



Corryong College

Keeping In Touch

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience, support and care as we have moved into the commencement of a new year under extraordinary circumstances. Over the last weeks our children have had a multitude of experiences, devastation, physical and emotional impact. The commencement of school has proved crucial in their social emotional support back into a form of normality. It was not easy for staff, but has demonstrated the brilliant team and community we have as all the anxiety around what to expect was quickly alleviated as we received huge hugs and smiles from our students as they entered their first day back. In conversations with the kids, they have voiced their happiness in their return which has allowed them to check in with their friends, teachers and also given them the opportunity to share their stories and debrief through the telling of their experiences. Voicing these is crucial for them to work through their emotions and thought processes. This will continue to be encouraged through the weeks and months ahead.

I understand that some families have not yet returned to full services as a result of fires or some whom are not on facebook. I am grateful for all of you sharing the messages and announcements that were put online as through this time, this was the only form of communication that we were able to access before school returned with the server being down and me forced to use my personal mobile whilst being on the road checking in on families and not able to be in the office with supporting the relief services. As we are now back in full swing, KIT will take over as our primary form of information. Thank you all once again for sharing any news I had put up and on the flip side, I apologise to anyone that found frustration in the online communication.

Importantly to share in this KIT as was put online, is the support services that have been put in place at the school. Here outlines a brief for the college organisation through this week and the week following.

Within the college, we have had a number of voluntary teachers and principals whom have supported our college staff and students in the return to school. Many have been used in the Year 1-4 cohorts as the building works had been delayed due to the lack of access. Next week, we will see our Foundation to Year 4 with full access to the building. Monday morning we will have a foundation parent morning tea in the multipurpose room of the new building. In the near future we will invite all F-4 parents to join us for morning tea and later a formal opening of the building. I would like to thank the builders for their work and lenience in allowing our staff to work in their rooms to ensure we set up the ideal learning spaces for our children. I would like to further thank our F-4 staff who have been flexible in moving their students to library and B1/B2 for the first week of 2020. With all our anxiety over this alternate program, it is amazing to see that the stress was not needed. Our students prove to be more resilient than we assume. They have settled back in really well and enjoyed having extra faces and support in their alternate learning spaces.

For next week's F-4 parents, please ensure you enter the building via the back entrance. Unfortunately we will not have all the landscaping completed and therefore we ask you to follow the yellow signs for entry. Alternate play areas have been organised. Also to note, the council have been unable to install the traffic signage. I ask you all to park on the opposite side of the service road, or up the street (saw mill side of the building) if you are walking your child into the F-4 building. This is to ensure safety is priority. We will endeavour to have signage as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

Throughout the college, we have had a few 'chill out rooms' made available. These have support workers connected and allow these spaces to be monitored and also for students from F-12 to engage with support services if they need. If support services are required, a parent notification will be sent home with your child so you are aware that they have engaged with services.

For impacted families, I am in the process of engaging services and supplies and this will continue as need arises.

I would like to thank all the support that we have already had in funding many resources and opportunities. I will endeavour to get out personal thanks to these organisations, however you can imagine this will be a difficult task. Already, our F-12 children have been supplied their complete stationery packs free of charge and those whom have already paid, had their college account credited.

I am currently seeking funding for the school camps and will inform as confirmations come to fruition as it important for our students to continue their programs as previously planned. Please know that the Bogong Future Makers Camp has been completely funded for all students to attend. I encourage any student that was not attending to really ensure they think about this choice. This will be a brilliant opportunity and a once in a lifetime for some.

We have also had a beautiful supply of school back packs with back to school items for the littlies. These will be distributed in the coming days. Toiletry packs and house packs have also been distributed to those in need.

The generosity we are seeing has been overwhelming. I would like to thank everyone that has opened their heart and allowing our students a great start back to 2020. More information will follow as it comes through.

You will notice that in this KIT is also notification of services. These were put on facebook, as discussed above, before school went back this was the best platform available. Now with the return to KIT, all information will delivered through our regular KIT of which was decided last year that 2020 would see this be produced fortnightly. However under circumstances, I feel this needs to commence weekly for the next few weeks.

It is such a delight to see you all. Please do come in and let us know how you are all going and a huge thank you to all who have been in contact and supported our return.

With a grateful heart,

Fran Heath - College Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 1, 2020

Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th Swimming Carnival
Mon 10th	Tues 11th Year 7 Tathra Camp	Wed 12th Year 7 Tathra Camp Vet Hospo Barista Course	Thurs 13th Year 7 Tathra Camp Year 9 Bogong preparation day	Fri 14th Year 7 Tathra Camp
Mon 17th Outdoor Rec Camp Empress Canyon	Tues 18th Outdoor Rec Camp Empress Canyon	Wed 19th Outdoor Rec Camp Empress Canyon	Thurs 20th	Fri 21st

Updating Students Address and Contact details

Due to the extreme circumstance our Community has endured over the summer holiday period, could all parents please notify school as soon as convenient if there has been any change in address or phone contact details for students.



CORRYONG COLLEGE

INVITES YOU

Twilight Swimming Carnival

Corryong Swimming Pool

Friday 7th Feb
11:30am - 7:00pm

A community event not to be missed. Music, BBQ
and community swimming events for all.

Mitta

Elliot

Murray

Jeremal



Corryong College Council Meeting Dates

The next meetings for Term 1 2020 will be Week 4 Monday 17th February & Week 8 Monday 16th March.

CALL US ON
13 18 12
WE'RE HERE TO HELP.



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

If you have been affected by the bushfires and need assistance, please call us on 13 18 12.

Vinnies can help with essentials like clothing, food, emergency shelter, back-to-school costs, and paying for livestock feed and tools.

Our members and volunteers live in bushfire-affected communities, and will be there for the long road ahead as we rebuild and recover after the fires.

Canteen Roster Friday 7th February

Senior Campus - Kellie Scheitler

Junior Campus - Megan Spurgeon

OP Shop Roster February 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 AM Di Brennan Laura Lawn PM Laura Lawn Brie Jones	4 AM Teigan Klippel PM Laura Lawn	5 AM Judi & Barb PM Cheryl Coysh Chris Harrison Jane Spilsbury	6 AM Sam Pryse PM Kimb H	7 AM Laura Lawn Bob & Barb Brown PM Laura Lawn	8 AM Dee Lebner
10 AM Di Brennan Laura Lawn PM Laura Lawn	11 AM Maree Irving PM Laura Lawn Kate Butler	12 AM Judi & Barb PM Sarah Whiteley Tayla Pierce Chris Harrison Jane Spilsbury	13 AM Sam Pryse Tracy Paul PM Tracy Paul	14 AM Laura Lawn PM Laura Lawn	15 AM Sarah Harris

If you can't work your roster day? Please arrange a swap with another volunteer or call an emergency worker from the list below.
Judi Mercer 02 6076 8382 Teigan Klippel 02 6076 2038 Mert Bennetts (Not Thursdays) 0447 761 294 Any queries regarding the roster call Janette Rixon 60760505 0427 010 194 or email rixon@bordnet.com.au

Practical support to recover after a bushfire

Bushfire case support program



What is the Bushfire case support program?

After a bushfire, sometimes people are unsure of what to do next. The Bushfire case support program provides practical support for people who have been affected by the Victorian bushfires.

Case Support Coordinators can help you with:

- discussing your needs and the next steps you could take
- information and support to access services
- completing paperwork
- community information
- financial counselling and assistance with insurance
- advice for business owners
- a small amount of financial support to help with immediate needs.

Support can be provided face to face, over the phone or at a location that suits you.

Who is it for?

People from bushfire impacted areas in East Gippsland and North East Victoria.

How much does this program cost?

This is a free service.

How can I access this program?

To access this program or find out more:

Call: 1800 560 760 - 8am – 6pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm on weekends

Email: bushfirerecovery@windermere.org.au

More information

The Bushfire case support program is funded by the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and the Victorian Government.



Health Impacts

Corryong Health Services are available for health related concerns - 02 6076 3290

Call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024 or see your doctor if you are unwell.

In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000)

Mental Health

It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through your doctor and local mental health professionals. You can call the following for support at any time:

- Lifeline - 131 114
- Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636
- Mens Line - 1300 789 978
- Kid's Help Line - 1800 55 1800
- Parent Line - 13 22 89
- Bushfire Counselling Line – 1300 514 811
- Mental Health Crisis Line – 1300 881 104

Supporting Children

Like any of us, children can feel overwhelmed and devastated when directly affected by bushfires or from the scenes that emerge afterward. Sometimes, they don't have ways of understanding what they see and can be particularly vulnerable to feelings of anxiety, stress and sadness.

At the same time, children can also have a natural ability to be resilient and adapt to challenging events.

Here are some signs to look out for:

- a child becoming more clingy towards a parent or carer – for example wanting to be held more than usual, wanting to be with parents or carers, asking about fire, seeking reassurance
- changes to sleeping or eating patterns, or both
- the emergence of new physical complaints – such as stomach ache or headache
- changes in mood – such as being more easily irritable, or shutting down
- changes in a child's behaviour or learning at school
- appearing on edge and frightened – for example, being more easily startled, developing new fears, having nightmares or regression in behaviour.

If you (or one of your child's carers) notice these or other changes then it is important to ask the child what they are worried about. Talk to them in a way that is open and appropriate to their age. Listen to their questions and fears and show them that you understand.

If you are concerned and need assistance you can get help from your doctor, local community health centre, psychologist, **Beyond Blue** Tel. 1300 224 636 **Parentline Victoria** Tel. 13 22 89, **Kids Helpline** Tel. 1800 551 800, **Lifeline** Tel. 131 114, and **NURSEON-CALL** Tel. 1300 60 60 24 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours 7 days).

Family Violence

- There is an increased risk of family violence after an emergency. Help is available.
- <https://www.vic.gov.au/family-violence-support> or call 1800 737732 (1800 RESPECT)

Essential Services Update

Changes in water quality

Water users in and downstream of fire-affected areas should be aware of potential changes in water quality in streams following storms or rainfall events.

Rainfall can wash ash, nutrients, organic matter, pathogens and sediment into streams and dams in and downstream of fire-affected areas, and can trigger a large flow of poor quality water into rivers or water storages.

If you're drawing water directly from streams, monitor your supply source and make alternative arrangements if water quality deteriorates.

Information on water quality and health can be found on the state government's Better Health channel.

If you have any questions or concerns, please phone us on 1800 013 357.

Remember, water supplied by Goulburn Murray Water is unfit for human consumption, directly or indirectly, without first being properly treated.

Community Support

Support is available through the
Towong Shire Council hotline 02 6071 5180

Police Assistance Line on 131 444. Or you can
make an online report at www.police.vic.gov.au.
If you wish to report a scam or fraud, visit
www.cyber.gov.au/

Report suspicious behaviour to Crime Stoppers
on 1800 333 000.

Bushfire Case Support Program

The Victorian Bushfires Case Support Program
has been launched and is available for people
affected by the bushfires in East Gippsland and
North East Victoria, as a single point of contact
linking local residents to vital support – such as
information and advice, mental health support or
financial counselling, and details of waste
handling.

Residents can access service via 1800 560 760
or email
bushfirerecovery@windermere.org.au

Financial Assistance

People seeking financial hardship assistance
can call the DHHS hotline 1800 961 054 (9am-
5pm).

Information regarding financial assistance
available to fire affected communities is
available at
https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief/#financial_assistance

Communications

Information on NBN outages can be found at
<https://downdetector.com.au/status/nbnco/map/>
Information on Telstra outages can be found at
[https://www.telstra.com.au/coverage-
networks/our-coverage](https://www.telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/our-coverage)

Power supply

For details - www.energy.vic.gov.au
<https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/>
AusNet dedicated line for customers impacted by
bushfires 1300 561171
If no fire damage is identified and you do not have
power, please call Ausnet Services' Faults Line
on 131799.

Bushfire Clean-Up Program

Registration is now open for the 2020 Clean-
Up Program, which is provided free of charge for
eligible property owners. Please register using the
online form [www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-
program](http://www.vic.gov.au/bushfire-clean-up-program) or by calling 1800 560 760.

The 2020 Clean-Up Program covers the
demolition and disposal of all buildings destroyed
or damaged beyond repair by this season's
bushfires (including residential homes and sheds,
commercial and public buildings, and other out-
buildings).

This may also include the removal of fencing,
trees and vehicles but only where it is necessary
for the safe clean-up of destroyed buildings.

Grocon has been contracted to conduct the clean-
up on behalf of the Victorian Government. After
you register, Grocon will be in contact to discuss
arrangements for the clean-up process, which will
require the signing of a consent form to proceed.

This is a voluntary program and is provided free
of charge for property owners. You do not need to
be insured to be eligible for this program.

Emergency Water Relief Program

Bushfire affected residents can seek emergency
water. On behalf of North East Water, South East
Water are facilitating this program for the North
East fires.

Call 131851, and press 9.

For further details:
[https://mysupport.southeastwater.com.au/articles/
FAQ/Emergency-water-relief-program-for-
bushfire-affected-residents](https://mysupport.southeastwater.com.au/articles/FAQ/Emergency-water-relief-program-for-bushfire-affected-residents)