp runs from October 17th – 20th. I am sure you will enjoy the camp. **Parents are to please complete the consent on the iFly web-site before the students can participate in the Sky Diving.**

### 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**

October 12th	Advanced Sport session at the Tech School. On-line consent will be out shortly.
October 17th – 20th	Year 10 Discover Melbourne Camp.

**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

[Sheryl.Tangji@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sheryl.Tangji@education.vic.gov.au)



# Calendar Of Events

## TERM 3

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th September	Parent Teacher Conversations. Bookings to be made on Compass.
Friday 16th September	Last day of Term 3

## TERM 4

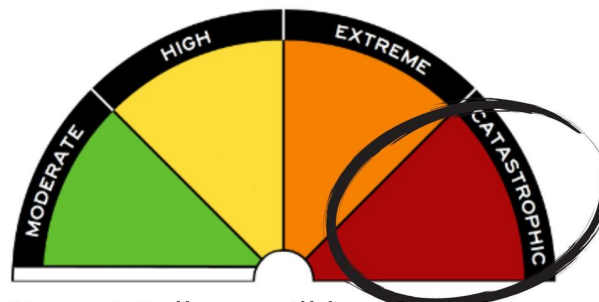
Monday 3rd October	Term 4 Commences
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October	Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp
Monday 17th - Thursday 20th October	Year 10 Melbourne Camp
Friday 16th December	College Awards



# 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



Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

### Code Red Fire Danger

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, all campuses will be closed.

This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation to when Summer returns.





# Community News

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

Every child deserves to smile  
**Become a foster carer with VACCA**  
[www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org)

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.

Make this the year you make a difference, express your interest by visiting [www.vacca.org](http://www.vacca.org) or by calling one of our offices.



# Calling all artists

## headspace Morwell welcomes anyone aged between 12 and 25 to enter our art comp.

**Showcase your creativity for the chance to win great prizes!**

Age categories are:

- 12-14 years
- 15-18 years
- 19-25 years

**Submissions open on Thursday, 8 September and close on Friday, 30 September.**

Bring your artwork to headspace Morwell – Corner of George Street and Hazelwood Road, Morwell. We will accept physical submissions only.

This is an opportunity to display your artwork within our centre (with your permission).

There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in all three age group categories.

**1st prize:**

- \$150 voucher
- \$100 worth of art materials

**2nd prize:**

- \$50 voucher
- \$50 worth of art material

**3rd prize:**

- \$25 voucher
- \$25 worth of art materials

**Check us out on Facebook or Instagram to find out more @headspacemorwell**



The theme for the art comp is wellbeing.



# PLAYERS WANTED

**U10's U12's U14's U16's**

**Training Thursday Nights**

**Game Day**

**U10's Tuesday U12's Monday U14's Wednesday**

**U16's Friday & Sunday**

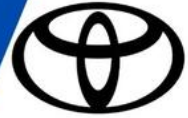
**Registration: \$100 - includes 2022 playing top**

**More info call Ryan 0408 740 847 or email [churchillcc@hotmail.com](mailto:churchillcc@hotmail.com)**

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## MEMORIAL FUN RUN & FESTIVAL 23.10.22



**TOYOTA**  
Warragul Toyota

**SPOT PRIZES**  
**FANCY DRESS**  
**PRIZES**

**asics**  
**YOUNG**  
**ACHIEVEMENT**  
**AWARDS**



# 50<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

50TH MEDAL AWARDED  
TO ALL FINISHERS

**GEOFF WATT MEMORIAL ATHLETICS TRACK**  
**BURKE STREET, WARRAGUL**

**EVENT TIMES: 8AM - COLLECTION OF NUMBERS AND RACE PACKS**  
**9.00AM - L&F EYECARE GEOFF WATT HALF MARATHON**  
**9.50AM - WATERFORD RISE & VIN ROWE 10K AND HARCOURTS 5K**  
**10AM - BULLA 2.5K | 11.20AM - VIN ROWE 300M**  
**FAMILY FESTIVAL & PRESENTATIONS: 9:30AM - 1:30PM**

**FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL**    **LIVE MUSIC**    **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**    **VINTAGE CARS**

