## Principal's Report

The term has started very productively with students being ready to learn and displaying a positive attitude towards their learning. Students are on time to their classes and ready to work with the right equipment. I thank all the families who had organised all the learning equipment and uniforms for their children. This has helped all classes begin well. Our teachers have planned productive and engaging lessons using our agreed learning framework, and students are encouraged and acknowledged for demonstrating our college values of High Expectations, Respect and Perseverance.

Our Positive Behaviour Matrix shows clearly, the behaviours that our community believe are necessary for everyone to be successful. We are using our matrix to acknowledge these behaviours when observed and teach the values when students find it difficult to display them. Our three sub-schools are working well with the students in their area. Each coordinator has made an effort to visit each home group and run assemblies to learn more about the students that they will support throughout the year.

I am pleased to see so many students participating and encouraging their teams to do well at our recent Swimming Carnival. All students and staff had a very good day. I would like to acknowledge Ms Natalie Bourke who organised the event with the support of the HAPE team and all the teachers and support staff.

The Year 7 students have started well. We recently had our Information Night with the students and their families. It gave our staff an opportunity to talk to the parents and students and find out how their children are feeling about their new school. All feedback was extremely positive. The Student Success program has helped students learn how to be better organised and to be active participants in the classroom. I will be conducting Student Focus Groups where I will be looking at their workbooks and discussing their learning. This is an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about our students, and how to best support their learning.

Welcome to new staff
I would like to introduce and welcome the new staff to our College Community:

- **Mr Dean Cove**: Head of Senior School and Science and Mathematics Teacher
- **Ms Lena Bartle-Smith**: Art Teacher
- **Ms Karissa Sexton**: Mathematics Teacher
- **Mr Patrick Eldridge**: Humanities and English
- **Mr Lasantha Arachiege**: IT and Mathematics Teacher
- **Ms Donna Gook**: Head of Integration
- **Ms Mandy Van Zanen**: Singing teacher
- **Ms Kelly Christie**: Integration Aide
- **Mr Justin Kulyk**: Integration Aide

I would also like to congratulate Mr David Gorton for taking on a new role as Head of Junior School.
Happy 30th Birthday Kurunjang Secondary College

It is our 30th Birthday this year and we will be celebrating throughout the year with a number of different events to help acknowledge the history of the College and the number of community members that have had connections with Kurunjang throughout the years. Planning for these events is underway. If you would like to be involved in the working party, please contact Mr David Veale.

Parent Partnerships
I look forward to a very positive and productive year for all our community. We will be running a number of workshops and tours throughout the year, to help build the partnership and connection with our parents. We value your feedback and encourage you to be involved. Our College Council elections will occur in March. If you are interested in becoming involved in our College Council, please see the General office for a nomination form. You are most welcome to contact me for further details. The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) are looking for members. If you would like to be involved, please contact the General Office and speak to Ms Tegan Aquilina.

Looking forward to a very successful year for all members of our College community

Sandra Eglezos
PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS REPORTS

Dear families,

2016 has seen a change in the leadership team with Mr Dean Cove as the Head of Senior School, Mrs Carmela Sant as the Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Kelsey Ryan as the Year 11 Coordinator, and Mrs Marie Baker returns as the VCAL Coordinator.

Ms Caroline Torode has taken other leadership roles in the college; she is now the VET Coordinator as well as, the Humanities Domain Leader. We wish her all the very best in her new roles. The Senior School will still work closely with Ms Torode with supporting students undertaking a VET subject.

Students have started the year well and we look forward to assisting them in the final years of their secondary education. Year 12 VCE students are making sound use of the Study Centre and I would like to see its use increase steadily as the demands of subjects begin.

It is essential that students prepare a study schedule on a fortnightly basis to accommodate preparation and completion of tasks. Blocking time for each subject every evening is crucial. The extent of time for each subject may vary from time-to-time depending on due dates however, the need for daily study is crucial.

In addition, I want to commend our Senior School students for being in the current, and correct, school uniform; they certainly look well dressed. I wish them all the very best and look forward to celebrating their successes at the end of the year.

Ms Aylin Gökmen
Senior School Assistant Principal
MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Middle School has had a wonderful start to the year establishing the brand new team and office in the centre of the school. We would like to introduce the team working with all of the Year 9 & 10 students in 2016:

Year 9 Coordinator – Ms. Erin Nugent
Year 10 Coordinator – Mr. Chris Tremolos
Head of Middle School – Mr. Lee Hauser
Assistant Principal for Middle School – Mr. Shane Cole

Starting from Week 4 we will be introducing weekly awards into both our Year 9 & 10 assemblies celebrating students who have demonstrated the school values of Respect, High Expectations & Perseverance. We will be giving out an award for each of the 3 values and asking our staff to nominate students who display these each week. So hopefully you can see your child bringing one of these home in the near future!

Middle School Team would like to thank you for your support with regards to Uniform and we are pleased to say that uniform is being worn proudly by all of our students and we encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns about your child’s uniform. We would like to remind students that caps other than the school cap are prohibited and will be confiscated. Also please remember that socks are to be black or white and must be plain with no visible logos or pictures.

Finally as we enter the 3rd full week of school students are settled in all of their classes and movements amongst electives has now ceased. If there are ongoing concerns about a subject we ask that you contact middle school and we will work both your child and the teacher to find a resolution.

Thanks for your support.

Mr. Shane Cole
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

The VCE and Careers Expo 2016
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May, 10am – 4pm
Caulfield Racecourse, Station St., Caulfield

The VCE and Careers Expo is Australia’s biggest careers and education event with 170 exhibitors providing VCE, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The expo also features 156 seminars on VCE subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is $10 or $25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all expo days. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details and seminar timings please visit: vceandcareers.com.au

Dean Cove
Head of Senior School

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 17th February, vital information was presented to the parents of our year 12 students at our information evening. I encourage you to take the time to review the information, look at the suggested supportive resources available and speak with a member of the Senior School team if you require further clarification.

On our Kurunjang Secondary College website you will find a copy of the presentation slides http://www.kurunjangsc.vic.edu.au/news/2016/02/year-12-parent-information-evening/ and log in details to Elevate Education

Carmela Sant
Year 12 Coordinator
Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on College Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the College.

Those parents who become active on a College 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 College Council. Encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on College Council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child's College and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the College's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All College Council elections must be completed by the end of March.
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 category.
DET employees whose child is enrolled in a College in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the College Council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the College Business Manager 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.

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.

Contact the College Business Manager, Alan Dennis for further information 9747 5116

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Numeracy News Term 1

Congratulations to parents, students and staff for a great start to term 1. Most of our students are arriving in class ready to learn, with correct equipment and have made a smooth transition into their classes this year. Most of our students have the correct textbooks for Maths and are bringing them to class.

It is essential that students have Maths textbooks and calculators, as this enables them to access the set tasks for practice and consolidation of maths concepts covered in class.

If your child does not have a textbook, or you are having difficulty obtaining one for any reason, please contact your child’s mathematics teacher, or Numeracy Leader Mrs. Lou Bentley. If you are a Health Care Card holder you may be eligible for financial assistance, please contact the college Business Manager, Alan Dennis for more details. Some senior students are still waiting for senior Maths texts, due to delays in supplies from publishers. Our senior Maths staff will endeavour to assist with this until textbooks arrive. If you need one, copies of the 2016 booklists for each year level are available through the front office.

This year, Year 7 and 8 students have the added support of the Student Success program, which provides them with binder, school planner, all binder A4 workbooks, well stocked pencil case and ruler. They are using workbook for practice and notebook for Cornell notes and information/help sheets in Maths. Student’s notebooks are a great resource and help to them. Students may use their notebook to assist with homework, tasks in class, tests, and common assigned tasks. To help students value and keep the workbook and notebook up to date, Maths teachers regularly schedule checks of student workbook and notebook.

To achieve a satisfactory outcome in Mathematics for Semester 1, Year 7-9 students must show that they have completed all assigned tasks. These include homework, Common Assigned Tasks (CATs) and complete workbook/notebook.

Please ask your child about their workbook/notebook and Numeracy assessment tasks. Students can access extra support in Study Hall sessions each week, or meet with their Maths teacher. If you have any questions about your child’s Mathematics equipment or their learning in Mathematics, please contact their Maths teacher, Mathematics Domain Leader Mr. Daniel Homburg or Numeracy Leader, Lou Bentley. Study hall runs every week on Monday and Friday in the library for an hour after school. In week B’s, study hall also runs on a Wednesday. Study hall is free, students do not need to book in and there are always teachers from different faculties on duty to assist students.

Louise Bentley
Numeracy Leader
Kurunjang Drive, Melton

Celebrating, Educating, Appreciating Diversity

A fun filled day for all featuring:-

- Cultural Workshops – Japanese Origami, Carnevale Italian Mask Making, Chinese Lantern Making and many more cultural activities
- Cultural Entertainment
- Cultural Food – Cooking demonstrations and food tasting
- Cultural Art & Craft Exhibition
- Multicultural Sports
- Multicultural Fashion Parade

And many more .....

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU

For enquiries contact Tegan Aquilina or Meli Panagiotidis on 9743 9211
Dear families,

At Kurunjang Secondary College, we have an expectation that all students attend school ‘Ready to Learn’. This means that students are prepared for all classes and bring with them all the necessary books and resources to assist in the learning process. Teachers will expect all students to have their books and equipment ready for each class. This will include, set novels, textbooks, college planner, binders, sports clothing and any other materials necessary for subjects.

Please support your child to be ‘Ready to Learn’ by checking timetables and planners the night before and ensuring all necessary items are packed and ready for the next school day.

A reminder that the polo shirts are no longer a part of the college uniform.

- Skirt and dress lengths must be no more than 5cms above the knee.
- Business shirt, short or long sleeves with college logo.
- College trousers and shorts with the college logo.
- Socks must be plain white or black with no logos.
- Opaque navy tights with tartan skirt.
- Black school shoes only.

**UNIFORM**

**PUNCTUALITY**

Students are required to be at school and ready for Home Group prior to 9:00 am.

Any student arriving late must have a written and signed note explaining the reason; medical certificates must be obtained for any appointments made during the school day.

If your child has an early morning appointment, please request a certificate of attendance by the health care provider and present it on return to school.

Students arriving late to school or class without appropriate explanation and approval will be referred to the Heads of School.

Ms A Gökmen