

University Campus Newsletter

15 February 2019

KEY DATES

11 Mar	Public Holiday - College Closed
19 Mar	College Athletics Day
Apr 4	Parent Teacher Conversations - Booking to be published on Compass - Times to be confirmed
Apr 5	Parent Teacher Conversations
5 Apr	End of Term 1
23 Apr	First Day of Term 2
26 Apr	Public Holiday - College Closed



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Message from Campus Principal

Hello Everyone.

Well it's the end of week three and for all of us, staff and students, the holidays are a faint and distant memory.

It has been a smooth start to the year. There are a few new staff members shifting campuses or returning to teaching with Chris Gretton taking the music class, Cathy Tan returning from family leave to take Chinese First Language and Olivia Dormon (nee Wall) taking up a curriculum specialist position at University Campus and teaching VCE Business Management, Literacy and Law in the VCAL program. Ilana Leeds has joined Kurnai to work in the English Language Program with international students. Perhaps the largest change for 2019 is the shift of Nello Carbone into a college-wide role; College Improvement: Raising Expectations.

Finally, a reminder that it is important for students to be at school every day for every class. We had great results for VCE and VCAL students in 2018. Our average VCE study score increased again and more classes achieved results at or above those predicted in the GAT. In VCAL there was only one student who did not complete the Year 12 certificate or move into an apprenticeship, employment or a TAFE course. The consistent factor for all the students who did well was that their attendance was good. Hardly a surprising piece of information.

At University Campus we look forward to working with you this year to help your students achieve their best. If there is any support you need please don't hesitate to contact us.

Geoff

Debutante Ball 2019

Parents & Carers of students planning to do the Debutante Ball in 2019 need to be aware that as the Deb Ball is an external event to the normal school curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation.

One of these conditions is that families with outstanding charges must be brought up to date before their child can begin dance lessons in preparation for the Deb Ball.

This does not include the College's yearly school charges but only costs that should have already been paid such as outstanding balances for camps and excursions, extra curriculum music costs or charges relating to damage of school property.

Additionally, full payment for the Deb MUST be made by the **17th April**.

In addition to payments made at the campus office, the College offers both Centrepay and Bpay options as a method of payment. Centrepay allows families to have fortnightly amounts automatically deducted from any Centrelink payments.

Due to the number of students expressing their interest this year, unfortunately there will be no flexibility in this matter.

If you have any concerns or wish to organise a payment plan please don't hesitate to contact the campus office. Any payment plans must be put in place **by 21st March**.



Year 12 Hoodies

On the first day of school this years Year 12 cohort received their final year school hoodies. Hannah Aurish a Year 12 student stated "I am so delightfully happy to be wearing my jumper on a 36 degree day", while Hali James proclaimed "I would like to thank Hussein Eliaser and Ally McGown (last years Vice-Captains) for all the hard work they put in to make us look so fab."

Emily Chessum was ecstatic shouting to passers by, "Lucky there is still another order due on the 22nd of February so you can all be as trendy and radical as us!" Heidi Gaudion strangely backed up Emily's enthusiasm by yelling, "All you need to do is go to the following link: <https://shop.reformclothing.com/order/settings/k84302>."

At this point Chloe Radford rolled her eyes at Heidi and said "Stop yelling URL's at people, they could just get the form off Mr. Woodhouse."

They all laughed together and said to each other "today was a good day."



L-R: Emily Chessum, Heidi Gaudion, Hali James, Chloe Radford, Hannah Aurish.



for example close family bereavement. If these events do occur, a parent should provide an explanation to the school through the Absence Hotline.

All studies show that the more time is spent away from school and school work is missed the more likely a student will begin to disengage and not perform to their capacity. This will affect future learning and ultimately employment prospects later on.

All parents and guardians should strongly encourage their student to attend school every day. Setting out a regular morning routine will help to make getting to school easier for your student. Remember that ITS NOT OK TO BE AWAY.

As the new school year begins its important to keep in mind that attendance at school is compulsory for all students 17 years of age and under. Every student should be at school, in class learning from the experiences that are carefully provided for them.

Of course there will be times when a student is sick and it is unavoidable to be absent. We fully understand that from time to time illnesses will impact on attendance. So will events outside the control of the student,

Attention ALL 2019 Year 11 and 12 students,

Would you like to attend the Mt Hotham Camp in 2019?

Mt Hotham is a well-known ski resort approximately 4-5 hours drive from Churchill via Omeo. The main activities undertaken on the camp will be downhill skiing and/or snowboarding.

The camp will run from Sunday 7th July to Friday 12th July. Students must be at the University Campus bus stop at 10.00am on the Sunday. We intend to return to Kurnai College (University Campus) at approximately 9.00pm on the Friday. Students will be staying at a Ski Lodge located at the top of the mountain. The total cost of the camp will be **approximately \$1650.00** which includes:

- Resort entries
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Lift
- Lessons
- Night skiing on Wednesday evening
- Ski/Snowboard Hire including carve skis, boots and poles or board and boots
- Transport to and from Mount Hotham
- Hotham hoodie jumper

Students will need to pay a deposit of \$300 if they would like to secure a position for the camp by 1/12/2018. We have organised a payment plan in an effort to give families the opportunity to finalise the full payment by 2.00pm on Friday 21st June 2019. While we understand this is an expensive camp we strongly believe that this is the most economical way of giving students the opportunity to participate in Alpine Snow sports. All students who participate in this camp will come home exhausted and thoroughly satisfied with their experiences, bubbling with stories of the thrills and spills they encountered.

In order for this camp to proceed we require a minimum of 20 students to attend and will cap the attendance at 25 students. In the event of us not receiving enough interest, we will have to cancel this camp and, in this instance only, your deposit will be refunded.

Students are expected to have a good behaviour history and an average or above average fitness level. Parents will be notified if their child is in danger of losing their invitation to camp due to poor behaviour at school. These decisions will be made by the Principal, in consultation with the advocate team and Camp Coordinator.

Additional information will be provided to your child as time gets closer to ensure your child is properly equipped for the camp. Their safety and comfort will depend on this. If students don't have the required equipment they may be able to borrow a snow jacket and pants or alternatively this clothing can be hired from Mt Hotham.

Ambulance membership is highly recommended as a trip in an ambulance from Mt Hotham can cost thousands of dollars if you are a non-member. We also recommend travel insurance for an additional cost.

If you have any further queries, please contact Mrs Candy White, the Camp Coordinator at the University Campus on 5132 3800.

The link below provides a video of students attending a camp to Mt Hotham. Please visit the below link to gain more understanding of what adventures you will get up to if you decide to attend the Mt Hotham camp in 2019.

<https://vimeo.com/143574333>

Kind regards,

Candy White



Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

Work Ethic

Loey Lu
 Glory Pun
 Noah Nightingale
 Tobie Hill
 Baylen Riley
 Brodie Marino
 Chris Alston
 Regan Sultana
 Kirsty Nemet
 Patrick Carte
 Tom Webster
 Abby Lewis
 Cain Iorangi

Excellence

Ella Nelson
 Tristen Waack
 Sophie Kootstra
 Bethany Blakely

Relationships

Makaylah Rimmer

Engagement

Claire Nowosieski
 Cole Lovett
 Hannah Zomer
 Melinda Wass
 Emily Chessum



Calendar of Excursions / Camps

All Years

Excursion Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due
18 Feb 4, 18 March	VCAL Kickboxing	\$0	CLOSED
19, 26 Feb 5, 12 March	VCAL Swim Program	\$0	CLOSED
20, 27 Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar 3 Apr	Year 10 VCAL Work Placement	\$0	CLOSED
20 Feb 27 March	Surfing	\$0	CLOSED
25 - 27 Feb	Licola Wilderness Camp	\$0	21 Feb
5 March	Luna Park	\$30	1 March
7 - 12 July	Mt Hotham Snow Camp - Expression of interest	\$1650	\$300 Deposit A.S.A.P



2019

SCHOOL COUNCIL

ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Name of the School: Kurnai College

a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday, 18 February, 2019
b)	Closing date for nominations	Monday, 25 February, 2019
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 27 February, 2019
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday, 4 March, 2019
e)	Close of ballot	Monday, 11 March, 2019
f)	Vote count	Tuesday, 12 March, 2019
g)	Declaration of poll	Tuesday, 12 March, 2019
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 19 March, 2019
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 19 March, 2019

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2019

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

Nominations open on **Monday 18 February** with nomination forms available from each campus office and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Monday, 25 February, 2019**.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday, 11 March, 2019

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 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	3
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	1
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	1
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	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.



Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal

School Council Election 2019 – Open 18 February

Kurnai College School Council Elections will open on **February 18** and we ask that you consider being involved.

[What is a school council and what does it do?](#)

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

[Who is on the school council?](#)

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected **Parent category** - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected **DET employee category** - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- A mandated elected **Student member category** – (2 positions) – members of this category are enrolled at the school and in year 7 or above.
- An optional **Community member category** - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

[Why is Parent membership so important?](#)

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

[How can you become involved?](#)

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

[Do I need special experience to be on school council?](#)

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Members over the age of 18 will require to provide a current Working with Children's Card.

[Why is Student membership so important?](#)

Students have a unique perspective on learning, teaching and schooling. Electing Student members onto school council allows all students to have a say in the future direction of their school and ensures student input into decision making.

Student representation school councils assists in the development of students' skills, including leadership, skills, and communication skills.

[Does my child need special experience to be on school council?](#)

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them in order to perform their duties as a councillor.

School Council Election 2019 – Open 18 February Contd...

Student members are encouraged to attend the Department's free face-to-face Improving School Governance school council training to support them to undertake their role. Training is also available online.

[What do you need to do to stand for election?](#)

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent / Student category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

[Remember](#)

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year. Be sure to vote in the elections.

[Contact your Campus principal for further information.](#)

Kurnai Pillars

Work Ethic

'We are committed to working hard'

Excellence

'We do the best we can do'

Relationships

'We value and respect each other'

Engagement

'We actively participate in our own learning'

WANTED

OLD SLIDE TO BE USED AS A PROP
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO HELP

School Camps & Excursions

Time is running out to claim your \$225 per student

Health Care Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Signature of cardholder

humanservices.gov.au/healthcard

This card is NOT transferable

Issued by the Australian Government Department of Human Services on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

WANTED

OLD SLIDE TO BE USED AS A PROP
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO HELP

If you are an eligible Health Care Card holder you may be missing out on \$225 per student CSEF money (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund).
Don't delay contact Kurnai Morwell Campus ph 5165 0600 | or | Churchill Campus ph 5132 3700 | or | University Campus ph 5132 800
Forms must be completed before June 21 2019 — DON'T DELAY—IF UNSURE PHONE US

Whilst Kurnai College is happy to include Community Announcements in our newsletters - please understand Kurnai College is not involved in the organisations or the running of any these community events.