

# Newsletter

Kurnai College

12 November 2018

## **Message from Acting College Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term always has an interesting mix of energy divided between finishing the year positively while ensuring thorough preparation for next year. I'm pleased to say we will have significant staff stability with only a few moving in and out of the College over the four campuses in 2019.

Farewell to our Year 12 cohort as they put their efforts into finalising exams. Our best wishes go to these students for their future endeavours. We trust their time at Kurnai has provided them a solid foundation on which to build a successful future. At the other end of the spectrum, we will soon welcome a new cohort of Year 7 students as they join us for their three-day orientation program next month.

In addition to the normal Term 4 program, staff have been busy engaging with the next stage of the College Review. The report was presented earlier this term to staff and members of the College Council, with the report now feeding into the preparation of the Strategic Plan. This sets the goals and direction of the College for the next four years. Thank you to everyone for their contribution.

This semester saw the introduction of the Targeted Reading at Kurnai (TR@K) pilot program in Year 7. Reports indicate a successful start with students and staff quickly adjusting to the routine. We are excited to be extending the program into Year 8 from next year and are confident this initiative will further strengthen the literacy capacity of all our students.



Unfortunately, at the end of last term the LV FLO campus had a fire that caused significant damage to the art room and smoke damage to connected areas. The fire was not deliberately lit. The Art program has temporarily relocated to the Chapel until the affected area is refurbished. Meanwhile, the new building works at Morwell Campus continue to progress and planning is underway for the move into some of the buildings later this year.

College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan, will return from long service leave next week. On behalf of the College, I would like to wish everyone all the best for the end of the year and we look forward to the learning challenges and achievements that await us all in 2019!

Best wishes, Matt Jobling.



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## **University Campus News**

### **Congratulations Year 12 Graduates**

Our Year 12 graduates can be very proud of their achievements. It has been quite a journey for the students to get to this point.

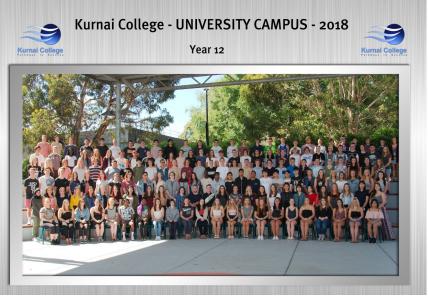
We wish to acknowledge the combined efforts of the Kurnai teaching staff and the vital support they provide the students from the early years of high school to the senior level.

Our sincere gratitude is also extended to the students' support network outside of school - their family, friends and the broader community.

Together we have worked to assist these students to achieve the success they so richly deserve.

To the students themselves; with the end of your high school years comes an exciting beginning.

We wish you all the best for your future and wherever your career pathway takes you, we hope that you look back at your years at Kurnai with a well-deserved sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. You have now joined the growing number of Kurnai graduates who our school community can be proud of. Congratulations on your achievement and all the best.



## **Churchill Campus News**

### **Thinking Championships 2018**

Held during the last two weeks of Term 3, Thinking Championships 2018 was again a great success. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the event is a long standing tradition at Churchill Campus. Teams of four and five students competed as a country in 36 events with gold, silver and bronze medals up for grabs.

Puzzlemania, Picture Perfect, Orienteering, Mathematics Pentathlon, Klop, Indoor Soccer, Country Feud, Master Inventor, Instant Challenge, Spelling Bee, Float Your Boat, Where on Earth? and Manage Your Disaster, among others, were designed to challenge the students' thinking, teamwork, cooperation and problem solving. Prizes were presented to the winning teams as well as several individuals who

epitomised what the Thinking Championships event represented. Congratulations to everyone involved who kept the Thinking Championships tradition alive.



## **Morwell Campus News**

Mental Health in Schools Announcement



Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing MP attended the Morwell Campus to announce the Mental Health in Schools program. Ms Shing was welcomed by two of our student leaders, Olivia

and Allira, who introduced her to the leadership team. The Mental Health in Schools program will ensure students are receiving quality mental health care when they need it most. One in seven Victorians between the ages of 4 and 17 years are estimated to have a mental health issue, with prevalence higher in secondary school.

This \$51.2 million program will allow schools across the state to employ over 190 qualified mental health professionals such as counsellors, youth workers or psychologists.

While details for Kurnai are yet to be finalised, the program could work in conjunction with our successful Doctors in Secondary Schools program and will complement the work already being done throughout the College.

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## **Calendar of Events**

College Wide Events			
Date	Event		
3 December	Second Hand Book Stall 3.00—5.30pm	Work Ethic	
3—14 December	Headstart	'We are committed to	
19 December	College Awards Ceremony	working hard'	
30 January	Term 1 2019		

### **Churchill Campus**

19–23 November

26—30 November

29 November

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Date

Event
CAT / Assessment Week
Exam Week
Yr 8 Celebration Day
Last Day for Yr 10 — Yr 10 Formal

### **Morwell Campus**

Date 14 November 22—26 November

## **Event** Girls In Science Forum HPV Camp

### **University Campus**

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31	October-	-21	Novembe

22—28 November

23 November

# **Event** Year 12 VCE exams Year 11 exams

### Year 12 Graduation Dinner

## **Kurnai Pillars**

## 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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