

# THE WAY NORTH

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**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER**

*Kingsgrove North High School acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to 2024

I would like to welcome the following staff who have been appointed to the school.

Ms Chrysoulla Markoulli (CAPA faculty)

Ms Carli Arvanitis (English faculty)

Ms Emma Bleasdale (PDHPE faculty)

Congratulations to our new staff and I wish them well as part of the Kingsgrove North High School family. Several whole school events have already taken place this year, on Monday 26 February the swimming carnival was successfully held at Bexley Pool, in the same week the school open night was held with many parents and potential students visiting our school. Our staff who attended did a great job showcasing the many facilities and resources available to our students.

The meet the parent for year 7 students was also held on Monday March 18 and was again very well attended with our staff having the opportunity to meet and talk to our year 7 parents.

We were very fortunate to have Justine Schofield who is the celebrity chef attend our school and conduct a MasterChef demonstration to our senior students on Tuesday March 5. The demonstration also included a Q&A session at the end and gave students the opportunity to ask questions about Justine's journey and her success.





# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The installation of light towers on the oval has commenced and will be completed in the April holidays. The towers will compliment the oval with all the stands on either side and will be the last stage of the oval redevelopment with new turf laid and a computerised watering system in place.

The school has also been fortunate to receive a grant to install another electronic sign that will capture the traffic coming up from Kingsgrove station and the M5. The new sign will be linked to the existing signs already in place and will ensure greater exposure for the school in celebrating student's achievements, sponsor advertising and coming events.

A new school plan is also currently being developed, the plan which is a four year plan from 2024-2027 will be completed and ready for implementation for the start of Term Two. I would like to thank and acknowledge my Deputy Principals Ms Bardouh, Mr Stefanis and Mr Kennedy who have been leading this important process.

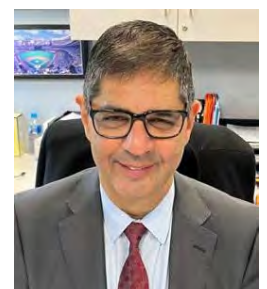
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Principal



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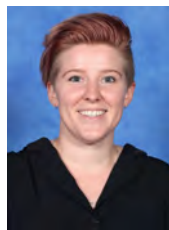
# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



It has been an incredibly busy start to the year at Kingsgrove North High School. Students have been engaging in rich learning opportunities and have had the chance to participate in the various extracurricular activities that our school offers. In a large institution like ours, it can sometimes be challenging to identify the appropriate point of contact for queries regarding your child. Here's a helpful guide:

- Contact the class teacher for initial inquiries, progress updates, or concerns regarding a specific class.
- Reach out to the Faculty Head Teacher for ongoing support related to a particular subject.
- Consult the Year Adviser for general well-being, advice, and support.
- Connect with the Learning and Support Teacher for issues concerning student learning and additional curriculum support.
- Direct significant or ongoing concerns related to student well-being or health care to the Head Teacher Welfare.
- Contact the Deputy Principal for serious academic or well-being concerns, or to escalate an issue.

When attempting to reach a staff member by phone, please understand that they may be engaged in teaching duties and might not be immediately available to respond. Alternatively, feel free to send an email to the school address, and it will be forwarded to the relevant staff member as needed.





# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

## Uniform

A reminder to parents of the need for all students to wear full school uniforms every day. At times, a few students have been wearing sports shoes to school which is in breach of our uniform policy. School shoes need to be black leather. This is a Departmental policy due to WHS requirements for our school site. Please do not let your child wear incorrect footwear to school. Sports uniform is only to be worn on Tuesdays. For PE, students change at school. Uniforms can be purchased from the uniform shop. Students who are out of uniform MUST bring a note signed by their parents. Students who do not bring a note will be placed on lunchtime detention. Failure to attend, or frequent detentions for non-compliance may result in further consequences.

Further to this, we have introduced girls' shorts as part of the school uniform, and this is now available in the Uniform shop. Please be reminded that the only girls short that will be accepted should be purchased from the Uniform shop.



## Punctuality to school

Every student has the responsibility to attend school every day it is open for instruction. Every schooling moment counts towards learning as it contributes to attaining knowledge and understanding, as well as linking concepts across subjects and content to develop a variety of skills essential in life. Schooling also contributes to the social and emotional development of young people to enable them to manage complex situations and relationships.

At KNHS we want to prepare our students to be reliable, responsible citizens who are accountable in the workforce. Understanding the importance of being punctual for work, meetings and appointments and the impact and/or consequences of not meeting these requirements is necessary for students. This is why a policy is being introduced for students to improve their ability to arrive on time at school each day.

- Students are required to be at school by 8:55am.

- Students who have two unexplained lates to school in a week will be attending an after-school reflection the following week on a Wednesday afternoon.

We hope with this policy in place that students manage their time and themselves better to ensure they arrive to school before their first lesson. This includes applying routines such as preparing their school bag and uniform the evening before, establishing a consistent bedtime and wake up time that provides adequate rest and sufficient time to get ready in the morning and to travel to school in time.



# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

## Mobile Phone Policy

Students at Kingsgrove North High School need to be commended on their efforts in adhering to the Mobile Phone Policy introduced Day 1 Term 4.

The overwhelming majority of students have ensured mobile devices are off and away and out of sight throughout the school day. We have noticed a noisier playground with a lot more movement and activity, students positively interacting with one another.

A reminder when a text is received for a second mobile phone breach, only parents and/or guardians are able to collect the phone at the end of the school day.





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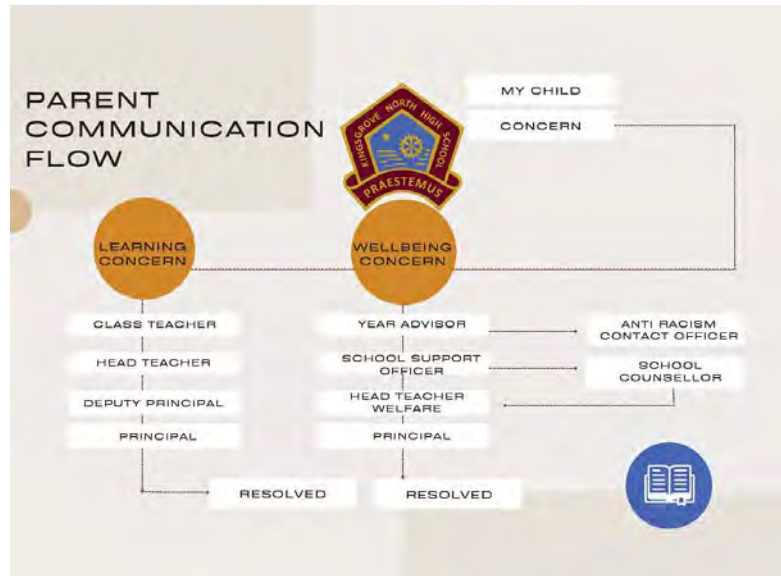
## Organisation is Key

A highly organised student is ready to learn every day. Being organised enables students to produce their best by having the correct equipment for lessons, completing and submitting work on time and managing their workload, which reduces stress levels.

The school provides each student with a diary and a planner which are essential aids to remember deadlines and stay organised. Student diaries should be used to remind students of homework needing to be completed and ensure payments and events are noted and not forgotten.

Organisational skills include preparing for the school day the night before. This includes setting out your uniform ready to be worn and identifying if there is an issue which could be rectified through cleaning or attaining a note to provide at school. Preparing your bag, which includes putting in the necessary books and equipment needed for lessons, as well as preparing your meals for the day. These few minutes spent will remove the stress and rush in the morning that can lead to forgetting something.

Being organised leads to an individual developing to be a reliable, punctual and highly valued member of any team or organisation.



**Ms Bardouh**  
Deputy  
Principal,  
Years 8 & 12



**Mr Stefanis**  
Deputy  
Principal,  
Years 7 & 10



**Mr Kennedy**  
Relieving  
Deputy Principal,  
Years 9 & 11



# HEAD OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT NEWS

## KNHS Rule of Three for Classroom Behaviour

Students at KNHS are expected to behave in a Respectful, Responsible and Safe manner every lesson.

If students do not, the teacher will follow the Rule of Three discipline process, *unless immediate action is required.*

TEACHERS MAY CHOOSE TO ISSUE A VERBAL CAUTION BEFORE STARTING THE RULE OF THREE PROCESS  
A warning will be written on the board.  
Student will be redirected to the expected behaviour and learning activity



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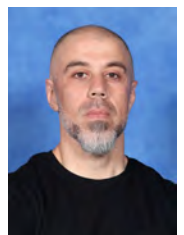


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A warning will be written on the board.  
Student will be placed at a "time out" desk or location within the classroom.  
Student will return to their place in the classroom when the teacher believes they can focus on the learning taking place.  
A consequence will be issued, and parents may be contacted.



Student will be sent to the Head Teacher.

Mr Elmasri- Head of Student Engagement







# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

## My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order**

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

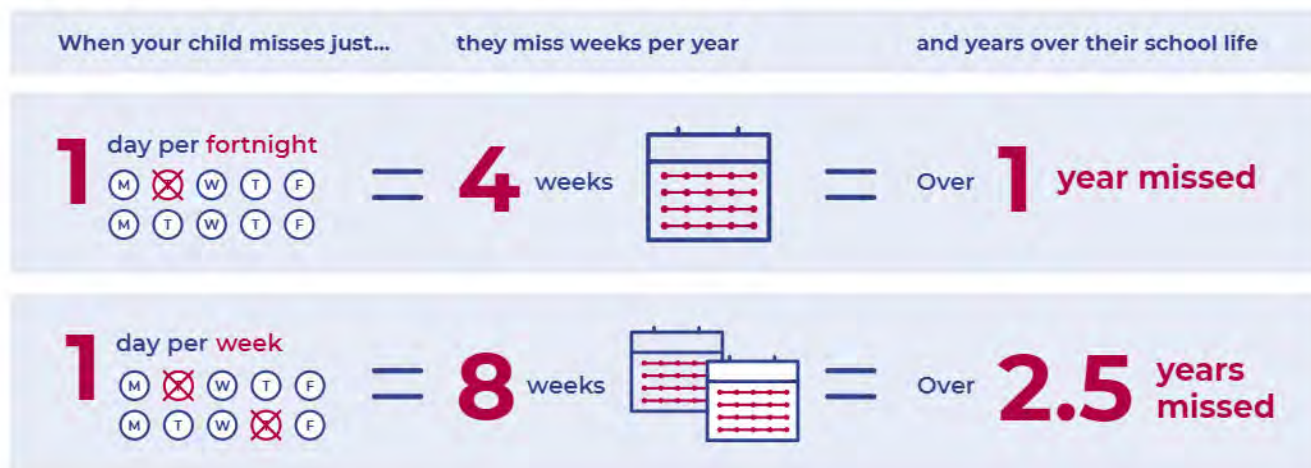
## Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

# MATHS NEWS



We are now nearing the end of Term One at Kingsgrove North High School. We have a full complement of highly skilled teachers who are available to assist students both inside the classroom and at recess and lunchtimes. The Homework Centre is also available, to all students, every Thursday in the Library from 3.15pm until 4.30pm. We would like to welcome our new cohort of Year 7 students, who are settling in well to their new classes and adjusting to the rigors of homework.

This term we have been busy with lots of assessment tasks. Year 7 have completed Task on Integers with the new course, Year 8 completed an assessment on Percentages, Year 9 will be attempting a task on Numbers of any Magnitude and Indices and Year 10 completed their Algebra and Indices grading task.

Year 11 have been busy transitioning into their Stage 6 courses and Year 12, who only have two terms to go, completed their second HSC task.

A reminder to students, that a calculator is essential piece of equipment for Mathematics in all years. It is recommended that all students purchase a CASIO FX-8200 AU.

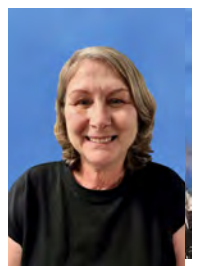
Year 12 must be aware of what are NESA approved calculators and must go to the website to find if theirs is acceptable. This needs to be done before major tasks as to avoid any issues if a calculator is not approved.

We hope that students have a restful and safe break and return refreshed in Term Two.



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*Ms Sarlas- Head Teacher Mathematics*





# YEAR 7

We are excited to share the Term One highlights and adventures of our Year 7 students as they embark on their journey at Kingsgrove North High School.

**Operation Welcome:** The term kicked off with Operation Welcome, a four-day program designed to help our students transition smoothly into high school life. From getting to know you activities to mini Olympics and resilience training, our students were fully immersed in activities aimed at building connections, confidence, and a sense of belonging. They worked through the BYOD (Bring Your Own Laptop Device) administration with the skilled assistance of our technology support staff. Finishing off the week with a scavenger hunt around the school to prepare them for the excitement of having several new classrooms per day. A huge thank you to all staff involved!

**School Camp:** One of the major highlights of Term One was our Year 7 School Camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp on the North Coast. With three perfect days of sunshine, our students embraced every moment of the adventure. It was with phenomenal support from our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders; Demetra, Emmanuel, Angelina and Harry and our fantastic staff; Mr Stefanis, Ms Nguyen, Ms Wall, Mr Le, Mr Majstorovic, and Mr Vitale that our Year 7 students had such a safe and enjoyable experience. Through various activities such as canoeing, flying fox races, fencing and raft building, the students demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and courage. The giant swing and high ropes challenged their fears, but with the support of their peers, they conquered them all! It was a memorable experience that brought our cohort closer together and created lasting memories.





# YEAR 7

**Swimming Carnival:** Our Year 7 students made quite a splash in the pool. With spirited camaraderie and competitive nature, they showcased their swimming skills while supporting their colored house teams. Whether they were racing in freestyle, backstroke, or relay events, every student gave it their all, leaving a wave of energy and enthusiasm in their wake. Congratulations to all our Year 7 participants for their fantastic efforts and great spirit!

We look forward to seeing the continued growth and kindness that our Year 7 cohort are displaying. As we move forward in the school year, it is important to develop strong study habits to keep up with assessments and homework. Homework club is available on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to work on assignments with a range of teachers available to assist them.

Keep working hard and being kind to each other Year 7. We cannot wait for what the rest of the year has in store for you!

“High School has been a wonderful experience so far; the teachers have been welcoming and the students have been very inclusive. The first week (Operation Welcome) was a fantastic way to get to know and find out more about my Year 7 group through team building experiences. As said at the beginning, High School is great, and I am so happy that I am here at Kingsgrove North.”

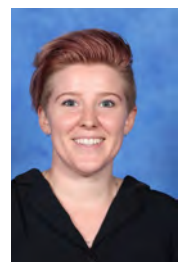
- Rafael, table challenge extraordinaire

“It has been tough, but I am working around it. There has been a bit more homework and tests that I am not used to but other than that it has been an amazing experience.” - Jayden, fashionista



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*Ms Antoniou & Ms Byrne - Year Adviser*





# YEAR 8

Year 8 has had a fantastic start to the year of 2024.

The Year 8 cohort have settled into the new year very well and adjusted to their new teachers, classmates and classrooms. They have also adjusted to no longer being the youngest year group in the school and it has been great to see the Year 8 students lend a helping hand to our brand new Year 7 students.

On the 26th Of February, our annual swimming carnival was held at the Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre in Bexley. All students had opportunities to join races as well as enjoy the splash pad throughout the day. It was great to see the following students make it through to the Zone Swimming carnival and represent our school with their fantastic swimming abilities:

Alexis L - 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, and 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

Jack D - 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

Connor M - 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

Evelyn D - 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle

Thony R - 50m Freestyle and 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

Savannah H - 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

James H - 4x50m Freestyle Team Relay

The Year 8 assessment booklet has been distributed to all the students. These booklets contain all dates and information about upcoming assessments. As the assessment period for Term 1 is approaching I strongly encourage all students to begin preparing for all assessments for all subjects. It is a clever idea to create a list of all assessment tasks this term and include the due dates. Complete each assessment task in the order of what is due first. This will provide you with sufficient time to ask your teachers any questions regarding your tasks.

A reminder that the homework centre is available to all students on a Thursday afternoon after school until 4:30pm. At the homework centre students work on homework/assessment tasks and can receive additional support from teachers. I wish Year 8 the best of luck throughout their assessment period for Term 1.



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*Ms Johnson - Year Adviser*





# YEAR 9

Welcome back!

As our students progress through Year 9, school will become more challenging but also more rewarding.

Our students must take accountability for their learning and embark on the year with maturity, commitment and gratitude.

Year 9's common classes have changed, and they have more ownership of their education. They have the privilege to study their electives, which allows them to dive deeper into their passions and explore their curiosities in various disciplines. I hope this inspires our students to engage in their schooling and appreciate the incredible opportunities that Kingsgrove North High School offers.



Year 9 has a busy year ahead. NAPLAN is fast approaching; carnivals, Cyber-Safety workshops, and a camp in Term 4.... Just to name a few!

Kingsgrove North High School took to the pool for the first carnival of 2024. Congratulations to Lolopua in Year 9, who got into Zone Swimming for 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and Freestyle Relay. An outstanding result!!

Year 9 recently watched the educational production of 'Smashed', which discussed underage drinking with positive thinking so that when the world inevitably throws out choices, our students are ready to make an informed one.

Most importantly, a new year at Kingsgrove North High School is a reminder that you are not alone in your school journey. You are not isolated in your year groups or friendship groups; rather, you are part of a vibrant and supportive community that will always be here to cheer you on.

I encourage Year 9 to take this new year in their stride to continue to make their mark on the community and celebrate themselves for who they are. Equally, I encourage Year 9 to celebrate others, too. We are all responsible for making a positive environment where people feel safe, valued and included.

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Ms Reid - Year Adviser







# DRAMA CLUB

The Kingsgrove North High School Drama Club is in its third year. The group is an inclusive community with students from Years 7-12.

In 2023, the Drama Club performed an original play, 'King of the Woods' written and directed by Andy, now in Year 11.

Andy is currently working on another original play for our students to perform.

The club is student-directed. The set and costume design were created entirely by students - Charlotte and Gloria from the Art Club created our set - and Alana and Bea created our costumes.

Drama Club is designed to give students autonomy over their creative process and support them by facilitating opportunities for students to lead workshops and direct the show themselves.

Drama Club runs in the school hall on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. All students are welcome. You don't need to be a performer to join our club. Every performance has a whole crew working behind the scenes... set and costume design, sound and lighting, makeup artists, stage hands... just to name a few. If you're interested, please contact Ms Byrne or Ms Reid. We would love for you to be part of our community.

See you on the stage!



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Ms Reid - Year Adviser



# MODELLING CLUB



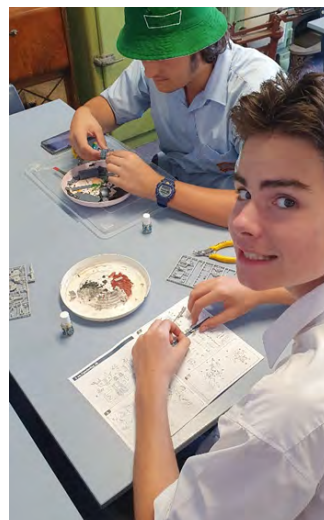
The Kingsgrove North High School Model Making Club, active since 2013, offers students a creative outlet to learn and develop skills in scratch building models. Students use kits, recycled products, and natural items to create models in various scales. Under the guidance of Mr. Joseph MacIntosh, the club focuses on crafting detailed dioramas that depict historical scenes, providing members with a hands-on approach to history and model making.

The club meets every Thursday afternoon from 3:05 until 4:15pm in room KF4. Any students interested in joining the club are welcome to pop in or can see Mr. P. Smith for further information.

We would like to welcome our newest recruits from Year 7 who are:  
**Henry T, Daris P and Caitlin R.**

Current members include:  
Year 8 students:  
**Samuel L, Ryan B, Elliot M and Massimo O.**

With our senior members being Year 10 students **Jack Z** and Year 11 students **Jarrold H, Corrin D, Hayato K & Thomas G.**



# MODELLING CLUB



Our latest model has now been completed which depicts the **Battle of Rourke's Drift** in the Zulu War. This iconic defence on 22nd January 1879 of the mission station in Natal by a small force of British and colonial troops against a huge force of Zulus who attacked the small British garrison. The Zulus were eventually repelled after more than 12 hours of bitter fighting with British forces winning a record number of Victoria Crosses. This diorama is now available to be viewed in the school library.

This year the club has decided to work on a major task which will require a large team effort to complete. The diorama "Pegasus Bridge" is currently under construction.

On 6 June 1944, during the Second World War the bridge was, along with the nearby Ranville Bridge over the Orne River, the objective of members of D Company, 2nd (Airborne) Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, a glider-borne force who were part of the 6th Airborne Division during Operation Tonga in the opening minutes of the Allied invasion of Normandy. The successful capture of the bridges played a significant role in limiting the effectiveness of a German counterattack in the aftermath of the D-Day Normandy invasion.



***Model Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 3:05pm until 4:15pm in room KF4. Any students interested in joining the club are welcome to see Mr Smith for more information.***

*Mr Smith - Model Club*





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# Uniform Shop Hours



**Tuesday 11:30am - 3:30pm**  
**Thursday 8am - 12pm**

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Shop Coordinator  
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\*\* Standard uniform shop trading hours during school terms

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Kingsgrove North High School  
**UNIFORM SHOP – Price List**  
 Prices effective 1st March 2024

ITEM PRICE	
<b>GIRLS</b>	
Junior Girls Blouse \$40.00	
Senior Girls Blouse \$40.00	
Junior Skirt \$55.00	
Senior Skirt \$45.00	
Junior Girls Slacks \$44.00	
<b>BOYS</b>	
Junior Boys Shirt \$40.00	
Senior Boys Shirt \$40.00	
Boys Shorts Beltloop \$42.00	
Boys Trousers Beltloop \$48.00	
<b>UNISEX</b>	
Softshell Jacket \$70.00	
<b>JUMPERS</b>	
Wool Jumper \$75.00	
<b>SPORTS</b>	
Sports Shorts \$35.00	
Trackpants \$50.00	
Sports Polo \$40.00	
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>	
School Tie \$20.00	
<b>OTHERS</b>	
Reusable Tote Bag \$1.00	

Tuesday 11:30am - 3:30pm & Thursday 8:00am - 12:00pm - closed school holidays

Purchase online: <https://www.daylightsportswear.com/kingsgrovenorth> -  
 pick up from uniform shop.

WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD, VISA, EFTPOS, AND CASH – NO CHEQUE PAYMENTS

\*\*Prices are subject to change without notice



# KINGSGROVE NORTH HIGHSCHOOL

**KINGSGROVE NORTH HIGHSCHOOL  
P&C NEWSLETTER  
TERM 1 - FEBRUARY 2024**

## Why should you become a member of KNHS P&C?

Did you know you can become a paid member of the P&C at any time of the year? This allows you to vote at meetings on important issues and on incoming members at the 2024 AGM. Only paid members are allowed to vote on decisions made within the P&C and run for Committee positions. Annual membership only costs \$2. Membership must be renewed following the annual AGM.

## Welcome to our new KNHS families

It was fantastic to see so many new and familiar faces at last week's P&C meeting. The KNHS P&C usually meets on a Tuesday in Week 3 or 4 of each term. The current committee is:

- Kylie Smith, President*
- Jacqui Taofin, Vice President*
- Dana Sampath, Treasurer*
- Rena Malestesas, Secretary.*

However, all positions will become vacant at the AGM in Term 2 and all current members are eligible to nominate for a position. Without a P&C our school can't access this financial support so before Term 2, please consider if you could give some of your time to help on the Committee.

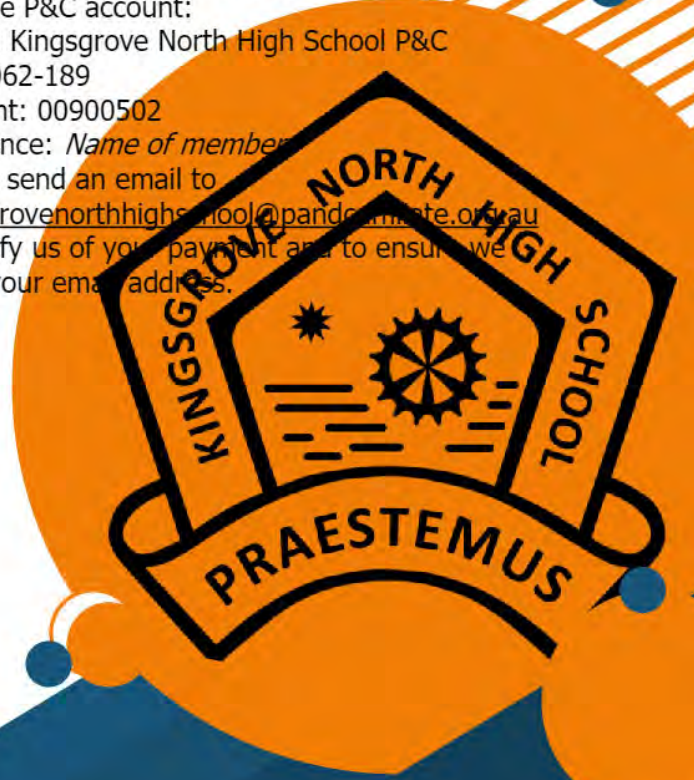
The P&C is a great way to find out what's going on at school and ask questions directly to the Executive. Why not come along and be part of the decision-making process for our school.

To become a member, pay the fee at the next meeting, by cash or card, or pay your fee straight into the P&C account:

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Kingsgrove North P&C acknowledges the Traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past and present and the young leaders emerging today.



## KNHS P&C supporting our school

In term 4 last year the P&C were able to run a refreshments stall at the drama club's performance night. This was a great night and the funds raised can go on to support the students in their areas of interest. Whether this be a performance night, learning aids, swimming hats or something else. We encourage all students and staff to reach out if seeking support.

## Update on KNHS from the Executive team

The Executive team give a school update at each P&C meeting.

KNHS currently has 930 students which is a slight drop in the expected enrolments but there will be 30 international students joining later this year. The school intake boundaries will change in 2025 and these will further be affected by the reclassing of some schools in the surrounding areas that are currently single sex only. There is good news for families with younger siblings that are not yet high school age, siblings will now be automatically accepted into the high school if older siblings attend.

Mr Stasos is working closely with local First Nations Elders around the design and instalment of a Yarning Circle. There will be light towers installed on the oval in April which will enable the school to hire out the facility after hours.

Female students at KNHS will now have the option to wear navy tailored shorts as an alternate option to the skirts. These shorts are now available

for purchase from the uniform shop. More shorts can be ordered as supply demands.

The school will also investigate the option of long sleeve blouses for girls as an alternate option to the current short sleeve.

Mr Kennedy, Relieving Deputy Principal, gave an insight into the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2024-2027. The Department of Education mandates the first Growth & Attainment goal, Literacy & Numeracy, but the school chooses the other two, Academic Writing and Student Pathways (which looks at life after school with pathways other than university, attendance, and engagement) KNHS is currently scoring above the state and significant other school standards in writing but has a little way to go in numeracy and literacy. The policy for the SIP needs to be signed off by the end of Term 1. **There will be a special P&C meeting called later this term** to allow parents to review before it is finalised.

Mr Stefanis, Deputy Principal, introduced parents to the new Punctuality Policy that is now in effect at school.

Continued lateness for school and class has an impact on a student's learning and is disruptive for teachers and other students in that class. Students must be at school by 8.55am. If students have two unexplained lates to school in a week they will attend an after school reflection on Wednesday until 3pm. If there are two unexplained lates a second time, the afterschool reflection will extend to 3.30pm.

The introduction of a warning bell near the end of break times has proven to be effective this year in helping students arrive at class after breaks on time.

## Date for the Diary

The next P&C meeting will be **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Immediately following this meeting will be the AGM to close off the year and elect a new P&C committee.



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# DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

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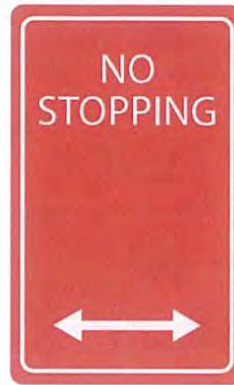
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Stay within **3 meters** of your car  
Stay less than **2 minutes**



Section 168 Road Rules 2014

## Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign



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**DO NOT STOP** for **ANY** reason



Section 167 Road Rules 2014

## Child or Passenger Not Restrained

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