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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



It is fantastic to be finishing our end-of-term on a high note with another round of excellent Learning Behaviour Updates by our students. In particular, I would like to recognise **Liam Duncan, Mohammad Bashir** and **Oanh Nguyen** on achieving perfect 4.0 averages on their behaviour updates.

This is a difficult achievement and speaks to the incredible effort they have put into their term. We hope that parents take the time to check the Learning Behaviour Updates and use these to guide bookings for Parent Teacher Conversations. Learning behaviours are things that every student can demonstrate

regardless of academic achievement and, as a school, we celebrate these more than high achievement because these are the behaviours that will lead to the most long term success.

Parent Teacher Conversations are on the 7th and 8th of April. This is certainly not the only avenue for communicating with staff about any concerns you have with your child. We encourage you to call or to contact teachers using Compass email to discuss any concerns you may have. For general issues, we encourage contact with the Team Leaders.

Many students have been engaging in the development of individual learning plans to support their education alongside their families and some key teachers. This has been a very positive process that approximately 25% of our

students are involved in. We hope that families have appreciated their involvement in the process also and we look forward to reviewing the learning plans in Term 2.

This week, our builders have moved in to begin the process for demolition and building of our new administration block and locker bays. This is the last stage of building works after many years and it is exciting to have it underway. It comes with some disruption, including Year 9s and 10s having to carry bags for a term, but the gain will be worth it. Completion of the project is expected to be the end of December, though we hope to have the new locker bay much earlier.

As a final note to the term, I would like to recognise and thank all of the fantastic staff we have here at Morwell Campus. They have gone

above and beyond, as they always do, to try and reinstate normal learning for students while Covid has continued to impact around them. Some have had time off after testing positive themselves, others have faced the worry of catching the virus and bringing it home to their families. Regardless, they have

continued on and the results they have assisted our students to achieve so far have been absolutely amazing.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday and an enjoyable Easter. Please remember that ANZAC Day is on our first day of Term 2, so

students and staff will resume on Tuesday April 26th.



**IT IS NOT OKAY
TO BE AWAY!!**

**ABSENCE HOTLINE
03 5132 3711**



Year 7 & 8 News



Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 Camp planning continues with permission forms being due back as soon as possible. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is really important that we have all students participate in this camp.

Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can get the full benefit of the curriculum and opportunities that we offer to them in Year 7.

The students were certainly very excited about camp and the activities in store when I spoke with them all earlier in the week. If you need any assistance overcoming barriers for your child to attend camp, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Year 7 and 8 Goals (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

I would like to promote the continued fantastic start our students have made towards their learning. We understand the importance of celebrating the positive success our students demonstrate every day.

This can mean showing improvement in the learning or behaviour right the way through to our high-end academic achievers. As you can see below the numbers of our positives are extraordinary and I encourage you to continue the conversations you are having at home about the positive choices our learners are showing every day.

Number of Positive student chronical entries:

07A	2187
07B	1612
07C	1573
07D	1702
08A	1240
08B	882
08C	1429
08D	1076

Top Students for Kurnai Morwell in all year levels

1	Zoltina RICHARDS	123
2	Hamzh ELIASER	111
3	Harley MALCOLM	110
4	Casey MASON	109
5	Madison CHURCHILL	109
6	Derek MITCHELL	108
7	Zakariya ABO-SHABAN	102
8	Kobie THOMAS	101
9	Shyann PARRY	99
10	Cameron SKILBECK	98
11	Callum WERNOWSKI	97
12	Charley STREET	97
13	Emelia GREEN	97
14	Harmonie SEDDON	97
15	Mason ROBERTS	97
16	Illuka GLASS	96
17	Lacey FORSTER	96
18	Lachlan STAPLETON	96
19	Laela CASEY	96
20	Phoenix MCCORMACK	96

FREE CAMPS

We are lucky enough to offer, in addition to our regular Year 7 and Year 8 camps this year, a completely free week-long camp in Term 3. The Student Leaders have been through a list of

approved camps and have selected a camp each.

The Year 7 students will be going to Portsea. The Portsea camp will offer every Year 7 student the opportunity to participate in the activities below all completely free. We anticipate the permission forms to come out during Term 2. We will be aiming to take all of our 105 Year 7 students to the camp on the 8th – 12th Aug.

- Giant swing
- Flying fox
- High ropes
- Orienteering courses
- Sports oval
- Basketball court
- Dodgeball court
- Gaga pit
- Giant slide
- Direct beach access
- Sea kayaking
- Snorkelling
- Beach activities
- Campfire
- Bush cooking
- Bush hut building
- Environmental activities
- Bushwalking
- Bike riding
- Scooters
- Team building and leadership activities
- Arts and crafts
- Disco
- Movie nights
- Special interest activities

The Year 8 Student Leaders have selected a Ranch Camp to take their year level to. The camp again will be completely free for every student. The Mill Valley Ranch camp offers the following experiences

- Horse Riding with large undercover arena and access to on property trail rides

- Canoeing
- Raft Building
- Lake Swimming
- Archery
- Crate Climb
- Commando Course
- Low Ropes
- Beach Volleyball
- 9 Square in the Air
- GAGA
- Team Games
- Initiatives

The Year 7 and 8 Team are looking forward to getting all of our Year 8 students to the camp with permission forms coming out in Term 2.

Both camps combined are in the \$100,000s and offer a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience and learn life skills, all completely free of charge to our families under the State Government's Positive Start initiative. If you have any questions about these camps or our regular camps, please feel free to contact me at the school.

FEELING SAFE AT SCHOOL

We have been talking with the students about the right to feel safe at school and the need for everybody to respect the safety of others. This has been an area that we have been particularly impressed with this year. Like all schools, from time to time issues arise and we work actively with families and students to resolve them. If you ever feel like your child is experiencing issues at school, encourage them to communicate with us and follow up with us yourself to make sure they have.

Year 7 and 8 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.

Across our college we have an attendance target of **95%**.



Year 9 News

THE YEAR 9 TEAM

Anthony Di Fabrizio - Year 9 Team Leader



MORWELL CAMPUS - PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Year 9 News

We are now in the final week of Term 1 for Year 9 in 2022.

It has been an extremely busy term and it is time to reflect on some of the great improvements we have achieved. The fortnightly level of poor behaviour choices has dropped by 52% as the number of positive behaviour choices has rebounded from an early drop off. The theme we are working on is looking for positives in our lives to be grateful for and helping others whenever we can.

Year 9 is a challenging year for many students as they grapple with their transition from children into young adults and we seek to support this at Kurnai.

Progress reports were released late last week and we will hand out the awards for high attendance and high learning engagement at the beginning of next term.

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL VISIT

A new Tech School experience called 'Students will use technologies to achieve an Extended Reality outcome. They will explore virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality as an instrument to enhance real world scenarios and learn about how extended reality technologies fit as a tool for industry and community.' Please complete the online permission form for this excursion on the 5th of May 2022.

MORRISBY REPORTS 2022

In week two and three of Term 2, Year 9 students get the incredible opportunity to complete a Morrisby profiling session.

The resulting report will give insights into their innate/natural strengths so they can use this knowledge to help them choose subjects and careers which match their natural abilities. A half hour interview with a professional careers consultant will explore those results. Your child's Morrisby Profile is all about them!

The profiling session will take a maximum of 1 hour and 50 minutes. There are 8 timed aptitude modules and 2 multiple choice questionnaires to measure interest and personality type.

It is important that we have true and accurate results so that when you have your one-on-one unpacking session with a career consultant, they will be able to advise you based on your authentic Morrisby Profile. It is important that all answers are your own to make sure the results reflect your strengths and preferences.

Please complete and return the permission forms that have been sent out this week.

NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN testing is due to be completed for Year 9 and Year 7 students during Term 2 this year and will be undertaken using an online testing system.

This week we are completing our final NAPLAN practise session with all the Year 9 students to ensure they are ready for the upcoming test and can perform their best work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anthony Di Fabrizio for assistance.

THE YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 Melbourne Experience Camp planning continues. This camp will be a 4 night stay in Melbourne where students will have the opportunity to experience a range of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us. We are extremely keen to get as many

students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost.

Students have been informed of the camp and expressions of interest can still be made by students on Teams.

Year 10 News



Congratulations to all the students who received GPA results above 3.5 in the latest reports. Congratulations to all of the students who have attendance rates of 95% and above. Great effort!! Well done to all of the Year 10 students who have completed the Common Assessment Tasks for Term One. The results will be released at the start of next term. We have made it to the end of the term. Please have a great break.

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).

WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, May 2nd to 13th. The students have arranged a placement or two during their team-time classes this term. Please contact Sheryl Tangi if you have any issues. We will have limited spaces to place students due to Covid-19. Please also read the Careers Information on Teams from Alan Ferris. A number of students have already organised their two weeks of Work Experience. All students need to create a USI number and need to complete the General Safe@Work certificate and the certificate of the related industry a.s.a.p.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Congratulations to the student leaders for organising the lunch-time activities that occurred recently for the National Day of Action against bullying and violence. The students wore orange accessories, wrote slogans and ate oranges at lunchtime.

CAMP

This year our Year 10 students will hopefully be going to Tasmania in the second last week of term three. Information should be out to students after School Council approval at the start of next term.

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

Thursday April 7th	Parent-teacher-student conversations 3:30 – 7 pm by phone.
Friday April 8th	Parent-teacher-student conversations 10 am – 1 pm by phone.
May 2nd – May 13th	Work Experience (2 weeks)
September 5th – 9th	Tasmania 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.tangi@education.vic.gov.au



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 1	
Fri 8 Apr	Term 1 Ends

Term 2	
Tue 26 Apr	Term 2 Commences
Tue 14 June - Fri 17 June	Year 7 Camp
Mon 2 May - Fri 13 May	Year 10 Work Experience

College Key Contacts

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



School News



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

KURNAI COLLEGE

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHH)
 **Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

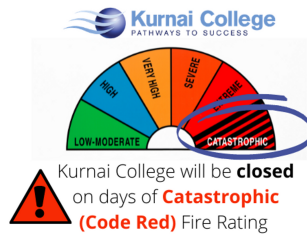
- DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to me personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Community News

All campuses of Kurnai College have been categorised by the Department of Education in such a way that will result in school closure in the case of a Code Red Fire Danger day. This is a change to the past and families should be aware so that they might prepare when Summer comes back around



MORWELL JUNIOUR BASKETBALL

Winter 2022 Season commences

Monday 2nd May



**Registration Cost: \$55.00 + \$25.00 Basketball Victoria Affiliation fee (if applicable)
Family discount for multiple siblings**

Stadium Entry fee: \$4.90 per game, spectators free.

Morwell Basketball Association supply the playing tops, players just need a pair of clean runners and black shorts (without pockets)

AGE GROUPS FOR THE WINTER 2022 SEASON ARE

- Under 10 – Born 2013, 2014
- Under 12 – Born 2011, 2012
- Under 14 – Born 2009, 2010
- Under 16 – Born 2007, 2008
- Under 18 – Born 2005, 2006

For details on how to register for the new season, go to the Morwell Basketball Association website or email morwellbasketball@bigpond.com



***Morwell Junior Football Club
is urgently seeking Girls and
Boys for the 2022 season!***

Do you have an interest in AFL Football?

**We are looking for Youth Girls aged between
14-18 years of age and 15 and under Boys for
this upcoming season!**

**Training Tuesday and Thursday nights
5pm - 6pm
at Northern Reserve, Holmes Rd Morwell**

**For further information please contact
Chris Gaunt - Youth Girls - 0438 513532
Wayne Arnold - Under 15's - 0431 136279**

See you there!

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

BUILDING SAFE ONLINE SPACES TOGETHER

A SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH INITIATIVE



MARNIE LYON

Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police

Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/building-safer-online-spaces-tickets-310911985117>



28th April
7.30-8.30PM



Nambur Wariga Room
Latrobe City Headquarters
141 Commercial Rd MORWELL

DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

- The types of online/social media your young people are accessing
- Online experiences from young people and current trends
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support your young people to stay safe online
- How you and your young people can report online cyber issues
- The cybercrime squad and what they do

OR

Via Teams (Link provided to registered participants)



**step by
step.
day by
day.**

#SAYSOMETHING

