

KEY DATES

15-18 May Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN

14-18 May Year 8 Karoonda Camp

30 May Awareness Day for Grade 5/6's - only Year 10's required at

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4-7 Jun Mid Year Exams

8 Jun Report Writing Day - STUDENT FREE DAY

11 Jun Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

29 Jun END OF TERM 2



Message from our Acting Campus Principal - Cleo Lazaris

Victorian Young Leaders to China

Our group of Year 9 students, together with their teacher Clifton Kline, have returned from their six week immersion program in China. Along with other students and staff from Victorian schools they had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and knowledge as they engaged with Chinese culture and attended schools in a number of cities.

Students will be have an opportunity to reconnect with their fellow travellers in a couple of weeks at a get-together to be held in Melbourne.

Awareness Day - Wednesday 30th May

Grade 5&6 students from our local primary schools are spending the day with us on Wednesday 30th May as part of our Transition Program which supports students' entry to secondary schooling. In order to accommodate the extra program we will need to modify attendance requirements for the day. Selected Year 7 students will assist our primary school groups on the day and Year 10 classes will operate as normal. All other students will not be required at school.

Work Experience

As I am writing this newsletter on Sunday afternoon, our Year 10 students will be getting themselves prepared for the world of work beginning on Monday 7th May. I wish all our students all the best as they embark on full-time work for two weeks, and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Kurnai College Annual Report

The 2017 Kurnai College Annual Report has been endorse and is now available to view on our Website.

College Principal

Anthony Rodaughan

Acting Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:45pm

Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3pm

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Message from our Principal continues......

Scouting Achievements

I would like to congratulate Hayley Donnelly and Charlize Doller on their recent achievements with the Scouts. Both girls have earned the top award in each of the five sections of the peak awards and have received an Australian Scout Medallion which is an amazing achievement. This reflects the girls initiative and sustained effort in self-discipline, team work and leadership.

Homework Club

We had a great turnout for our first Homework Club on Wednesday night. This week we will have additional tutors. These are students from Federation University working in the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) program. This means lots of support for our students, where they can get extra help with classwork, in a relaxing environment.

When: Wednesday afternoon
Where: Churchill Campus Library

Time: 3:00 to 4:15pm

NAPLAN

Next week all students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

NAPLAN is only one data set that our College uses to determine a student's progress and to inform programs we will put in place to meet students' needs. Other data sets used include teacher judgements, and more individualised tests such as ACER reading and numeracy testing.

It is important for all students to do their best on these tests so that the information collected is accurate.

Students can often be stressed by these tests however many measures will be put in place to reduce the pressure on students. These include: building literacy and numeracy skills, ensuring the test environment is comfortable, and developing test-taking skills.

How can you support your child through NAPLAN week?

Encourage your child to attend every day during NAPLAN week. Students absent on a given day will have to do the tests later anyway.

Encourage your child to give the NAPLAN tests their absolute best shot.

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

Withdrawal from NAPLAN

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. If you have a reason to consider withdrawing your child from NAPLAN, please make an appointment with me to discuss this matter, and to complete the formal notification form.

Please note that withdrawals will not be accepted during NAPLAN week.

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Year 7 News

What a busy Term so far! The Year 7's left today for their camp to Coolamatong. Those student's who have stayed at school will be busy doing project work, and electives. A number of students have been representing Kurnai College in sports across the Latrobe Valley and we had a successful Open Door Evening where students work, from across all our subject areas, were displayed for parents and future students to view.

Camp Coolamatong

This morning, our Year 7 team and the majority of the Year 7 cohort set off for a fun filled week at Camp Coolamatong. Hopefully students enjoy the action packed camp and the teachers get some sleep! For those students not on camp, teachers have developed an alternative program to keep them busy at school!



Celeste Sanderco Year 7 Team Leader hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au



Open Door Evening

Last Thursday the Year 7 team and teachers from across the campus held our annual Open Door Evening. Students' artwork was displayed as well as some interactive science experiments, brainteasers, maths puzzles, musical instruments and of course a sausage sizzle! Thankyou to all the staff who contributed to a successful event, also a special thank you to our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and our Year 7 student helpers; who really showcased our four pillars and what being a student at Kurnai College is all about!



NAPLAN

Just a reminder next week is NAPLAN for Year 7 students. Over the past few weeks year 7 Maths and English teachers have been working hard at building students confidence with NAPLAN to help students feel prepared and know what to expect.

Attitudes to School Survey

As the time approaches we will be completing our annual Attitudes to School Surveys with all students at Kurnai College. This survey will be completed by students during class time.

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Year 8 News

Karoonda Camp

A reminder that the final payment for the Year 8 camp to Karoonda Park needs to be finalised before students head off to camp on Monday 14th May. The students received a 'kit' list of what they will need to bring on camp during Form Group on Tuesday 1st May. If you did not receive this information, please contact the school before departure for the camp.

Gippsland Tech School

Over the past two weeks all Year 8 students have had the opportunity to visit the Gippsland Tech School to participate in a 'Taster' program. This program was designed by the staff at the Gippsland Tech School to introduce the students to the advanced technology that is available for the students to use throughout the school year.

Throughout the day the students learnt about how technologies are influencing and changing local industries. The students actively participated in designing graphic images which were then laser cut; programming robots to complete a task; and experimenting with the virtual reality programs.

The Year 8 students will continue to work with the Gippsland Tech School throughout Term 3 and Term 4.



Year 8 Team Leader gumpold.galinde.g@edumail.vic.gov.au













Hands on Learning

Over the last two weeks the Hands on Learning Program has had three Year 8 students join the program. When new students enter the program they undertake a trial before deciding whether the program is suited for their personal development. Congratulations to Jamie Willis, Eric Losi and Tim Viney for receiving their Hand on Learning shirts.



April Attendance

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving 100% attendance.

Lily Booth	Jordyn Bryce	Callum Hill
Louis Malady	Tilly Wakefield	Tamsyn Walker
Robert Budge	Cayill Mawer	Mckenzie Abbott
Lachlan Bell	Shyeri Marvin	William Owens
Talisha Owens	Nelly Love	Monai Porykali



Year 8 News continued......

Silent Reading

During Silent Reading the Year 8 students, on the whole, are completing their Reading Journals, reading quietly and are engaging with their books. At the completion of each reading session, the students are either given an activity to complete or may select an activity from a list that has been complied by teachers and is located in their Reading Journal. This activity is part of the work that the teachers use when writing student's learning behaviour reports for Team Time.



We ask that parents and guardians talk to their children about the books they are reading and encourage twenty minutes of silent reading at home.

PBS Coupons

Every fortnight the Year 8 students are able to convert their PBS coupons, that they receive from Kurnai staff, when they display a behaviour from the Four Pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence, or Work Ethic – for a prize from the display cupboard, which is in the Wellbeing Office.

At the end of week 2 the following students are the top 5 Year 8.

Caitie Benjamin - 34

Lance Townsend - 22

Jasmine Croft - 21

Lily Booth - 21

Tamsyn Walker - 20

A reminder to all Year 8 students that when they receive a ticket, they need to write their name on the ticket and then place it into the PBS box, which is located in the Library.



Uniform Expectations

As the weather changes and it becomes a bit colder, students are still expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however students can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that if they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black.

If you child is out of uniform, please provide a note.

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Mobile Phones

It is important for students to remember that mobile phones are not to be brought to class. However, if a student does bring a phone to class, they will need to place it in the mobile phone holder which is in each classroom. Mobile phones should be kept in lockers and only used before school, snack time, lunchtime and after school.



Notes

Please remember that students do require notes from Parents/Guardians for the following:

- Out of uniform
- Not having P.E uniform
- Being late to school
- Needing to leave school early
- Being sick or injured and unable to participate in certain classes.



Year 9 News

School Netball

On the 7th May, girls from Year 9, 11 and 12 participated in the Senior Girls netball. It was a great day overall with both teams suffering losses and amazing wins. The Year 9 team played Lavalla and Traralgon College. We confidently played both of our games, but sadly we lost against Lavalla. This loss took us out of the running for the Grand Final. The main thing is that we all had fun and it was a great opportunity to have some fun out of school, showing our classic Kurnai competitive spirit.

We would like to say a massive thanks to Mary Corponi who was our little personal coach, she took us through all games and gave us hope when we may not have had much ourselves. These events give us a way to express ourselves in a sporting environment and be able to interact with our local schools.

Thanks to Sophie Bellingham for the write up and for all the girls who represented Kurnai so well on the day.



NAPLAN Testing

Next week we will be doing NAPLAN testing for our Year 9 cohort. We are eager for the kids to have a real go at these tests. They provide our teachers with some really important information about how our students are going and how we can plan our curriculum to best help them. We also want them to have a genuine go as it is a challenge. We want our kids to respond well when they are challenged and to work hard through obstacles, so we hope all our Year 9's will focus hard through the testing week and show their best selves come test time.

Melbourne Discovery Camp

Similar to the last newsletter where we are in the process of fine-tuning details for our Melbourne camp later on this year. The approximate date is mid-August with an approx. cost of \$370-\$400. More details will be available in the next Newsletter (or via a letter home in the coming week/s).

Team Time

We have started Term two with students revolving through 3×3 week seminars on different topics. Each student will take part in 3 sessions of Sex Ed with our school nurse covering areas like STD's and contraception. Students will also explore body image, self-esteem and societal expectations in a 3 week program as well as 3 weeks of understanding the impact of Alcohol on the brain, body and society. So plenty of important areas of growth for our students to reflect on and unpack in the coming term.

Term three will see a move towards Careers, where students will begin their exploration into the world of work. What to expect in the work force, how to get a job, create a resume, etc. So we are also looking forward to offering these valuable bits of information to our kids.



Winter Uniforms

With the cooler months approaching a friendly reminder about our winter uniforms. We have had very few uniform issues through summer which is great. The winter uniform includes black shoes, navy blue tracksuit pants (or college pants), Kurnai hoodies and/or jackets. Any issues with uniform please call David Shields or Robyn Fitzpatrick at the school.



Year 10 News

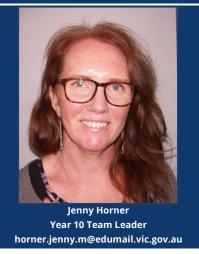
Learning Behaviour Reports - May

Congratulations to our gold star award recipients for our March Learning Behaviour Reports – Caine Conte, William Richards, Declan Doller, Sydney Simpson and Amy Cannon who have received their second gold star award for the year! And for those who responded to the challenge to improve their results, I acknowledge Nick Alston, Milly Bolton, Justin Coleman, Tim Hutchinson, Vincent Schoutens, Antonio Cardioll and Brad Scholten.

Learning Behaviour Reports are due next week and I look forward to seeing more of our Year 10 students stepping up and achieving improved results!

Work Experience (Term 2 - May 7th to 18th)

Our Year 10 students are off and running with Work Experience and the Year 10 team and Year 10 teachers are now out and about visiting the students in their various industry placements. Thank you to Kylie Downey for making this all possible!





From my visits alone, most students are really enjoying the experience and are thriving in their workplaces! There are some, of course, that have found the work not what they expected - and that's ok too! This is what the program is about – exploring and experiencing different workplace environments and different industries. Some of the feedback I have received so far include:

• It was a pleasure having Ben Kowal working at Morwell for the past couple of days for Work Experience. He was enthusiastic, picked things up quickly, did everything asked of him with a smile and without hesitation. I would happily welcome him back if he wanted some more experience/training/work.

And from a parent:

• He's absolutely loving it. He has a wonderful group of men who seem genuinely interested in teaching him everything they can about their roles. I can't speak highly enough of the effort they are putting in to make his time there worthwhile and rewarding.

Congratulations also to Vincent who has already scored a casual job from his placement! If you have any concerns or good news stories please contact myself on 5132 3700.

Course Counselling

As soon as students return from Work Experience in Week 6 they will be launching straight into Course Counselling for their 2019 pathway (VCE or VCAL) and associated subjects! I will notify students of all the opportunities that will be available to them in terms of course counselling on their return, however, I want to alert parents to the following information evening and look forward to seeing many of you there:



Year 10 News continued.......

Year 10 Tasmania Trip

Permission forms have now been distributed to ALL Year 10 students. The trip to Tasmania will cost \$680 for the 4 days (10 - 13 Sept).

A signed permission form together with a deposit of \$250 is due by Monday 21st May. Final payment of \$430 is due by Wednesday 20th June. For further details, please contact myself or Andy Leeson on 5132 3700.





Kick Start Program (2 ½ VCE Program)

Further to Course Counselling, some students may want to consider applying for the 2018 Kick Start Program. For some students, an early start to their VCE studies and fulltime enrolment at the University Campus provides a more flexible approach to their senior studies. Students interested in a 2 ½ year VCE program must be academically strong and have an idea of their preferred career pathway. They must be mature, self-motivated and organised to manage their study time. They must have parental support. Interested students MUST submit an application by the end of WEEK 6! For further information contact myself on 51323 700.

Year 9 / Year 10 China Trip

The opportunities just don't stop! Kurnai College is pleased to announce the Year 9/10 Study Tour to China from 10th to 27th September 2018. The itinerary includes visits to Tiananmen Square, the infamous Terracotta Warriors and tour of Hong Kong Island. The cost of \$2500 is inclusive of airfares, travel insurance, all accommodation and most meals. Students must confirm their participation by Friday 22nd June with a \$500 deposit. For further information please contact Geoff Block on 51323 800.

Year 10 VCE Exam Timetable

Churchill Year 10 VCE exams which will run at the University Campus on Monday 4th June.

	11.00 – 1.00	Literature	5W127/8
Monday 4 th June	11.00 – 1.00	Art	LEC2/3
30110	11.00 – 1.00	Systems Engineering	5W130

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Calendar of Excursions / Camps

Year 7

Date **Excursion** Cost Form & Payment

Due Date

Due Date

Year 8

Date **Excursion** Cost Form & Payment **Due Date**

\$480 CLOSED

Year 9

Date **Excursion** Form & Payment Cost **Due Date**

Year 10 Date Cost Form & Payment

All Years

Date **Excursion** Form & Payment Cost **Due Date**

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5132 3711

Year 11 & Year 12 Information Evening

a great opportunity for Parents and Students

to learn more about our 2019 VCE & VCAL Courses

Wednesday June 6 Session Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Lecture Theatre 5N104



Come, learn more and connect to

your Pathway to Success

Churchill | Ph 5132 3800

University Campus | 53 Northways Road

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Music Update

Up and coming Music Performances.......

Students participating in the classroom and instrumental music programs have been busily working towards this performance throughout the semester. As part of each music course, performance is an integral part of assessment where students get to present the works they have been preparing to an audience.



This year, there will be three separate performances that will feature students at each of their campuses. Each performance program will feature a combination of both group and solo works, from students who have just started learning to play an instrument to those who have been doing this for some years.

All family members are greatly encouraged to attend to encourage and support their child. All performances commence at 6:30pm and will require a gold coin donation upon entry.

Monday 21st May – VCE Music Performance

• Featuring students studying years 11 and 12 VCE Music Performance class.

Monday 28th May - Churchill Campus Music Presentation

Featuring all Churchill Campus Instrumental Music students, as well as the Year 8
Brass In Class and Years 9/10 Music elective students.

Wednesday 30th May – Morwell Campus Music Presentation

• Featuring all Morwell Campus Instrumental Music students, as well as the both Year 7 Guitar and Brass classes and Years 9/10 Music elective students.

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CHURCHILL CAMPUS

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

WHEN: MONDAY 28TH OF MAY

LOCATION: CHURCHILL KURNAI COLLEGE

TIME: 6:30PM

WHERE: IN THE DRAMA ROOM

WHO WILL BE PREFORMING:

ALL CHURCHILL CAMPUS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS

YEAR 9.10 CLASS BAND

AS WELL AS THE YEAR 8 BRASS'IN'CLASS BAND

GOLD COIN DONATION

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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2018 College Council Student Elections Nominations

Congratulations to Nathan Britt and Nerroli Hooimeyer (both at the University Campus) on their successful election to the College Council as student representatives.

We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

A big Thank You to you both for being prepared to take on this important role.

Tech School Visit

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 students participated in a day at the Tech School, based around the theme of addressing the recyclable waste crisis currently confronting Australia. I will leave it to comments from the students to show their thoughts about the day.

Students were first shown videos and data to expose them to the problem: "The day was interesting because I didn't know that some of our recyclables go to China for more processing and that they stopped taking our rubbish." Students spent some time conducting some research: "This was an amazing opportunity to learn about the issues that Australia is facing, and its direct impact on our community" and "It was a good day. I learnt a lot about e-waste and how we can try to stop it. "Students were challenged to work in groups to try to identify possible solutions based on their research: "I think we are very privileged to be able to take part in helping Australia's problems". The groups then presented their findings. "It was a good experience and I liked the way the class was set up". Of course, for teenagers food is constantly important so it was good to hear that they thought "the catering was above average". Students were also able to briefly engage with some displays and technology, and true to our goal of encouraging scientific enquiry: "I learned that with virtual reality goggles you can't see your legs or arms."

Secondary School vaccinations in 2018

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - two doses for year 7 students

Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Latrobe City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the Latrobe City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



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College Principal: Anthony Rodaughan Campus Principal: Michelle Reid-Metcalf Homework Tutor: Efrososini Pizzi

Phone: 5165 0600



Kurnai College

welcomes all students to

Morwell Campus' Easy Learning Club

Do you need help with Mathematics, English or any other subject? We're here to help!

> When: Wednesday afternoon Where: Morwell Campus Library Time: 3:00 to 4:15pm

> > Food Provided

Bring yourself. Be ready to chill and learn at your own pace.



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Bring Your Own Device Strategy

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Wireless	Devices supporting dual band wireless 802.11 n/ac	
Battery	At least 8 hours	
Screen Size	A screen size of at least 10 inches	
Hard Drive	At least 128 GB SSD	

Further Information and purchasing links: www.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au/bvod.html

Kurnai College recommends for our students to use the BYOD link on our Kurnai College website to assist in the decision making around device purchasing.

Below, is one example of an available option through this link. Please use the details of the below device to guide your purchase specifications.

Further information on these packages is available from the website above.

Note: You are not obligated to purchase this device or purchase from the BYOD link and the price is only current as at 31/10/2017.



Dell Latitude 3180 / 11.6 / N3350 / 4GB / 128GB / WIn 10 Pro National Academic / 3YR Onsite Warranty

- 11.6-inch HD Non-Touch
- Display
 Intel Celeron Processor N3350
- Intel HD Graphics 505
- 128GB M 2 2280 SSD Intel Dual Band Wireless-AC
- 7265 Windows 10 Pro National
- Academic
- 3Yr Onsite Warranty Service Battery Carries 1 Year Warranty

\$605.88 including GST

Kurnai College BYOD Strategy 2018

Correct as at 31/10/2017

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Screen Size	A screen size of at least 10 inches	
Storage	128GB Solid State Drive	
For the best classroom compatibility, we recommend Microsoft Windows 10		

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Parents wishing to use Centrelink to pay for a device

- 1. Complete the Centrelink Deduction Form available at the General Office.
- 2. Obtain a quotation for the device you have selected.
- 3. Hand the Centrelink Deduction Form and quotation to the Campus General Office.
- 4. Kurnai College will endeavor to purchase these items on your behalf as soon as possible.
- Once the device has arrived at the school you will be contacted to collect the device from the school.
- 6. We will require your signature at this time as proof of pick up.
- 7. The charge for the device will be put on your Family Account at the College.
- 8. Your fortnightly Centrelink payments will be allocated to this charge on your Family Account.

For further information please feel free to contact your Campus General Office.

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Note: You are not obligated to purchase from any of the below portals. Please consider the variable options available for each device as these may include additional warranties available and delivery charges. Feel free to use the provided technical specifications and purchase from any retailer you have access to. These portals are education specific portals and prices will not be available in your local stores.

If you would like further assistance, please email your question to any of the following email address:

- digital@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au (General Support)
- steven.dockley@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au (College eLearning Coordinator)

Purchasing links:

www.jbeducation.com.au Password: KC2018 https://portal.mac1.com.au/kurnaicollege/ https://www.orderportal.com.au www.officeworks.com.au

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Calling for feedback on the Youth Space Latrobe design principles

The Youth Space Latrobe project has been underway over the past few months. Young people have discussed what it is like to live in the Valley, what issues are important and what they think is needed in the Valley to help them thrive.

Led by our Youth Core Design Team, young people came together in February 2018 to workshop what activities and services a new youth space could provide, where the youth space should be located, and explore design concepts. **Some of the students at your school were involved in this process.**

These workshops led to the creation of nine design principles that will inform the creation of a new Youth Space Latrobe.

The Youth Core Design Team would love to know the community's thoughts on these principles. A short, de-identified survey has been created to describe and evaluate the design principles.

We are seeking your feedback and your support in getting this survey out to your school community.

Once the design principles have been refined, they will be presented to the Victorian Government for consideration.

Click below to start the survey or follow this link: youthspacelatrobe.typeform.com/to/oeHLEt