

Newsletter

Kurnai College

June 2018

Message from College Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every four years our School completes a College review and writes a new strategic plan. This four year plan helps to guide our constant improvement and ensures we measure our College's growth and performance.

We want to continue to improve to offer the best education and growth for every student in our College. Over the coming weeks we will be asking students, parents, carers and teachers for their thoughts and ideas.

In the current review process there is an increased emphasis placed on listening to students thoughts on the direction our College is heading.

Attached to this newsletter is an anonymous survey that can be completed and left at the front office at any of our Campuses.

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There is a link at the end of this article, click on the link and it will take you to the same survey online. This link will also be emailed to all our parents/carers through Compass.

Please help guide our new direction and inform our conversation as we learn from the past, seek to understand the present and plan for the future.

If you would like to write more than the survey allows, or would prefer to meet with us to discuss your ideas, please contact us at any of our Campuses' offices.

We value everyone's input as we journey together to be the best College we can be.

We look forward to hearing from you and to use your ideas and suggestions as we plan together for the next exciting four years at Kurnai College.

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2018 Kurnai College Parents/Carers Survey link

https://tinyurl.com/yc3j3uyv Type the above url into your browser



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University Campus News

Year 11 & 12 VCAL students teamed up and volunteered their services to the Licola Wilderness Village. The students stayed in shared accommodation, took turns in the cooking and cleaning duties whilst helping with the maintenance around the village.

On this trip was Bailey Shirreff, Caitlyn Beale, Dennis Morris, Aiden Ekanayake, Zoe Collier and Tahlia Davenport. Their tasks involved replacing damaged pickets on a verandah balustrade, and replacing and strengthening floor joists that were rotten and springing.

The biggest task was the disabled access ramp. This ramp is used for disabled children to gain access to a tractor trailer ride that goes around the Village. It was very unstable and they replaced and added timber posts and decking to make it safe and usable. A big thank you to Brett Gay, Program Coordinator and Kara Thompson, who was in charge of catering.



Churchill Campus News



The Gippsland Tech School hosted by Federation Training is a cutting edge facility whose innovative education programs link with local industry to deliver real-world learning. Kurnai College, Churchill Campus is fortunate to have had a number

of opportunities to participate in programs at the Tech School. Last term a group of Year 9 and 10 students with a keen interest in Science were given the task of addressing the recyclable waste crisis currently confronting Australia. Students were unaware that our waste was shipped to China for recycling, they then had to find solutions to solve the problems arising from China not willing to take our unsorted rubbish. Students worked in groups to research the issue and present their solution.

"This was an amazing opportunity to learn about the issues that Australia is facing, and its direct impact on our community" said one of the students, summarising the feelings of the group.

On a recent visit Year 8 students experienced virtual reality, robotic programming and computer generated art. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Tech School and the links with industry that will ultimately improve employment pathways for our students.

Morwell Campus News

Steel, cement and wood, Oh My!!

As the new school build continues at Morwell's Kurnai College Campus, the last six weeks have seen significant building process, all of which has been aided by the unseasonably dry period of April and May. With slabs being poured, steel frames erected, the framing for windows, doors and classroom spaces being completed, students and staff are beginning to envisage the new spaces that will be occupied by the end of this year.

Both the Canteen and Food Technology spaces have had the slabs poured, and the Year 9 and 10 Learning Centres have been framed up, and will shortly have their roofs in place. Further works have been undertaken on the Performing Arts Centre. This area has now had in-ground works completed, with the slab also being poured.

Finally, the significant works carried out on the Science building means the space is still on track to be fitted out

with furniture and classroom equipment to allow for a December move in.

While we are looking forward to a new school and facilities, you can well imagine the disruption the building works cause, however, Morwell Kurnai's staff and students have taken things in their stride and continue with professionalism and an up-beat outlook.



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Calendar of Events

College Wide Events

Date	Event
June 8	Report Writing Day - <u>Student Free Day</u>
June 11	Queen's Birthday - College Closed
June 29	Last Day Term 2
July 16	First Day Term 3

Churchill Campus

Date	Event
June 4 - 7	Year 10 Mid Year Exams
June 8	Report Writing Day - <u>Student Free Day</u>
June 26	Year 10 Courage to Care Excursion
September 10 - 13	Year 10 Tasmania Camp

Morwell Campus

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June 4 - 7	Year 10 Mid Year Exams
June 8	Report Writing Day - <u>Student Free Day</u>
June 12 - 15	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong

University Campus

Date	Event
June 4 - 7	Year 11 VCE Exams
June 6	2019 Yr 11 & 12 Information Evening
June 12 - 15	Year 12 VCE Practice Exams
June 21 & 22	Debutante Balls

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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2018 Parent Survey

How Are We Doing?

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Kurnai College would appreciate you completing this anonymous questionnaire.

Completed paper surveys can be placed in the box at any of our school offices. Thank you.

Which Campus d	oes your child attend?	(Please tick the ap	opropriate box/boxes)	
Morwell 🗌	Churchill 🗌	University 🗌	LV FLO	
Thinking of your c	hild's Campus, what shou	ld we continue to do?		
Thinking of your c	hild's Campus, what shou	ld we stop doing?		
Thinking of your c	hild's Campus, what shou	ld we start doing?		
Thinking across ou	ur College, what should we	e continue to do?		



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Thinking across our College, what should we start doing?

Thinking across our College, what should we stop doing?
How likely are you to recommend Kurnai College to a parent looking for a school for their child?
Not at all likely Somewhat likely Extremely likely
We would appreciate knowing why you chose your response.
Overall, how caticfied are you with the education your child is receiving at Kurnai College?
Overall, how satisfied are you with the education your child is receiving at Kurnai College?
Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Satisfied Very Satisfied
We would appreciate knowing why you chose your response.