



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Newsletter

March 2018

Message from College Principal

G'day everyone,

2018 has begun with a bang and we have enjoyed a largely positive commencement to our school year. New members of our staff have hit the ground running and the College is a hive of activity. Our Swimming Sports day was a big hit; Collingwood footballers visited all our campuses, and Year Level team building days were popular! Numerous camps and excursions have already happened providing our students with deep learning experiences.

On the not so good note; we need to discuss **'Lockdown Procedures'**.

Our College Program has been interrupted at campuses due to intruders posing a threat to our students and staff safety. This type of threat prevents the evacuation of students and staff from our buildings. Fortunately these types of disturbances are rare and we have strong systems in place to keep everyone safe.

We have security processes that are well supported by our local police. When a campus experiences a lockdown, many parents will be informed of the event by their children via mobile phones and social media.

We understand it is your natural instinct to want to come and collect your children or simply be at the campus; we ask that parents/carers refrain from coming to the campus while this event is occurring.

Extra people only complicate the situation and as previously stated, we are unable to release students during the event. Similarly, we ask that any comments you make on social media are considered and calm, and do



not contribute to any additional community negativity and angst.

Care should be taken when communicating with your children not add to their anxiety. Please understand you should not contact the office of the campus concerned during a lockdown, as this ties up important phone lines that are needed for communication.

Families trust schools to keep their children safe during the school day, so we need your support. I know that we can rely on your understanding and consideration in these troubling and concerning circumstances.

We will inform families via SMS and Compass as soon as we have clear information and we will do our best to keep you up to date. Fortunately these instances are rare and let us hope we have seen the last of them.

Thanks again for your ongoing support,
Talk soon,
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University Campus News

Enhancement Focus

This year the Uni Campus focus is on helping every student achieve their best by motivating them to push themselves harder to achieve higher outcomes.

Our campus started this journey with lecture style information sessions, presented by Elevate Education, to our Year 11 and 12 VCE students. The Year 11 students received an hour of information on 'Study Sensei' (techniques for successful studying) and the Year 12 students received information on 'Ace Your Exams', which provided the students with many valuable exam preparation tips.

The week after the 'Ace Your Exams' session, a reflection session was held with the Year 12 students to talk about what they had heard from the speaker. We also addressed any questions they had after having time to reflect on all the information that they were given.

We've been lucky to have former Year 12 students provide information about their experiences in Year 12. They gave tips on what they would do differently, how they would approach their subjects and exams; and how they would set up their week to be more successful with their study and exam preparation.

After school study sessions will start this week, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 4:30pm. These are great opportunities for students to gain additional help. Teachers volunteer their time and several tutors (former students) come to assist.

This initiative allows every student the opportunity to receive additional help; help that will set them up for success. There are more support sessions planned for the students throughout the year.

Meet our School Captains



Emily Burrridge was voted 2018 School Captain. This year, Emily wants to focus on her studies, becoming an adult, the future, and in her role as Kurnai College School Captain help the school become a better place for years to come for all students.



Sam Findlay was voted 2018 School Captain. Sam is super excited to take on the year to come. In 2018, Sam wants to improve every student's life in some way. He hopes 2018 can be a very beneficial year for Kurnai College students.

Churchill Campus News

Improving Literacy



Dr. Carol Christensen

The benefits of improved literacy are well documented and range from improving health and social development to combating poverty.

Kurnai College is currently working with Dr. Carol Christensen who has worked with many schools to reform the teaching of literacy.

Dr. Christensen is very generous with her expertise and we are fortunate that in March she will visit Kurnai College.

Staff at Churchill Campus are very excited to work directly with her to shape and develop our reading program, which is to be implemented in Year 7 in Semester 2.

In readiness for Dr. Christensen's visit, some teachers and support staff have visited a number of schools that have been working with her to positively transform their literacy education. There, they observed lessons, spoke with teaching staff and principals, and met with Dr. Christensen herself.

This is an interesting time for our staff and students, as we continue to transform our educational practice and improve our literacy achievement.

Morwell Campus News

Morwell Rebuild Project

After a significant hiatus, the Morwell Rebuild Project has finally begun in earnest.

The builders, Farnham Developments of Warragul, have been working over the summer break to get the necessary building permits from the local council and Gippsland Water. We currently have permits for all in-ground works for the first two buildings, which are the Science building, and the Year 9/10 Learning Centre, together with the Performing Arts Centre, Canteen, and Food Technology facilities.

At this point, all in-ground services, such as plumbing, have been installed for the Science building, all footings poured, and the slab expected to be poured very shortly. We are, of course, hoping for good weather over the next few weeks so this can be completed without interruption.

There has been quite a bit of noise associated with the works as the old common room had to be demolished to make way for the Performing Arts Centre.

Some demolition works still need to be done, however, this should be taking place over a weekend. The students have been very mature in managing the noise, and we are assured that once building above the ground starts, there should be less racket!



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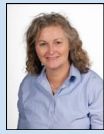


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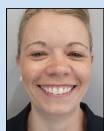
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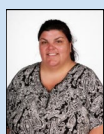
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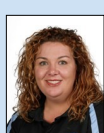
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Calendar of Events

Kurnai Pillars

College Wide Events

Date	Event
March 22	Athletics Day
March 29	Term 1 - Last Day
April 16	Term 2 - First Day

Work Ethic

'We are committed to working hard'

Churchill Campus

Date	Event
March 17 - April 26	Victorian Young Leaders China Trip
March 19 - April 4	Year 7 & 8 China Study Tour
March 28	Parent Teacher Conversations 3:30pm - 7:00pm
March 29	Parent Teacher Conversations 10am - 1:00pm

Excellence

'We do the best we can do'

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Relationships

'We value and respect each other'

University Campus

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March 27	Years 11 & 12 Top Arts Excursion
March 28	Parent Teacher Conversations 3:30pm - 7:30pm
March 29	Parent Teacher Conversations 10:am - 1:30pm
April 18	Years 11 & 12 Narrative/Top Screen Excursion

Engagement

'We actively participate in our own learning'

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