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University Campus Newsletter

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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 our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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Message from our Campus Principal



Well, here we are, almost at the end of the first term. The parent/student/teacher conversations will be taking place on the last Wednesday evening and Thursday of the term. It is important that all parents and students attend these meetings, especially if the students are in Year 11, especially if this is the first time that you have been involved with the University Campus. The requirements and consequences, for students in VCE and VCE/VM are very different to what comes before they start Year 11. For this reason, please make the time to book meetings with your student's teachers.

This is generally a time of the school year when students and teachers are under pressure to complete tasks related to demonstrating outcomes. Teachers have been told that if students are at risk of not meeting outcomes and could therefore fail a unit, parents need to be contacted by a phone call. This is so teachers can make it clear to parents what students need to do to meet outcomes and the things parents can do to help them. If you have received a missed phone call from school please give us a call back.

Congratulations to our recently elected Year 11 School Vice-Captains, Gabby Bonnici and Brayden Young.

Finally, a short story about Ryan Runge, a student who completed VCE with us in 2021. Ryan wasn't a bad student but his great passion was never school, it was always radio. He volunteered on local community radio and worked part time at 3TRFM. When he finished his VCE, university was never part of his plan, it was always to head to Melbourne to work in radio. And now, a year and bit later, Ryan is the producer and panel operator for Neil Mitchell's morning show on 3AW, the highest-ranking radio show in Melbourne, and taking phone calls from Albo to see if Neil would like to talk to him. I'd love to be able to say that this

is another Kurnai success story, but this is all about Ryan. It shows what can be achieved if you dedicate yourself completely to following your passion. Follow the link below to see the national award Ryan has won for his work at 3AW. <https://radiotoday.com.au/new-role-with-3aws-neil-mitchell-for-30-under-30-winner-ryan-runge/>

I look forward to seeing you at the parent/student/teacher conversations Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April.

Mr Geoff Block

University Campus Principal



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 1	
Sat 1 Apr	Easter in Yinnar Music Performance
Wed 5 Apr	Dairy Farm Visit CQU University
Wed 5 Apr	Parent, Teacher Conversations 3.30pm - 7.00pm Bookings open on Compass
Wed 5 - Thu 6 Apr	Year 12 Melbourne University Overnight Trip
Thu 6 Apr	Parent, Teacher Conversations 10.00am - 1.00pm No Scheduled classes
Thu 6 Apr	Term 1 Ends

Term 2	
Mon 24 Apr	Staff Professional Development Day - No Scheduled Classes
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 26 Apr	Students Commence Term 2
Fri 5 May	VCE & Careers Expo
Mon 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday - College Closed
Tue 13 & Wed 14 June	VCE Exams
Thu 15 Jun	GAT (General Achievement Test)
Fri 16 June	VCE Exams
Fri 23 Jun	Term 2 Ends

Term 3	
Mon 10 July	Term 3 Commences
Mon 4 Sept	Student Free Day
Fri 15 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Mon 6 Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - College Closed
Wed 15 Nov	Year 12 Graduation - Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
Fri 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony

College Key Contacts

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



College News

Message from the College Principal



G'day everyone,

It's been a super busy term across our campuses with everyone focussed on improving their learning. I've been super impressed by the excellent work I've been seeing in the classes I visit and even more satisfying is seeing the great way our students, their teachers and classroom assistants are working together.

We have had some staffing challenges and it continues to be a challenge to find teachers and other staff, but we are not as desperate as some schools in Gippsland, and I'm pleased that our education program hasn't had to be reduced.

The athletics sports were a highlight for the many students who participated and enjoyed the day, and we are thankful to our staff team who organised the event lead by Ms Dodd.

Morwell campus building project is virtually complete and the school is looking great and providing an awesome place for our students to learn.

Have a great easter and don't eat too much chocolate!

Anthony Rodaughan

College Principal

School Captains

University Campus

Kurnai College University Campus College Captains Jazmine Sanders, William Bonnici, and Kerwin Valdez were inducted into their roles during Kurnai College's Awards Ceremony held in December 2022.



"It's truly an honour to be school captain. I look forward to hearing the voice of the Kurnai Community and making a positive change," said Will.

"I am wanting to help promote mental health and be a voice for our students", said Jazmine.

Churchill Campus

Bryleigh Matthews and Sidney Townsend have been inducted at the Churchill Campus as School Captains alongside, Vice Captains Zoe Woodward and Bobby Aarons.



"Being school captain gives me the opportunity to make this incredible school even better," said Sidney.

"I want to make sure students feel like they are heard and included in the school community," said Bryleigh.

Morwell Campus

At the Morwell Campus, School Captains Kieran Webb and Ayla Schiavello were inducted as School Captains.



"I'm very excited to be able to give students a voice," said Ayla.

"With all the activities planned, I can't wait to see how much of an improvement we can make to the college this year," said Kieran.

To see all the School Captains' introductions: <https://kurnai.co/captains>

Athletics Day

The last day of summer, Tuesday 28th February provided a perfect warm day to host Kurnai College's Inter House Athletics Carnival at Joe Carmody Reserve in Newborough on.

Students from across the College came together and participated in various track and field events, novelty events such as limbo, longest footy kick, or the balloon toss, or simply spent a relaxing day catching up with their friends.

Forsyth prevailed and took out the Kurnai College House Athletics Championship Cup winning by a whopping margin of 392 points ahead of runners up **Thorpe**.

It was fantastic to see the students competing, striving to do their best for their house, and getting into the spirit of the day by getting involved and dressing up in their house colours.

Congratulations to all our competitors and we wish our top performers all the very best in their efforts for the Wellington Athletics Carnival that will be held next term.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students from Kurnai College for their efforts and to the Health and Physical Education staff for their professional running of the day.



Results

Forsyth	(Blue)	1281
Thorpe	(Red)	889
Siddle	(Yellow)	853
Freeman	(Green)	730



Age Group Champions

Year 7	Skylah Russell	Aiden Goodwin
Year 8	Alyssa Cormack	Cody Boys
Year 9	Claire Lindsay	Troy McCann
Year 10	Kystal Collier-Luke	Jackson Jones
Year 11	Nadia He	Andrew Tyrell
Year 12	Zoe Nickson	Ben Woodward



Records Broken

YR 7	200m	Skylah Russell	FRE	30.27	def	E. Martin (THO 2011) 30.26
YR 7	Long Jump	Skylah Russell	FRE	3.9m	=	S. Bry (FOR 2020) 3.9m
YR 9	High Jump	Claire Lindsay	FOR	1.37m	def	C. Aristtidou (2011) 1.35m
YR 12	200m	Lachlan Freeman	SID	23.20	def	A. Wellington (FOR 2022) 24.05

Music News

Yinnar Food Truck Festival

Our music students from across the College have had a very busy start to the school year. Students came together to perform at the *Yinnar food truck festival*, it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to have been invited to participate in this great local community event.



Welcome BBQ

During the term we welcomed new families to the College with a BBQ and musical entertainment at both Morwell & Churchill junior campuses. This gave our Kurnai College community the opportunity to see and hear first-hand our wonderful musicians at work and the possibilities that exists for new students wanting to be involved in our music program.



V.C.E Workshop

During the school holidays we will host a V.C.E music workshop aimed at refining our student's aural analysis, theory and performance skills in preparation for end of year examinations.

Easter in Yinnar Collaboration

On Saturday the 1st April our College has been invited to perform at the Easter Celebrations in Yinnar. We will be performing in collaboration with Traralgon College and our students are very much looking forward to the event. Please come along from 4-6pm and support our performing arts students.



What to Learn a musical instrument?

Student wanting to learn a musical instrument, we have limited spaces available for brass & woodwind instruments. Please collect an expression of interest form from the general office, or speak to the College Music Coordinator, Mr Chris Gretton to find out more information.

Sports News

Wellington District Cricket

During week 6, Kurnai College had three integrated teams from the Churchill Campus and Morwell Campus represent the College at the Wellington District school cricket. While neither the Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9/10 teams came away with a win from their respective 20/20 games, the students had fun participating and working together as a team while upholding the school's pillars; engagement, excellence, relationships and work ethic.



School Values

Kurnai College's four pillars underpin all aspects of our work.

The image is a grid of four panels, each featuring the Kurnai College logo at the top. The panels are labeled with school values: **Excellence**, **Engagement**, **Work Ethic**, and **Relations**. Each panel contains a photograph of a student and a descriptive text below it.

- Excellence:** We do the best that we can do
- Engagement:** We actively participate in our own learning
- Work Ethic:** We are committed to working hard
- Relations:** We value and respect each other



School News

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Wednesday 5th April 3.30pm - 7.00pm and Thursday 6th April, 10.00am - 1.00pm. There will be no scheduled classes on Thursday 6th of April, therefore the last day of classes, Wednesday 5th April, is a full day with the usual 2:50pm finish.

Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews will open on Monday 27th of March and you will be notified via the Compass Parent Portal when they open.

VCE VM Sport & Recreation

During term one, VCE VM students have been participating in a range of passive sports and recreational activities within the local community as part of the curriculum.

During week three the class went for a lawn bowls experience at the Morwell Bowling Club. It was also part of community connection, meeting and listening to older generations of the community.



During week five the students went to the Morwell Archery Range. A sport many of the students have not tried before and said it was really good fun.



This week the students went to Wyncity Bowling Alley to participate in 10-pin bowling and laser tag. They learned about the associated technical skills of bowling and the social skills associated with participating in recreational sports within the public domain.

YR 11 VCE Biology - Tech School Excursion

On Wednesday 1st of March, the Year 11 Biology classes attended a laboratory workshop offered by the Gippsland Tech School.

In the lab, students built on their understanding of genetic inheritance from class by using gel electrophoresis to profile the DNA of different family members suspected of carrying the gene for sickle cell anaemia. Through this process, students were able to identify the mode of inheritance for sickle cell anaemia and determine who in the family were carriers and who was affected.



VCE Theatre Studies Excursion

As part of their VCE Theatre Studies, students engage with professional performances.

The students recently travelled to Melbourne to watch Harry Potter & The Cursed Child theatre performance at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne. The play incorporated sophisticated theatre technologies and stagecraft including set, lighting, costume, and make-up, and referenced the theatre styles of magic realism and drama. Students had a great time exploring Melbourne, viewing an award-winning international production, and then meeting the cast and crew.



Gormandale & District P.S. Athletics Day

The VET Cert III Sport and Recreation class has been busy planning and preparing an athletics day event for Gormandale & District Primary School this term. The planning involved working together to gain experience and insight into the behind-the-scenes organisation that takes place for such an event. From advertising, risk assessments, organising ribbons and prizes, planning events, preparing budgets, organising a lunch menu, amongst other things, the students did it all.

On Wednesday 8th of March, on a blustery cold Autumn Day, the students went out to Gormandale and facilitated the event. They did an incredible job teaching the primary school students to participate in the athletic events, which was the first time for quite a few. The primary school students had an absolute ball and participation was at an all-time high. The feedback from the primary school students was that it was "really fun" and the staff at Gormandale primary school could not have been happier with how the day went (they wished it had run longer). It was a great day had by all and the VET class did a remarkable job, well done!!



Kurnai Chess Competition

The Kurnai Chess Competition has started in the library this week. Kerwin Valdez with the help of Jacob Dijamco have organized the competition for the many students who enjoy playing chess. Over 30 students have signed up to play.

Over the past few weeks Kerwin has been recruiting players and gaining student interest.

The competition will continue until the end of term.





Important School Information

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips swimming and school-organised sports programs outdoor education programs excursions and incursions. From 2020, the Victorian Government is investing an additional \$160.9 million for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund over the next four years. This funding will help ensure more than 220,000 government and non-government students from lower income families can participate in camps, sports and excursions each year.

Applications close 16/06/2023

 CSEF Application.pdf

2023 College Council Elections Nominations

Congratulations to Bronwyn Woodward, Jason Phillips, Ellizabeth Barkley and Louise Watson on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillors will be enjoyable and productive.

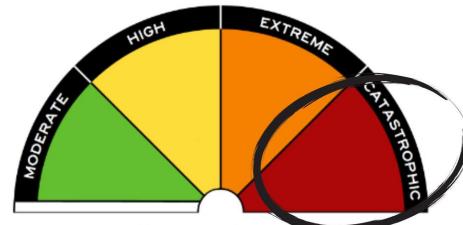
We are also delighted to be able to announce that Dan Swallow from the Morwell Campus and Matthew Suter & Peter Townsend from the Churchill Campus have been declared DET Representatives.

A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

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.

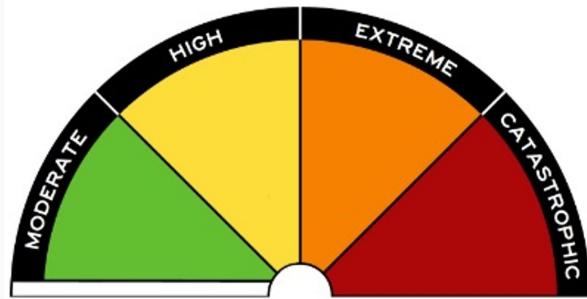


Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

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

Berry Street

Need help with school costs?



Join this info session to learn how you can receive up to \$500 in matched savings by completing the Saver Plus program.

Eligibility criteria applies - visit saverplus.org.au

Your invitation to learn about Saver Plus

Free financial education and matched savings are within your reach.

As someone who is over 18 years, do you:

- Have a desire to save money?
- Want to receive up to \$500 once you've saved \$500 of your own?
- Want to gain quick and easy saving and money management tips?
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment?
- Have a form of household income?
- Have a child at school, starting next year or are you studying yourself?

If you answered yes to these questions, join our virtual information session.

Every Wednesday at 1:00PM

Contact Rick Pemberton Saver Plus Coordinator via r.pemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Rick will email your calendar invitation or organise an individual information session to suit your needs. Otherwise, just jump right in using the following link. See you there!

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://berrystreet.zoom.us/j/96038747979?pwd=S2k4MHZtUFJdWxSTXRNHcQoVUT02>

Meeting ID: 960 3874 7979
 One tap mobile:
 +61280156011, 96038747979# Australia
 +61378182005, 96038747979# Australia

saverplus

Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND a eligible Centrelink payment
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camp & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Jade, Sharon or Richard
 enquiries@berrystreet.org.au
 1300 610 355

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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Kinship Care Support Group



Latrobe City Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or friend is unable to?

Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through?

Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement?

All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied

WHEN:

The first Monday of each month at 10am-12pm

2023 MEETING DATES:

6th of February

6th of March

3rd of April

1st of May

5th of June

3rd of July

7th of August

4th of September

2nd of October

6th of November

4th of December

WHERE:

Morwell Neighbourhood House
48-50 Boatie Crescent
Morwell

RSP FOR CATERING:

Annabel 0479 740 937 or
 kinshipcarers@land@berrystreet.org.au
 or use the following link to register:
<https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dVsBu>



Young Carers



Thursday, 13 April 2023

Ou Bah and Village Cinemas Mid Valley Morwell
12.30pm at the Qu Bah in Morwell
Carers only event

Are you a 'Young Care'? Do you live in the Latrobe Valley? Are you supporting someone who has a disability, is frail aged, has a chronic or mental illness? If the answer is YES, who is looking after you? Come and join in, have some fun and meet other young people in caring roles.

RSPV: Thursday, 6 April 2022



For more information phone Leanne Crove on 1800 242 696
or Daniela Di Clero at headspace on 5136 8300



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Baseball



Interchange ROADIES

ROADIES
All sites
The Summit Autumn Camp

Are you between the ages of 13-17 years old and have an NDIS plan? If so, join us on the Autumn ROADIES camp experience! The perfect way to meet new friends, try new things and get a taste of our ROADIES Camp!

DATE	Wednesday 12th April - Friday 14th April 2023
LOCATION	The Summit, Trafalgar East
OUT OF POCKET COST	\$100 (covers accommodation, meals and activities) Your NDIS plan changes will be discussed with you to ensure your specific support needs are met
WHAT TO PACK	Medication and Medication Forms Sunscreen Packed morning tea and lunch for first day A CHECKLIST WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE ITINERARY

Time Table

ICG Office	Drop - off	Pick - up
ICG Latrobe	11:30am	2:30pm
ICG Bass	10:30am	3:30pm
ICG East	9am	4:30pm

NDIS Benefits and Outcomes

- Social participation in the community
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Increase your confidence to access your local community
- Development of your life and independent living skills
- Improve and develop your communication skills
- Opportunity to access new activities and try new things
- Selfcare for carers and participants

For further information please contact us or scan the QR code to register your interest.
1300 738 765 www.lgsn.eu

Volunteering Connections Event - Stallholder Registrations Now Open

Calling all volunteer groups! Are you looking for new ways to connect with potential volunteers? Why not register to have a stall at the Latrobe City Volunteering Connections Event.

The not-for-profit event is FREE for Latrobe City community groups to promote their volunteering opportunities following National Volunteer Week. The event will provide an opportunity for community groups to connect with residents who are eager to learn about a variety of volunteering opportunities and who are wanting to 'give back' to their community.

The event will run in conjunction with the Traralgon Farmers Market as well as the Gippsland Performing Arts, Music Undercover Live Performances. There will be a buzz of people, music and food.

Date: Saturday 27 May 2023

Time: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Location: Outdoor area of Traralgon Library and Gippsland Performing Arts Centre

Additional event information and how to register can be found at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/557571079107>

If you require any further information, please contact Bec Fenton via email rebecca.fenton@latrobe.vic.gov.au or phone 0437 991 194.

Funded Suicide Prevention Training

2023 Latrobe City Training

LIVINGWORKS safeTALK
Learn the skills to keep someone safe from suicide.

Upcoming Training Dates

- Wednesday 15 March, 2023**
6:00-9:00pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/CEVSN>
- Latrobe City Council**
Nambur Wariga Room
141 Commercial Road, Morwell
Victoria
- Free to attend**
This program is proudly supported by the Victorian Government

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Livingworks acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and train; lands where sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to their past, present and emerging, and we extend respect and thanks to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who have contributed time and knowledge to the development of Livingworks' safeTALK and gateway programs.

If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au Latrobe Valley Express