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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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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



We've had a fantastic few weeks at Morwell Campus in recent weeks.

Our most recent reporting cycle saw incredible results in our Learning Behaviour Updates. We are proud to celebrate more than 30 students achieving perfect 4.0 scores and to recognise the best results for this time of year in several years. This is a testament to the efforts students are making in the classroom. It is always a challenge to maintain this towards the end of term as students get more tired. Please continue to give positive encouragement and ensure that whenever your child receives a KPA from their teachers that you pass that on. If you received a letter indicating positive growth, this is no small feat and should be recognised at home as well as at school. On the other hand, if you have received a letter indicating that your child has had some concerning results, please ensure that you contact their Team Leader to make a time to discuss how we can work together to help achieve the best results possible in the future. Every student can achieve positive learning behaviour results; they do not reflect academic ability, only the willingness to work to do better.

It was fantastic to see the celebration of Reconciliation Week across the campus last week.

Thanks to the families of our Koorie students who joined us for our celebration lunch – it is always good to connect when we have an opportunity. Our classes have been learning about the importance of Reconciliation Week and building their understanding of the events

that have brought it about including the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo Decision. Our College is often recognised for our efforts towards supporting all students and our work in advancing reconciliation is pivotal in this. When you next have the opportunity to come into the school, we invite you to see the new language signage around some of our rooms, our acknowledgement plaque mounted at the entry to reception and some of the amazing art work that is displayed around the school. We look forward to our NAIDOC celebrations across the College early in Term 3.

This week I really enjoyed seeing our Economics class put on a marketplace for students at lunchtime. The efforts that students put in to developing their stalls demonstrated high levels of engagement in their learning and the benefits were reaped by stallholders and patrons alike. Linking practical experiences like this with the classroom helps to solidify the concepts being taught and encourages students to think about how they might apply their learning to their own lives and futures. For our Year 10 students, this might link more closely to their careers and work experience studies and experiences that have already occurred this year.

I hope you enjoy the forthcoming long weekend and have an opportunity to enjoy some time as a family in a warm space. I'm looking forward to a really positive remainder of term when we come back on Tuesday!



Calendar Of Events

Key Dates

Term 2 2024	
Monday 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11-Friday 14th June	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
Monday 17 June	Morwell & Churchill Campus Assessment Day
	No scheduled classes
Tuesday 18 June	University Campus Assessment Day
	No scheduled classes (GAT)
Friday 28 June	Last day of Term 2

Student Free days 2024

The following days have been approved by the college council to be our allocated student free days for the remainder of this year.

- Monday, 15 July 2024
- Friday, 30 August 2024
- Friday, 22 November 2024

College Key Contacts

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



Year 7 & 8 News







As the semester draws to a close, the 7/8 team is pleased to say students in Year 7 and 8 have had a successful term. We hope everyone has a restful holiday when it arrives.

Camps

Year 7 Camp

Over 80 of our Year 7 students will leave for Camp Coolamatong on the 11th of June, arriving back at approximately 2:30 on the 14th of June. Consents for this camp are now closed. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is important that we have all students participate in this camp, and encourage students to have fun, try new things and practice their resilience, the theme of the camp. For any last minute questions or concerns regarding Year 7 Camp, please contact Assistant Team Leader Sarah Lewis.

Year 8 Camp

Year 8 Camp planning is underway, with consent live on Compass. 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.

For any questions or concerns regarding Year 8 Camp, please contact Assistant Team Leader Anna McGregor.

Around the Classes

Physical Education

In PE, Year 8 students are developing their netball skills. Students are focusing on the three passes in netball; bounce, chest and shoulder.

Maths

In Maths, Year 8 students are studying angles; including complementary and supplementary and the three types of triangles; scalene, isosceles and equilateral.

English

My favourite subject is English. I love it because I have a great teacher (Miss Lewis) who helps me when I need it and always makes it easy to understand. I also think English is fun and easy enough for me to do, we learn a different variety of things like persuasive pieces, and how to do scaffolds. It's just overall my favourite subject, it's really fun and easy!

-Syanna Schmitz 7C

Textiles

My favourite class at the moment is textiles because I learn how to stitch and I do some stitching and I find that easy. It's kind of like an art and I can make little projects.

-Wendy Weston, 7C

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

7A	414
7B	127
7C	146
7D	136
7E	259

Form Group	KPAs
8A	146
8B	173
8C	91
8D	82
8E	109

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 Leaders, Sarah Lewis and Anna McGregor, so that we can support your child to have the best educational experience possible in their early secondary school years.



Year 9 News



As the final weeks of Semester 1 draw closer, I would like to congratulate each student for the efforts they have put in across the Semester and take a well-deserved break when the holidays arrive. As the colder whether hits sickness comes more prevalent within our school community, if your child is absent due to sickness (or any other reason) please contact Kurnai's absence hotline on 5132 3711 or contact Ross Johnson directly via Compass.

Year 9 Team

Ross Johnson: Year 9 Team Leader

Karen Anders: Learning Specialist & English/Humanities Teacher

Shawn Jordan: Art Teacher

Jesse Berryman - Lambert: Digital Technologies Teacher

Mark Heiberg: Maths Teacher

Nia Whitney: Humanities & Science Teacher

Megan Schwarzenberg: Advocate & Cooking Teacher

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

As previous years we will be continuing the use of Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements (KPA's), it has been fantastic to see students settling back into the Kurnai Learning Community and being acknowledged for their efforts within the classroom.

KPA Data Term 2 Week 1-6

9A-897

9B-292

9C-360

9D-307

Top Ten KPA Receivers Term 2 Week 1/6

Derek MITCHELL	59
Sarah HILL	53
Chelsey BINAISSE	47
Liam STEWART	47
Annabel GEORGE	46
Cody BOYS	42
Elisha PRICE	42
Zoltina RICHARDS	42
Madison CHURCHILL	41
Kacie DIJAMCO	40

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.



Learning Behaviour Updates

Learning Behaviour Updates were released recently and it fantastic to see the growth of many students. As a parent/carer LBU's can provide an opportunity for you to set goals with your child to support and further their education.

Year 9 Melbourne Discovery 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. There are still a couple of spots left for the camp, if you would like your child to attend, please contact

Ross Johnson directly.

Morrisby Interviews

In Term 2, Year 9 students get the incredible opportunity to complete a Morrisby pro ling session. My Career Insights (Morrisby) is a program for all Year 9 students in government secondary schools. This program will help your Year 9 child to:

- · Learn about what skills and abilities they could bring to a job.
- Find out about what jobs match their abilities, interests and personality, and the subjects they need for those jobs. As part of the program, your child will:
- Complete a series of online questions and quizzes (on the Morrisby Pro le website) at school.
- Receive a Morrisby Pro le Report showing the results from the questions and quizzes, and possible jobs that match their abilities, interests, and personality.
- Have a 30-minute meeting with a Morrisby-trained Career Practitioner, who will explain the report to your child. Here's a link to video https://youtu.be/8kZp4w69S2w

Semester One 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.

Uniform

As the weather gets colder it is important that students are wearing the appropriate uniform such as:

Kurnai logoed hoodie or puffer jacket.

Navy blue or white long sleeved undershirts.

Navy blue pants/shorts.

If you student does not have the correct uniform or needs assistance with uniform, please contact a member of the Year 9 Team.

Around the classrooms



HPV:

Recently the team headed to Casey Fields for their first track day of 2024. For many of us it was the first time we have been able to ride for a long duration. Whilst the day was challenging, we believe we are better prepared mentally and physically for the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough.

Project Time Evening

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend Morwell's Year 9 Project Time class presentation evening, where you will have the opportunity to view what students have been working on in class.

When: Thursday 13 June, 5.00 - 6.30pm
Where: Morwell Campus - Auditorium



Contact Details

If you have any concerns regarding Year 9 students, please don't hesitate to email me of phone me on 5165 0600 or Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au



Year 10 News



Over the past few weeks, all Year 10 students have had talks from both the Year 11 VCE co-ordinator and the Leader of the VM program. For the rest of this term students will be researching which program they are interested in being involved in for Year 11 2025. Welcome back to Miss Treloar.

Team Members

Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack)
Alana Andrews (Mylns Specialist, Tr@k Co-ordinator, English)
Stacey Miller (English, Humanities)
Marg Tomnay (Science, Animal Studies, CSI, Astronomy)
Tyron Forscutt (Sport Co-ordinator, PE, Maths)
Mark Johnston (Technology, OHS rep)
Sandie Treloar (Auslan, Humanities, Homework Club)

Oliver Clark (English, Humanities and Homework Club)

Camp

This year our Year 10 students can go to Tasmania in the second last week of term three. Information about the camp and sign up are now on Compass. The camp list will be the first 25 from each campus signed up on Compass with their deposit paid. Churchill have more than 25 signed up now.

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 to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5 as well as growth reports.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday August 7th	Parent Information night at the Uni Campus for 2025
Wednesday August 21st	Course Counselling at Morwell Campus
September 9th – 13th	Tasmania Camp

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 e-mail us or phone on 51650600 sheryl.tangi@education.vic.gov.au



College News

🏃 Kurnai Aspiring Athlete Program 🟋

Kurnai College understands the importance of providing students with a fulfilling and challenging education that allows young student athletes to develop their sporting talent, while building confidence, communication and leadership skills.

Kurnai College, in partnership with the Gippsland Academy of Sport, aims to increase opportunities for identified students to engage in a tailored strength and conditioning program that supports young athletes in their pursuit of sporting excellence.

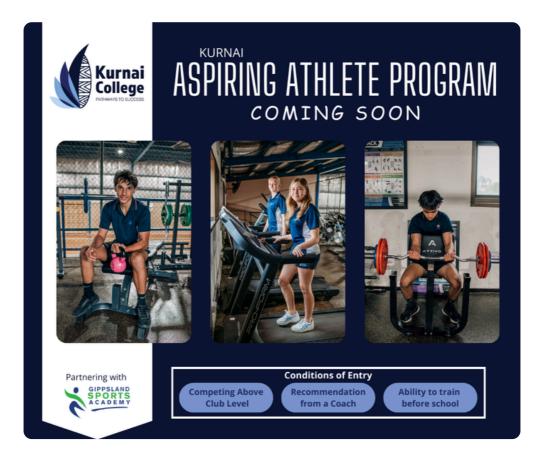
Students in the program will be exposed to;

- Regular Strength & Conditioning classes
- Fitness Testing & Goal Setting
- · Sports Nutrition sessions ran by a sports nutritionist
- Sports Psychology sessions ran by a sports psychologist
- Opportunities to engage in additional training sessions throughout the term with College P.E staff
- Training with a group of students with high levels of sporting ability
- Pathways to additional qualifications in Sport and Fitness industry
- Additional Leadership opportunities

Aspiring athletes will develop personal skills in-line with our Kurnai Pillars of Work Ethic, Engagement, Relationships and Excellence whilst also developing their individual fitness and skills required to continue to take their performance to the next level of their chosen sport.

Expressions of interest are now open

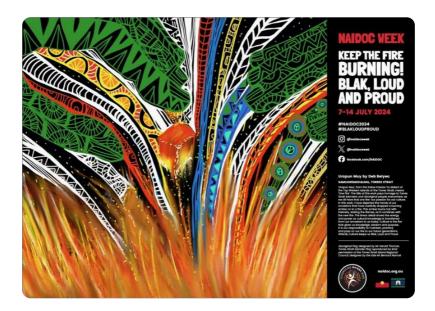
For more information please contact Jeff Derkacs (Morwell Campus) or Reece Malcolmson (Churchill Campus)Kurnai Aspiring Athlete Program 🖫



NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee) occurs annually in July, and celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

With the official week falling in the school holidays, Kurnai College will be celebrating NAIDOC 22 - 26 July. Our major event will be held at the University Campus on Thursday 25 July, with additional celebrations held at our other campuses throughout the week.



Reconciliation Week - 2024 Now More Than



To commemorate Reconciliation
Week, our University Campus hosted a
campfire conversation evening last
week. Students, their families and
special guests Aunty Christine and
Uncle Laurie made the night a great
success, filled with heartfelt

storytelling and the joy of community coming together.











Reconciliation Week also saw some staff attend The Secretary's Marrung Awards in Melbourne, which celebrates the unique knowledge and skills that Aboriginal staff and allies bring to the department to create better educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Kurnai proudly congratulates Marina Cooper, our Koorie Student Wellbeing Coordinator, for being a finalist in this year's awards. Marina's nomination recognises her unwavering dedication to fostering a positive learning environment for our Koorie students.

Smoking and vaping ban

All parents, carers and students are reminded of the legislation that within Victoria, a person must not smoke cigarettes, including e-cigarettes/vapes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine) within school premises and within 4

of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence. The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

 anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents or carers or the wider community, such as

- sporting groups
- all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes. Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from the <u>Royal Children's Hospital</u> shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents

You can also view <u>this video</u> on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.



Music News

Our musos did an amazing job on the weekend at the 'Show Me Some Art' Festival held at the Moe Botanical Gardens. It was a great turnout, beautiful weather and our students performed to a very high standard making for a really enjoyable afternoon of live music. A Huge thank you to the staff that attended and supported our kids. Please congratulate our musos on a tremendous job when you see them next week.







Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides funds for eligible students to attend school camps, excursions, sports and outdoor education programs. These payments are made directly to the school and are tied to your student.

Payment amounts for 2024 are:

- \$150 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$250 per year for eligible secondary school students.

2024 applications close on 21 June 2024. Forms can be submitted at your school's office. *Are you eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund?* Those who are eligible to apply for CSEF are:

- families holding a valid means-tested concession card.
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

Full information ca	an be found at <u>http</u>	<u>s://www.vic.gov.au</u>	<u>u/camps-sports-ar</u>	<u>nd-excursions-fund</u>

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our <u>Privacy Policy</u> describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

Mobile Phones in Schools

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

We ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact your Campus Principal if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here.

Parent support: The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.



General Information

2023 Annual Report to the School Community

2024 Student Booklist

VCE Books for Sale Second Hand for 2023-2024



Sustainable School Shop





Buy and Sell

Second-hand Textbooks



- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website - www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College

Second-hand textbook trading system

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate
- · Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- . Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
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 - Like New Excellent
- Musical items
- Very Good Good
- Electronics & DVD's
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Helpful tips

- . Be patient many new items are listed each day
- . Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- . Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- . Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- . Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities

Uniform Information

Kurnai College Uniform Statement Years 7 to 10

School Uniforms are available from Lowes Store, Mid Valley Shopping Centre, Morwell or may be ordered online at:

www.lowes.com.au

Layby & Pre-Layby options are available.

ALL SEASONS UNIFORM

DRESS: Summer Dress SKIRT:

College Check and Pleated

POLO: Burgundy/Navy Short Sleeve - Logo

SHORTS: Navy Microfibre

HOODIE: Navy/Sky - Logo

JACKET: Showerproof - Logo

JACKET: Navy Puffer Jacket

SOCKS: Navy Ankle

TIGHTS: Navy Opaques

CAP: Navy baseball cap

SPORT UNIFORM (Compulsory – only to be worn for Sport/PE)

POLO: Navy/White Coolmesh – Logo

SHORTS: Navy Coolmesh

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

 Please note we are transitioning to the new Kurnai logo on uniform items. This will be a gradual transition as current logo stock is exhausted. Students can continue to wear uniform items with the old logo.

Footwear

Black shoes with black laces.

White socks with summer dress or shorts.

No thongs, sandals, slides or open shoes are to be worn.

Steel cap boots will only be worn and allowed for the duration of specific technology classes.

^{**} Plain Navy Blue or White long sleeve t-shirts are allowed to be worn under the College Polo Shirt.

Headwear

Navy blue baseball cap with college logo, or navy blue broad-brimmed hat or any navy blue cap/hat, without a brand name/logo.

Sport and PE classes

Students are required to change for Sport and PE classes.

Jewellery

Jewellery should be safe and discreet. Students may be asked to remove or use tape to cover jewellery during sport classes to prevent injury.

Make-up

Make-up is permitted but should be discreet.

Code Red Fire Danger

Kurnai College Morwell Campus is no longer on the Bushfire At-Risk Register Category 4 List



School Preparations for the Bushfire Season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities. The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Kurnai College Morwell Campus is no longer listed on the BARR and Category 4 list. We will no longer close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in the West and South Gippsland

What does this mean for our school?

Our Morwell Campus is no longer identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and will be operating a normal school day and students are required to attend school.



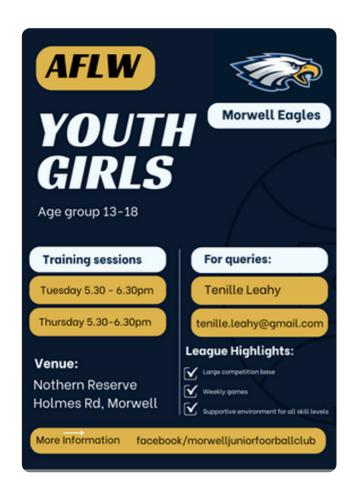
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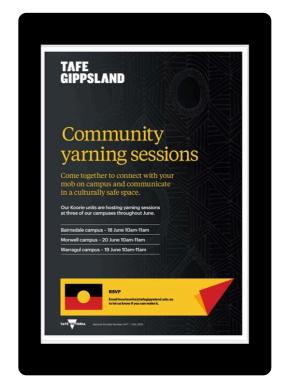














Young carers, it's time for some fun!

Free event at Wyncity

Are you a young carer living in the Latrobe Valley or Baw Baw? If you are 12-18 years old and care for someone with a disability, a medical condition, chronic or mental illness or someone frail due to age, our carer events are for you.

nts are about taking some time off, having a good bung carers. Join us for some bowling, laser tag, m an afternoon snack and drink, and much more!



ations to carer programs call 1800 242 696 (option 5) more call Tania (Baw Baw) 0428 345 025 or Leanne (La









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