



## Message from College Principal

G'day everyone,

We arrived at the end of a full on semester 1 just a few weeks ago. With the ambitious and packed agenda that we have set, we have registered some important and valuable achievements across the college. I thought it might be good to ask our College Principals for their thoughts on what we did and where we got to over the last semester. As you might expect its an incredible list. Read on below to check out just some of the learning experiences and college and campus achievements that we have noted so far this year.

University Campus – Mr Geoff Block

*Recently the senior VCAL students coordinated the Big Day Out, and their fantastic efforts ensured that the day ran smoothly. Any observer couldn't help but be impressed by the way they completed their jobs.*

*A highlight of the senior campus calendar, the Debutante Ball has also been and gone. Ange Gordon and her team excelled and the students rose to the occasion.*

*The attendance at the University Campus has improved. The mature tone of the campus can be seen in the study hall and in the library, where students are using their time in a productive way.*

Churchill Campus – Ms Cleo Lazaris

*During the previous semester, all staff have gone over and above to support our students to provide lots of rich learning experiences. We've had Year 10 Work*

*Experience, Plays, Media presentations, Market days, Health Week, Course Counselling, hosted the debating championships, visits from the CFA, STEM for girls at Gipps Tech School, Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) teaching science in an engaging way and we became an ESmart school!*

Morwell Campus – Ms Michelle Reid-Metcalf

*The Morwell Campus is now into the third year of their building project, a time that has been noisy, dusty and disruptive in terms of teaching spaces and other facilities.*

*None the less, staff and students alike have coped remarkably well with all these intrusions, and continue to bring about positive student outcomes, demonstrating resilience, mateship and empathy for our kids.*

*We'd also like to pay tribute to the Year 10 team, in particular Nyssa and Denise, who have worked well beyond their remit in getting the Year 10 students out on work experience without the support of a Pathways and Careers support staff until the last few days. Their efforts were beyond awesome, and students were able to gain valuable insight into the world of work.*

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## NAIDOC Week

Each year, Kurnai College celebrates NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observation Committee) week. This is an important part of our students' education and a strong step towards honouring and understanding our First Australians.

Each campus takes it in turns in hosting the main event.

Students at the Churchill Campus were treated to a BBQ on a glorious winter's day and Violet Juracevich explained to our students the origins and meaning of NAIDOC.

Students at the Morwell Campus also acknowledged the week with a BBQ, while the main event was held at the University Campus, in Churchill.



On Thursday 25th of July, our Learning Community came together and celebrated VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH. The celebration commenced with a free BBQ lunch prepared by our year 11 and 12 VCAL

students. The event then proceeded with Auntie Angela Chittem commencing the day with a smoking ceremony, and our own students Allana Carrigy performed an Acknowledgement to Country and Izayah Terrick was our Master of Ceremonies. Our very own Dedlee Kultya dance group were once again a highlight, with a few tears to be seen in the audience. Another very emotional moment was when

special guest Uncle Kutcha Edwards took to the stage and started singing and engaging with our Chinese community. Uncle Kutcha spoke about his childhood and shared some stories which once again connected with everyone present.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event and ensured our day to be a wonderful success.

### Borun the Pelican

As a special addition to this NAIDOC event was a cultural piece of significance that will always be inspirational to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Dave and the VCAL students made a pelican out of steel. The pelican is significant as it is a representation of Borun. The story goes like this. "A long time ago the first people were animals and the first Gunaikurnai Man Borun. Borun came a long, long way down from the hills, looking for a place to live, carrying a bark canoe on his head. He's walking. Walking and hears tapping! Looks here, looks there, nothing! Where's the tap coming from? He comes to a river puts down the canoe and what's inside? Tuk (a musk duck) Borun sees Tuk, Likes Tuk and they start the Gunaikurnai people. As told by Robert Andy.

Tatungooloong Gunaikurnai.

Our very special Elder, Auntie Christine retold this story on the day.



## Jiyun Middle School

Every year Kurnai College hosts a number of students and their teachers visiting from China. This year, during the second week of term three, Kurnai College welcomed a delegation of 28 students and 4 teachers from our sister school, Jiyun Middle School. The students resided with host families from Kurnai College during the week while attending an array of activities across our campuses.

The students from Jiyun Middle School combined with our Year 7 and 9 students from the Churchill Campus to take part in our Art classes, to produce a range of Australian animal drawings. It was great to see the interaction of all involved, and the kookaburra sitting on a fence outside the classroom peering through the window made it an authentic experience!

The Chinese and Kurnai students talked about music,

lifestyles and art as they produced their work. By the end of the class there was Chinese music being played, 'selfies' being taken and students exchanging details. We were extremely impressed with the way our younger students represented our College.

It was a great opportunity for our students to better understand another culture, how they live and the common interests they share. Kurnai values this experience for our community and will continue to offer these opportunities wherever possible.



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## Calendar of Events

### College Wide Events

Date	Event
19 - 20 September	Parent Teacher Conversations
20 September	Last day of Term 3
27 September	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
7 October	First Day of Term 4
4 November	Student Free Day
5 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
29 November	Report Writing Day - No Students
18 December	College Award Ceremony

### Churchill Campus

Date	Event
13 - 16 August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
9 - 15 September	Year 10 Tasmania Camp

### Morwell Campus

Date	Event
26 - 30 August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
9 - 15 September	Year 10 Tasmania Camp
7 - 11 October	Year 8 Karoonda Camp

### University Campus

Date	Event
23 October	Last Day of Classes for Year 12s
24 October	Year 12 Celebration Day
22 November	Year 12 Graduation

## Kurnai Pillars

### Work Ethic

*'We are committed to working hard'*

### Excellence

*'We do the best we can do'*

### Relationships

*'We value and respect each other'*

### Engagement

*'We actively participate in our own learning'*

### Attendance Hotline

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