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Morwell Campus Newsletter

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Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence

Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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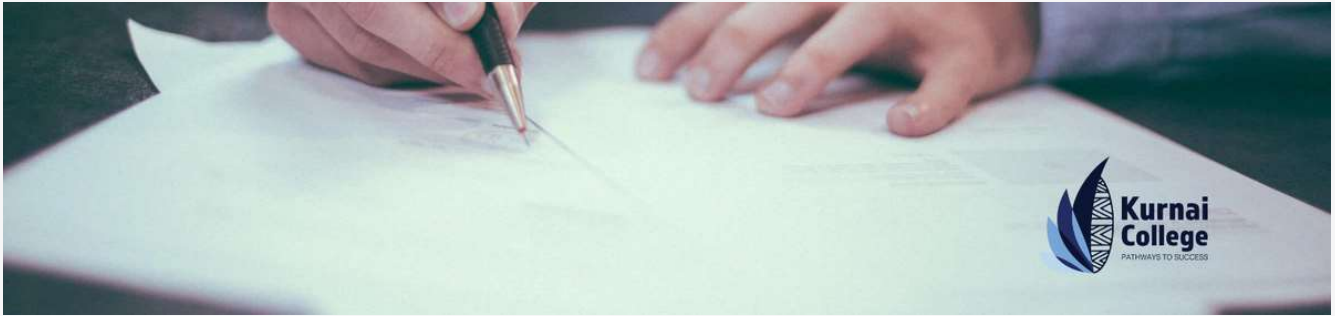
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Message from our Campus Principal



The Department of Education is having a renewed push on the expectations that no mobile phone be allowed for students in government schools during school hours.

This is timely, and we have certainly noticed students attempting to use phones more and more often.

We have, therefore, put in place some new structures to help parents understand and support the school in managing mobile phones during school hours.

Starting this week, when a student's mobile phone is confiscated at school, an SMS will be sent home indicating this has happened. After the third time, a different SMS will be sent indicating that the phone will be available for the parent or carer to pick up from the school. In this circumstance, the phone will only be returned to the parent and not to the student. Please reinforce these expectations with your child. If you have any questions about the process, don't hesitate to contact me to discuss them.



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Year 7 & 8 News



Positive Start Camps

We have been lucky enough to offer all Year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to attend a free, week-long camp this year through the Positive Start Camp Program. Each camp was selected, organised and run by our student leaders. The camps were designed to give students an opportunity to engage in life experiences that they may have missed over the last couple of years. On the Year 8 Mill Valley Ranch Camp,

students participated in trail rides, crate climbing, archery, mountain bike riding plus many more adventures.

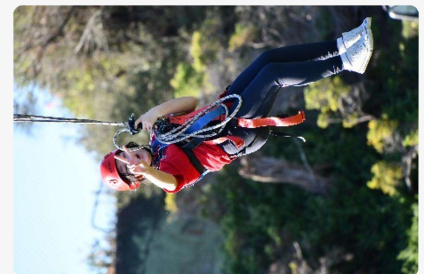
At the Year 7 camp at Portsea, students were able to experience flying fox, high-ropes, giant swing, beach activities as well as work on their resilience and communication skills.

Both camps were an enormous success, and I would like the opportunity to thank our student leaders for all their hard work in the organising of these camps.

Year 7: Chelsea Parr, Zoltina Richards, Isabella Laming and Ben Carrigy.

Year 8: Liam Duncan, Harmonie Seddon, Riley Robins and Jai Osman

I would also like to thank, on behalf of the students, all the staff that went along to the camps to help make them run.



Year 7 and 8 KPAs

(Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

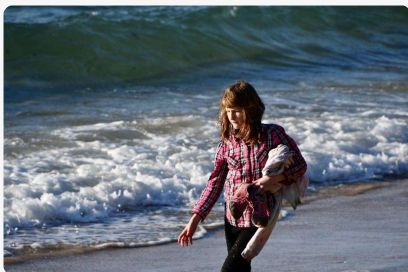
Year 7 and 8 Students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record setting achievements for positive green write-ups on Compass. I would like to recognise the number of positives both year levels have achieved across this year and ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a positive KPA from their teachers. Year level leaders have also set goals around our KPA data, with both Year 7 and 8 student leaders pushing their peers to a high level of achievement with both year levels setting a high target of over 2500 KPA positive write ups. It's great to see both year levels on track to meet these goals.

07A	867
07B	332
07C	324
07D	355
08A	605
08B	304
08C	543
08D	567



Year 8 Camp

With Year 8 Camp planning underway, we need the permission forms back as soon as possible and again I would like to take this opportunity to highlight this trip as an important adventure for our students. We will be working with every family to try and ensure 100% attendance at the camp. If you are concerned or expect to face financial difficulties with this camp, please contact us to discuss how we can support you. Please note: camps will be processed under the Department of Education camps and excursions rules and regulations and are subject to approval and Covid19 restrictions. We will keep in constant communication and have contingency plans in place.



Attendance

With all the interruptions start to our schooling year, it is important to continue tracking our goals of attendance. We know that attendance is one of the key factors to success at school. At Kurnai College we would like all students to aim at 95+% attendance. This is so they can get the most out of

their time at school. If you are having trouble with getting your son or daughter to school, please do not hesitate to contact me for support.

1 day a fortnight missed = 20 days a year = 4 weeks a year =

Over 1.5 years of missed learning (P-12)

1 day a week missed = 40 days a year = 8 weeks a year =

Over 2.5 years of missed learning (P-12)

2 days a week missed = 80 days a year = 16 weeks a year = Over 5 years of missed

learning (P-12)

3 days a week = 120 days a year = 24 weeks a year =

Nearly 8 years of missed learning (P-12)



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Year 9 News



Melbourne Discovery Camp

Week 3 of this term saw Forty Year 9 students from the Morwell Campus recently embarked on their three-day Melbourne Discovery Camp. After travelling down on the V-Line train to Melbourne, the students arrived at Southern Cross Station. The students headed straight to O'Brien Icehouse over on the

Docklands where they partook in a 30-minute introductory skating and then had an hour of free skating time to refine and show off their skills. Walking down to Southbank the students had their lunch before making their way and settling into their accommodation at Urban Camp. Up bright and early the students set out for another action packed day. Heading to the Melbourne Aquarium for their first stop of the day, the students embarked on a self-guided tour which allowed them to visit the different marine exhibits at their own pace. A river cruise up the Yarra River took them to Scienceworks where the students explored the Sportworks and Think Ahead

exhibitions before travelling back along the river and then taking the tram back to their accommodation for dinner. Setting out for a guided night tour the students got to experience the zoo in the dark. For their final day in Melbourne the students visited the southern hemisphere's highest observation deck, the Melbourne Skydeck. Taking in the city views from nearly 300 metres high some students even braved going out on the Edge which is a transparent glass cube that projects out from Melbourne Skydeck, leaving them suspended nearly 300 metres above the streets of Melbourne. In the afternoon, the students visited ArtVo, an immersive art gallery that currently features a fantasy

theme, allowing the students to explore and interact with the ocean, polar ice caps, space and the forest exhibits. The students departed Melbourne on a VLine Bus back to make their journey back to the valley.



HPV Casey Excursion

Preparations for this years Energy Breakthrough are in full swing with the Year 9 HPV class spending Friday 5th August out on Casey Fields Racetrack.

Students worked in 4 teams to complete a combined 780 laps of the 600m circuit, equating to 468km. The rides faced some tough conditions whilst honing their skills in the trikes and demonstrated Kurnai's 4 pillars throughout the day. Students will continue to build on their knowledge and riding

capabilities on another practice day on Friday 25th August.



PBS

Kurnai Positive

Acknowledgement data from Weeks 1-5 Term 3

9A- 273

9B- 255

9C-243

9D- 230

Total = 1001! This is a fantastic effort and students should be proud of their achievements.

Expectations

Students were reminded during their year level assembly of day-to-day expectations such as:

- Being on time to class
- Actively engaging with all learning tasks and set work

- Bring required equipment to class: pens, books, worksheets, device with a charger.
- Correct uniform

Learning Behaviour Updates

August Learning Behaviour Updates are now live on Compass. I encourage you to sit down with your student and discuss their report.

Upcoming Excursions

Friday 26th August – HPV

Casey

SEPEP Ten Pin Bowling – Every

Tuesday during scheduled

SEPEP lessons, starting from 16/8

Contact Details

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



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Year 10 News



Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students who achieved a GPA result above 3.5!

Well done to all the students who have an attendance of above 90% and great work to those who have increased their GPA results recently.

Term 3 Course Counselling

Welcome to a very busy term. Last Friday, the Year 10 students went to a Subject information Day at the Uni Campus where they learnt

about all the subjects that are on offer for 2023.

Tonight 17th August, all Year 10 students will be asked to choose which course they would like to participate in for Year 11. This information will then be used to create the timetable for the Uni Campus.

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack), Jessica Qu (Science, Life Skills and PBS Leader), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Heiberg (Maths, Numerack and Humanities) and Cassie Keevers (English and

Humanities) and Denise Cairnduff (English and Health/PE).

Camp

At the moment, there may be a Year 10 Camp to Melbourne in week 3 of Term 4. More details to come out soon.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 17th	All Year 10 students and a Parent or Guardian, need to attend a Course Counselling session between 1:30 pm and 6 pm.
September 15th	Last day for students for the term.

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



Calendar Of Events

TERM 3	
Friday 26th August	Wellington Interschool Athletics
Friday 26th August	HPV Training at Casey Fields
Wednesday 31st August	Latrobe Valley Eistedfod
Thursday 8th September	Junior Wellington Interschool Basketball
Friday 16th September	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4	
Monday 3rd October	Term 4 Commences
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October	Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp
Friday 16th December	College Awards



School News

EVERY DAY COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses just ...	that equals ...	which is ...	and so, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
1 day a fortnight (90% attendance)	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 day a week (80% attendance)	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week (60% attendance)	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week (40% attendance)	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning





Community News

22-28 AUGUST 2022

AUSTRALIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

Book your tickets for the 27th and 28th August today!

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RAHNI SAMASON

The inaugural Australian Netball Championships will land in Traralgon between August 22 - 28, launching a new-look pathway competition for emerging national talent.

The championships will be fought out between 10 teams from state and territory Member Organisations and Suncorp Super Netball League clubs and replaces the former Australian Netball League.

Latrobe City Council in partnership with the Collingwood Magpies will host the tournament-style event at the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium in Traralgon.



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Matilda


THE MUSICAL

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Dennis Kelly

9 September 7pm
10 September 1pm & 7pm


Music & Lyrics
Tim Minchin

Grey St Campus Stadium - 154-184 Grey Street Traralgon



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