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# Morwell Campus 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



We have returned to Term 2 with an exceptionally positive start to the term.

Our Student Leadership team have been very busy to start the term. School Captains, Kieran and Ayla, represented the campus at ANZAC Day service in Morwell. Laying a wreath on behalf of the College in recognition of those who fought and died for our country is not only an important mark of respect but a learning experience for the students. Our student leaders have also been busy establishing the needs of a prayer room for our Muslim students, which we will be proud to have finished setting up in the coming week or two.

We were thrilled to welcome the Grade 5 and 6 students of our feeder schools to the College for our annual 'Awareness Day' last week. The feedback from this event has been phenomenal. Students have previously reported that this event has supported their transition into high school, and we are positive that it will again be for all the students that attended. We are grateful to the students who came along to provide support to those in Grades 5 and 6 who attended.

Year 10 students from Morwell Campus are currently on Work Experience placements, expanding their understanding of the world of work and future career pathways. The feedback for these has been exceptional and we are positive that the students are gaining important and significant learning. For some, this will solidify their future pathway. For others, it will reinforce some things they do not want to do in the future. Some students are being offered employment from their placements. Whatever the outcome, the learning that comes from being on the job site is irreplicable at the school.

All students will soon complete the Department of Education Attitudes to School Survey. This is one of our most important information-gathering tools. It is mandatory to complete annually and the information helps us to understand how our actions as a school are meeting the needs of our students. This guides our support structures, learning processes, and curriculum materials. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey or your child's participation in it, please don't hesitate to contact me. Individual responses in the Attitudes to School Survey are confidential and the school only has access to cohort data.

Families may have noticed that despite works being completed at the front of the school, our flags are not currently flying. On Friday, 2nd June, in recognition of Reconciliation Week, we will raise the flags for the first time in front of the new buildings. On this occasion, we will be breaking protocol to raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags without the Australian flag, recognising the connection our school strives to have with our community and First Nations peoples. That week, all students will engage in activities in the spirit of reconciliation, promoting our hope to be a school where all students feel safe, included, and valued.

**Mr Dan Swallow**

Morwell Campus Principal



# Calendar Of Events

## Key Dates

<b>Term 2</b>	
Mon 15 May	Wellington District Cross Country
Wed 17 May	Wellington District Soccer
Fri 26 May	HPV Training Event
Wed 31 May	Model United Nations
Wed 31 May - Fri 2 Jun	Outdoor Ed Surf Camp
Mon 12 Jun	King's Birthday Public Holiday - College Closed
Tue 13 - Fri 16 Jun	YR 7 Camp Coolamatong
Fri 16 Jun	CSEF Applications Due
Mon 19th Jun	PPD Day - Student Free Day
Tue 20th Jun	Assessment Day - Student Free Day
Fri 23 Jun	Term 2 Ends

<b>Term 3</b>	
Mon 10 Jul	Term 3 Commences
Mon 24 - Fri 28 Jul	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Mon 4 Sep	Student Free Day
Fri 15 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

<b>Term 4</b>	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Mon 6 Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - College Closed
Fri 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony

## College Key Contacts

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



# Kurnai College

## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Year 7 & 8 News



Welcome back to Term 2. It has been good to see everyone settle back into learning.

### Year 7 Tech School

On Wednesday the 3rd of May, students in 7C/7D/7E from the Morwell Campus went on an excursion to Gippsland Tech School.

The excursion focused on the students learning about how the world of work is changing and the skills that will be most important for them as they move into the workforce. Students then rotated through three activities that expose them to industry-changing technologies and new ways of problem-solving.





## Year 7 Youth Space

On Monday the 8th of May, 7A walked down to Youth Space to participate in a range of activities they have on offer including cooking, computers, and art.



## Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 Camp planning continues with permission forms being due back as soon as possible. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is important that we have all students participate in this camp. Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can get the full benefit.

## 8A Youth Space

On Monday the 8th of May, 8A also participated in a range of activities at Youth Space. By all reports, 8A had a lot of fun and enjoyed engaging with such a great local resource for youth.



## Year 8 Camp

Year 8 camp planning is underway. Year 8 Camp is at the beginning of term 4 and will be at Karoonda Park. This camp will give the students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build new friendships, challenge themselves in numerous situations, see their peers in a different light and step outside their comfort zone.

## Humanities

In Humanities this term, we are learning about entrepreneurs and business. Entrepreneurs are people that own their own business. They take on financial risks, in the hope and profit. They don't give up no matter what. There are lots of different types of entrepreneurs. There are, social entrepreneurs, small business entrepreneurs, large company entrepreneurs, and innovation entrepreneurs. – Archie Shanahan

## English

In English, we are focusing on writing a text analysis essay. We have looked at a few short stories including A Dozen Bloomin' Roses and Only a Game. We use these short stories to explore language features, conjunctions, ideas, and issues. When writing an essay, we start by making sentences and then make these into paragraphs. Once these are put together, it creates an essay. - Hamzh Eliaser

## Health

In health, we have been learning to get a certificate to do CPR on people when they are unconscious. We watched a video about people passing out or getting knocked out by the waves. To save someone's life, they put this machine on them called a defibrillator and you must back away because if they have no heartbeat, they will get electrocuted. If their heart is

still beating, then the voice on the machine will tell you and you will have to go back to giving them CPR. – Jack Caia-Mills

## Year 7 and 8 Goals (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

I would like to promote the continued fantastic start our students have made towards their learning. We understand the importance of celebrating the positive success our students demonstrate every day. This can mean showing improvement in the learning or behaviour right the way through to our high-end academic achievers. As you can see below the numbers of our positives are extraordinary and I encourage you to continue the conversations you are having at home about the positive choices our learners are showing every day.

Since the start of the term, the following KPAs have been awarded to 7/8s

FORM GROUP	KPAs
8A	227
8B	130
8C	129
8D	194

FORM GROUP	KPAs
7A	406
7B	182
7C	156
7D	206
7E	256

## Support

Please remember that if you need any support with anything for Year 7 or 8 to contact either myself or the Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leader, Sarah Lewis, so that we can support your child to have the best educational experience possible in their early secondary school years.

### **Daniel Murphy**

Junior Sub-School Assistant Principal

Year7/8 Team Leader



# Kurnai College

## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Year 9 News



Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays but more importantly, it is great to see all students settling back into what is going to be another busy term.

### School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

We will continue to acknowledge and reward students for their positive behaviours and will no doubt flood your phones with Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements (KPAs). On that note, it has been fantastic to see students settle back into the Kurnai Learning Community and being acknowledged with KPAs for their e positive behaviours in the classroom.

#### KPA Data Term 2 Weeks 1-2

9A - 255

9B - 111

9C - 125

9D - 154

#### Top 10 KPA receivers for Term 1

George STEVENS	85
Hayden SEMMLER	82

James TAYLOR	77
Thi Phuong Oanh NGUYEN	77
Louise POTTS	76
Jayda AYTON	75
Tanisha MALCOLM	75
Phoenix DRAGON	74
Wade ANDERSON	74
Emmy RANDALL	73

## Attendance

This year our aim is to improve student attendance rates to an above 95% average. If you student is absent, please contact Kurnai's absence hotline on 5132 3711, or contact Ross Johnson directly via Compass.



### Attendance Average per Form Group

9A - 84%
9B - 77%
9C - 74%
9D - 81%

## Year 9 Camp

The 2023 Year 9 Camp planning is underway, with permission forms now on Compass. This camp will be a 4-night stay in Melbourne where students can experience a range of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. This camp will be capped at 60 students due to accommodation and activity limits. If more than 60 students return permission forms, attendance and behaviour data will be used to select places. The Melbourne Discovery Camp is made possible with the support of DOXA Youth Foundation and will cost \$150 per student. Contact the General Office, if you would like to use CSEF to help with the cost of the camp.

## Morrisby Interviews

Most students have completed their Morrisby testing. These reports allowed students to gain some future direction towards their goals for their working life.

## Learning Behaviour Updates

LBU's will be released in week 5 of this term. I encourage you to sit down with your child and review their progress and continue to set goals to help them achieve their own academic success.

## Tech School Visit



Students from Year 9 HPV visited the Morwell Tech School to learn about "A Renewable Future".

Members of the class experimented with ways to

generator and store renewable powers. They then applied this knowledge to a final challenge, where they were required to power a city for 24 hours with low cost and low CO2 emissions.



Students will take this knowledge back to the classroom as they will begin to prepare their presentations for the 24-Hour Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough.



## NDIS Pathways Webinar

Toni Spotswood, National Disability Insurance Agency, and Leela Darvall, Department of Education, will discuss a range of career planning and pathways tools, NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people with a disability to build skills to prepare for their transition from school, and support them in achieving education, training, employment and other goals, post-school.

**Audience:** Students, parents and carers, and career educators

**Dates and registration:** 7.00–8.30pm Thursday 18 May 2023 – [Register through Eventbrite](#)

## Contact Details

If you have any concerns regarding your Year 9 student, please don't hesitate to email me [Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au) or phone me on 5165 0600.

**Ross Johnson**

Year 9 Team Leader



# Kurnai College

## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Year 10 News



Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who are just about to finish their 2-week Work Experience placements. The staff have been out visiting students in the various workplaces. The feedback received so far, has been very positive. We are so proud of our students and the way they have represented Kurnai Morwell Campus.

### Camp

This year our Year 10 students will be offered the opportunity to go to Tasmania in term three September 4th – 8th. The event will be put up on Compass as soon as the costings have been worked out. The students will be flying over to Hobart and touring the City and Salamanca Place. They will also visit Port Arthur, Richmond, Coles Bay Cataract Gorge, and Devonport. On the return trip home, the students will sail overnight on the Spirit of Tasmania. Please be aware that the trip only has 25 places for students, so it will be the first 25 students with the permission forms filled out and the deposit paid.

### Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates, especially in Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

## PBS

Students can receive a KPA SMS message to parents from teachers each lesson for positive behaviour. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will be rewarding students with great attendance to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5.

## Dates to Remember

September 4th – 8th	Tasmania Camp (first 25 students)
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## Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650600

[tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Sheryl Tangi**

Year 10 Team Leader



# College News

## Message from the College Principal



G'day everyone,

Another busy term is well underway and across the college, there is a busy agenda of activities. Interschool sports, camps and excursions and visits to the Gippsland tech school are all keeping our school team busy and students engaged.

At Kurnai College we work hard to ensure that all of our students feel valued and safe regardless of their ethnicity, their learning needs, or their gender orientation and we will continue to develop our learning in this space. Inclusive schools such as ours can nurture diversity, promote equity, and create a more tolerant and accepting society.

Inclusion enables every child to learn, achieve, and participate in all aspects of school life to the best of their abilities. It breaks down barriers and reduces discrimination, stigma, and prejudice. It fosters a climate of mutual respect, social justice, and belonging, where every student is valued and supported.

Our college has recently been recognised for our outstanding work in disability inclusion. This new initiative from the Education Department is allowing more targeted help for more of our students. The new initiative 'Disability Inclusion' is a strength-based approach that enables us all to focus on the achievements and skills of our students and build on their strengths to enable them to achieve across our college.

This important work at Kurnai is being led by Assistant Principal Sarah Cohen supported by her Inclusion Specialist Team of Denise Cairnduff, Kara Thompson, Amanda Vosper, and Adele Zomer. This team has begun the big task of implementing this important initiative and

as mentioned has been recognised for their excellent work. Their aim is to secure the support that every Kurnai College student needs to be a successful learner.

Another aspect of our work to create a truly inclusive learning Community is the College Reconciliation Action Plan. This plan will be submitted for accreditation soon and supports and directs our work at every campus creating a safe and inclusive learning environment for our First Nations students.

Other work across our college involves the creation of a quiet place at our campuses for reflection and prayer for students requiring access to such a space.

We will also continue to develop our learning and actions relating to supporting our students who identify as LGBTQIA+.

As we like to say, Kurnai is a great school for all.

Thanks, everyone,

*Anthony Rodaughan*

**College Principal**

## ANZAC Day

On Tuesday 25th of April, Student Leaders had the honour of representing Kurnai College at multiple ANZAC services that were held across the Latrobe Valley to pay our respects.



### **424SQN Australian Air Force Cadets**

Students of the 424SQN Australian Air Force Cadets started the day off at the dawn service at Port Albert before traveling onto the Latrobe Valley to attend services in Yinnar, Churchill, and then Morwell.

## University Campus

College Captains, Jazmine Sanders, William Bonnici, and Kerwin Valdez attended the Yinnar service, where the trio laid a wreath on behalf of Kurnai College.

Kerwin stated, "I really appreciated being part of the community and commemorating the ANZACs".

"The service was very informative, the primary school students hammered in crosses of significance which helped deepen my understanding of ANZAC day", said Jazmine.

William had the privilege to play the Last Post at the ceremony.



## Churchill Campus

Churchill Campus Vice School Captains, Robert Aarons and Zoe Woodward attended the service held in Churchill, where they laid a floral wreath and then addressed the crowd reflecting on the importance of ANZAC day.

Bobby mentioned, "This was the first time I have gone to an ANZAC day service, and it was very interesting to hear all the stories that were told".

"It was an honour and a privilege to speak," said Zoe.

Other students from the Churchill Campus were also present and participated in the band and flag-raising ceremony. Bobby and Zoe laid a wreath on behalf of Kurnai College.



## Morwell Campus

Morwell Campus School captains, Kieran Webb and Ayla Schiavello attended the service held in Morwell where they laid a wreath on behalf of Kurnai College.

To see more photos from ANZAC Day services visit:

<https://kurnai.co/anzac-day>



## Music News

### Easter in Yinnar Collaboration

Our musos finished off a busy term by performing at the Easter in Yinnar celebrations. Once again, our students did an amazing job in performing and representing our College. It was great to hear community members talk so positively about our students and see the support they show to our performing arts students. We would like to congratulate all the students on their tremendous effort.



### Grade 5 & 6 Awareness days

We welcomed our grade 5 & 6 students to our campus by providing some musical entertainment during lunchtime. The students had a great time singing and dancing this was the highlight of the day for many students.

### Kurnai's Got Talent

Auditions will begin this term at all campuses. Contestants will be required to present two items to the judges.

### What to Learn a musical instrument?

For students 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

### Gippsland Volleyball

Last week, Kurnai College had an integrated Year 7 and integrated Year 8 team from the Churchill Campus and Morwell Campus representing the College at the Gippsland Volleyball held at Latrobe Leisure Centre in Morwell.

The Year 8s played against Leongatha S.C., Lake Entrance S.C. and Lowanna College. While the Year 7s played against Bass Coast College - Dudley Campus and Nagle College Bairnsdale.

While neither the teams came away with a win the students had fun participating and working together as a team while upholding the school's pillars; engagement, excellence, relationships, and work ethic.



### Senior/Intermediate Girls Football

Today, Friday 12th of May Kurnai College's Senior/Intermediate Girls Football team participated in the Wellington District Interschool Football in Sale. The team played against Catholic College Sale and Lavalla Catholic College. Despite their best fighting efforts they unfortunately lost both games. Regardless the girls show tremendous sportsmanship and should be proud of the way in which they represented Kurnai College and themselves.



# School Values

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

**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

**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

**Relationships**  
We value and respect each other



# School News

## Awareness Day

On Tuesday the 2nd of May, Kurnai College hosted Awareness Days for Grade 5/6 students from the local feeder schools including Morwell Park P.S., Morwell Central P.S., and Sacred Heart P.S.

The students got a taste of Kurnai life by participating in Woodwork, Sport, English, Science, Media, Maths, Drama, Chinese, and Art sessions. A special BBQ lunch was also held for the students, making it a fun and exciting day filled with new experiences.

Moving from primary to secondary school is a big change. It can be exciting but can also be challenging or worrying for many students. These days are held to support students and ensure that the transition from primary to secondary school is as smooth as possible.

If you have a student commencing secondary school in 2024, for more information regarding Kurnai College's transition program please visit: <https://kurnai.co/2024-year-7-parent-information>





# Important School Information

## Accessing Learning Task Feedback on Compass

Kurnai College has made a commitment to our school community to regularly update parents and carers regarding the academic progress of their students.

Teachers will provide feedback to parents and students at least once per term.

Parents/Carers will receive an SMS from the teacher when this feedback is available.

To access this feedback, log in to Compass and Click on the child's profile on the left-hand side of the screen.



This will take you to all learning tasks for your child. Scroll to find the one you want and click on it.

Click on the Feedback tab.

**Learning Task - Using Dichotomous Key- Sharks**

Task Details	Feedback
<b>Name:</b>	Using Dichotomous Key- Sharks
<b>Due Date:</b>	
<b>Online Submission Enabled:</b>	No

For this task, students were required to perform a practical experiment to use a dichotomous key to correctly identify and name different species of sharks.

# 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.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). The amount paid is \$225 for secondary school students.

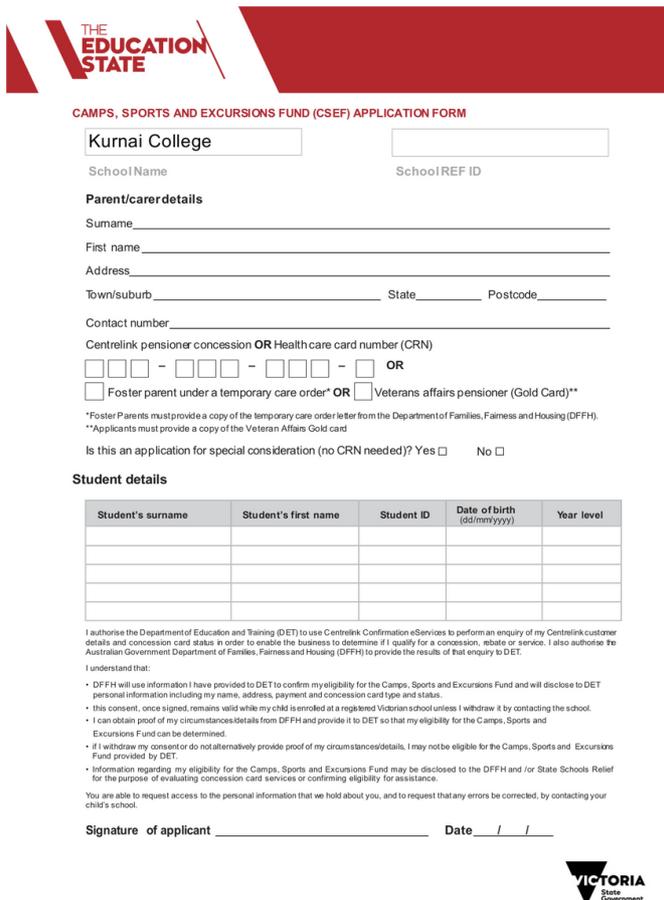
You can obtain the CSEF application form at any Kurnai College campus office or download the form below.

 [CSEF Application.pdf](#)

If you have any queries or require assistance completing the form, please contact your Campus office.

Please note that CSEF application forms should be lodged at Kurnai College no later than Friday 16th June 2023.

More information can also be found online at:  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



**THE EDUCATION STATE**

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

Kurnai College

School Name School REF ID

**Parent/carer details**

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb  State  Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -    **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order\* **OR**  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)  
 \*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes  No

**Student details**

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

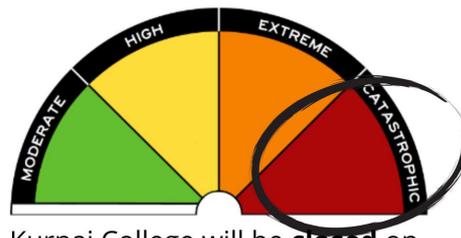
Signature of applicant  Date  /  /



## 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.

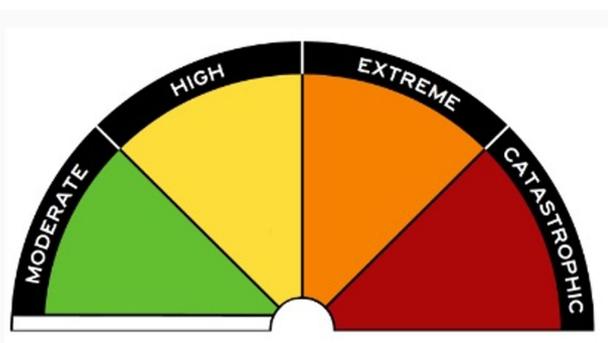


Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

## 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](http://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

## GippSport

**GEN G ON THE GO EXCURSION FOR 12-17 YEAR OLDS**

**Sat 27 May**  
12pm - 4pm  
Wyncity Morwell

10.05am Leave Corinella Community Centre  
10.25am Leave Toora Hall  
11.10am Leave Warragul Skate park  
10.55am Leave Wurruk Community House  
9.35am Leave Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre

Come along and join in on some fun activities: bowling, laser tag and mini golf!  
Lunch and afternoon tea provided

**Cost: FREE**

What to bring: comfortable clothing so you can get active & labelled drink bottle

Register by Wed 24 May 2023  
Email Den for a form  
den@gippsport.com.au or call 0497 167 946

**GippSport**  
Community Programs & Services

Gen G on the Go is funded under the Sater Communities grant from the Australian Government. Program partners include GippSport, Latrobe Youth Space, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Latrobe Community Health Services, and United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley.

## Partners in Parenting Program

**Partners in Parenting**

MONASH UNIVERSITY  
DEakin

**Is your teenager struggling to attend school due to anxiety, depression or emotional distress?**

Be among the first to trial a new online parenting program designed to support parents of teens struggling with school attendance.

Researchers from Monash University and Deakin University are offering parents a **FREE online parenting program** designed to support parents of teenagers who have difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress (sometimes called 'school refusal', 'school cast', or 'school phobia'). The program is being offered as part of a research trial.

**What's included in the program?**

- A parenting self-assessment tool with personalized feedback
- Up to 13 online modules with practical strategies to support your teen's mental health and school attendance
- Complete weekly modules and work towards goals

**Who can take part?**

- You may be eligible to participate if:
  - you are the parent or guardian of a teenager aged 12-18
  - you live in Australia
  - you can read, write, and speak in English
  - you have regular access to the internet.

The program is not recommended as a sole source of support for young people experiencing school refusal. We recommend seeking professional support from a mental health or educational professional alongside completing the program. Although all efforts are made to take part, please also note that the program content is not tailored for parents of teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder or intellectual disability.

To help us evaluate the program, we'll ask you to complete two online surveys about your parenting and your teen's mental health. We may also invite you to complete an interview about your experience with the program. You'll receive a \$20 gift voucher after completing the second survey, and an additional \$20 gift voucher if you complete an interview.

**FIND OUT MORE:**

gip-ed.web.app  
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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](mailto:kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au)

**GEN G ON THE GO**

Scan here for website

**Latrobe**

Are you 12-17? Do you want to have fun, make new friends and get connected with community? Get involved in Gen G!

- Arts
- Streetgames
- Camps
- Community events
- Civic activities

Wed 3 May 2023  
x 8 weeks  
3-5pm  
Latrobe Youth Space  
497B Princes Drive, Morwell  
Free food

For more details, contact Den or Andrea  
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