



Kurnai College
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Morwell Newsletter

Friday 5th June, 2020

KEY DATES

8 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9 Jun	RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING
26 Jun	END OF TERM 2
13 Jul	TERM 3 BEGINS



Michelle Reid
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

At last our period of remote learning is drawing to a close and I am sure many parents and carers are nearly as relieved as the school staff.

We know that many parents and carers have found "iso-learning", as we have come to call it, very rewarding, as they have had the opportunity to be more in touch with their child's learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been such wonderful support to the children in their homes.

I need to show my respect to the teachers and Education Support staff who have worked so incredibly hard to support students not only with their studies, but also with social and emotional issues. This has been the most collaborative partnership I have ever witnessed between parents, carers, teachers, and support personnel.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Following our colleagues' experiences at the University and the FLO Campuses, we expect that returning to on-site learning may be a challenge for a number of students for a number of reasons.

We will support students to understand the "new normal" and also be on the look out for social and emotional issues among the cohort. We will have our Youth Worker Cate, ably supported by Hannah, the psych nurse from the Doctors in Secondary Schools, working with all students over the first week or so, then focusing on those with greater needs. If you feel your child requires support, please contact the relevant Team Leader in the first instance.

We have also seen fatigue in students already returned – they are out of practice of being "on" for a whole day. Please try to allow students to settle into school before re-engaging with extra-curricula activities so that they build up stamina.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Michelle Reid

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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**Attendance
Hotline**


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Message from our Principal continues.....


How will SCHOOL be different at KURNAI COLLEGE?


No Sharing - Students must **BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT** 


Students must **BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE** 


No **DRINK FOUNTAINS** Bring your own **DRINK BOTTLE** 


EXCURSIONS
+ CAMPS cancelled for now


Appointments must be made to visit the Campus 

PLEASE PHONE THE GENERAL OFFICE 

Regular **HAND WASHING** and use of Hand Sanitiser 

Parents must **REMAIN IN CARS** at drop off and pick ups 

 No **ASSEMBLIES**

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Year 7 & 8 News

We continue to power on to the finish in remote learning and the Year 7 and 8 Team are really proud of all of our students. This has been a tremendous challenge for some; probably greater than they ever thought it would be. For others, the greater challenge will be returning to school next week.

For now, I'm giving all Year 7's and 8's permission to have a breath and relax over the long weekend ready to get back into it. We still have three weeks left until the holidays and they are going to be difficult to manage, balancing school work and the desire to be back around friends.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

I encourage you to remind your children about their responsibilities in social distancing before they return and about the differences they may find at school, including that teachers will try and maintain a greater distance from them. One of the lessons we'll be trying to get through early on is understanding how other people feel about the world at the moment and developing empathy for the anxiety that Covid-19 has created in others.

THANK YOU

Lastly, can I thank the parents of all the Year 7 and 8 students. Though many of you have been very stressed with how to manage the ins and outs of education over the last term, you have all been so gracious and understanding that this has been difficult for all involved and have done your best to support our school and your children in achieving the best possible education in a substandard environment.



Daniel Swallow

Assistant Principal - Junior Subschool



Ross Johnson

Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leader



Ben Kimpton

Year 7 /8 Assistant Team Leader

Year 9 News

AROUND THE SCREENS...

It has been great seeing students get involved in photography during the remote period. Even the teachers were able to get out and snap some nice landscapes.



Kellie Asmussen
Year 9 Team Leader

THE END OF REMOTE LEARNING

Firstly, congratulations for making it through this unique and new experience. For many, this has forced them to become more tech savvy and they have become more positive learners as they have navigated around solutions to the many problems faced. So, thank you goes out to all of you for trying, for being patient and for forgiving each other when things have not gone to plan! These new skills will be held for life and will look great on a resume so well done all!

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

Semester reports are now on the horizon and teachers are beginning to collate all the learning that students have done over the past semester – yes, half a year has passed if you can believe it! Please review the past Learning Behaviour Reports with your child and work with them to make improvements for the future.

THE FUTURE...

The pandemic has encouraged many to reflect on their lives and what they want for their future. Many Year 9 students are turning 15 and now many career opportunities are opening for them. They can enrol in short courses at TAFE and complete these while still at school depending on the course or they may feel like attempting TAFE on a full-time basis. If you feel like this is something your child needs, please contact myself or our career advisors and we will be able to discuss these options with you.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

While we are finally returning to school, it will not be the same as it once was. There will be a few new regulations we need to follow, such as:

- Keeping our distance – teachers must stay 1.5 meters away from everyone so may need to stand back to speak and help students
- Students will need to bring their own drink bottle as the water fountains are not currently operational
- Physical contact is no longer possible so a hand wave or a wink will have to do
- Chewing gum and spitting is now very dangerous and should not be done
- Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day

Take the time to go through these new regulations with your child and prepare them for the coming week. It may be very difficult to transition and this can be confronting not just for students but for parents and staff members. Start to prepare for the next week by keeping to a regular bedtime as well as preparing checklists for the items needed at school: a packed lunch and snacks, laptop, books, pencil case and full school uniform.

Year 10 News

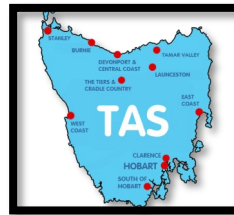
We have survived 8 weeks of remote learning on-line. Thank you so much to all the students and parents who have been working on-line on Compass and on Microsoft Teams. On Tuesday 9th June, we all return to school classes but this will be different to what you were used to in the past. On entry to each classroom, all students are to sanitise their hands and sanitise their hands again when leaving the room.

Teachers are expected to use social distancing. The rules regarding mobile phones are the same as they were in Term 1 – no phones from the start of the day, to the end of the day. All students are required to bring their own drink bottle to school. All students are expected to have their own device in class and to be in full uniform. Attendance needs to be a regular basis for the rest of the term please.



TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 September 2020)

This camp was supposed to go ahead in Week 9 Term 3 to Tasmania but has **now been cancelled** due to the uncertainty of Covid -19.



REMINDERS

- Students will require a device and access to the Internet (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be on-line at 8:35 am please.

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

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Sheryl Tangi
Year 10 Team Leader

THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso



Emma



Angela



Megan
Schwarzenberg



Michelle
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CSEF

Due to COVID-19, you may now be eligible for Camps Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF). To be eligible you must be one of the following:

1. a parent/carer (of the relevant student) who is:

- on the first day of term one or the first day of term two an eligible beneficiary of either a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card; or
- an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or

2. a temporary foster carer; or

3. the parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

The parent/carer must submit an application to the school prior to the end of Term 2.

Provided the above conditions are satisfied, the amount payable is:

- \$225 for secondary school students.

If you have already applied for this earlier, you do not need to do anything as you have already received your CSEF; however for those that may now be eligible please contact the school to get your application form in or use the link below before the end of Term 2.

CAMPS OR EXCURSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Charges for any camps or excursions that have been cancelled due to Covid-19 have been credited to your family account.

If you made a payment and would like a refund, please contact any campus office for a payment requisition and we will refund the money into your bank account.

If no refund is requested or CSEF was used as payment, this will be on your account as a credit for use in the future.



Latrobe City Council COVID Helpline

Do you have questions about what local support is available to you during COVID-19? Are you caring for someone who needs help? We can help you connect with supports and better understand what is available in our community.

Coronavirus has put additional pressure on individuals and communities and many businesses and organisations are operating differently. We want to hear how you can best be supported during this time and into the future as we work through the challenges. We want to help build a stronger resilient community.

Phone 1300 367 700 and choose option 2, or send us an email COVID19Helpline@latrobe.vic.gov.au

You can leave us a message and we can call you at a time that suits you best.



If you need an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for Latrobe City Council.

For specific advice on Coronavirus and Government information call the National Helpline on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.