



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

University Campus Newsletter

8 March 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
25 Apr	Public Holiday - College Closed
21 & 22 June	Debutante Balls



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Message from Campus Principal

Hello Everyone,

The last few days have been a particularly difficult time for our community. This is a message from acting College Principal, Matt Jobling:

" This week has seen another challenge to our area with the Budgerie bushfire that impacted and threatened a number of our local communities. Both the University Campus and Churchill Campus were closed for two days by the Department of Education & Training (DET) and our staff were relocated to Morwell and LV FLO campuses. We also had a number of staff attend the Relief Centre at Kernot Hall to check in with families. It was affirming to also see primary school leaders and staff present supporting the younger members of our community in what has been a disruptive and anxious time for families.

Thank you to all staff for assisting where possible over the last few days and making the most of a difficult situation. Whilst the immediate threat of fire has diminished the fires are still active and the status could change with unfavourable weather. DET are continuing to stay advised of the fire and air quality issues in the area and will respond as necessary.

As you can appreciate the threat of bushfire in our local community is particularly traumatic and we can all react in different ways, and it does not necessarily relate to a person's proximity to the latest fire event. The smoke from the fires is

continuing to vary depending on wind and this is adding to health issues and can also trigger trauma. We have a range of supports in place for students and staff and we encourage students to speak to their wellbeing or advocate teams to access this support. We will continue to monitor students over the coming weeks and ensure support is available. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact your campus principal."

We are reaching that point in the year when students new to the University Campus are starting to realise the significant differences that exist in Year 11. Given the number of documents I have been signing recently, the VCAL students, with the help of the career counsellors and their teachers, have been busy finding their work placements that will start in Term 2. The Year 10 VCAL students have just returned from the work they have been doing at Licola. Please take the time to read the detailed story in this newsletter.

For VCE students many of them have started sitting the School Assessed Coursework (SAC) for their subjects and, if they have not previously met outcomes in their subjects, will be sitting redemptions. Doing redemptions gives students the chance to demonstrate they have achieved the required outcomes, so they do not fail the subject. Even for students who have done a VCE unit before this can be a very stressful process. Having to do this for six subjects is very different to doing it for one.

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Attendance

Hotline

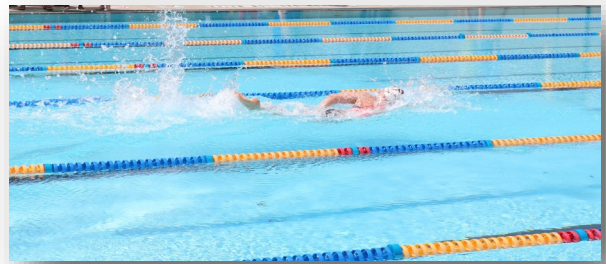
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Message from Campus Principal Contd...

If you are concerned that your child is struggling with these increased demands, please get in touch with the advocates so we can put measures in place to help support them. Teachers and advocates will certainly be contacting you if we have concerns.

On a lighter note the swimming sports are over and congratulations to the large number of students who attended; the highest numbers we have had for the last few years. It was great to see the colourful and creative costumes that were worn by the students representing the various houses. And congratulations to Bridget Cain for all the records she set on the day! Good luck in the regional and state finals.

Geoff Block



Bridget Cain on the way to one of her three records for the day

Kurnai College Swimming Championships

Records set at this Carnival

F Yr12 50m Butterfly CAIN, Bridget FORS 31.75

Old Record: 32.94 SCHOUTENS, Fabienne (THOR 2016)

F Yr11 Diving CANNON, Amy SIDL 16

Old Record: 15 MARKS, Zoey (FORS 2013)

F Yr12 Iron Woman Race CAIN, Bridget FORS 3:54.97

Old Record: 4:15.38 SCHOUTENS, Fabienne (THOR 2016)

M Yr12 Diving SOLOMON, James FREE 19

Old Record: 18 SHEERS, Aidyn (SIDL 2018)

F Yr12 Inner Tube Relay FREEMAN FREE

Old Record: THORPE (THOR 2016)

U Yr12 Inner Tube Relay THORPE THOR

Old Record: SIDDLE (SIDL 2014)

F Yr08 Inner Tube Relay FORSYTH FORS

Old Record: FORSYTH (FORS 2014)

M Yr08 Inner Tube Relay FORSYTH FORS

Old Record: FORSYTH (FORS 2014)

F Yr12 50m Freestyle CAIN, Bridget FORS 30.59

Old Record: 30.81 SCHOUTENS, Fabienne (THOR 2016)

F Yr09 Inner Tube Relay FORSYTH FORS

Old Record: FORSYTH (FORS 2016)

M Yr09 Inner Tube Relay FORSYTH FORS

Old Record: SIDDLE (SIDL 2014)

U Yr12 Teacher 50m Swim SIDL 30.59

Old Record: (FORS 2014)

U Yr12 Teacher 50m Swim FORS 30.59

Old Record: (FORS 2014)

U Yr12 Teacher 50m Swim FREE 30.59

Old Record: (FORS 2014)



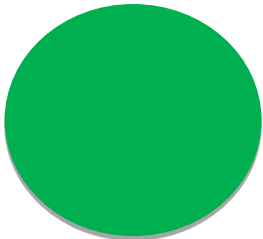


School Attendance Did you know?



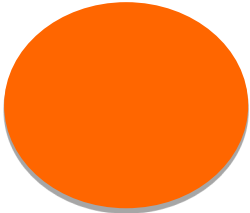
Your child's attendance is on or above 95%

They are likely to be a **"Star Performer"** as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.



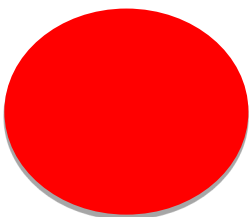
Your child's attendance is 90 – 94%.

"Green for go" for good attendance. They are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities for continuing their studies and their future in the world of work.



Your child's attendance is at 85 – 89%

"Amber Take Care!" They will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it difficult for them to achieve at their best level educationally.



Your child's attendance is 80-85 %

"Red light - Be alert!" They are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.



Your child's attendance is below 80%

"At Risk – immediate action needed!" They are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.

VCAL News

Licola Lions Club Wilderness Camp

On Monday 25th February, 14 students from the Foundation VCAL class set off on a journey where they would perform acts of kindness and give back to the Licola Wilderness Village, whilst also having the opportunity to challenge themselves and gain more confidence and skills in leadership and team building. Students worked hard to carry out minor repairs to the facilities, as well as assisting with the clean up of branches and leaves around the main camp site and facilities. Students through these activities, were able gain a greater understanding on the importance of helping others to make a difference. Our students learnt that small acts of kindness can not only help others, but can provide a rewarding feeling to the person who helps out.

In addition to working around the village students then had to challenge their own personal fears and step out of their own personal comfort zone. Students had the chance to climb a number of different rock climbing walls, test their fear on the giant swing or just take on the zip line. Working together each of our students encouraged others to conquer their fears. Our final activity was the team canoeing challenge, where students worked together to canoe in the Macalister River. Canoeing had its own challenges with students and staff managing to capsize and complete rescues in the water to regain their canoeing position.

Our VCAL Foundation students not only experienced all of this fun and adventure, but they also had the task of catering for each other to meet one of their VET outcomes. Prior to leaving students worked in teams to prepare a meal planner and at camp were able to test out their meal plan and cook for the whole team. Students did a fabulous job of preparing and cooking nutritious meals.



Amanda Vosper
VCAL Co-ordinator



Brett Gay
VCAL Advocate



Julie Garden
VCAL Advocate

Throughout this experience our students have been able to gain greater strength in their own personal journey in VCAL and learn the importance of team building and positive and growth mindsets. Students from this experience are able to start to build upon their job readiness skills that the VCAL program endeavors to educate them on. A massive thank you to the team of students and Brett Gay for all the hard work he does to make opportunities like this happen.



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**.



Attention ALL 2019 Year 11 and 12 students,

Would you like to attend the Mt Hotham Camp in 2019? - 4 spots available

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. 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



Calendar of Excursions / Camps

All Years

Excursion Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due
18, 25 March	VCAL Kickboxing	\$0	CLOSED
12, 26 March	VCAL Swim Program	\$0	CLOSED
13, 20, 27 March 3 Apr	Year 10 VCAL Work Placement	\$0	CLOSED
8 March	Wellington Swimming	\$0	6 March
12 March	LV Magistrates	\$0	8 March
19 March	College Sports	\$0	CLOSED
27 March	Surfing	\$0	CLOSED
2 April	Top Arts	\$5	29 March
7 - 12 July	Mt Hotham Snow Camp - Expression of interest	\$1650	\$300 Deposit A.S.A.P

Teen Mental Health First Aid – Year 11 VCE

This week our year 11 VCE students will begin the Teen Mental Health First Aid course. The course is three periods in length and will be held on Thursdays in weeks 5, 7 and 8 this term. The program is a mental health promotion and suicide prevention course and aims to reduce stigma, increase confidence in young people supporting their peers with a health problem and encourage help seeking behaviour. This year we are very lucky to be a part of the 'Mental Health Education in Latrobe Valley Secondary School's initiative' funded by the 'Pick my project' scheme. As a result of this initiative and funding the program will be delivered to all our year 8 and 11 students across the college at some point in 2019.



2019 College Council Elections Nominations

Congratulations to Joanne Britt and Annemieke Van Vliet on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

Congratulations also go to Joshua Rodda and Keely Longmore on being the successful student representative. We look forward to his valuable input.

We still have one parent vacancy, so if you are interested in joining Council, please contact your campus office.

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Dan Swallow from the Morwell Campus and Nello Carbone from the University Campus have been declared DET Representatives.

A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

Work Ethic

Emily Hayes
Puneet Parmar
Charlee Cini
Samantha Tingay
Rothleakanha Lim
Lucy Bertrand
Mary Tarrant
Chelsea Michael
Brennan Leatham
Stich Lim
Chloe Mifsud
Declan Doller
Cain Iorangi
Ruby Reilly
Kelsey Evans
Yasmin Tanti
Dominic Palmer

Excellence

Yolanda Fraser
Bridget Cain
Logan Rowley
Lily Yu
Tabitha Stevens
Danielle VanVliet
Alisha Brabazon
Paula Hendrikse
Jared McMillan

Relationships

Billie Owens
Chloe Schonberger
Nyetap Ruach
Zoran Winkelman
Brodie Cook
Harran Robinson
Lincoln Boucher
Dakoda Jenkins
Chloe Radford
Heidi Gaudion
Hannah Aurish
Hali James
Emily Chessum

Engagement

Hali James
Jack Reilly
Courtney Howell
Katiya DeFontaine
Imogen Barry
Daniel McCoy
Brodie Cook
Bailey Lewis
James Solomon
Shayla Britten
Billilee Williams
Tanisha Hutton
Jo Jo Utanga



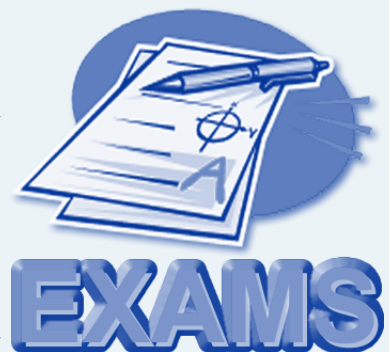
SACs... Term 1

Subject Term 1	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Year 12 Art			SAC		
Year 12 Biology			SAC		
Year 12 Chemistry		SAC			
Year 12 EAL	SAC				
Year 11 English				SAC	SAC
Year 12 English					SAC
Year 12 English Language			SAC		
Year 11 Food Studies	SAC		SAC		
Year 12 Food Studies		SAC	SAC		
Year 11 General Maths	SAC				
Year 11 History	SAC				
Year 12 History	SAC				
Year 12 Health & Human Dev.			SAC		
Year 11 Physical Education	SAC				
Year 12 Psychology		SAC			
Year 11 Sociology			SAC		
Year 12 Sociology		SAC			
Year 11 Specialist Maths		SAC			
Year 12 Specialist Maths					SAC

Term 3 Practice Exams

At Kurnai College we work to ensure that every student achieves their full potential when students leave us at the end of the year. We want to make sure they are ready to take on every opportunity that is provided for them. In order to help achieve this, practice examinations will take place during the Term 3 holidays so students know what to expect for their final exams. All students who are completing a Unit 3 and 4 subject this year are expected to attend their practice examinations during this holiday period where they will be provided with the experience of undertaking exams in similar conditions as their final ones at the end of October. Once these exams are completed students will receive detailed feedback on their results as well as areas to improve upon. This will help your child to develop a revision plan as well as provide further development of skills ready for their final exam.

A timetable for practice exams will be given out in Term 2 to allow students the opportunity to organise time for their exams as well as holiday lectures and general revision time during this holiday period.



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Over 2000 Students
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2 Production Groups Per Year

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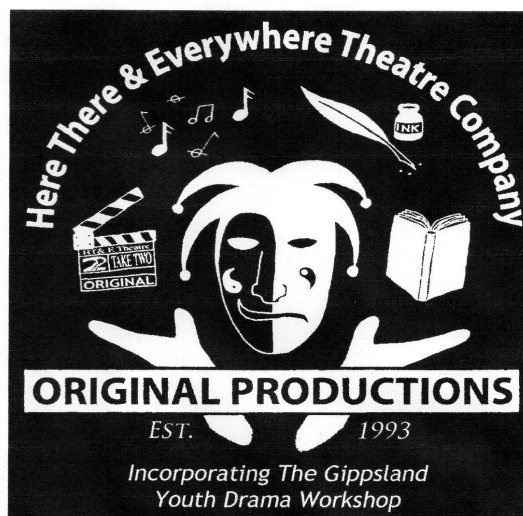
Incorporating:

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Sports Activities for
Confidence & Team Building**
- **Improvisations of Characters
& Stories**
- **Writer's Workshop to Build
an Original Show**
- **Establishing Themes & Plots**
- **Original Music**
- **Rehearsal Technique**
- **Voice Projection**
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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'*

RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol)

When: Thursday March 14th

Time: 3pm - 7pm

Where: Kurnai Uni Campus

Cost: \$59 per person

School Camps & Excursions

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

Health Care Card

Amstralian Government
Department of Human Services

Signature of cardholder

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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

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Traralgon Harriers

Form a team and have fun on the run!

The DFP Recruitment - Latrobe City Community Fun Run & Walk

9.00am Sunday 17 March 2019

Enter a team of your workmates into the run or walk and help our cancer support service, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. Enter at traralgonharriers.org.au

- Join us for a morning of fun and fitness including a BBQ and spot prizes
- Awards for Gippsland schools, workplaces and clubs with the most entries
- Choose from a 5km run or walk for adults and a 1.5km run for kids under 12 years
- Enter your team, family or as an individual

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