

KEY DATES

2nd March 2021

3rd March 2021

8th March 2021

16th March 2021

31st March 1st April

College Athletics

Year 7 & Year 10 vaccinations

Labour day public holiday

School Photos

Parent Teacher Conversations (more

info to come)



Daniel Swallow Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

It has been great to see students returning to school this year with a renewed vigour and preparedness to make their best of a fresh start after the significant disruptions of 2020. It would seem though, that with the last few days of lockdown, we may be in for some more disruption this year. Our staff will continue to work to make the best of things and plans are underway to support identified students with a tutoring program.

We welcome a number of new staff to our ranks this year at Morwell Campus and they have settled themselves in, already proving to be excellent educators and additions to our team at the Campus:

Daniel Murphy: Acting Assistant Principal, leading Year 7 & 8

Anthony Di Fabrizio: Team Leader, leading Year 9 Mary Fankhauser: Science and Humanities teacher

Catherine Fang: Maths and Science teacher

Jillian Tymms: Music, English and Humanities teacher Sarah Lewis: English, Humanities and Media teacher

These teachers will look forward to meeting you at our Parent Teacher Conversations, scheduled to take place on the 31st March and 1st April.

It was great to see so many families come along to our annual Year 7 barbecue. I spoke with many parents on the night and was very pleased to hear how well our Year 7s have taken to secondary school life. This can be an adjustment for both students and families. I appreciate both the positive feedback that we received as well as some constructive criticisms for how we can help our Year 7s and their families further.

College Principal

Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal

Daniel Swallow

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm

Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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The College Swimming Sports last week was a fantastic event and I thank all families for engaging with our permissions systems on Compass so well to get record numbers of students to attend on the day. These events are a great opportunity to have our College come together, as well as a chance for students to build relationships and perform in areas outside the classroom that they may have strengths in. I look forward to another excellent day for our College Athletics on the 2nd March. Please note that we aim to have all students attend and do not currently have a program planned at the school on that day.

Next week, we will introduce a new positive acknowledgement system for students demonstrating expected behaviours at school. As a Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support school, we always aim to recognise positive behaviours as well as responding to those that detract from our positive environment. This system will involve an SMS being sent to parents each time your child is recognised in and out of the classroom. We hope that you will discuss these positives with your child each day. A letter has been prepared outlining the way the system will work and sharing the positive behaviours we are looking for, however, due to staff not being on site during the lockdown, this letter has been delayed and will arrive after the system has come into effect.

I look forward to the rest of 2021 with you all and encourage you again to communicate with our staff the positives as well as the concerns that you have for your child so that we can work together this year to make it the most positive possible.





Sports News

Interschool Cricket- Friday 19th March

Team sign-up sheets are posted up at the Year 7/8 office (Ross and Ben's office). See Mr Schack for more details.

Year 7 & 8 News

Welcome to the 2021 learning year, I would like to quickly introduce myself. My name is Daniel Murphy and my role this year is assistant principal of the campus and the Year 7 and 8 team leader. I will be your primary contact with any and all communication for Year 7 and 8 students. I will endeavour to make 2021 the best school learning year I can make it and if there is anything I can do to help our students please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been absolutely fantastic to see students settling in (or back in) to our Kurnai learning community. We have had a great start to the year, with all Year 7 and 8 students engaged in the classroom and our teachers are acknowledging these positive behaviours with record green positive write up across all our form groups.

The learning in our core and practical classes have been aimed at bridging any key skills that may have been missed due to the interrupted 2020, as well as really extending our students that have excelled in this challenging time. Our targeted reading program, TR@K, is in full swing with all students (Year 7-9) placed in classes according to their ability levels and working hard at increasing their phonetic reading ability. This is a key focus for the College and the results of this program in recent years speak for its value.

As a Year 7 and 8 Team, we have started educating our students on our key focuses for 2021 through assemblies and promotion around the school. These focuses are important areas identified by the staff and students and they cover a range of areas including but not limited to Attendance, School Wide Positive Behaviour data (SWPBS) and NAPLAN.

Daniel Murphy Year 7/8 Team Leader daniel.murphy3@education.vic.gov.au



Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leader ross.johnson@education.vic.gov.au

Attendance

We are already pushing, as another major focus for the year, holding students accountable for being at school all day every day. At our last Year Level Assemblies for Year 7 and 8 we talked about students achieving 95% attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the positive start we have taken;

Year 7:

54 students with 100% attendance

67 students with over 95% attendance

7A topping our form groups with an average attendance of 98.71%

Year 8:

32 students with 100% attendance

42 students with over 95% attendance

8A topping our form groups with an average attendance of 92.58%



For the most part, percentages will increase as the year goes on but for some they will need to work hard to ensure that they improve their engagement with schooling.

95%		47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	-	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	-	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	-	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS)

We as a campus are really pushing our Positive Framework as well as introducing some minor twerks to enhance instant engagement from our students and parents. As I mentioned above Year 7 and Year 8 students have had recorded breaking start to their positive compass entries, with both year levels far exceeding previous week 1-3 data.

Year 7:

2021 weeks 1 - 3: 1356

Previous best: 15

Year 8:

2021 weeks 1 - 3: 1294

Previous best: 11

Naplan

As usual, all students in Year 7 will participate in the NAPLAN testing program. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in the second full week in May. To ensure that students are able to show us what they can do, teachers will teach and promote skills during the lead up.

Camp

We are soon to put out the paperwork for Year 7 Camp. This is a really important adventure for our students and the most important camp of their high school years. We will be working with every family to try and ensure 100% attendance at the camp. If you are concerned or expect to face financial difficulties with this camp, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

We will also be preparing for our Year 8 camp, this is another fantastic adventure for Year 8 students later in the year.

Please note: Camps will be processed though the Department of Education camps and excursions rules and regulations and are subject to approval and Covid19 restrictions. We will keep in constant communication, and have contingency plans in place.

Year 7 BBQ

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, students and families who attended the night. We had a great turn out, and was an extremely positive night, with students showing off their new school and learning environment. We really value all the feedback we received and the engagement of our families into our Kurnai learning community.

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Year 9 News

Year 9 News

Welcome everyone to Year 9 2021.

This year will see the return of lots of great activities, events and learning opportunities for students and Term 1 will certainly have its share of the fun and challenges. We have just completed our 5 day lockdown 3.0 but WE'RE ready to go back at school.

I would like to begin by introducing myself, Anthony Di Fabrizio as the Year 9 Team Leader. I have already spoken to many of you and I look forward to talking with many more of you soon. Please consider me your first point of contact for anything relating to Year 9 students.

Athletics day is next on Tuesday the 2nd of March A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians to log on to compass and tick the online consent forms if they wish their child to attend this event. This day provides great opportunities for students and staff to bond and build positive connections, not to mention all the fun and great atmosphere. Don't forget to dress in house colours, go team Yellow (Siddle).

As School Photo day was scheduled on the 16th of February, School photos have been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday the 16th of March. All students should remember that this is a day that memories are made.

Swimming Sports

Swimming sports was last week, and what a fantastic day it was for all students and staff. I managed to get a couple of shots of Year 9 students enjoying supporting their friends and mixing with students from all campuses.



Above are Janna, Ashleigh, Milla and Arifah from 9A relaxing at the Swimming Sports.





Di Billingsley

Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay

Sandra Treloar



Jillian Tymms

Year 9 News

THE YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 Camp is in Term 3 this year and planning is underway. 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. More information will be made available closer to the date.



Year 10 News

Welcome to the new year of 2021! The staff of the Year 10 team would like to thank all of the students for their great start to the year. We look forward to having a great year full of positive outcomes for all students!

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech, Textiles and an Advocate), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Johnston (Technology and an Advocate) and Sarah Lewis (English, Humanities and Media).

Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, April 20th – May 1st. The students will be arranging 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 that follows from Alan Ferris.

Camp

This year our Year 10 students should be going to Tasmania in the second last week of Term Three but due to Covid-19 we will not be able to travel interstate so we are investigating a trip around Victoria instead. Information should be out to students after School Council approval towards the end of March.

School Photos

All Year 10 students have been given an order form for the school photos which were to be taken this week. The new date for school photos is Tuesday 16th March.

Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports took place last week and there was a great turn out of students to the event. The weather helped to make it a good day for all.

Sheryl Tangi Year 10 Team Leader sheryl.tangi@education.vic.gov.au



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 now receive a cut out on their ticket for showing consistent positive behaviours re the school matrix by their teacher. These tickets, once filled in (all 20 cut outs), can cash the ticket in for \$2 at the Canteen etc. 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.

Dates To Remember

Thursday 18 th February	Tech School Visit
Friday 19 th February	Media Tech School Visit
Monday March 8 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
April 26th – May 7th	Work Experience (2 weeks)
September 7 th – 11 th	Victoria Camp

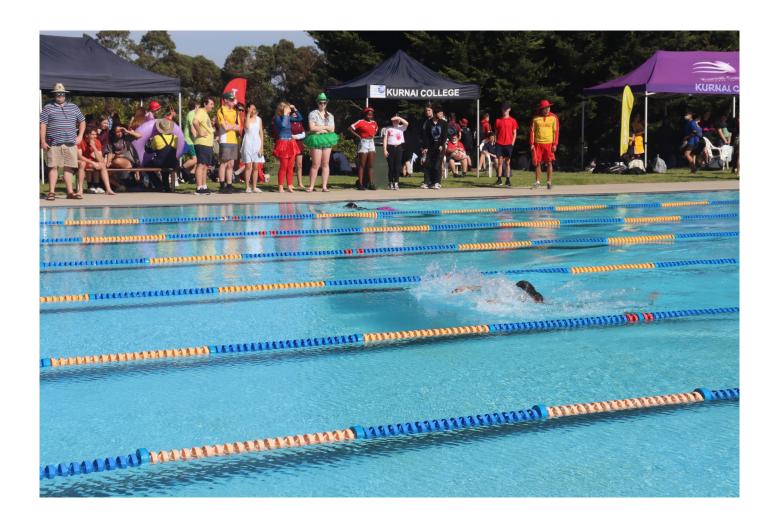
Reminders

- -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

tangi.sheryl@education.vic.gov.au





Alan Ferris Careers Advisor Morwell



"Your future depends on what you do today."

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

MORWELL CAMPUS STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE (TERM 2)

Yr10 students should now be contacting business owners/managers within an industry of choice, asking if they are able to undertake a week of Work Experience with this employer. The allocated dates for the Morwell Campus are:

Week 1: Monday 27th April 2021 to Friday 30th April 2021 Week 2: Monday 3rd May 2021 to Friday 7st May 2021

We encourage that students explore two different workplaces (one for each week) to gain the most from industry exposure. This will help develop career understanding and identify potential pathway/s beyond school.

COURSE COUNSELLING (TERM 2 – MAY / JUNE 2021)

Date of CC To be Confirmed

Very soon, students are required to decide what learning pathway they will undertake moving into Year 11 (will you do - VCAL/VET? VCE? or VCE/VET?). Alan (Careers Advisor) is arranging one on one interviews with the Year 10 cohort to aid students in making informed decisions. Students will be notified on teams of their appointment time, and this will appear on their timetable.

ADDITIONAL

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Safe @ Work Certificates (General and Industry Specific)

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/pages/generalmodule.aspx

PLEASE Use Capital Letters for First and Last Name

School: Kurnai College

Students will not be allowed to go out on Work Experience if they have not completed the Safe@Work Assessments.

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Application (All you need is a Medicare Card) https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi

PLEASE Enter your name exactly as it appears on your Medicare Card. Extra Curricula Training Opportunities (example: Construction Induction Card or First Aid) cannot be accessed by any student and VET Applications for Year 11 will not be accepted if Students have not obtained a USI. For more information, refer to Year 10 (2021) channel on teams or contact Alan Ferris.

Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

Woodwind

- o Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- o Saxophone



Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- o Tenor Horn
- o Baritone
- Trombone
- o Euphonium
- o Tuba





Percussion

o Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani



Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College.

Strings

- o Guitar
- o Bass Guitar

Keyboards

Electric Keyboard/Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the College if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitars and Keyboards are not hired. Contact the Music Director if you have any queries.

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Do you have your own instru	ıment?	If so, whi	ich instrument?	

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances or you have enrolled a new student to the school.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51 650600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 18/6/2021.

2021 School Immunisation Program

Year 10

Nimenrix—Meningococcal ACWY, one dose. 3rd March 2021

Year 7

Gardasil 9—Human Papillomavirus (HPV) 2 dose course, 6 months apart

Boostrix—Diptheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough booster 1 dose

Complete the online consent form—www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/year10vaccine

Please complete form even if you are taking your child to their doctor for these vaccinations (tick 'NO' on form).

If you do not have internet access you may collect a hard copy of the form from your child's school.

Any questions regarding the school immunisation program, please contact the Family Services Immunisation Team on 03 5128 6166



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COLLEGE COUNCIL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



17 FEBRUARY

23 FEBRUARY POSITIONS

2 STUDENT 3 STAFF 3 PARENT

For more information please see the general office.

School Council Election 2021 – Open 17 February

Kurnai College School Council Elections will open on February 17 and we ask that you consider being involved.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are four possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category more than one-third of the total members must be from this category.
 Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected **DET employee category** members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- A mandated elected Student member category members of this category are enrolled at the school and in year 7 or above.
- An optional **Community member category** members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Members over the age of 18 will require to provide a current Working with Children's Card.

Why is Student membership so important?

Students have a unique perspective on learning, teaching and schooling. Electing Student members onto school council allows all students to have a say in the future direction of their school and ensures student input into decision making.

Student representation on school councils assists in the development of students' skills, including leadership, skills, and communication skills.

Does my child need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them in order to perform their duties as a councillor. Student members are encouraged to attend the Department's free face-to-face Improving School Governance school council training to support them to undertake their role. Training is also available online.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent / Student / DET category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2021

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nominations open on **Wednesday**, **17 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Tuesday**, **23 February**, **2021**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 March, 2021.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	3
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Anthony Rodaughan

2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Name of the School: Kurnai College

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday, 17 February, 2021
b)	Closing date for nominations	Tuesday, 23 February, 2021
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Wednesday, 3 March, 2021
e)	Close of ballot	Tuesday, 9 March, 2021
f)	Vote count	Wednesday, 10 March, 2021
g)	Declaration of poll	Wednesday, 10 March, 2021
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 16 March, 2021
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 16 March, 2021



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