



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Monday 26 July 2021

KEY DATES

3 August	YEAR 10 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSION : 10B & 10C
4 August	YEAR 10 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSION : 10A & 10D
10 - 13 August	YEAR 9 MELBOURNE DISCOVERY CAMP
12 August	YEAR 11 2022 SUBJECT INFORMATION DAY
7 - 10 September	YEAR 10 MELBOURNE CAMP



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

As we wait for news on the easing of restrictions, I would like to express my gratitude to all staff and students for making the switch to Remote Learning at such short notice. The change from a circuit breaker to a slightly extended lock down saw as change to synchronous teaching. Students and staff have found this to be an easier transition to Remote Learning and less disruptive in the long run. I would like to thank each and every one of you for working with the school to encourage your child to continue with their learning during the Remote Learning phase. My hope is that we won't have to do this again, however I have every confidence that our school community will do whatever is required to keep the broader community safe. A reminder that all visitors to the school must wear a mask and check in via the QR code at the General Office. To minimise contact, we ask that you remain in your car while waiting for your child.



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Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:45pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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Message from our Principal continues.....

Food Technology and Conference Room Upgrade

Churchill Campus continues to upgrade classrooms and specialist teaching areas. In 2019 the Science wing was upgraded to provide two large classrooms and a seminar space. This year we are upgrading our Food Technology and Dining room for students undertaking food technology (cooking) classes. The bright and modern colours, spacious preparation areas, brand new appliances and exhaust fans, which are a new feature, will ensure our students have up to date facilities to demonstrate their cooking and design skills. The addition of a new Conference Room will allow staff from across our College and our colleagues from across the region to collaborate on teaching and learning. All upgrades to our school will benefit students and in turn positively impact their learning outcomes.



Year 7 News

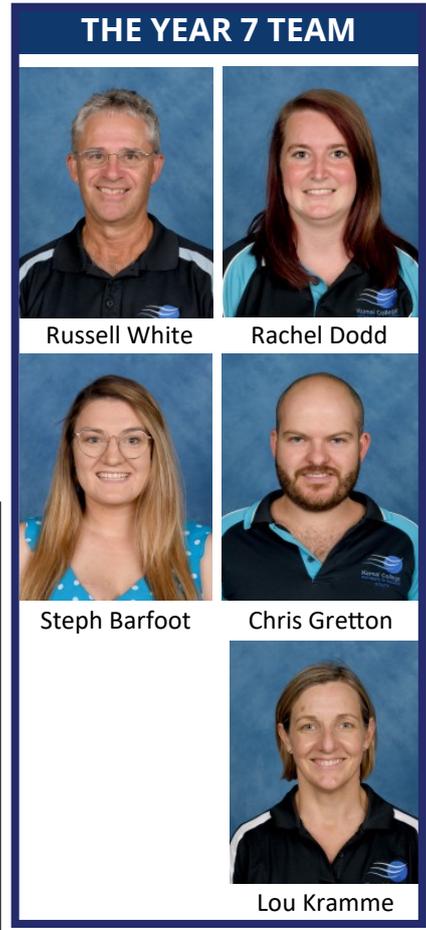
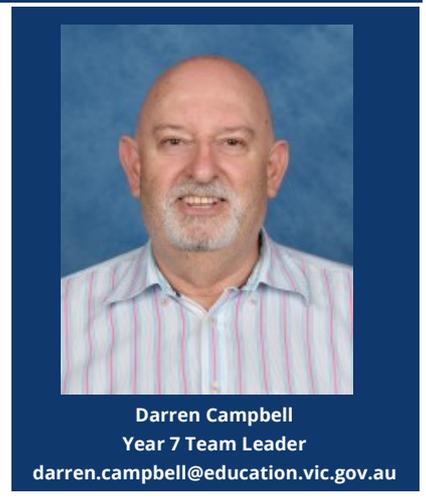
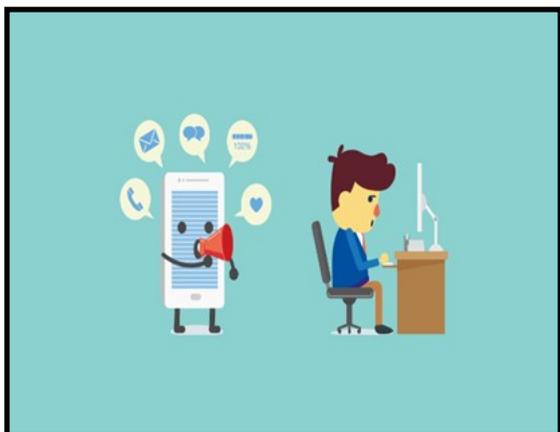
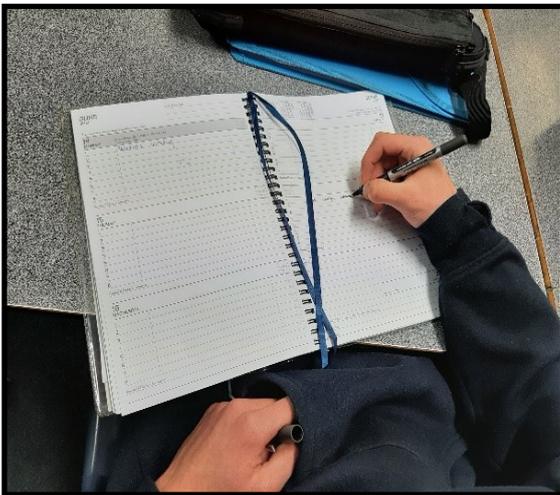
Impressive to see many Year 7 students arriving on time and willing to participate in **online classes**, especially for Period 1 at 8.30am! Hopefully the healthy habit of students **communicating positively with each other** and teachers about their learning on Teams and Compass will continue back at school. Attendance at **Task Completion** sessions after school on Mondays is expected for students who haven't finished learning tasks and did not negotiate work or an alternative due date with their teachers. Those students who have made the effort just recently, we know who they are and will celebrate this soon.

New Semester, Week 3

Being 'back on track' means *positive learning habits* need to be encouraged. We ask for parent/guardian support to check that **laptops** are fully charged, **pencil cases** well equipped, each subject has its own **workbook**, **diaries** are being used and **learning tasks** are submitted on Compass by **due dates**. The Semester 1 reports give us plenty of clues for **setting goals**.

Thinking Championships and other events to look forward to

Students and teachers are looking forward to the annual Thinking Championships this term. Mr White will soon allocate students to groups. We expect all students to participate in this great opportunity to develop interpersonal, problem solving and teamwork skills. Keeping in mind that happy students are keen learners, let's hope the Colour Fun Run, another guest performance with a life learning message and a year level day trip will also go ahead.



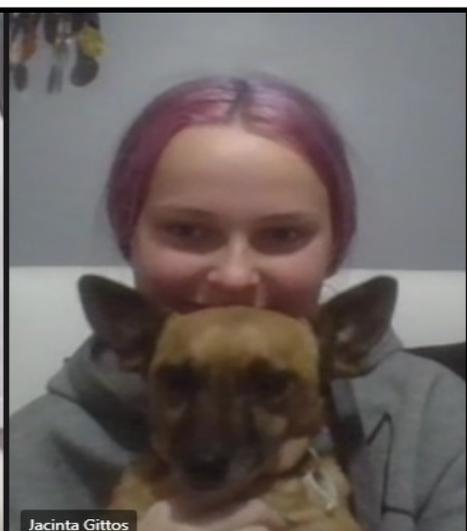
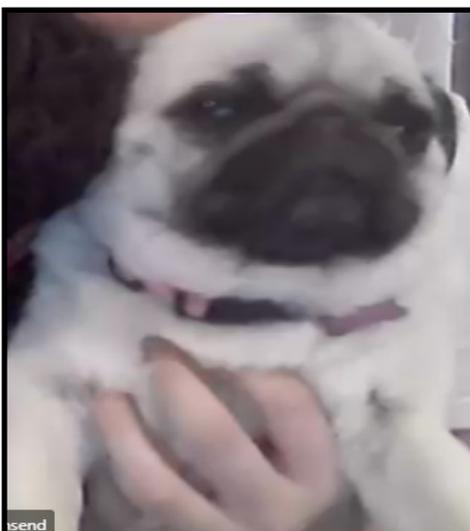
Year 8 News

Term 3 has started with a return to remote learning after just four days back at school. The Year 8 students are to be commended for the way that they have transitioned back to online learning during this challenging time. Staff have been continuing to provide support for students and parents, who are providing such valuable assistance in supporting their children learning from home. We do need to remind students that the learning that they are undertaking during remote learning is part of their assessment and that tasks need to be completed. If students require additional support, please use Teams to seek extra help with completing work and making it through remote learning.

It has been interesting, to meet, during online classes, the range of family pets who have been making appearances in the classes. Ranging from cats and dogs to rabbits as well larger animals. It is obvious, from these appearances in online classes, during lockdown that the family pets are really enjoying the extra time with their humans.

Whilst writing this, we are still waiting to hear from the Premier about when we will return to onsite learning. When we do return to onsite learning, it is important that we all follow the rules around COVID restrictions so that we can continue to be onsite.

Some of the pets that have made their presence known during remote learning.



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THE YEAR 8 TEAM



Nicole Ashton



Gabby O'Bree



Kara Thompson



Robin Fitzpatrick



Matt Woodhouse



Julia Groves



Lisa Knowles

Year 9 News

Hello everyone and welcome to this edition of the Year 9 news. I would like to begin this article on a positive note by congratulating and thanking all of the students and families for their swift transition into remote learning 5.0. This time around students and teachers have been working synchronously with the on-site timetable and it has been encouraging and rewarding to see so many year 9s getting on and attending their classes remotely. For those students or families that may be finding it difficult, we are empathetic to these challenges and encourage you to get in touch with the school if you require support.

Year 9 Camp

At the time of writing the year 9 camp has not been cancelled, however, as with all things in these times, it is with no certainty that I can say it will go ahead. Please stay attuned to announcements leading up to the date.

Morrisby Consultations

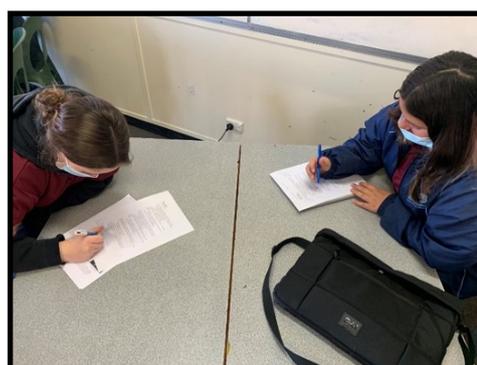
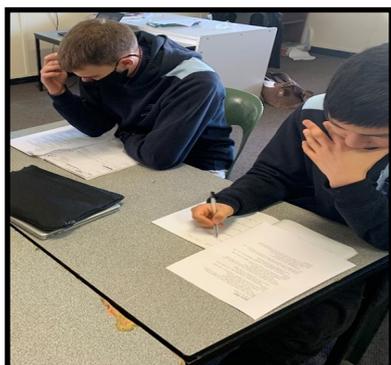
Earlier in the year, year 9 students completed Morrisby course counselling assessments. These will be followed up with consultations beginning this term. These have been moved to an online model due to the current circumstances and will remain online regardless of lockdown restrictions at the time. Students will be set up in a quiet space on site to login to their consultation. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the Morrisby consultations occurring online, please do not hesitate to contact Glen Stephenson on 51 32 3700.

Equipment

With the likely return to on-site schooling, a friendly reminder goes out to all year 9s and their families that students must bring all of the required equipment to each of their lessons if they are to be successful in that lesson. This includes; digital device and charger if it is not charged and ready to go, pens and works books. For any one who is having difficulty obtaining the required equipment, please get in contact with Glen Stephenson on 5132 3700

English

This term in English, students are exploring the craft of writing. This began with students writing their own versions of the infamous six-word story and an explanation of what their story means to them. Throughout the term, we are reading a variety of different text types including poetry, blogs, diary entries and articles around the central theme of "Identity". Students are working hard in groups to unpack and reflect on these texts. Students will then be exploring their own writing styles using inspiration from the texts they have read.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Erin Gruis



Elyse Derricot



Paris Ladas



Dave Frendo



Chris Flake

YEAR 10 NEWS

Term 3 continues to see disruptions and changes to our program, especially to the 2022 Course Counselling program whereby, students will choose their preferred pathway (VCE or VCAL) via course counselling interviews on:

DATE: TUESDAY, 17th AUGUST 2021
TIME: 1pm – 7pm
WHERE: Language Centre, Churchill Jnr Campus
REQUIRED: Student *and* Parent/Carer/Guardian

All students must book and attend an interview with a parent/guardian. For VCAL applicants, this will be their first of many VCAL interviews. Please refer to the **careers section of this newsletter for more information.**

Lockdown 5.0

As students commence their final semester at the junior campus it is important that they maintain the momentum for learning and developing sound study habits before they transition to the senior campus late in term 4. The message to the cohort throughout this semester will be:

What are you doing to prepare yourself for senior campus?

Most students have been able to quickly adjust back to remote learning, remembering to log on to their classes on time, and completing and submitting their learning tasks. Well done to those students. These times have required us all to demonstrate our resilience, and our adaptability, our ability to cope with challenges, and our skills in reaching out for help when needed. These are all amongst the most valuable skills you can have.

So, when you think this last year and a half (so far) has been a waste, think of how you respond to the challenges that are given to you.

In **Maths**, students are working on developing their linear graph skills. This is maths that's to do with relating one thing with another, what relationship we can find between them, and what we might be able to predict from the trends- certainly something we see on our daily Coronavirus briefings.

In **English**, students are thinking about how they can compare and contrast ideas; finding similarities and differences, and deciding what might be best. They initially do this by looking at a short film and reading a short story, and later by comparing life in the 1850s with life now- A good reason to watch *The Man from Snowy River* as a family film night!

Finally, the Year 10 team would like to acknowledge and say 'well done' to the following students who achieved 90% plus attendance during the first full week of remote learning: *Blake Billing, William Bonnici, Elizabeth Cassar, Lola Clifton, Beth Daddo, Drew Ewald, Matty Foster, Andrew Hunt, Katelin Mansfield, Jenna Mclauchlan, Oakleigh Riley, Jaz Sanders, Tom Walker, Shanae Brown, Hayden Dent, Leah Hughes, Zoe Lenser, Tayla Fehlberg, Alyssa Dixon, Joel Tactor, Tyra Abbott, Kynan Jackel, John Murray, Callum Minster, Owen Towers, Gemma Whykes, and Ben Woodward.*

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Ali Khaki



Mary Corponi



Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Harry Owens





Suze Benson
Careers Advisor



CHURCHILL CAMPUS

DAYS OF WORK
(9am-3pm)
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

**“YOU WILL
NEVER
CHANGE
YOUR LIFE
UNTIL YOU
CHANGE
SOMETHING
YOU DO
DAILY. THE
SECRET OF
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ROUTINE”**

CHURCHILL CAMPUS CAREERS BULLETIN

YEAR 10 – IMPORTANT DATES

SUBJECT INFORMATION DAY: POSTPONED

NEW DATE: THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR THE VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL)

Applications Open: Monday, 9th August 2021

Applications Close: Monday, 16th August 2021

COURSE COUNSELLING INTERVIEW EVENING

(This is when students choose their course pathway for 2022)

DATE: TUESDAY, 17th AUGUST 2021

TIME: 1pm – 6.30pm

WHERE: Language Centre, Churchill Jnr Campus

REQUIRED TO ATTEND: Parent/Carer/Guardian and Student

COURSE COUNSELLING REQUIREMENTS

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Application (Medicare Card needed)

<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

Follow this link to apply & enter your name exactly as it appears on your card

PREPARING FOR COURSE COUNSELLING

ALL Course Counselling Packs have been sent to the Year 10 students (with the exception of some students who received this in class prior to lockdown). Students are required to read through this material, separate the VCE from the VCAL material and put the VET info together. First thing to read - is the Where to Now book. **STUDENTS ARE TO THEN REFER TO YR 10 TEAM CHANNEL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION.**

YEAR 9 NEWS

We want to extend an invitation to the students who **completed** their Morrisby Profiling during the Year 9 Careers Week, to meet with the Morrisby Careers Consultants. The interview with the consultant is to support the student to make sense of their results and open a dialogue about their future pathway.

Students who have not completed their Morrisby profiling still have time to do so. If you would like to know how to support your child at home in completing this, please contact Suze Benson via Churchill Office on (03) 51323700.

University Open Day – MOVING TO VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

The open day at the University Campus is a great opportunity for parents and students to view the facilities and learn a little more about what is on offer at the Senior Campus.

We strongly encourage ALL parents/carers of Year 10 students to attend these online sessions along with the parents/carers of our current Year 9 Students, considering undertaking a VCE Unit 1 & 2 subject in 2022, or considering the Yr10 Youth Pathways Program in 2022.

(Dates and times of these online sessions TBC)



Planting Olive trees in the garden bed seating on the slab



Constructing a garden bed for flowers and herbs



Constructing bench seating for the bottom garden area with recycled metal framework from the old seats on the "slab"

On Wednesday the 14th of July Kurnai were able to send teams to Soccer, Netball and Badminton.

All students who participated did a great job in representing our college and a massive Congratulations to the Intermediate and Seniors Girl's Soccer teams who made it through to the next round on a penalty shootout. Also a Congratulations to the Intermediate boys who also made it through to the next round by percentage. Winning 3 games for the day. Also well done to the Senior boys teams for winning 2 out of 4 games for the day.

Well done also to the Netball and Badminton teams for their participation for the day and for representing Kurnai College.

Looking forward to later in the term we will have teams heading to Basketball and also Athletics.



NETBALL



SOCCER

Our dedicated music students have been working hard in preparation for various performances to be held in Semester 2.

Students featured below are rehearsing as part of the concert band ensemble. These students are preparing for the 'Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod' & the 'Primary Schools Tour'



During the first week of the school holidays our Year 11 & 12 Music Performance students attended a two-day workshop at Trafalgar High School. The workshop was held to develop our students' theory and performance skills ahead of the VCE exams in October.

It was great to see our students collaborate with Trafalgar High School students in refining their musical skills. Their hard work and dedication were evident in the high quality of performances during the evening concert.



Stay tuned for more upcoming music performances throughout the Semester.





**When
everyone
is included
everyone
wins.**


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#saysomething

**fab food
marvellous
mood**



BEET-ING THE BLUES

There are loads of Aussie fruit and veg that can support mental wellbeing.
Boost your mood with beetroot, avocado, apple and sweet potato.

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NUTS ABOUT BRAIN HEALTH

There are loads of Aussie fruit, veg and nuts that can help support brain health. Keep in peak performance with almonds, eggs, oranges and peas.

The Gippsland Youth Drama Workshop

Established 1993
Over 2000 Students
70 Original Productions
20,000 Audience Members

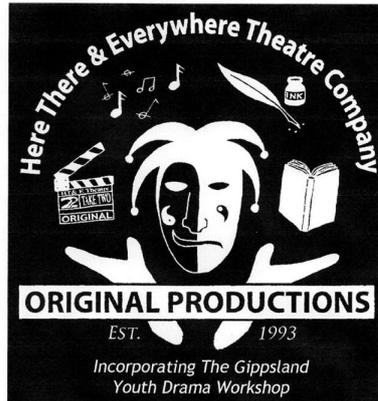
**Come & Put on a Theatre Show, Learn About
Performance, Have Fun, Gain Confidence &
Make New Friends!!!**

2 Production Groups Per Year

**Classes Designed for
Solid Reading Age / Upper Primary School through to 17 Years Old**

Incorporating:

- Drama Games & Theatre Sports Activities for Confidence & Team Building
- Improvisations of Characters & Stories
- Writer's Workshop to Build an Original Show
- Establishing Themes & Plots
- Original Music
- Rehearsal Technique
- Voice Projection
- Final Production for Family, Friends & the Community



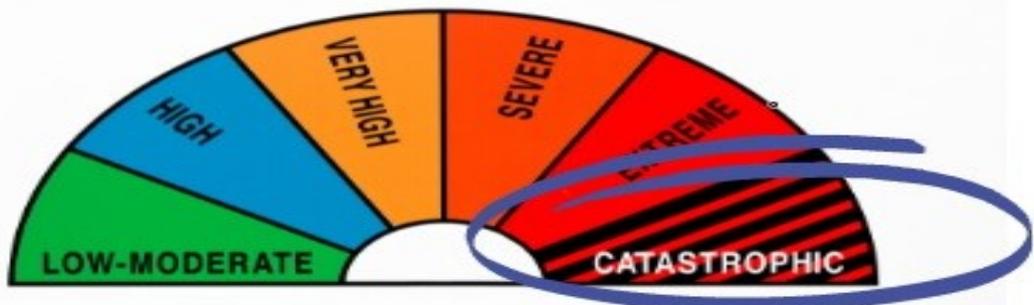
Bookings Essential / Places Limited
Contact Director Phillip A Mayer
on 0409 878 688

The Director is assisted by a Dedicated & Experienced
Crew including Technical Director, Musical Director,
Stage Manager, Production Manager
& other Key Supporting Production Personnel

WEDNESDAYS
5:15 - 6:45 IN MORWELL

Cost \$20 Per Session

*Gippsland's Longest Running Youth Theatre Program
Helping Create Stars for Life*



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



Making time for self-care
A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to feel less overwhelmed and deal with anxious feelings?
- Want to improve your confidence and self esteem?
- Build resilience for yourself and your family?
- Take time out for yourself?

DATES: Monday 13th September 2021

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

For bookings & enquiries contact: Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

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Parenting Anxious Kids
A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to:
- Know how to respond when your child gets overwhelmed?
 - Help your child to regulate their emotions?
 - Support your child with their challenges?

DATES: Monday 30th August 2021

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

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Risky business
A Parents Building Solutions single session

- Do you want to communicate better with your teen?
- Develop strategies to listen without judgment?
- Help your teen problem solve and make safe choices?
- Stay connected?

DATES: Monday 16th August 2021

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to this session to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

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Raising Teens | Online
Parents Building Solutions

- Do you want to learn how to talk so teens will listen?
- Help you teen problem solve and resolve conflict?
- Communicate better with your teen and stay connected?

DATES: Fridays 20th August to 17th September

TIME: 10:30am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

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