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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.***

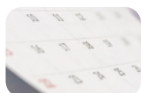
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# Message from our Campus Principal



## Term 3

### **SCHOOL REVIEW**

This week, our school has begun its four-yearly review of our Strategic Plan. This is a rigorous process that sees independent reviewers from outside the College investigate our work. The Reviewer has been talking with students, parents and staff, observing teaching taking place and looking over our data to identify our successes and help us establish the goals for the school to focus on for improvement. We look forward to hearing the conclusions of the Review Panel and sharing our new goals with you all as we continue to drive Kurnai College forward positively and further enhance the great work that has been done here in the last plan cycle.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS**

Parent Teacher (and student) Conversations are scheduled to operate on the last two days of term. This is a really important part of the partnership between schools and families and we strongly encourage you to participate. We will be scheduling appointment times slightly longer (10 minutes each) to enable you to have a greater opportunity to explore your child's

successes in depth. We strongly encourage the participation of students in this process; they should be present to take responsibility for their successes and help develop plans to address any concerns in their learning. Please bring them along. School will finish at normal time on Thursday, 14th September, but we are not operating any classes on the Friday, 15th September to enable the conversations to take place.

### **STUDENT FREE DAY – 4th SEPTEMBER**

We have one of our scheduled student free days on 4th September for staff to undertake professional learning. This day will be spent on our ongoing learning and implementation of the Berry Street Education Model which aligns us better with our feeder primary schools and helps us to support the needs of our students to engage with learning more readily every day. Staff will be engaging with this off-site and so our school site will be closed.

### **YEAR 10 CAMP**

4th September is also the date our Year 10 Camp leaves for Tasmania. This is a big trip and we wish them well. While this camp is out, classes will continue from Tuesday to Friday for all Year 10s not participating. Please ensure that if your child is not on camp that they are attending school.

### **Mr Dan Swallow**

Morwell Campus Principal



# Calendar Of Events

## Key Dates

Mon 31 Aug - Thurs 14 Sep	7A All & Year 7 & 8 Weekly Boys Swimming
Wed 2 Aug	2024 Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
Wed 16 Aug	Year 10 Subject Information Day
Mon 4 Sep	Student Free Day
Mon 4 - Fri 8 Sep	Year 10 Tour of Tasmania
Thu 14 Sep	Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30 - 7.00 pm
Fri 15 Sep	Parent Teacher Conversations 10.00 am - 1.00 pm Student Free Day
Fri 15 Sep	Last Day of Term 3

<b>Term 4</b>	
Mon 2 Oct	Term 4 Commences
Mon 9 Oct - Fri 1 Dec	Year 7 & 8 Weekly Girls Swimming
Tue 17 Oct	Kurnai's Got Talent Grand Final
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



The last few weeks within the 7/8 cohort has been jam-packed with activities and learning, with students commencing their Common Assessment Tasks across their classes. It has been fantastic to see a positive buzz around the place.

### Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent Teacher Conversations will open for bookings next week. I would like to encourage all parents and carers to attend these with their child. Involving students, parents and care givers is an important part of having students take ownership for their success and be a part of solutions for any issues or areas for improvement in the future. At Year 7 and 8, holding

these conversations helps put into perspective how your child is settling into high-school and helps support growth into the following year.

## Learning Tasks and CATs

Students have now completed their learning tasks and results will appear on compass shortly. It is important to view and engage with these results, as they report achievement and provide areas for improvement tied to skills within each subject. Learning Tasks and CATs are also a talking point during Parent Teacher Conversations. Learning Tasks and CATs are designed to monitor student growth and success and should be a positive experience, with students walking away feeling a level of success and accomplishment, however CAT weeks can still be stressful for some students. To combat fatigue and possible stress around CATs, staff are still using Berry Street strategies such as brain breaks and clear routines within our classrooms to support students in managing assessment times.

## Kurnai Band

Over the course of Term 3, the Kurnai Band, which includes many students in Year 7 and 8, have been performing at local primary schools.

‘For the last couple of weeks, the Kurnai band has been visiting primary schools and performing songs. We went to Churchill North, Boolarra Primary, Morwell Central, Morwell Park, Yinnar, and Churchill Primary. We had lots of fun performing, singing, dancing and danced and made music with the audience. We performed many songs including Epic Battle, performed by the concert band, Dance Monkey and more performed by the after-school band, and we had Snares Ahead by the drum ensemble, we also had the Kurnai Shuffle by the guitar ensemble. We all had fun performing and interacting with the kids. My favourite part was being able to inspire others to learn an instrument and to be able to make kid’s days. This was a wonderful experience for everyone.’

- Kara Phillips, Y7

‘Recently the band has been going around to primary schools and performing lots of songs. We started with Churchill primary and Boolarra. It was great interacting with the kids and teachers singing and dancing.’

- Allie Wilson, Y7

## Year 8 Camp

Year 8 Camp planning is still underway, however we are still waiting on a few more consents to ensure the camp goes ahead. Please discuss with your child whether they would like to attend. The camp will run Week 1 of Term 4 (2nd -6th of October) and will be at Karonda Park, in Glenatipy, and is an exciting camp with a range of activities not many other camps offer including, but not limited to, horse-riding, white-water rafting, indoor rock climbing, and cave tours. As a team, we believe this camp is an important opportunity to further build resilience and relationships within the cohort, especially as they approach their final term in Year 8. If any families have questions about the camp, please contact assistant Team Leader Sarah Lewis via email [sarah.lewis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sarah.lewis@education.vic.gov.au)

## Year 7 & 8 Swimming

This semester, Year 7 and 8s will participate in a compulsory swimming unit for one term at the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre in Traralgon. Consent is already live on compass. It is important that students attend swimming. Activities and skills covered include non-swimmer water confidence, stroke improvement, safe lifesaving practices, and fitness/ fun activities in the aquatic environment. All abilities will be catered for, and swimming instructors will be present.

## Year 7/8 Focus

Every few weeks, the Year 7/8 Team implements foci for Year 7 and 8 students. Over the last few weeks, the focus has been on time and bringing correct equipment to class and respectful interactions.

## Around Year 7/8 Classes

### English

This term in English we've been reading the novel Once which is about a Jewish kid and him finding his parents during the holocaust I find this topic really interesting and I enjoy learning about it.

-Nursahala Rashid, Y7

### Physical Education

This term we have been attending swimming in Traralgon. We do it to keep us safe around water and learn how to swim. We have been doing skills like back stroke and free style.

Sometimes we have free time in the pool

– Lockie Stone, Y7

### Food Technology

My favourite subject at the moment is cooking. We have made brownies and rum balls.

Cooking is fun because you learn how to cook and we have one of the best teachers, Ms Schwarzenberg, teaching us. It is also good because we are mixed with other form groups and friends.

– Mia Bastow, Y8

### Math

A subject I'm enjoying at the moment is math. Right now, we're learning about the cartesian plane and how to read and understand the x and y axis. To help us learn we play battleships.

– Indi Reid, Y8

### Science

My favourite subject right now is science. Right now, we are studying Biology. Lately we have been doing dissection on things like livers, lungs and hearts! It is really fun and enjoyable! –

Ally McGhee, Y8

### VisComm

My favourite subject is Visual Communication, I only have it two hours a week but I really enjoy it. At the moment I am designing a skateboard. I like drawing different designs.

– Amber McGhee, Y8

## KPAs (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements)

In week 5 and 6 of Term 3, Year 7 and 8 students have received 2,269 KPAs. KPAs are a great talking point when speaking to your child about their achievements and how they demonstrate our school pillars. Every single KPA is a positive experience your child is having with staff and is a massive achievement.

FORM GROUP	8A	8B	8C	8D
KPAs	431	357	222	236

FORM GROUP	7A	7B	7C	7D	7E
KPAs	682	254	245	217	372

## Attendance

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 teamwork. Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have: better health better job opportunities 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 3, I would like to congratulate each student for achieving the 4 Pillars of Kurnai College over the term. When the holidays arrive, I hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break and refreshes for the final term of the year.

### Your Year 9 Team

**Ross Johnson:** Year 9 Team Leader

**Denise Cairnduff:** Disability Inclusion Specialist

**Shawn Jordan:** Art Teacher

**Tyron Forscutt:** Health & Physical Education Teacher

**Shannon Heiberg:** Math & Science Teacher

**Nia Whitney:** Humanities Teacher

**Emma Hudson:** Advocate & Drama Teacher

### 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 being acknowledged with KPAs for their positive behaviours in the classroom.

## KPA Data Term 3 Weeks 1-8

**9A** - 1365

**9B** - 853

**9C** - 726

**9D** - 652

## Top 10 KPA receivers for Term 3 Week 1-8

Liam DUNCAN	81
Rhiannon GREEN	78
Jai OSMOND	76
Kai BENNETT	73
Thi Phuong Oanh NGUYEN	73
Wade ANDERSON	73
Parker HILLBRICK	68
George STEVENS	66
Jett CLARKSON	66
Yasin MOHAMMED	66

## 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.



### **Attendance Average per Form Group**

9A - 84%

9B - 72%

9C - 73%

9D – 79%

## **Parent Teacher Conversations**

Bookings for Parent Teacher Conferences are now accessible via Compass. I encourage you all to book in with your child's teachers to discuss their progress over the Semester and set learning goals for Term 4.

## **Morrisby Interviews**

Students will commence Morrisby Interviews in week 10. These interviews will be a blend of onsite and online which will allow students to speak to real life experts in their designated career field.

## **Around the classrooms**

### **HPV**

We are extremely busy in HPV currently with the building of the bikes ready for our final practice session at Casey, painting of our team banners ready for Maryborough and practicing our presentations ready for the Energy Breakthrough.

### **SEPEP**

Throughout Term 3 we have participated in a dodgeball competition where we must partake in different roles each lesson. We have learnt skills associated with Coaches, Umpires, Statisticians, Publicity Officers and The Media.

### **CSI**

During CSI this term we have been working through a booklet considering our CSI teacher is on holiday. This booklet includes collecting and understanding fingerprints, creating a PowerPoint on the JonBenet Ramsey case and designing and recording a podcast on a case of our choosing.

## **Contact Details**

Over the coming weeks I (Ross) will be taking some leave to celebrate the birth of my second child. Erin Gruis will take on the role of Year 9 Team Leader in my absence.

If you have any concerns regarding your Year 9 student, please don't hesitate to email me [Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Ross.Johnson@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au) or Erin [Erin.Gruis@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Erin.Gruis@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au) or via phone on 5165 0600.

**Ross Johnson**

Year 9 Team Leader



## Year 10 News



Congratulations to all of the Year 10 students for completing their Course Counselling recently. We have many students signing up for VCE-VCE and slightly more students signing up for VCE-VM. This week teachers will be completing the latest round of Learning Behaviour up-dates. They will be released next week.

### Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are:

Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack)

Alana Andrews (MyIns Specialist, English)

Angela Thomas (Art and Photography)

Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k)

Ben Kimpton (Maths, Humanities)

Marg Tomnay (Science KLD Leader, Astronomy)

Stacey Miller (English, Humanities)

Serena Yang (Maths, Science)

## Parent Teacher Conversations

Please book an appointment on-line in Compass to catch up with your teachers about your child's progress so far this semester. The conversations take place on Thursday 14th September from 3:30 – 7pm and Friday 15th September 10am to 1 pm. We hope you can attend.

## Camp

The trip to Tasmania starts on Monday 4th September. The students need to be at Morwell Campus at 4:30 am. I know this is a very early start. The students will be flying over to Hobart at 10:40 am and touring the City, Salamanca Place etc. They will visit Port Arthur, Richmond, Coles Bay Cataract Gorge and Devonport. They will sail overnight back to Geelong on the Spirit of Tasmania on Thursday night. Enjoy the trip.

## 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

September 4th – 8th	Tasmania Camp (now full)
Monday 4th September	Student FREE Day due to Staff PD
Thursday September 14th	Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations 3 – 7 pm.



Friday September 15th	Parent-Teacher-Student Conversations 10 am – 1 pm
Friday 15th September	Student Free Day

## 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

[tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Sheryl Tangi**

Year 10 Team Leader



# College News

## Message from the College Principal



*Matt Jobling*

**Acting College Principal**

## College Review

All public schools in Victoria have a four-year strategic plan and we are currently undergoing our school review which takes place at the end of one plan and helps to inform the direction of the next plan. Our reviewer is Rob Miller who is appointed by the Department of Education to lead the review and prepare a report that can inform the development of strategic goals for the school to work toward over the next four years. Forming part of the review team are challenge partners who on this occasion are three Principals of other secondary schools, our senior education improvement leader, and our regional director.

The review team have met with the college Principal team and discussed our pre-review self-evaluation and have begun field days where they observe a range of classes across all

campuses and speak with focus groups of students, staff, and parents. There are numerous student and staff groups that cover the range of year levels, programs, supports, and levels of leadership that are running over three field days. We are also holding a number of parent focus groups across the college.

I would like to extend a big thanks to all the parents who have been able to meet with the review team and share their feedback on what we are doing well and where we could improve. We have our final field day on Tuesday and then convene at the end of the term to receive the final report and develop goals for our next strategic plan.

This is an important part of our operations to ensure we are continually focused on getting better and providing our students the best education possible and we are grateful to everyone who is having input into the review.

## Music News



### **Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod:**

Congratulations to all our musicians from across the College who participated in the 'Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod' over the past fortnight. The event provided the opportunity for our students to develop connections and interact with other musicians from across Gippsland. We are very proud of you all, Well done!

### **Eisteddfod Results:**

Thursday 10th August

**Section 539:** Secondary Instrumental Ensemble - Kurnai College 1st Place

**Section 545:** Open Jazz/Improvisation Stage Band - Kurnai College 2nd Place

Sunday 20th August

**Section 421:** Secondary Students Piano Solo - Hayden S, 1st Place.



### Primary Schools Music Tour:

Music students from across three campuses of Kurnai College have joined forces to entertain and delight audiences over the past fortnight. Our students have performed throughout the Latrobe Valley area including Boolarra, Yinnar, Churchill, Churchill North, Morwell Central & Morwell Park primary schools. Each performance was met with tremendous applause as the primary school students sang and danced along. The school visits are designed to provide students with the opportunity to see, try and hear a wide variety of musical instruments during engaging and fun filled performances. It is a fantastic opportunity to establish connections with the local community through music; with the primary school visits a clear highlight of our calendar. Kurnai College staff and students would like to thank the local community for welcoming us with enthusiasm.







### **Monash Medical Orchestra 'Music for the Valley'**

This year for the first time we are very excited to be collaborating with the Monash Medical Orchestra. Kurnai Alumni and current staff and students will join forces with the orchestra as a part of the 'Music for the Valley' performance. During the term we visited Monash University in Clayton to rehearse with the orchestra and to fine tune our repertoire in preparation for the musical performance on **Saturday 16th of September**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff and students to be involved in and we are very much looking forward to performing and our collaboration continuing into the future!

### **Kurnai's Got Talent:**

Auditions have taken place across the College throughout the term. Our contestants are now refining their performance repertoire in preparation for the Kurnai Got Talent Grand Final which will be held on **Tuesday, 17th October from 6-8PM** at the Kurnai Morwell Campus Performing Arts Centre. All are very welcome to attend.

### **The Kurnai Choir:**

All students from all campuses have the opportunity to participate in the Kurnai Choir. Choir rehearsals are held weekly during lunchtimes at each campus. Rehearsals have been well attended and a great opportunity for students to learn to sing with friends in a fun and inclusive environment. All students are welcome to join - for more information contact Mrs Sims.

## **Sports News**

# 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

## **Information for Carers Regarding Assessment Exit Points**

As part of our new Continuous Online Reporting, carers are now receiving information about “Exit Points”.

Most students in Years 7 – 10 undertake a Common Assessment Task (CAT) at the level expected at that time of year, for example, in Year 7, Semester 1, CATs are aimed at 6.5 on the Victorian Curriculum Standards. Some students will undertake a modified assessment that is appropriate to their current level.

The Exits are:

Exit	Description
Emerging Skills	With teacher support, the student has been introduced to skills that are needed to work within the appropriate level of curriculum.
Working Towards the First Level of Complexity	With teacher support, the student can demonstrate skills that are needed to work within the appropriate level of curriculum.
At the First Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum.
At the Second Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum and can apply them.
At the Third Level of Complexity within the Standard	The student can demonstrate sound knowledge and skills at the appropriate level of curriculum and is able apply these at a high level.

## So your kid's LGBTQIA+ Presentation and Discussion



# So, your kid's LGBTQIA+?

## PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

**THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER  
12.00 - 1.30 PM**

**CORNER OF COMMERCIAL ROAD AND CHAPEL STREET**

Topics include:

Suggestions for support

Gender Dysphoria

LGBTQIA+ Terms and Pronouns

Self-harm and keeping young people safe

RSVP - [jojo.naughton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jojo.naughton@education.vic.gov.au)

Catering provided





# Important School Information

## 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](http://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.

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

***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.

***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.



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**AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**INSTORE & ONLINE**

\*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

The poster features three images of children in school uniforms. The first image shows two girls standing together. The second image shows a girl holding a sign that reads: "DON'T HAVE A ZERO OR REWARDS CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS." The third image shows three boys sitting on a bench. In the top right corner, there are images of a 'zero' rewards card and a 'LOWES REWARDS CLUB' card.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**



Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey. Information on completing the survey has been emailed to those families.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey is conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Please contact your campus office if you would like more information.

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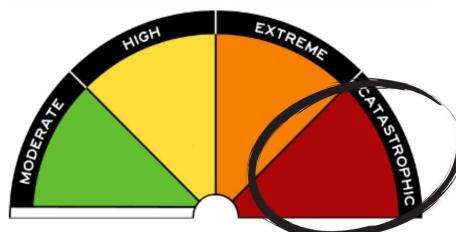
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## Code Red Fire Danger



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

## Morwell Junior Cricket

- First cricket session is on Tuesday September 5 from 4.30pm at Keegan Street Reserve, Keegan St, Morwell .
- Under 10s, under 12s, under 14s, under 16s .
- First games are in Mid October.
- Under 10s play on Tuesday nights – softer type ball used for beginners.
- Under 12s play on Mondays.
- Under 14s play on Wednesdays.
- Under 16s play some Fridays and Sundays.
- Encouragement for all.
- Inclusive, Family Orientated, Fun Environment, Positive Supportive Coaching
- No Cost fees for the season - All Equipment, Free Cap, Shirt Supplied .

For more information call Mark Smith on 0438 870 790 or email [mdsmith72@bigpond.com](mailto:mdsmith72@bigpond.com)  
or via Facebook [www.facebook.com/MorwellCricketClub](https://www.facebook.com/MorwellCricketClub)

Click on the below QR Code to Register today!



# Bringing Up Great Kids in KINSHIP CARE

A mindful, reflective and respectful program with a focus on building loving and nurturing relationships between carers and the children in their care.

The Bringing Up Great Kids in Kinship Care program supports carers to:

- Learn more about the origins of your parenting style and how to adapt to Kinship care;
- Understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- Learn more about brain development in children and the influence of developmental trauma;
- Discover ways for you to take care of yourself and to find support when needed
- Develop strategies to manage your parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on your time and role.

Come along to these 6 sessions to learn more about caring for children under Kinship Care Arrangements

**Dates & Time:**  
Every Wednesday for 6 weeks starting 9<sup>th</sup> of August through to the 13<sup>th</sup> of September from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

**Venue:**  
Morwell Bowling Club  
52 Hazelwood Road, Morwell 3840

**Contact:**  
Anita on 1300 010 838 or email [kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au)

To register please contact Anita, use the QR code or click on the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/6PPbZ4FDkZ>





## Counselling services

Counselling involves talking in a safe and supportive space about any difficulties or challenges you are experiencing in your relationships. It can help you find positive ways to manage your situation.

### Why attend counselling?

Counselling can help you clarify your situation, gain new perspectives and work towards change while focusing on what's most important to you. The counselling process can support you to develop insights, generate solutions and consider choices.

### What can counselling help with?

Counselling can be an effective way to improve overall wellbeing, by relieving distress and enhancing relationships.

Common issues that people seek counselling for include:

- relationship difficulties
- separation and divorce
- parenting
- grief and loss
- life changes
- mental health issues
- managing stress
- managing emotions, such as anger
- family violence
- trauma and abuse
- loneliness and isolation.

Whatever your concern, it's important to reach out for support.



Interpreters are available on request.

[www.rav.org.au/counselling](http://www.rav.org.au/counselling)  
Counselling Services Plan 2023a

### Who can attend counselling?

We work in a flexible and non-judgemental way with:

- couples, parents and families
- individuals, including children and young people.

We can adapt our services to meet the needs of a wide range of cultures and community groups.

### How can I access counselling?

- Face-to-face at our centres (where COVIDSafe)
- Over the telephone
- Via video-conferencing (Zoom)

### How long does counselling last?

Standard sessions last 50 minutes. While some concerns can be resolved in a few sessions, others take longer.

### How much will it cost?

We are a not-for-profit community organisation and our counselling services are only partly government funded, so fees are normally charged. However, we do try to make our services as affordable as possible. Please contact your nearest centre for more information.

### When are sessions available?

Centre opening hours vary, however most centres offer evening sessions as well as sessions during business hours. Please contact your nearest centre for more information.

## Getting started

To organise an appointment or learn more, call your nearest centre or contact us online at [www.rav.org.au/contact-us](http://www.rav.org.au/contact-us)

Ballarat: (03) 5337 9222  
Boroondra: (03) 9725 9964  
Cranbourne: (03) 5990 1900  
Greensborough: (03) 9431 7777  
Kew: (03) 9261 8700  
Melbourne: (03) 8625 3666  
Shepparton: (03) 5820 3444  
Sunshine: (03) 8311 9222  
Traralgon: (03) 5175 9500

### About us

Relationships Australia Victoria has over 70 years' experience providing family and relationship support services across Melbourne and Victoria.

We are committed to providing safe, inclusive and accessible services for all people.



We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia and we support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.

We recognise the lifelong impacts of childhood trauma.

We recognise those who had children taken away from them.

*Relationships Australia*  
VICTORIA

# COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

This expo will provide members of our community with an opportunity to engage with local services, to better understand what is available in the region and how these services can be accessed.

- Representatives from different services in our community
- Financial Counsellor representative
- Utility Provider(s) - bring your bills with you
- NDIS Provider(s)
- Fresh produce provided by Foodbank
- Giveaways
- Coffee van

For more information contact Myla,  
[myla.bennett@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:myla.bennett@salvationarmy.org.au)

COME AND SEE WHAT  
YOUR COMMUNITY  
CAN OFFER YOU...

INFORMATION STALLS  
FOOD PRODUCE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

18 October 2023  
10AM - 3PM

Latrobe Valley Salvos  
57 Bridle Road, Morwell





# TUNING IN TO KIDS™

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A FREE six session parenting program for Aboriginal Parents, Carers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children, or Family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Children aged 3 – 10 years old.

### Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?
- Or to break through relationship barriers with you child?

### Tuning in to Kids will teach you how to help your child develop *Emotional Intelligence*. Children with this skill are shown to:

- Find it easier to make and maintain friendships & personal relationships
- Concentrate better in school
- Have the ability to calm themselves when angry, upset or under stress
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses
- Tend to have less chance of developing mental illnesses

**For upcoming sessions contact:** Tuning in to Kids Group Facilitator Cassandra Wilson at VACCA on:  
Ph: 0458 926 313 or by email: [cassandraw@vacca.org](mailto:cassandraw@vacca.org)

# TUNING IN TO TEENS™

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A FREE six session parenting program for Aboriginal Parents, Carers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children, or Family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Children aged 10 – 17 years old.

### Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?
- Or to break through relationship barriers with you child?

### Tuning in to Teens will teach you how to help your child develop *Emotional Intelligence*. Adolescents with this skill are shown to:

- Find it easier to make and maintain friendships & personal relationships
- Concentrate better in school
- Have the ability to calm themselves when angry, upset or under stress
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses
- Tend to have less chance of developing mental illnesses

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**MORWELL**  
Citizens Band  
Est. 1887  
**In Concert**

**Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September**  
At 3pm, Morwell Town Common  
Cnr Elgin and Chapel Streets, Morwell

Entry fee via Gold coin donation.  
Refreshments available for purchase.

Featuring our Beginner,  
Training and Main bands. *Come along and support your local  
community band.*

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](mailto:kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au)