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Churchill Newsletter

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Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence

Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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Message from our Campus Principal



Welcome back to all members of our school community.

This time last year I welcomed 80 new Year 7 students, this year I am excited to welcome 97 new Year 7s! Experience shows us that this number will continue to grow.

We also have several new students joining us in Years 8, 9 and 10. I extend a warm welcome to you all.

The year has kicked off with a positive start with students quickly settling into the rhythm and routine of school.

New Staff

We have several new staff joining us at Churchill Campus this year.

Matt Suter is leading the Year 9 team and will be teaching Food Technology and PE.

John De Souza joins the Year 9 team teaching English, TR@K and Information Technology

Andy Wright will be joining the Year 8 team taking Science, Maths and TR@K classes.

Jack Hallson joins our Year 7 team teaching Maths and Science

Zac Cantrill – joins us in the Tutor program

Isaac Lynch-Berends – returns to Churchill in the Tutor program

Claire Dent – working in our front office in Administration

Year Level Teams

Churchill Campus has a team structure to support students with their academic and social growth. Each year level is led by a Team Leader who is supported by a team of staff who

predominantly teach students in that year level. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the relevant team leader:

Year 7 – Darren Campbell

Year 8 – Karen Anders

Year 9 – Matt Suter

Year 10 – Todd Miller

Wellbeing & Advocates

Our student welfare team, consisting of Selena Gray working together with our advocates; Tom Kindellan, Paula Woodland, , Robin Fitzpatrick, Harry Owens and Angela Knersch, and all support our Year level teams to support our students.

Photos

School photos were taken on the morning of Thursday 10th of February. All families have been provided with an Access Key via compass to place online orders.

Visiting the Campus

It is important for us to know who is in the school at any given time so I ask that all visitors report to the General Office and not go directly to other buildings. Our office staff will assist you with your enquiry. If you need to collect your child early, our office staff will arrange for them to come to you in the General Office foyer.

Before & After School Supervision

Before school, active supervision is maintained near the front gate from 8.05 am and then after school until 3.10 at the gate on Northways Road and 3.25 in the bus bay

Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available for general supervision of students.

Welcome BBQ

We hope to see all our families at the BBQ this Thursday. This is an informal catch-up with staff. We really enjoy our Welcome BBQ as it gives us an opportunity to chat with you and your child.

Please see the attached flyer in school news for more information.



Calendar Of Events

Key Dates

Term 1	
Wed 15th Feb	Parent & Student Welcome BBQ
Thu 16th Feb	College Swim Trials
Thu 16th Feb	Yr10 Holocaust Museum Excursion
Mon 27 Feb - Fri 3 Mar	Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp
Tue 28 Feb	College Athletics
Mon 13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Mar	Year 9 Outdoor Education Surf Camp
Thu 6 Apr	Term 1 Ends

Term 2	
Mon 24 Apr	Staff Professional Development Day
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 26 Apr	Students Commence Term 2

College Key Contacts

For a full list of College wide key contacts please go to:



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Year 7 News

Getting Started with Year 7



Welcome, everybody! Overall, students are happy, well mannered, getting along with others and interested in their learning. There is always the challenge of remembering all the necessary equipment, and carrying it! It has been a giant leap from a tub in the classroom to a combination lock in a busy corridor! We are noticing that many students are confident to ask questions of their Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, teachers, long-standing and new friends.

Workbooks

Workbooks have been set up to help all students organise their learning. There should be one workbook for each subject so students have easy access to their notes, can look back on content to practise skills and take pride in their effort and progress. Students are being acknowledged and/or rewarded for their workbooks, *bringing equipment, class participation, support and respect of others* (to name a few), as part of the Positive Behaviour Support Program.

TR@K

The Targeted Reading Program at Kurnai (TR@K) is underway with all students placed in a group according to their ability levels.

Locks

The combination lock has required a lot of practise. Well done, students, for being patient and not giving up.

Year 10 Peer Support Leaders

Our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders (some shown in the photos) have earned their place in the Year 7 Building. They are keen to assist students as they settle in, often seen helping with locks, walking students to class and modelling positive behaviour and manners.



Art

The year 7 students have been learning about appropriation in art, which is using an existing artwork and adding or changing at least 40 % of the original. Students have taken the image of Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci and mixing it with an animated cartoon of their choice.



Grade 6 Dux Students

2022 Grade 6 Dux Students are off to a confident start in Year 7 at Kurnai Churchill. The students who are featured here with Darren Campbell, the Year 7 Team Leader, have already

had enjoyable and challenging experiences to begin their journey into secondary education. Finn, who is from Yinnar P.S. really enjoys Maths and Cooking. He said that he has had lots of fun with his friends in the grounds. Marcus, from Churchill P.S. has found the school to be so big he's still exploring much of it. So far, his favourite class has been Drama. Rahaf, from Churchill North P.S. commented on how kind the staff have been.

Riley, who is from Hazelwood North P.S. has found PE to be the best subject.

We wish all the Year 7 students the best for a terrific year!





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Year 8 News

Warm welcome.



The staff of the Year 8 team would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, and carers to the 2023 school year.

The Year 8 team

This year the Year 8 team members are: Karen Anders (Team Leader); Robin Fitzpatrick (Science, PE and Health); Andy Wright (Science and Maths); Gabi O'Bree (Maths); Julia Groves (English and Humanities); Chris Flake (Food Technology); Nathaniel Isacs (Health and PE); Amala Ramasamy (English and Humanities).

We are beginning the year with a strong focus on being on time, being in uniform, being in class and being on task. Students are settling into the school routine and have been highly engaged in their classes. If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child or would like to know more about the Year 8 program, please contact the Year 8 team.

Uniform Expectations

If students arrive at school out of uniform without a note, they will be required to change into school supplied uniform for the day and complete a detention at recess. If your child is out of

uniform, please provide a signed note, which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Your child will still be required to change into supplied school uniform but will not be required to complete a detention.

Lockers

This year, the lockers are outside near the Music Rooms. This area will be unlocked at 8.00am each morning, which gives students 25 minutes to collect their books for the first two periods before the morning bell goes at 8.25am.

Form group and TR@K

Each Monday – Thursday, all students will begin period 3 with a 15-minute Form Group or Assembly. We have a year level assembly on Tuesdays. This will take place in the Library and starts at 11.00am. Form Group takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is during this time that the students are provided with any information about the school day and where permission forms are handed out. The students then move to their TR@K classes.

Student Laptops

A reminder that students are expected to have a charged laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop. To assist your child to develop good organisational habits, can parents/guardians please ensure that your child brings a charged laptop to school.

Year 8 Camp

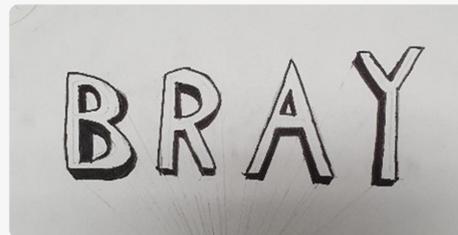
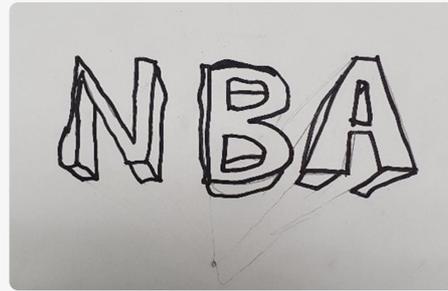
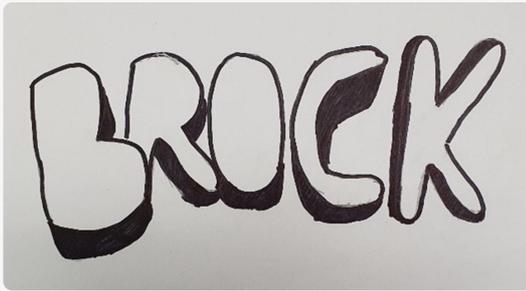
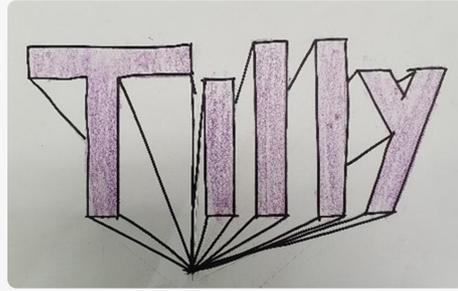
The Year 8 Camp will be at Karoonda Park for a week from February 27 – March 3rd. Karoonda Park is based close to the Snowy River. Students will stay in cabins in groups and will take part in many activities such as abseiling, flying foxes, horse riding, rafting on the Snowy River, orienteering, swimming, and much more. Details will be confirmed over the following week.

Student leaders- Year 8

Applications for student leaders are currently being finalised. Our Year 8 leaders will be announced next week. They will meet regularly as a part of our Student Representative Council (SRC).

Art

Students in year 8 have been learning about one and two-point perspective drawing, where all lines converge to one or two vanishing point. Students have completed their one-point perspective words and have started to draw their two-point perspective city streets.





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Year 9 News

Welcome back!



Hello everyone and welcome back to the school year. I would like to begin by introducing myself, Matthew Suter, as the Year 9 Team Leader. I am excited to be a part of the Kurnai College community and I am looking forward to working cooperatively with all the families of our year 9 students this year to support them to succeed. There will be lots of things for students to look forward to this year and I can't wait to see the great things that our students will achieve this year. I look forward to connecting with you all during the year ahead.

Term 1

Term 1 - Focus on time to class and ready to learn

As the Year 9 Students steam towards the legal age to gain employment, teachers and staff maintain expectations that emulate the expectations of the workforce they will someday enter. This term, the focus will be on punctuality and being on time to class with all the required learning materials required for each class. Students that are arriving to class on time will be acknowledged via the College PBS system. Parents and Guardians can support this initiative by ensuring students are leaving for school in the morning in a timely manner and have all the required equipment necessary for each class.

Art

The year 9 project class has been working on artworks about consumerism and the wastefulness in western culture around one use items. They have researched reference images, planned and drawn artworks around pop icons and the elf on the shelf.



Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the items mentioned above, Year 9 student matters, or just general inquiries, please do not hesitate to give the year 9 team a call on 51323700 or email Matthew Suter.

Matthew.Suter@education.vic.gov.au



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Year 10 News

Year 10 is the year of endless opportunities



Welcome to what will be a very busy year!

We have certainly hit the ground running at Year 10.

The Year Ahead

Term 1 will focus on supporting students to explore and prepare themselves for work experience (more details below).

Term 2 is when students will spend two weeks in their work placements. Work experience will run from Monday 15th to Friday 26th May. Term 2 will also be when students start exploring and choosing their preferred pathway for 2024 (Course Counselling).

Term 3 will see our '2023 Trip to Tassie' camp which is a highlight for many and great way to make memories to keep of the year. Excursion forms and further information will come out shortly.

While in **Term 4** students who nominated to enrol in a VET course for 2024 will complete an orientation day at the TAFE campus for their chosen VET course. Students will also celebrate their last moments at the junior campus with the Year 10 formal.

In between all of this, there will be opportunities to participate in the Trade Pathway Program (to be confirmed) as well as spend time exploring university courses through the Fed Uni Experience Days.

Your child will be supported by a very experienced team of teachers. You are encouraged to contact any member of the team with regards to the progress of your child as well as any questions you have with regards to Work Experience, Course Counselling or any of the programs offered throughout the year.

Peer Support Leaders

Wednesday our Peer Support Leaders were involved in a mentoring and training session with players from the Collingwood Football Club. Students gained valuable insight to leadership strategies, physical training advice, activities to build teamwork and mentoring strategies from the players. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions and spend some time outside participating in several activities with the players. The players and the club were very generous in providing this opportunity to our students, and we thank them for their support. Thanks to Rachel Dodd and Andy Leeson also for organising this opportunity. Some photos of the day are below.



School Captains

Our School Captains for 2023 are Bryleigh Matthews and Sidney Townsend, and our Vice Captains are Zoe Woodward and Bobby Aarons. Congratulations to you all.

Expectations and Attendance

With such a busy program and students representing the school in local workplaces across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all student's behaviour in ways which reflect our values.

The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform. Staff will acknowledge these behaviours with Positive Acknowledgement messages home.

We appreciate your support on these matters and this week draw your attention to notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.



School News

Welcome BBQ

This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's classes, put names to faces, and tell us about your child's experiences of secondary schooling.

We look forward to seeing our parents and students from all year levels at the family BBQ anytime between 4:30 and 6pm .



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CHURCHILL CAMPUS
invites you to our

**PARENT & STUDENT
WELCOME
BBQ**



16 FEBRUARY, 2023
THURSDAY AT 4:30PM
Churchill Campus - Language Centre

A free BBQ for you and your family to chat with your child's teachers.

This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's classes, put names to faces, and tell us about your child's experiences of secondary schooling.

All students are encouraged to attend with their families.

<p>Churchill Campus Principal CLEO LAZARIS</p> <p> (03) 5132 3700</p>	<p>Year 7 Team Leader DARREN CAMPBELL Darren.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Year 9 Team Leader MATT SUTER Matthew.Suter@education.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Year 8 Team Leader KAREN ANDERS Karen.Anders@education.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Year 10 Team Leader TODD MILLER Todd.Miller@education.vic.gov.au</p>
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Homework Club

After School Homework Club

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER!

Bring your school work for any subject area such as:

- Mathematics
- Science
- English
- Humanities
- Reading and Writing
- Learning Skills
- And more!

We will supply snacks and helpful teachers.



**WEDNESDAY 3PM-4PM
IN THE LIBRARY
NO BOOKING REQUIRED**



School Council Elections

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2023

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nominations open on **Wednesday, 22 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 1 March 2023**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 March, 2023.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions

Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	2
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal

**2023
SCHOOL COUNCIL
ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE**

Name of the School: Kurnai College

EVENT	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations Wed, 22 February
b)	Closing date for nominations Wed, 1 March
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted Thu, 2 March
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed On or before Fri, 3 March
e)	Close of ballot Tue, 7 March
f)	Vote count Wed, 8 March
g)	Declaration of poll Wed, 8 March

h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tue, 21 March
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tue, 21 March



**COLLEGE COUNCIL
CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

**22 FEBRUARY
-
1 MARCH
POSITIONS**

3 STAFF - 4 PARENT

More information available at the general office.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1993 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A nominated elected parent member category** – more than one third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1993. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A nominated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are appointed by a decision of the council based on their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A nominated elected student member category, two positions.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The terms of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experience and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councilors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councilors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004. School councilors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councilors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councilors and the school community, be reasonable and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councilor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all applicable principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable

Indemnity for school council members

School councilors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councilor in good faith in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councilor.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in, the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (eg, a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school. Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process

Sustainable School Shop

Buy & Sell Second-hand Textbooks

Simply:

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College free to all families



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



SW-PBS Kurnai College Churchill

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PBS
School
Leadership
Team
2023

Cleo Lazaris
Sandra Flake
Harry Owens
Tom Kindellan

Recognising and Acknowledging

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a framework to help improve students' social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes. At Kurnai, we work together to teach, and to acknowledge, when our students display those small behaviours which eventually contribute to success.

Students may be acknowledged by their teachers by receiving a punch in their rewards card which can be exchanged for small treats or rewards. They will also be recognised with a "positive acknowledgement" which can be seen on their Compass profile.



When students learn to put together all the behaviour that contributes to a good work ethic, engagement, good relationships with others and striving for excellence, then success will naturally follow.



What might you notice?

Families who have signed to received SMS notifications will notice messages from the school alerting them that their child has been displaying the expected behaviours. You can check what your child has done by checking Compass.



Important School Information

Privacy

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's privacy collection notice, found on our website <https://kurnai.co/policies> . We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, & Vietnamese

Safety

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 EDUCATION - PRIVACY INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM	
Kurnai College uses Office 365 Education in the classroom. Office 365 Education is an internet based service provided by Microsoft for educational purposes only. It provides students and teachers with access to online services such as email, calendar, blogging, online document storage (for school work), sharing, messaging and video-conferencing facilities from school, and at home. Office 365 for Education includes the following online services:	
1. Exchange online email	6. Yammer
2. Lync online	7. Office video
3. SharePoint online	8. OneNote Classroom
4. OneDrive for Business	9. Microsoft Classroom
5. Microsoft Office apps	10. Sway
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Consent for Microsoft to access specific personal information of your child We seek your consent for your child to use the above stated Office 365 Education online services. To enable your child to sign-on and access these services, Microsoft require access to your child's Department of Education & Training username, first and last name, year level and school. If you do not provide consent, your child will not have access to the online services and alternate arrangements for allocating work will be made.	
Parental access to Personal Information The Department of Education and Training's ('Department') use and handling of your child's personal information is governed by the <i>Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 & Health Records Act 2001 (Victoria)</i> . You can access personal information held by the Department about you and your child under the <i>Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Victoria)</i> . If a mistake in that personal information is identified, the Department is required to correct it under the <i>Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014</i> . Microsoft's Online Services Terms provides further information on how Microsoft may use your child's personal information.	
Providing a safe online environment Use of online services will be subject to classroom supervision during school hours. A 'Report Abuse' facility will be provided for students to report unacceptable behaviour. A nominated member of staff will address the issue during school hours. To further assist your child in having safe and positive experiences online, you can refer to parent information on the Australian Government's Office of the Children's Safety Commissioner website: https://esafety.gov.au/ . In addition, staff at our school have been advised that the use of Office 365 Education is strictly for teaching and learning material only (e.g. lesson plans and classwork) and staff do not upload your child's personal, sensitive, health, or security classified information into Office 365 Education.	
Student responsibilities when using online services When using Office 365 Education, students continue to be responsible for their behaviour as outlined in our school's Students Acceptable Use Agreement. The main themes of this agreement are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate respectfully; Protect personal information; and Look after yourself and others. 	
Acknowledgement and Consent for student use of online services By signing and returning this form you acknowledge, consent and confirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have received and read this Privacy Information and Consent Form – Office 365 Education. You understand how your child's personal information will be collected, used, disclosed and managed. You understand that this consent will continue while your child is involved in the use of the consented online services. You understand that this consent on behalf of your child may be withdrawn at any time by written notification to the school. You understand that if the school determines that the personal information is no longer required or relevant, the use of the personal information will cease. 	

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.

How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

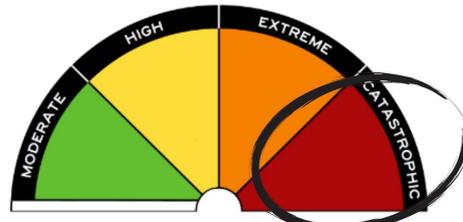
The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via accce.gov.au/report

For further information, resources and advice visit thinkuknow.org.au

Code Red Fire Danger

A reminder to all families, that on days of **Code Red** in the West & South Gippsland Fire Zone, all campuses will be closed. This is a change to previous years, and we ask families to be aware of this in preparation to when Summer returns.



Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

Bushfire Preparedness

Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day (Catastrophic) is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by Compass or SMS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day (Catastrophic) we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day (Catastrophic).
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day .

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, re-prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website kurnai.co and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline(1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



Community News

Youth Space

Please find attached below the link for Youth Space's latest newsletter



Holiday Camps

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SUP PROGRAMS

What: Stand Up Paddle Boarding sessions
Learn how to paddle, be safe around the water, and have lots of fun.
Open to 8 - 25 year-olds.

Where: Lake Narracan

When: Thursday 16th February 4:30-6pm
Thursday 2nd March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 16th March 4:30-6pm
Thursday 30th March 4:30-6pm

Cost: FREE

**All equipment supplied
Just bring bathers and towel**

Expressions of interest:
ali@surfingvic.com - (03) 5261 2907

WHAT IS ON OFFER?	MALMSBURY CAMP	CITY CAMP
During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Malmsbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years and will be free for participants registered with the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.	Our Malmsbury Camp is located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit stand out local attractions such as the steam train.	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD, our City Camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From the large iconic attractions to the hidden gems of Melbourne's laneways, sporting activities, and even an amazing race, the experience they have will be like no other.
DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP	TRANSPORT	FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS
<p>January 9 to January 13 5 days and 4 overnights</p> <p>January 16 to January 20 5 days and 4 overnights</p> <p>April 11 to April 14 4 days and 3 overnights</p> <p>April 17 to April 21 5 days and 4 overnights</p>	We will provide buses to and from central pick up points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and the regional towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Traralgon or you can pick up and drop off your child from the camp.	For further information, to book or help to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start, email: info@doxa.org.au or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200 or see our website: doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/

Morwell Citizen Band

Latrobe Valley Express



Hey kids – would you like to earn some extra pocket money and exercise at the same time? The Express is looking for people to deliver the paper on either a Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon (after school).

If you are interested we would love to hear from you. Please call our Distribution Manager on 0456 000 541 for further details.



*Note: you must be at least 11 years of age
Adult deliverers are welcome*

Morwell Citizens Band resumes on 7th February with Training Band (6:40pm) and Main Band (7:30pm).
Interested in playing with the band? Contact the band via Facebook, Messenger, Email or phone.

Churchill United Soccer Club

2023 JUNIOR PROGRAM

TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 - 16 YEARS OLD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
U13 & U16

TRAINING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT FROM JAN 31

TRAINING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT FROM FEB 7

4:30PM - 6PM U13
5PM - 6:30PM U16
5:15PM - 6PM U5, U7, U9 & U11

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