



## Message from College Principal

Welcome back everyone,

By the time you read this I will be in China with some members of School Council celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our sister school relationship with Kou’an in Taizhou. Many of our teachers and students have visited Kou’an and many from their school have visited us. Our International Program continues to grow and brings many rewards with it.

Next week Ross Fitzpatrick and a group of Year 9 students will travel to China for six weeks as part of the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program. In second semester another group from Year 9 will have the opportunity to head off to India in the Victorian Government’s first ever Young Leaders to India trip. We are delighted to be part of this program which has delivered life changing benefits to our students.

Last year’s Dux, Nathan Britt, benefitted from his trip to China and now has Mandarin as one of his university subjects. Matt Devonshire went on one of these trips and is now studying at a Chinese university in Shanghai. Another poignant example of the benefits of an international experience was brought to mind this week when I met with a student’s carer at a behaviour and support meeting. The carer explained to me after the meeting that her son, who 7 or 8 years ago was on the brink of being excluded from our

College participated in one of these trips and had returned a changed kid. He subsequently was successful in gaining an apprenticeship and now is a tradesman in a job that he loves and is happy and settled in his life. She attributed the trip as a major cause of his change in attitude and outlook and she was so proud of the life that he has built and his bright future.



These are just a few examples of what has grown from our International Program. Today we deliver Mandarin to all of our feeder schools and I am confident that many more students will have similar growth experiences as our program rolls on.

We have begun the school year with a spring in our step and things have begun brightly as we move to deliver our new strategic plan. A main focus is improving attendance and I hope this issue becomes a significant blip on everyone’s radar as we try to build attendance to 90%+ for every student. Let’s all work together to get all of our students in class every day.

Every day counts!

Anthony Rodaughan—College Principal



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## University Campus News

The swimming sports are over for 2019. Congratulations to the large number of students who attended; the best attendance we have had for the last few years. It was great to see the colourful and creative costumes that were worn by the students representing the various houses.

While the swimming sports are meant to be a fun day for students and staff, there is also a serious side to the day. Successful competitors in the formal races go on to represent the College in the regional and state championships. This is where University Campus student Bridget Cain really excelled. Bridget set records in the 50m butterfly and freestyle events as well as shaving nearly 20 seconds off the record for the iron woman race. Bridget is so passionate about her swimming that she is doing her VCE studies over three

years so she can spend the hours required every morning and afternoon for training. It must be paying off because as well as blitzing her events in Kurnai's swimming day she has also met the open qualifying time for this year's World Championship trials. But first things first; we wish Bridget well in the Wellington schools

carnival.



swimming

## Churchill Campus News

### Introducing our School Captains:

Hi, my name is Gavin Richards and I was voted as School Captain for 2019. I have had other various leadership roles both inside and outside of school; for example I was House Captain in the past. I have also been involved heavily in Scouts including co-organising activities. I am pleased to represent everyone in the school and hope to improve the learning environment under my leadership. One of my hopes as a leader is to make the campus more fun and exciting.

Hello, my name is Azriel Halge and I have been selected for School Captain for 2019. I was involved in leadership heavily in

primary school and have been involved in a great deal of extra-curricular activities throughout high school. I am passionate about music and theatre and have been from a very young age. I have

been involved in musical theatre outside of school including Seussical, Annie Junior, Fiddler on the Roof and Shrek the Musical Junior. I want to make our school a better place for all kids and make learning interesting, fun and inclusive.



## Morwell Campus News

During January all remaining traces of asbestos were removed from the buildings in F-block and the library.

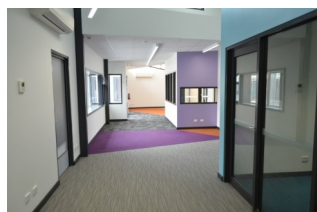
Shortly after, demolition of those buildings began and, as I write, they have completely gone. The surrounding concrete is now being broken up and being sent away for recycling. It has been great to see this demolition crew working carefully to salvage as much building material as possible.

With only about a week of demolition to go, in-ground works for the next building will commence.

Meanwhile, staff and students are enjoying the relative luxury of working in our five new classrooms, especially given that we have just gone through the hottest summer on record (with Autumn having a pretty hot start too), and we now have about half of our teaching spaces air-conditioned.

We are also expecting to take over the Performing Arts and Food Technology space in the coming weeks.

Ms Michelle Reid-Metcalf



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## Calendar of Events

### College Wide Events

Date	Event
19 March	College Athletics—Joe Carmody Track Moe
29 March	Learning Behaviour Reports available
1 April	HPV Forestry Expo @ Churchill
4 April	Parent Teacher Conversations
5 April	Parent Teacher Conversations
5 April	Last day of Term 1

### Churchill Campus

Date	Event
16 March—25 April	Young Leaders to China
25 March	Year 9/10 Wellington Cricket

### Morwell Campus

Date	Event
16 March—25 April	Young Leaders to China
22—24 March	HPV Event—Wonthaggi
28—29 March	Year 9/10 OE Surf Camp
25 March	Year 9/10 Wellington Cricket

### University Campus

Date	Event
27 March	Surfing Excursion
2 April	Top Arts Excursion

## 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

**5132 3711**

# EVERY DAY COUNTS



**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

*Did you know?*

*If your attendance is on or above 95%*

*You are likely to be a "Star Performer" as well as an excellent attendee. You will almost certainly achieve the best grades for your ability and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.*



*If your attendance is 90 – 94%.*

*You are rated as having "Good attendance". You are likely to achieve grades that will give you real opportunities for continuing your studies and your future in the world of work.*



*If your attendance is 85 – 89%*

*"Amber, Take Care!" You will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it difficult for you to achieve at your best level educationally.*



*If your attendance is 80-84%*

*"Be alert!" You are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for you to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.*



*If your attendance is below 80%*

*"At Risk – immediate action needed!" You are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for you to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.*



# IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY