



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Thursday 3rd March 2021

KEY DATES

8th March 2021	Labour Day public holiday
16th March 2021	School Photos
31st March 1st April	Parent Teacher Conversations (more info to come)



Daniel Swallow
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Learning Behaviour Updates

Our Learning Behaviour Updates for February went live to parents and students this week. I hope you've had an opportunity to review them.

It was really pleasing to be able to send out so many letters congratulating students on the fantastic start they've made to the year. It was very pleasing to look at the improvement in learning behaviours from so many of our students. This reflects what we had been seeing in our classrooms anecdotally. It also reflects what you have been hearing about in your SMS alerts for our positive acknowledgements.

If you need assistance with accessing the reports on Compass, please don't hesitate to ask for help. Looking at the reports with your child and setting goals will assist to achieve the best possible outcomes for them. Learning Behaviour Updates are completed every five weeks except at the end of semester, with the next one being released just prior to Parent Teacher Conversations at the end of term.

I was also pleased to print and sign certificates for an enormous number of students for positive attendance. I look forward to this becoming a trend!

Athletics Carnival

Thanks to parents for your organisation in getting permissions in on time for College Athletics. It was great to see record numbers of students going and participating. This is our last College-wide event for the year, unfortunately, with Big Day Out unable to go ahead this year. Zone Swimming starts soon and we are pleased to have a number of students qualifying for that.

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Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Daniel Swallow

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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**Attendance
Hotline**

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Proactive Police

We have had a number of visits from Tiago and Kate from the Proactive Police Unit of late. They have been walking around the school, talking with students and forming positive relationships. You may, at times, see them out the front of the school on the crossing talking to students and families as well. We welcome their participation in our school community and thank them for being around to engage with the students.

The students have certainly taken to having them around. If you have any questions about the role of the Proactive Unit with the school, please contact me and talk with me about it.

Staff Changes

This week we welcome Paul Zepackic to our team at Morwell Campus. Paul has come to English and Humanities and has already settled in well here. If Paul is teaching your child, please feel free to contact him with any concerns you have using our Compass "Email Teacher" feature.

Sports News

[Interschool Cricket- Friday 19th March](#)

Team sign-up sheets are posted up at the Year 7/8 office (Ross and Ben's office).

See Mr Schack for more details.

Lowes Uniform Sale

11th & 12th March

20% off all school uniform

Year 7 & 8 News

Athletics Day

I would like to congratulate all the Year 7 and 8 students who attended the College-wide Athletics Carnival; to see such great participation in all events from our students shows great engagement in the Kurnai College Learning Community. The feedback from the students was that everyone had a great day with some of our students who struggle in the classroom really showing off their best.



Daniel Murphy
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Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements

With the beginning of a new era with our positive acknowledgements at Kurnai Morwell, I would like to commend the Year 7 and 8 students who are leading the way. Both 7A and 8A are leading the way and setting the positive example for the rest of the campus. The student, parent and community support and feedback for this new initiative have been fantastic.

At the time of the newsletter we had over 1800 KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgements) at the campus in less than 10 days. This is a fantastic effort from our students and shows the positive and proactive learning being demonstrated.

Total of each form groups KPA over the first 10 days.

07A	259
07B	205
07C	200
07D	155
08A	257
08B	84
08C	98
08D	112

Attendance

With a great 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.

Remember: 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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College Athletics



Year 9 News

Year 9 News

We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks and it is fascinating to see how the Year 9 students continue to grow in confidence as new learners. Last week just flew by and most classes are well into preparing for our Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) in weeks 7 and 8 (next week and the week after).

This past week has seen our students achieve great results with the Learning Behaviour Updates. Two Year 9 students achieved the awesome result of a 4.0 meaning that they always placed themselves in a position to maximise their learning. Awards will be presented to individual students next week but letters have been sent out to families already.

This week we had students participating in the Athletics sports day. It was a great day for students and staff to mix together and enjoy time outside of the normal classroom environment. Thank you to all of our families for encouraging and supporting our Year 9 students to participate. We couldn't have a successful day without you.

A reminder that School photos have been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday the 16th of March and that students should remember that this is a day that memories are made.

Year 9 Camp

Planning for the Year 9 Camp in Term 3 this year continues and we have created an outline of the program and commenced making tentative bookings. The purpose of the Melbourne camp is to give students a real experience of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us. We remain extremely keen to get as many students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost. More information will be made available closer to the date.



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Di Billingsley



Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay



Sandra Treloar



Jillian Tymms

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Year 10 News

The staff of the Year 10 team would like to thank all of the students for their great start to 2021. Congratulations to all those students who have received great results on their first GPA reports for the year.

Well done to the following students who gained fabulous results with a GPA of 3.5 and above out of 4;

Madena Be, Jirawat Mayarsa, Blake Warren, Amelia Schulz, Arjun Singh, Liam Rad-Hayden, Esther Babiera, Lachlan Roberts, Caitlin Aitken, Ashley Norris, Jasmine Trinidad, Natasha Tumney, Brandon Richards, Alexi Domotor, Liam Wilken, Jacob Collier-Luke, Eamon Dolan, Ro Han Ro Han, Ryan Hebbard, Sean Glisson, Amber Thompson, Kian Johnston, Emily Street, Jada Fischer, Roly Durano, Bohdan Mollard, Jesse Fischer and Jacob McAlister.

Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, April 20th – May 1st. The students will be arranging a placement or two during their team-time classes this term. Please contact Sheryl Tangi if you have any issues. We will have limited spaces to place students due to Covid-19. Please also read the Careers information on Teams.

Camp

This year our Year 10 students should be going to Tasmania in the second last week of Term 3 but due to Covid-19 **we will not be able to travel interstate** so we are investigating a trip somewhere in Victoria instead. Information should be out to students after School Council approval towards the end of March.

School Photos

All Year 10 students have been given an order form for the school photos which will now take place on Tuesday 16th March.

Athletic Sports

The school athletic sports took place earlier this week and there was a great turn out of students to the event. A good day was had by all!

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.

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students for achieving 95% or above attendance since the start of the year;

Ryan Hebbard, Tash Tumney, Joker Mayarsa, Sean Glisson, Samuel Darragh, Blake Warren, Jada Fischer, Bohdan Mollard, Lachlan Roberts, Bella Ohlson, Esther Babiera, Jacob Dijamco, Roly Durano, James Stiles, Kayla Provan, Liam Rad-Heyden, Ainslee Tran, Eamon Dolan, Zackariah Jacob and Latisha Anderson.



Sheryl Tangi
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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



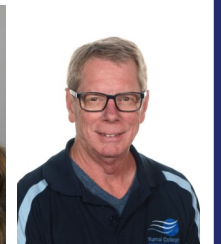
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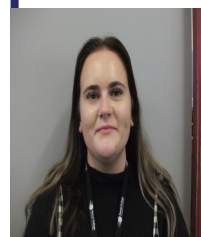
Megan Schwarzenber



Angela Thomas



Mark Johnston



Sarah Lewis

PBS

This year students will receive a KPA report for working well in class. This will automatically result in an SMS message being sent to a parent or guardian of the student stating which school pillar they were exhibiting in the classroom. 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 also be rewarding students with great attendance to school.

Dates To Remember

Monday March 8 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
April 26 th – May 7 th	Work Experience (2 weeks)
September 7 th – 11 th	Victoria 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

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Alan Ferris
Careers Advisor
Morwell



“Your future
depends on
what you do
today.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

MORWELL CAMPUS STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE (TERM 2)

Yr10 students should now be contacting business owners/managers within an industry of choice, asking if they are able to undertake a week of Work Experience with this employer. The allocated dates for the Morwell Campus are:

Week 1: Monday 27th April 2021 to Friday 30th April 2021

Week 2: Monday 3rd May 2021 to Friday 7th May 2021

We encourage that students explore two different workplaces (one for each week) to gain the most from industry exposure. This will help develop career understanding and identify potential pathway/s beyond school.

COURSE COUNSELLING (TERM 2 – MAY / JUNE 2021)

Date of CC To be Confirmed

Very soon, students are required to decide what learning pathway they will undertake moving into Year 11 (will you do - VCAL/VET? VCE? or VCE/VET?). Alan (Careers Advisor) is arranging one on one interviews with the Year 10 cohort to aid students in making informed decisions. Students will be notified on teams of their appointment time, and this will appear on their timetable.

ADDITIONAL

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Safe @ Work Certificates (General and Industry Specific)

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/pages/geralmodule.aspx>

PLEASE Use Capital Letters for First and Last Name

School: Kurnai College

Students will not be allowed to go out on Work Experience if they have not completed the Safe@Work Assessments.

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Application (All you need is a Medicare Card) <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

PLEASE Enter your name exactly as it appears on your Medicare Card.

Extra Curricula Training Opportunities (example: Construction Induction Card or First Aid) cannot be accessed by any student and VET Applications for Year 11 will not be accepted if Students have not obtained a USI. For more information, refer to Year 10 (2021) channel on teams or contact Alan Ferris.



The annual 'Rockfest' Competition is on again!! If you're in a band or a solo artist, you're encouraged to participate in this amazing event.

Contact Mr Gretton for Further information

Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:

- **Woodwind**

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



- **Voice**



- **Brass**

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



- **Percussion**

- Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani

- **Strings**

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



- **Keyboards**

- Electric Keyboard/Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the College if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitars and Keyboards are not hired. Contact the Music Director if you have any queries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College.



Date: _____ Campus Attending: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51 650600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 18/6/2021.



Active Kids Voucher Program

The Minister for Community Sport recently announced the opening of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program will support the delivery of 100,000 vouchers to support children to get involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Vouchers of up to \$200 can go towards the cost of membership, club fees, uniforms, and sports equipment.

Applicants will need to meet the following eligibility criteria, to apply you must be:

- the parent or legal guardian or temporary foster or kinship carer of an eligible child
- the holder of a valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with named dependants, and
- the holder of a valid Australian Government Medicare card with named dependants

Further information on eligibility, how to access the program and answers to other frequently asked questions are all available at: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.







Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



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To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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