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# Morwell 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 my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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# Message from our Campus Principal



We recently celebrated Reconciliation Week with a Flag Raising Ceremony and a Smoking Ceremony for our new buildings. For a school that bears the name and symbols of our local First Nations people, taking these opportunities to show our commitment to reconciliation, education, and support of our Koorie students, is important. It was great to see our dancers in action again, and to have Harriet Shing and Kellie O'Callaghan come to support the event. Most of all, it was great to see some of our families come along and show their support for their kids, and for the efforts that the school is making to support our students. Throughout the week, our students also engaged in learning about Reconciliation Week and considered their own Acknowledgement of Country. We now take this learning forward with our classes opening each week with an Acknowledgement of Country.

This week, our Year 7s have been away on their camp at Camp Coolamatong on the Banskia Peninsula. I was grateful to have the opportunity to visit the students at the campsite and was impressed by their willingness to have a go. It was also fantastic to see so many students in attendance. Our students always return from camp more cohesive, with new friendships and a greater appreciation for each other and the staff. I look forward to seeing the impact on our Year 7s next week. As this semester draws to a close, I encourage you to look over your child's report with them at the end of the term and help them set goals for Semester 2. If you have any concerns with regards to the reports, please contact the classroom teachers or Team Leaders to discuss these further at the start of Term 3.

#### Mr Dan Swallow

Morwell Campus Principal



# Calendar Of Events

# Key Dates

Term 2	
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

Term 3	
Mon 10 Jul	Term 3 Commences
Fri 14 Jul	HPV Training at Casey Race
Mon 24 - Fri 28 Jul	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Wed 9 Aug	2024 Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
Mon 4 Sep	Student Free Day
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Sep	Year 10 Tour of Tasmania
Fri 15 Sep	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 13 Dec	Gumbuya World Excursion
Fri 15 Dec	College Awards Ceremony

# College Key Contacts

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



# Year 7 & 8 News





# Year 7 Camp



Year 7 Camp is currently being held at Camp Coolamatong, with about three-quarters of the year level, or nearly 90 students, boarding the buses on Tuesday and making their way down to the peninsula.

The photos show student teams encouraging each other on the survival and ropes courses, lakeside search, bush cooking and night activities, which is wonderful to see.



Several students braved the rock wall climb, some making it to the top, others rightfully proud of a couple of meters. Students will certainly remember the trip.

In our next newsletter, we will include a student report with more photographs of camp activities.



### KPA

Across our college we have an attendance target of 95%. KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments) Year 7 and 8 students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record-setting achievements of Positive Green Write Up's. I would like to recognise that across Year 7 and 8 students continue to set positive chronical entry records and I ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a positive KPA from their teachers.

## Attendance

95% -	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE
90% -	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	MATTERS
85% -	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE
80% -	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
	BE SMART BE THERE! Percentages based on 190 academic days	

I would like to take this opportunity to promote attendance going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn social and emotional skills, such as good communication, resilience and team work. Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have better health, better job opportunities and higher income across their lives. There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

**Daniel Murphy** Junior Sub-School Assistant Principal Year7/8 Team Leader



# Year 9 News



As we move into the final weeks of Term 2, I would like to congratulate each and every student for the efforts they have put in across the Term and take a well-deserved break when the holidays arrive.

## 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 be acknowledged with KPAs for their e positive behaviour in the classroom.

## KPA Data Term 2 Weeks 1-7

9A - 1000

9B - 489 9C - 573

9D - 487

#### Top 10 KPA Receivers for Term 2

George STEVENS	68
Thi Phuong Oanh NGUYEN	61
Liam DUNCAN	57
Wade ANDERSON	57
Emmy RANDALL	55
Caitlyn PATTON	53
Ashlee WORTHY	52
Mohammad BASHIR	52
Phoenix DRAGON	52
James TAYLOR	50

### Attendance

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

Week 9 will see a short week for students with student-free days Monday & Tuesday. For the rest of the week, students will receive feedback on their common assessment tasks. Feedback week is vital for students as it allows them to give and receive feedback on their learning throughout the term.



#### Attendance Average per Form Group

9A - 83%

9B – 78%

9C - 82%

9D - 82%

### Year 9 Camp



The itinerary for the Melbourne Discovery Camp is in its final stages. Early Term 3 students will receive a packing list and final documents for the camp.

All 60 places for the camp have now been filled. If you would like your child to be placed on the waiting list, please contact the general office or Ross Johnson directly.

## Semester Reports

Semester One reports will be released in the coming weeks. I encourage you all to sit with your student and celebrate their success as well as review the feedback from their teachers and set learning goals for Semester Two.

## Around the School

#### Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)



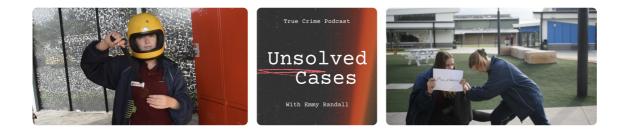
In HPV we have been working on our bikes creating our teams and preparing for the trip to Casey Fields. This term we rebuilt our bikes and fixed any minor adjustments necessary to improve them for them to be ridden safely. We have we split up into two teams, "Roadside Assist" and "Demerit Points", made our logos and designed shirts, and did a lot of practice riding the HPV bikes. We have also improved our knowledge of the bikes and learned how they work and how to fix them.

Phoenix Dragon, 9A

#### **Media Studies**

In media studies, we are focusing on producing a piece of media. Over term 2 we had a task of making a piece of media of our choosing. Some ideas were music videos, advertisements, and podcasts.

Each group had to learn about how to use a camera, write a script, and edit their videos. We also learned about what genre means and the importance that it has in media. Caitlyn Patton, 9A



#### Maths

In maths this term we were educated on linear relationships and finance. We mostly used Maths online to help us revise and learn linear relationships. Maths online includes easy to read videos and questions to improve our maths skills. Which has led up to our short CAT (common assessment task). The past few weeks we started finance which will help us throughout our daily lives. We have been studying this topic face to face in contrast to online work, as it is good to switch up from our regular routine. Everything we are learning will improve our math skills for the future.

Emmy Randall, 9A

#### Hands on Learning

Over the last few weeks in Hands on Learning we have built a chicken coup to sell off to fund more projects. We have also received a few old bikes that we are currently rebuilding as a group. The year 9's has taken on the role of leaders to show the year 7 & 8's how to use tools and how to pull apart and rebuild the bike James Dalia, 9C

### **Contact Details**

If you have any concerns regarding your Year 9 student, please don't hesitate to email me <u>Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au</u> or phone me at (03) 5165 0600.

#### **Ross Johnson**

Year 9 Team Leader



# Year 10 News



Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students for completing their 2-week Work Experience placements earlier this term. We have had many positive reports from employers. The 10 students have continued to work hard this term after returning from Work Experience.

Semester One reports will be out on Compass at the end of next week.

Please be aware that next term will be extremely busy choosing every student's course for 2024. Students have received information on Microsoft Teams about their options for 2024. Please research with your child the VCE and VCE VM course options.



The University Campus will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 9th of August which will provide families with more information about the VCE and VCE VM course offerings.

More information can also be found at <u>https://www.kurnai.co/senior-campus-view</u> and <u>https://kurnai.co/senior-campus</u>

## Camp



The trip to Tasmania in term three, September 4th – 8th is now full. The students will be flying over to Hobart and touring the City, including Salamanca Place. They will visit Port Arthur, Richmond, Coles Bay Cataract Gorge, and Devonport. On the return trip, the students will sail overnight on the Spirit of Tasmania.

#### Attendance



This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates, especially at 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 at school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5.

## Dates to Remember

September 4th – 8th Tasmania Camp (now full)	
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## Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours

## **Contact Details**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to email me at sheryl.tangi@education.vic.gov.au or phone at (03) 5165 0600

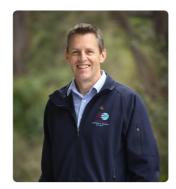
#### Sheryl Tangi

Year 10 Team Leader



# College News

### Message from the College Principal



Hi everyone,

Whilst College principal Anthony Rodaughan is on leave I have been acting on his behalf and had the privilege to meet with some of the student leadership teams across the college to engage in discussion and learn their perspectives on what we are doing well and areas that we could improve to ensure the learning and experience of our students is as successful as possible. Providing opportunities for students to have a voice is something we value at the college and are constantly looking for ways to strengthen.

As usual, there have been a host of events and activities that have run this term with camps, sports, subject excursions, work experience, and guest speakers amongst them. A highlight was our Reconciliation Week ceremony and flag raising at Morwell Campus. Our Awareness Days held at each of our junior campuses for grade 5&6 students earlier this term were great successes with positive feedback from the students and the primary staff who accompanied them. A big thank you to the staff who have contributed to the organisation and smooth running of all these events and also for the positive manner in which students have participated.

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We are drawing close to the end of the first semester and our students have been working to finalise assessments, and teachers have been marking, preparing feedback, and will soon be completing reports. Our VCE students have been undertaking exams including, for many, the General Achievement Test (GAT) and I am sure they will all appreciate the approaching break from classes before heading into the second half of the year.

We hope everyone stays warm and well through the term break.

Matt Jobling
Acting College Principal

### **Reconciliation Week**

During Week 6, Kurnai College acknowledge National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June).

It is a time for all Australians to reflect and learn about our shared histories and achievements with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's theme, "Be a Voice for Generations" encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work, and socialise. Here Kurnai College recognises past generations and works for the benefit of future generations, acting today for a more just, equitable, and reconciled country for all.

Activities were held across all campuses to recognise the week and educate the students on reconciliation.

At the Morwell Campus Students, local politicians, members of the Indigenous community, and Aboriginal Elders gathered on Friday 2nd of June to attend a flag-raising ceremony showcasing this year's theme "Be a Voice for Generations".

With the recent opening of the administrative building completing the final stages of the Morwell Campus rebuild, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were raised for the first time on the new flag poles.

A smoking Ceremony welcomed the guests as they arrived, with the official proceedings commencing with a Welcome to Country on behalf of the Brayakaulung clan of the

GunaiKurnai Nation in the native language.

The Dedlee Kultya dancers, a group of indigenous students, then took to the yard and performed Wooriyl the Lyre Bird followed by Naanaa Nukindhere.

Campus Principal, Dan Swallow, and Acting Principal, Matt Jobling along with local MP Harriet Shing and Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan addressed the audience speaking of the history and significance of Reconciliation Week, the opportunity we all have to learn together about our shared histories and cultures, and how we can contribute as individuals and a community to achieve reconciliation.



Earlier in the week BBQ lunches were held at the Churchill Campus and University Campus which gave the opportunity for students to recognise the history and significance of Reconciliation Week.

#### **Music News**



#### 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 Cross Country**

Last Thursday, two students represented Kurnai College at the Gippsland Cross Country. Aiden and Alyssa both ran extremely well and placed in the middle of their extremely competitive respective age groups consisting of fifty other runners.



#### Intermediate/Senior Wellington Soccer

On Wednesday 24th of May, Kurnai College had four teams participate in the Wellington District Interschool Soccer in Sale.

The teams played in a series of 40-minute round-robin games with a chance to progress to Gippsland Finals that will be held in July next term.

The Intermediate girls 2-1 against Lavalla Catholic College will see the proceed to the next stage.

The Intermediate boys team defeated Sale College and Sale Catholic College, however lost to Lavalla Catholic College.

The Senior girls played one game against Lavalla College and lost 2nil.

The Senior boys played their first game against Lavalla College and lost 1nil. Their second game was against Sale Catholic College, where they won 3-1.



#### **Junior Soccer**

On Wednesday 7th of May, Kurnai College had four teams participate in the Wellington District Interschool Soccer in Sale. The teams played in a series of 40-minute round-robin games with a chance to progress to Gippsland Finals that will be held in July next term.

Year 7 girls, 2-0 loss to Lavalla College, won by default to Sale College and had a 3 nil win over Maffra College.

The Year 8 girls team lost to Lavalla 2nil.

The Year 7 boys played two games, lost both, but showed significant improvement in the second game.

The Year 8 boys gave it their best go, playing against Lavalla Catholic College and Traralgon Secondary College, but unfortunately did not win their game.

Overall, the students competed very hard and represented Kurnai College. Unfortunately, with the majority of games, the results on the day did not go in Kurnai College's favour. Regardless the students all gave it their best go, displayed excellent sportsmanship, and were supportive of their teammates and the other teams.



## **School Values**

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





# School News

## Student Free Days



Please be reminded of the following Student Free Days that will be held next week on **Monday 19th** and **Tuesday 20th of June** due to a Staff Professional Practice Day and Assessment Day.

## Last Day of Term

Students across Kurnai College will be dismissed at the end of Period 4 at 1:05pm. The school buses will begin their afternoon run collecting the students from school at 1:15pm. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable break! Term 3 will commence on Monday 10th of July.

# Outdoor Education Surf Camp

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During week six of term two, twenty students from the Morwell Campus Year 9/10 Outdoor Education class attended a three-day surf camp at Wilsons Promontory.

In the weeks leading up to camp, the students planned a menu, took part in pre-camp bush cooking sessions, and undertook a range of water safety activities and educational sessions.

The adventure commenced with the students embarking Morwell and heading to Waratah Bay where they participated in their first surfing lesson. The students excelled with most students managing to stand up with their first wave of the day.

After the surfing lesson, the students made their way to Tidal River at Wilsons Promontory to set up camp for the next few days. After setting up camp and working together to have a wonderful barbeque dinner, the students had some time to relax before going on a night walk down to Norman Bay.

Once bedtime rolled around the trip took an unexpected turn with significantly higher wind gusts than predicted. The students were resilient and despite trying conditions, they stayed very positive, even as tents and equipment were lost to the winds.

On Thursday morning the group evaluated the situation and decided due to a night with minimal sleep and with the loss of equipment to pack up and return to school.



## Model United Nations



On the 31st of May, School Captain Ayla and Vice Captains Isabella and Siennah attended a Model United Nations at the Trafalgar Public Hall. Many schools attended and each school represented a different country. Our students represented the country of Netherlands and presented Netherland's Position Statement on climate change in front of the General Assembly. Afterwards, the students from all schools participated in a Caucas, where they debated the issue of climate change, looked at the Climate Action statements, and proposed amendments to these statements. In the later part of the day, schools voted on each amendment and then the new Draft Resolution is established. The students found it to be a challenging but rewarding experience. Through the experience, they improved their skills in public speaking, leadership, and negotiation.



# Important School Information

## CSEF

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Kurnai College				
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Parent/carer details				
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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: <u>https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund</u>

## Sex & Social Media Webinar - Parents & Carers

Dear Parents,

Please see below for an invitation to a webinar presented by Elephant Ed on Sex & Social Media. *These sessions are for adults only (no students).* 

Elephant Ed is a leading sexuality education provider to hundreds of schools around Australia. Elephant Ed's workshops are evidence-based, age-appropriate and mapped to State and National curriculum guidelines. Elephant Ed is endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. This webinar will include the following key discussion points:

- Relationship between young people and social media
- Knowing the prevalence and impact of sexting
- Sexting and the law
- Strategies to implement if things go wrong
- Strategies for parents and guardians to start open and effective conversations at home

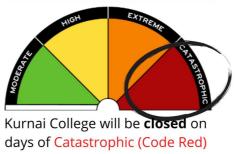
You are required to register in advance for this webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is being offered by multiple schools across different dates. Please find the dates, times and relevant registration links below.

Drouin Secondary College Wednesday 26th July, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_EjfuoXA8QNen82\_cCs3LnQ

Lowanna College **Monday 21st August, 7:15 - 8:15 pm** Topic: Pornography <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_CymoaHIfTzieEtYpz-B\_BQ</u>

## Code Red Fire Danger



Fire Rating

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.

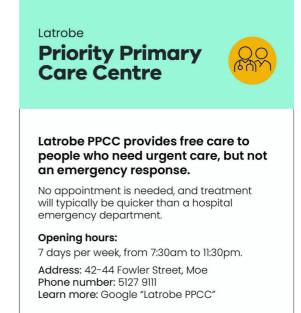


# Community News

## Interchange Gippsland Roadies



## Latrobe Community Health



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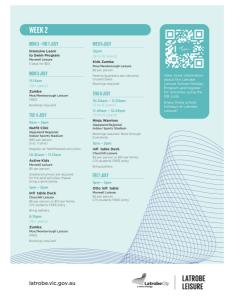
# Latrobe City





# Latrobe City Leisure





## Creative Latrobe

# Creative 1 Latrobe

Bus stops, underpasses, walkways and more around Latrobe City are getting a spruce up with local art!

Share your feedback to make these changes a success.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

Head to **yoursay.latrobe.vic.gov.au/creativelatrobe** for more information or to register.



#### Join in the conversation at:

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## Olivia's Place



Olivia's Place works directly with new families in Gippsland to give them the social and emotional support that parents need to feel conlident and empowered in their parenting journey. A community that supports one another thrives.

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"Olivia's Place supported me enotionally and via material items that I needed for Noah. I am beyond thankful for my support worker, Pam and the other staff. Olivia's Place has impacted my life in the best ways possible." - Alannah, Gippsland mum

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