



## Message from College Principal

G'day everyone,

The colder months are upon us and as winter begins to impose itself, so too does the annual cold and flu epidemic. It is on those cold and frosty mornings when we all find it hard to get out of bed, that it can be a struggle to get to school. The wintry weather makes it a chore to walk to school and staying home becomes an enticing prospect. This is exactly the time that our students need to show their resilience and determination; and our parents and carers need to show leadership and authority by encouraging and insisting that our students maintain a strong attendance record. Time and time again we see students results suffer because of poor attendance. To simply put it, if you're not at school, you can't be learning.

I have received many positive comments from students and parents about our targeted reading program called TR@K. Recently we were looking at the improved results from many of our Year 7 and 8 students and celebrating their achievements. When we looked at those students who hadn't progressed at the expected level, it was attendance that was the main cause of their lack of progress. It really stood out that being at school improves a student's

reading ability, and we all know how important reading is for anyone to be successful in work and life.

We also know that life is full of obstacles that have to be overcome and that at times school slips down the list of priorities when we have a lot of things happening in our lives. Please try to keep it up at the top of the list. Routine and staying connected to school are important habits to keep when other things are disrupting our daily lives.

I ask for all of our college communities' support to help us raise the attendance of every student at Kurnai.

Every day and every class matters!

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## University Campus News

A few weeks ago, Year 12 student Noah Nightingale heard that he had been selected to represent Australia in the under 18, 73kg class at the Cadet European Cup, the premiere underage judo competition in Europe. While Noah has been involved in judo since he was six it is only in the last year that he has been chosen to take part in representative competitions for Australia.

Noah is currently settling into his training camp in Bielsko Biala, Poland, where he will spend the first week training and fighting in Poland before traveling to Coimbra in Portugal for the next competition in the Cadet European Cup. After two weeks of training,

fighting and (he promises) studying in Europe, Noah will return to Australia on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. We wish Noah well and hope that he achieves his goals. Ganbatte!!!



## Churchill Campus News

On Wednesday May 8, all students in Years 7 to 10 attended a Sports and Recreation Expo hosted by the Sporting Clubs in Churchill. The clubs wanted to inform students of the many recreational activities available to them in their local area. The expo was a great way to increase the students' awareness of the wide and varied options available. Students rotated through a range of displays and were able to experience the sports first hand. The electronic baseball machine was a big hit with all students regardless of their skill level! The Lions Club were on hand to cook sausages all day for the hungry

students. Students reported that it was the 'best day ever' and that they would certainly be signing up to some of the sports offered in the community.



## Morwell Campus News

This week Harriet Shing, Eastern Victoria's Representative in the Legislative Council officially opened the first section of the current stage of the Morwell Rebuild Project.

Harriet, together with our School Captains and Vice Captains, cut a ribbon to commemorate this event.

Ms Shing spoke highly of not just the buildings, but also of the way staff are creatively utilising breakout spaces, and other aspects of the modern buildings.

Our student leaders then took Ms Shing on a tour of the new facilities including visits to classrooms and the temporary library. The students were able to explain how the various spaces are used, such as the seminar room where students have engaged in a

virtual tour of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Harriet then spent some time engaging with the student leaders, asking them about their aspirations and hobbies.



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## Calendar of Events

### College Wide Events

Date	Event
7 June	Report Writing Day - NO STUDENTS
10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
18 June	Big Day Out
28 June	Last day of Term 2
7—12 July	Mt Hotham Snow Camp
15 July	First Day of Term 3

### Churchill Campus

Date	Event
13— 17 May	Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp
21—24 May	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
29—31 May	Year 9 OE Wilson Prom Hike
9—15 September	Year 10 Tasmania Camp

### Morwell Campus

Date	Event
4—6 June	Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed Wilson Prom Hike
11—14 June	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
7—11 October	Year 8 Karoonda Camp
9—15 September	Year 10 Tasmania Camp

### University Campus

Date	Event
6—7 June	Year 12 Universities Tour
5 June	2020 Parent VCE/VCAL Information Ses- sion
20 & 21 June	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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