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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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It was a fun time at the University Campus on Thursday with VCE and VCE VM students sitting the GAT (General Achievement Test) in the Fed Uni Auditorium. While I won't say that the students I spoke to loved their GAT day it was encouraging that they did not seem too traumatised by the experience. The GAT is used to assess student literacy and numeracy and to provide a predicted study score for the students studying Year 12 VCE subjects. The latter is particularly important if something happens that makes it impossible for a student to sit an exam at the end of the year.

This week has been very different with VCE VM students coming in to do catch-up sessions and VCE students sitting exams on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. I have a lot of teaching staff very excited about the number of exams they have to mark. It is for this reason that the next sentence is very important. A reminder for students and parents that Monday, June 19 is an Assessment Day for the University Campus staff. No classes will be running on Monday at the University Campus. Semester 2 starts on Tuesday, June 20.

Semester reports will be finalised late next week and will be available on Compass before the end of the term. We are only a week away from the winter holidays! It is important that

students use this time to have a break, BUT it is also important for VCE students studying Year 12 subjects to use some of this time to revise what they have learned during the semester. VCE exams start in late October. I know that sounds like a long time away but I can promise you it isn't. Term 3 is a particularly busy and chaotic time and the more students can do to prepare themselves now the better they will be when we do reach the very pointy end of the Year 12 year.

There are some Year 12 VCE students who have already talked to staff about not wanting a study score for their subjects. VCE study scores are used to calculate the Australia Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) which universities use to help them to rank applicants for their courses. If there are students who do not need an ATAR for their career pathway there is an option to go non-ATAR and not sit the end-of-year exams. The process for going non-ATAR will be held during term 3 and will involve students and their parents/guardians. Students and families will receive more detailed information about this early next term.

On Thursday Education Support staff met at Churchill Hotel for their annual Thank You Lunch. People think that a school is a place full of students and teachers. True, up to a point. That place full of students and teachers would be completely unworkable without the aides assisting students in the classrooms, the office staff making sure that all the daily administration is completed, the careers staff providing expert advice on subjects and career pathways, the counsellors and student advocates who help students deal with problems at school and their wider world, staff with the technical knowledge to ensure that teachers can run experiments in their science classes, the staff who organise all the things that happen in the library and Study Hall. So, thank you to all our ES staff for helping make the University Campus the school it is.

Geoff Block

University Campus Principal



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 2	
Fri 16 Jun	CSEF Applications Due
Mon 19 Jun	Student Free Day
Wed 21 Jun	VET Sport & Rec Hardrock Climbing
Fri 23 June	Term 2 Ends

Term 3	
Mon 10 Jul	Term 3 Commences
Fri 14 Jul	NAIDOC Week Celebration
Fri 28 Jul	Senior Formal Masquerade Ball
Wed 9 Aug	2024 Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
Thu 10 Aug	Sport & Recreation MCG Tour
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
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:



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.

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 1 nil. 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 Day



Please be reminded that next **Monday 19th of June** is a student-free day due to Assessment Day.

Classes will resume as per normal on Tuesday 20th for all University Campus students.

Last Day of Term

Students across Kurnai College will be dismissed at the end of Period 4 at 1:00pm.

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.

Senior Formal

Consent & Payment can be made through Compass.

\$40 per ticket.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the General Office.



Theatre Studies



VCE students undertaking Theatre Studies Units 1-2 & 3-4 have been busy rehearsing, designing sets, and building props for their upcoming play "She Kills Monsters" which will premiere on Friday 14th of July at its only show at 5:30pm at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Little Theatre in Traralgon.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 from gpactickets.latrobe.vic.gov.au

The play is a comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, She Kills Monsters tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death

of her teenage sister Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's Dungeons & Dragons notebook, however, she stumbles into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was Tilly's refuge.

Literacy ACMI Excursion



To complement the Understanding and Creating Digital Texts unit, VCE VM Literacy students attended the exhibition Story of the Moving Image at ACMI in Melbourne on Thursday. The exhibition allowed students to interact and view the major moments in moving image history, including the origins and future of cinema, production design and the creative process, Australian culture and stories, the rise of videogames, and how screens inform, influence and empower us.

After the exhilarating tour of the exhibition and a well-deserved lunch break, the VM students completed a Melbourne Photo Shoot challenge within their Personal Development Teams. Students were encouraged to use their creativity and sense of fun to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Challenges included; becoming part of the street art, jumping in a laneway, and posing like mannequins in a shop front. Overall a great day out in the city was had by the VM VCE students and staff attending.









Work Inspiration

The Year 10 Pathways students at the University Campus attended Work Inspiration on Tuesdays 23rd and 30th of May. The program has enabled the students to gain first-hand experience in the world of work through completing a series of insight activities whilst engaging with employers from the mining industry.







Yakult Factory Excursion

On Friday the 18th of May, the year 12 Business Management, Year 11 and 12 Food Technology and International Program students attended an excursion to the Yakult factory in Dandenong. The students were able to see first-hand how sustainable business models are applied in practice throughout the tour.

The students were able to learn about quality control and the sterilisation process as well as how Yakult is produced, including the companies' high standards of quality control, commitment to corporate social responsibility, and environmental standards.

The students were also able to try a bottle of Yakult themselves before the end of the tour.







Inspiring Health Camp

A group of Year 11/12 students who are thinking about a pathway into health, attended a 3 day "Inspiring Health Camp" facilitated by the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN and supported by health professionals in our local area. The students engaged in an industry tour spread over

2 weeks and gained meaningful exposure that was aimed to keep their vision focused on pursuing a career in Health.

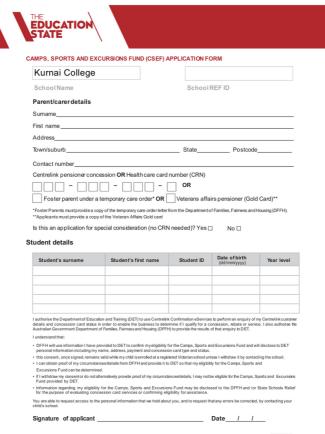






Important School Information

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.



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

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

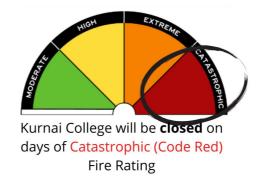
Lowanna College

Monday 21st August, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Topic: Pornography

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CymoaHIfTzieEtYpz-B_BQ

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.

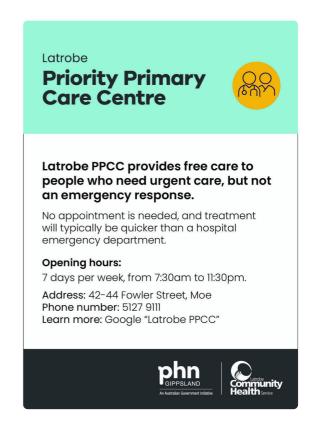


Community News

Interchange Gippsland Roadies



Latrobe Community Health



Latrobe City

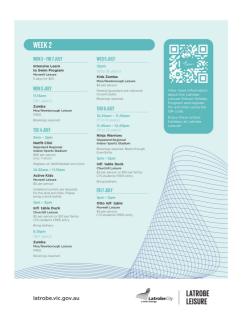




Latrobe City Leisure

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN





Creative Latrobe





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 confident and empowered in their parenting journey. A community that supports one another thrives.

"Olivia's Place supported me emotionally and via material items that I needed for Noah. I am beyond Thankful for my support worker, Pan and the other staff, Olivia's Place has impacted my life in the but muse mostiff. I always Commend with



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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