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University Campus Newsletter

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

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Welcome back!

Our 2024 academic year has kicked off with a mixture of excitement and nerves as students settle themselves into their classes and engage with their courses after the summer break. Along with the nearly 150 students coming from our junior campuses into the senior campus, we have also welcomed more than 30 students to the University campus from other schools. Although most attended our Head Start program at the end of last year, there is still the initial high energy in finding classes, catching up with

friends and meeting new people. We also have a few new staff and it is great to see across the campus that everyone seems to be settling in quickly and focusing on the learning for the year ahead.

Tuesday's storm

This week's severe weather event has meant extra challenges for many of our staff and students and their families, and we ask that students feeling like they need any support please speak to the Advocates and we will do what we can to help. We have access to showers and toiletries, can assist with charging devices, can provide food during the day if lunch is needed, and we have people available for counselling if anyone wants to discuss how they are coping.

College Athletics

The College Athletics is on February 27 and students are reminded to have their permission forms completed through Compass so they can attend the day. This is a whole College event and there will be no scheduled classes.

Engagement – one of our College pillars

Our teaching staff recently participated in a professional learning session with Dr Nathaniel Swain who emphasised many effective teaching practices to build engagement of students with their learning. As a college we are always striving to improve so we can provide a high-quality learning experience for all our students. One of the quotes Dr Swain referred to was that 'Learning is not a

spectator sport' which reinforces the importance that we will do better as a group and as individuals if there is greater participation of everyone in the learning process. The role for teachers

is to provide the strategies for participation and active involvement in the learning for students. The role for students at the senior campus is to attend classes, be prepared to learn, contribute to and actively

participate in class and campus activities. By doing this, students are more likely to feel connected to school and enhance their opportunities to do well.



Year 11 & 12 News

Cadet Achievements

Over the Christmas vacation break 424SQN AAFC (Australian Air Force Cadets) sent several cadets to RAAF Base Williams Point Cook to undertake leadership training programs for cadet promotion in the areas of JNCO, SNCO, WOFF and CUO courses. All cadets excelled in these courses but one stood out more than others, Cadet Sergeant Gabrielle Bonnici who not only successfully completed the Cadet Warrant Officers course but was also recognised for her outstanding achievement whilst on course. Gabrielle was presented a Gold Commendation from Wing Commander Walker 4WG AAFC, Gabrielle has been a cadet since 2020 and worked her way up through the rank structure to successfully achieve the rank of CWOF and being only the third cadet to achieve this in 27 years of 424SQN operation and the first female also. Staff and cadets are very proud of this achievement and wish Gabrielle well in her new role within 424SQN.



Year 12 English ACMI Excursion

On Tuesday, the 6th of February, the Year 12 English and EAL students participated in an excursion to ACMI to view and attend a lecture on the film 'Sunset Boulevard'. This film is being studied in Unit 3 English and EAL and students are currently studying and analysing the text.

The students had an early departure from the University campus in order to be at Federation Square by 10.00 am. All of the students were here on time, but an incident on the M1 delayed our arrival at ACMI by 15 minutes. The ACMI staff were accommodating with our slightly late arrival and made sure we were all ready for the film. All of the students commented on how awesome the cinema was and that they really enjoyed the experience of viewing the movie on a large screen in a proper cinema.

After the film, the students were involved in an hour lecture on 'Sunset Boulevard' and the ideas and values presented in the film. The opportunity to hear a lecture from the staff at

ACMI gave the students different insights into the world of 'Sunset Boulevard'.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Melbourne to participate in this event.



ADF Visit

Kurnai College had the incredible privilege of hosting the Australian Defence Force. Our students from Years 9-12 were treated to an enlightening session where they gained invaluable insights into the myriad of career opportunities within the defence force. From aviation to engineering, logistics to healthcare, the ADF provided a comprehensive overview that left us all inspired and eager to explore further.



College News

School Council Elections

As we embark on another academic year, we are calling on current parents and students who are passionate about education, community involvement, and making a positive impact on our school to consider nominating themselves to the School Council.

You do not need any special experience to be on council, each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, it is important to have an interest in our school and the desire to work in partnership to help shape our school's future.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College.

Nominations open on **Wednesday, 21 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Wednesday, 28 February 2024**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 15 March, 2024.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	3
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	2
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday, 21 February, 2024
b)	Closing date for nominations	Wednesday, 28 February, 2024
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday, 7 March, 2024
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 11 March, 2024
e)	Close of ballot	Tuesday, 15 March, 2024
f)	Vote count	Wednesday, 16 March, 2024

g)	Declaration of poll	Wednesday, 16 March, 2024
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2024
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2024

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

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

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

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

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

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PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



Excellence
We do the best that we can do

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Engagement
We actively participate in our own learning

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Work Ethic
We are committed to working hard

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Relationships
We value and respect each other



Calendar of Events

Key Dates

Term 1, 2024	
Tuesday, 30 Jan	Students return to school
Wednesday, 21 Feb	College Council Nominations Open
Monday, 26 Feb	School Photos
Tuesday, 27 Feb	College Athletics

College Key Contacts

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



General Information

2024 Student Booklist

VCE Books for Sale Second Hand for 2023-2024



Books for sale second hand 2023-24.docx

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- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College

Second-hand textbook trading system

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
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 - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
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Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery
- And lots more

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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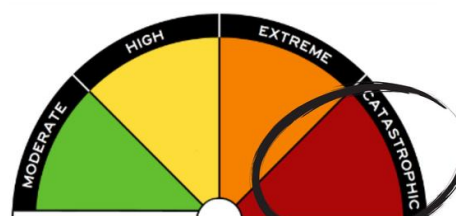
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Helpful tips

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

Code Red Fire Danger

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.



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

Kurnai College University and Churchill Junior Campuses are on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 list.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the West and South Gippsland.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan our staff continue to maintain our grounds.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 at our Churchill Campuses only.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating West and South Gippsland fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

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- What is a podcast and how to plan yours.
- How to record (with tips and tricks for sounding great).
- How to make editing easy.
- How to share your pod with the world.


WHERE AND WHEN

Moe Library
Wednesdays
14, 21, 28 February and
6 March
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Places limited. Book at
Eventbrite. Bookings
required.

Find out more at the library or visit
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au





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THE STUDIO

After school hang for young people aged 12 to 16!

Join us during school term to get creative in our pop-up makerspaces or just come along to hang out.

- Range of arts and crafts materials
- 'How-to' session from our friendly library crew.
- Non-stop hot chocs!
- Safe and inclusive place to chill or create

Moe Library
Tuesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm

Traralgon Library
Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5pm

Activities and materials available include:

- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Zine making
- Jewellery 101
- Air dry pottery
- Nail polish station
- Painting
- Collage

Or tell us what you want to do!




GAMING CLUB

After school social gaming for young people

- Love to game and hang out with your mates?
- Heaps of games to choose from!
- Drop in any time during the session.
- Snacks provided.

Moe Library: PS5
Mondays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 12)
Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5pm (ages 13 to 17)

Traralgon Library: Xbox
Thursdays 4pm to 5pm (ages 8 to 17)

Sessions run through school term.
Bookings preferred.

SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS.




AFLW



YOUTH GIRLS

Age group 13-18

Training sessions

Tuesday 5.30 - 6.30pm

Thursday 5.30-6.30pm

Venue:
Nothern Reserve
Holmes Rd, Morwell

For queries:
Tenille Leahy
tenille.leahy@gmail.com

League Highlights:

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- ☒ Weekly games
- ☒ Supportive environment for all skill levels

More Information facebook.com/morwelljuniorfootballclub

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