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University Campus Newsletter

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Work Ethic | Excellence | Relationships | Engagement

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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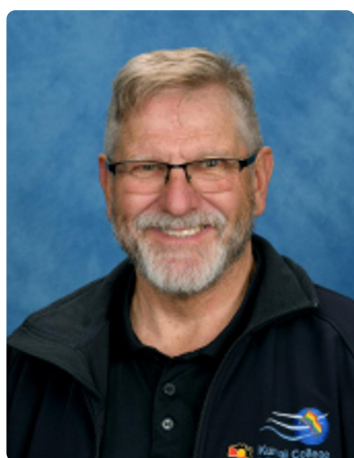
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Message from our Campus Principal



The end of the first semester is fast approaching with only four more weeks before Years 11 and 12 VCE students have practice exams commencing in the week of the King's Birthday holiday; VCE/VM students will have a catch-up week. It is particularly important for VCE students that they make sure they complete the learning outcomes and SACs during this time so they can achieve satisfactory results for their subjects. Please make sure teachers are made aware if students are having difficulties and remember that extra help is available after school on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the library study sessions.

The 2023 General Achievement Test (GAT) will be held on Thursday, 15th June. The GAT has to be done by all students doing a 3/4-unit VCE subject and some Year 12 students doing the VCE/VM. The GAT will be held in the Fed Uni Auditorium. The purpose of the GAT is to provide information on student abilities in reading, writing, comprehension, and maths. If something happens to limit a student's participation in exams at the end of the year or complete parts of their studies there is an indicator of their abilities so this can be used as part of their assessment. While it is not possible to study for the GAT it is something that students should take seriously unless they are 100% certain they can predict their future and everything will be fine.

Students have started to do the Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS) this week. This is a survey that allows them to share their feelings about the school and their teachers as well their relationships with their peers and their view of their own world. AtoSS information is completely confidential. It provides the College with important insights into how the school is going and how our students are coping with their education.

Last Wednesday I attended Federation Uni's scholarship presentation at the University's auditorium. And the winners of the 2023 Gippsland Education Precinct bursaries were...Anya Robinson studying the Bachelor of Nursing and Bridie Byrne studying the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Bridie and Anya are loving their studies at Fed Uni.

**Mr Geoff Block**

University Campus Principal



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 2	
Thurs 18 May	Yakult Factory Tour
Mon 12 Jun	King's Birthday Public Holiday - College Closed
Tue 13 & Wed 14 June	VCE Exams
Thu 15 Jun	GAT (General Achievement Test)
Fri 16 Jun	VCE Exams
Fri 16 Jun	CSEF Applications Due
Mon 19th Jun	Assessment Day - Student Free Day
Fri 23 Jun	Term 2 Ends

Term 3	
Mon 10 Jul	Term 3 Commences
Fri 28 Jul	Senior Formal Masquerade Ball
Mon 4 Sep	Student Free Day
Fri 15 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Tues 24 Oct - Wed 15 Nov	Year 12 VCE Exams
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,

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



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



Engagement
We actively participate
in our own learning



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



Work Ethic
We are committed to
working hard



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



Relationships
We value and respect
each other



School News

Senior Formal

Save the Date! Tickets will be available to purchase soon!

The poster for the Kurnai Senior Formal MASQUERADE Ball features a black background with a large, ornate gold and black masquerade mask on the right. The text is in white and gold. The Kurnai College logo is in the top left corner.

Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Kurnai Senior Formal
MASQUERADE Ball

FRIDAY	ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN CLUB	7:00 PM	FOOD & DRINKS	NO
28th JULY	PRINCESS HWY, MORWELL	10:30 PM	PROVIDED	PASS OUTS

Kurnai Chess Competition

Last term the Kurnai Chess Competition took place in the library this week. Organised by Kerwin Valdez with the help of Jacob Dijamco, over 30 students who enjoy playing chess signed up to play.

There were some mighty battles and thrilling cut throat finishes but the ultimate checkmate champion was Eric Wang.

Congratulations and well done to the runners-up – Hannah Johnson (2nd), and Andrew Tyrrell & Archie Reilly (=3rd).



PARTY Program Excursion

On Thursday 11th of November, the Year 12 VCE Vm students attended the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) Program at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH).



The PARTY Program is an internationally recognised dynamic and interactive injury awareness and prevention program that uses vivid clinical reality to show participants the possible consequences of risk-taking behaviour. With the program taking place in a hospital-simulated environment, the student were provided with information to help them recognise potential injury-producing situations, make prevention oriented choices, and adopt behaviours to minimise risk.

The students circulated through a number of rotations where they were able to engage with emergency services professionals, doctors, nurses, allied health practitioners, and people who have experienced trauma and survived - often with significant disabilities. The working hospital environment provides participants with an authentic experience. This allows insight into the many consequences patients, families, and health professionals face as a result of risk-related trauma.





Victoria Police Road Safety Expo

On Thursday 11th of May, all Year 11 students attended the Road Safety Expo facilitated by the Gippsland Road Safety Council, TAC, Latrobe City Council, Berry Street, SES, Ambulance Victoria and the Victorian Road Safety Policing Unit.



The students were presented and demonstrated with evidence-based information regarding young people to enable them to make better choices and decisions as drivers, partygoers, pub, club, schoolies and festival attendees - also for those who just enjoy a day trip to the beach, river, up the bush or a late night adventure to fast food drive-throughs or a friends/

families place.

Heading off into a round-robin format, in small groups the students engaged in activities that built upon their awareness about distractions on the road, safely driving around trucks, first aid responder first aid, basic car maintenance, driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs - providing strategies to separate drink/drug life from driving, tired driving, preparing for parties/ festivals and other events.



RMIT I Belong Camp

A small cohort of Year 10-12 Indigenous students attend the RMIT I Belong Camp last week.

I Belong endeavours to address many of the barriers to higher education that students endure. The students participated in a program that enhanced their knowledge about the entry of pathways to university course options and career opportunities. They discovered how you can attend University regardless of if they undertake VCE or VCE VM.

The students travelled down to Melbourne on the V-Line train where they begin their day at RMIT's city campus getting a real feel for university life and the opportunities available.



Whilst at RMIT the students were engaged in a Media Program where they played the role of a T.V host using the auto scroll to prompt them what to say and explore the workings behind the camera.



Later that afternoon the students visited the Old Melbourne Gaol where they were presented with a mock case and had to be involved by either portraying the Judge, Prosecutor, Defence and so forth.

In the evening, the students experienced the hustle and bustle of Melbourne Central and had the free choice to purchase their dinner from the large variety of vendors, before enjoying a film at Hoyts cinema.

The following morning, the students went to RMIT, Bundoora Campus at Latrobe where they participated in the Scarred Tree Heritage Trail and joined in with Indigenous games. The students also engaged in a Health, Sport and Physical Education Workshop, a Chinese Medicine workshop where they made their own acne cream and then went to an Osteopathy class.



In the evening, the students explore and immersed in the cultural experience of dining on Lygon Street.



On the final day, the students attend the ACMI Exhibition – The Story of the Moving Image. They saw history in the making, viewing TVs from the 1960's to current. The students learned how the film industry has changed across the decades and the utilisation of storyboarding. The immersive experience also enabled the students to get involved with designing

their own film posters.

Tired and weary from their adventures, the students boarded the V-line train back to the Latrobe Valley enlightened with experiencing urban life and full of thought with thoughts of possibilities surrounding opportunities for further study beyond secondary school.



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.

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.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Details

Kurnai College School REF ID

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 ____/____/____



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

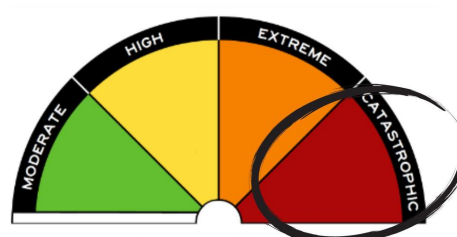
Please note that CSEF application forms should be lodged at Kurnai College no later than Friday 16th June 2023.

More information can also be found online at:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

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.

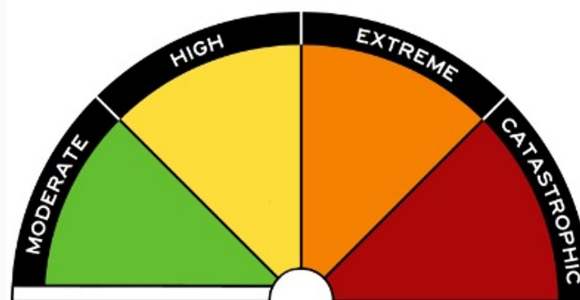


Kurnai College will be **closed** on days of **Catastrophic (Code Red)** Fire Rating

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

GippSport

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ON THE GO

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

Oceania Regional Sports Assembly

Gen G on the Go is funded under the Safe 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 panic' or 'school phobia'). The program is being offered as part of a research trial.

What's included in the program?

- A parenting skill assessment tool with personalized feedback
- 6 to 12 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
 - live in Australia
 - can read, write, and speak in English
 - have regular access to the Internet.

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

What else is involved?

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:

[pip-ed web app](#)

Contact: den@gippsport.com.au

This research has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (20/20756).

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

GEN G

ON THE GO

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

Email: den@gippsport.com.au

Den 0497 167 946

Andrea 0456 207 773

<https://gippsport.com.au/gen-g/>

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GippSport

Oceania Regional Sports Assembly

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