



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Thursday 18th June 2020

KEY DATES

26 Jun	END OF TERM 2 STUDENTS FINISH 1:50PM
13 Jul	TERM 3 BEGINS



Michelle Reid
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Back to Onsite Learning

Last week we welcomed students back to onsite learning after an absence of eleven weeks.

For the first part of the day, students were given the opportunity to reconnect with their friends, classmates and staff members, as well as going through a lesson about what we are referring to as the “new normal”, that is the measures that we have put in place to reduce the risk of infection.

Students then began to engage with their lessons, sorting out where they were up to, and in some cases catching up on work that was not completed during remote learning.

Most students have now had the opportunity to have a round table discussion about their experiences in isolation with our Youth Worker, Cate, and the Doctors in Secondary Schools Psych nurse, Hannah. This has identified students who have struggles with isolation itself, or returning from isolation, and they are receiving support.

Building Update

This week I met with the architects and builders for an update on the progress of the Library. I’m sure both students and staff alike were excited to see the progress that has been made over the previous eight weeks. The majority of the steel frame is now complete, and roofing works is due to commence next week – this is an important stage because once the roof is on, most work can proceed regardless of the weather.

We are still on track for a completion of the Library in late December.

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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Message from our Principal continues.....


Semester Reports


Semester 1 Reports will be published after the Winter Holidays. Teachers will be reporting on students' work from both Term 1 and Term 2, and commenting generally on their approach to their work during offsite learning.



School Holidays

This is the last Parent Newsletter for Term 2. I'm sure everyone in our learning community will be looking forward to the chance to wind down and recharge after this Term, which has without doubt thrown up the most challenges of any I've ever experienced.




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

Our students continue to astound us with their resilience as they have settled back in to life at school.

Year 8 Camp

This has been confirmed to go ahead and forms can be expected to go out to families soon. We strongly encourage participation of all students in our camps and this one is a favourite for those who attend. Once information comes out, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Wellbeing Check Ins

Our welfare team have now seen most students for group check ins and to provide an opportunity to reflect on the feelings they have had during this term. From this, we are following up on a number of students who require some more 1-1 support. If you have concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me and talk through them. We may be able to help.

Devices

All students should have a device at this point in time. We are unable to lend devices to students on a day-to-day basis. It is absolutely essential that all students are bringing their devices every day to be able to participate fully in their learning.

It's Not OK To Be Away Anymore.

Now that things are settling down and we're in classes and back to normal it's important to remember that attendance to all classes is crucial to get the best out of the class. There is no substitute for being in the class, listening and participating in discussions, asking questions and getting clarification from the teacher and peers. A dynamic classroom discussion cannot simply be replicated at another time. Being in the classroom is the best place to be to understand the subject content and to get help if you just don't 'get it'.

Please make every effort you can to be in every class every day because it's Not OK To Be Away.

Easy Learning Club

Easy Learning Club has resumed, 3:00—4:15. Food Provided. COVID Safe Practises in place.



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Year 9 News

Around the grounds...

We have been back for a little over a week now and it has given us some time to reflect on the good and the bad parts of remote learning. Instead of reporting back, a few students were happy to make a comment:

Remote learning was a good and bad thing for me. It was good because there weren't many distractions from the work set out and I could understand the work set out easier than I could at school. The bad side to the remote learning was not being able to see any of my friends in and outside of school and that was hard for me because I was not used to not being able to see anyone. It is great that we are all back at school. - [Samuel Darragh](#).

I liked how I could wake up any time. I knew what I was doing because the work was there. We could do our work anytime. It was bad when we didn't know what to do and it was harder to understand reading a teachers instruction and it is easier to understand when at school. - [Zackariah Jacob](#)

I don't really do well with no supervision and I had to look after my smaller brothers and sisters so that was hard. - [Keely Angelo](#)

The Return to the Classroom

Students have been gradually getting back into routine and for many this has not been easy. A few are realising it is harder than they thought. Please make contact if you feel you or your child needs more support.

Preparing for Term 3

It is hoped that Term 3 will be business as usual however there are a few things that will be different in regard to COVID-19 regulations. Students will need:

- a charged laptop throughout term three and are to bring it to school everyday
- their own drink bottle as the water fountains are not currently operational
- to not make physical contact so a hand wave or a wink will have to do
- to not chew gum and spitting is now very dangerous and should not be done
- to not bring mobile phones in class as per usual

Plans are also underway regarding class restructure. Some students will be moving form groups to help meet their learning needs. If you feel your child could benefit from this, please make contact and we can discuss the options available.

If you feel your child is not engaging and are looking at career options or decisions about TAFE, please contact myself or our career advisors and we will be able to discuss some ideas with you.

Reports

All teachers are beginning to write their end of semester reports. Many will finalise these over the holidays so please ensure your child has completed all their remote learning tasks before the end of term as it will be reflected in the report.



Kellie Asmussen
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Year 10 News

We have been back in class for nearly two weeks. Students have settled back into routine and seem to be enjoying the company of friends and teachers. All students need to complete all set learning tasks before the holidays as teachers will be completing the semester reports by the start of next term. Next term will be very busy for all Year 10 students. They will be deciding on their Year 11 courses and subject choices and they will begin arranging their Term 3 work experience for Week 9.

Teachers have been using social distancing. 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. Students have been really efficient at using the hand sanitisers on the way into and out of the classroom.

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Emma Hudson (English, Tr@k, Media Studies and an Advocate), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech and Textiles and an Advocate), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography) and Michelle Reid-Metcalf (Maths).

Camp

The camp to Tasmania at the end of next term has now been cancelled due to the uncertainty of Covid -19. Refunds can be arranged by contacting the office.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650 600

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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi



Emma Hudson



Angela Thomas



Megan Schwarzenberg



Michelle Reid

Dates To Remember

Tuesday 21 st July	Period 2 Team-time – English Talk
Wednesday July 22 nd	Subject Information Day at Uni Campus 12 noon to 2:50 pm. VCAL Applications available.
Monday July 27 th	VCAL Applications due back with signatures
Wednesday August 5 th	Year 10 Course counselling 1:30 pm – 6 pm. Please have your student make an appointment time.
September 7 th – 11 th	Re-scheduled Year 10 Work Experience - CAMP TRIP CANCELLED

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.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf>

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.

Returning from Remote Learning Survey

Kurnai College is interested in hearing from you regarding your families experience while your child/ren were studying remotely.

This has been a significant event in our Learning Community and we are wanting to record this experience to look at how we can utilise the outcomes for future learning.

The survey can be found via the below link and will stay open until Friday 26 June.

<http://forms.gle/KyVUBK7xxQmyP9Ct9>

We appreciate your time, and input during this period of adaptation of learning.

* Multiple entries are available if required.

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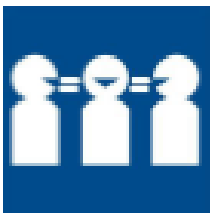
Latrobe City Council COVID Helpline

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.