

# 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 back to 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 7 students along with several staff that are with us for the first time. Mr Tony Bui has been appointed to the Mathematics Faculty, Ms Marianna Brigden has been appointed as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning and as a result we will be advertising for a Head Teacher HSIE during this term. Mr Jason Wen has also been appointed to the Mathematics Faculty. Ms Hannah Reid was also appointed to the English faculty via the merit system.

During the holidays new roofs were installed to replace the old tiles that have been there since 1959. All work was carried out during the break, and this has resulted in no disruption to the normal school day. We have been given approval to have the walkways replaced as well as the roof over G block. This work is due to start in the next few weeks.



Further to this, there has been a program to repair all the windows that were not working properly and most of this work has also been completed along with the painting of all stairwells. The trade training facility in the Industrial Technology area has also been extended.

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One of the last big projects that we are planning on completing this year is the upgrade of the school hall. While we already have up to date lighting and lazer lights for performances as well as cameras to do live streaming, we are hoping to have air conditioning installed as well as sound panels to make the hall less noisy. We have also applied to council to have light towers installed on the oval and that is currently in progress and may take some time for approval.



**A vertical garden was built and has enhanced the main entrance to the school.**

The school has continued to grow and is fast approaching full capacity. At this stage we have 950 students enrolled at our school and that is expected to grow close to 1000 in 2024 when the capacity of the school will be reached.

While the threat of covid is still very real as a school we are now back to a normal school year with all planned activities going ahead and in many ways we are trying to make up for lost time over the past few years. Planned activities that will go ahead this year also include the COS showcase, COS band concert, multicultural day and the information evenings for Years 8 and 10 in term 2.

**We recently held our annual open night with over 500 parents and potential students visiting the school. The school is looking great, and it was the perfect opportunity for our staff to highlight the many facilities that the school has to offer. My thanks to Ms Noulas for organizing the evening and all staff that supported the evening. Special thanks to our prefect leaders and the SRC who conducted the tours for parents and students.**



Mr Stasos - Principal



# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



## Year 7 - 2023

Congratulations to our Year 7 students for their commitment to learning so far this term. Students have started High School with a strong work ethic and positive level of maturity. We have provided all students with diaries, and it is important that they bring their diaries to school every day to help them keep organised. Diaries are a valuable communication tool for parents, teachers, and students to use every day.

Year 7 have enjoyed several activities and events so far with one of those being our annual school swimming carnival. It was great to see our Year 7 students competing and enjoying the many events on the day. The Great Aussie Bush Camp for Year 7 was a huge success, with 114 students participating in the action packed 3 day event. Students challenged themselves, developed friendships, faced their fears and above all had an enjoyable time. Ms Stamenkovic, Ms Johnson, Ms Brigden, Mr El Masri and Mr Laws are to be recognised and congratulated for their energy, patience, enthusiasm and for supervising students on camp.



# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



## **Year 7 Meet the Teachers**

Wednesday 22 March, 4pm – 6pm will be our first event where parents of Year 7 students are invited to 'Year 7 Meet the Teachers'. This is an opportunity for parents and carers of our Year 7 cohort to meet their class teachers and also obtain some very early feedback on how their students have settled into the high school environment. This is an informal event, taking place in Ffrench's forest and will be accompanied by a sausage sizzle. Should you have any questions or concerns for your child, please do not hesitate to contact our awesome Year Advisers Ms Stamenkovic and Ms Johnson.

## **Years 9 and 10**

It has been a very busy start to the year with the Year 9 students experiencing their first taste of elective classes. Many of the students have settled into their new timetables and are enjoying their chosen specialty subject courses. Well done on approaching your learning with maturity and dedication.

As we prepare for the Year 9 student Naplan testing in the next couple of weeks, I would like to wish them well and look forward to reflecting on their results. Please note that attendance and participation in the Naplan testing is expected. If students are sick please inform the front office of their absence on the day.

Students in Year 10 have begun their ROSA journey and it is important that they focus on meeting all course outcomes through completing coursework, assessments and attendance of all lessons. Students are reminded that if they are needing additional support with their learning that Thursday's homework centre is in operation from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

During Term 2, our Year 10 students will commence their Minimum Standards testing in reading, writing and numeracy. The online testing will be administered at school and students will be given information about this testing closer to the dates.

As we finalise Term 1 learning at Kingsgrove North High School, we would like to remind our Year 9 and 10 students of our expectations regarding behaviour and attendance. We encourage all students to attend school each day and attend their designated classes to achieve success. Along with this, we are working with students and the wider community to create a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for all.

## **Contact Details**

Communication between the school and parents/carers is extremely important. So that all communication reaches home, can you please notify the school if you have changed addresses or phone numbers.





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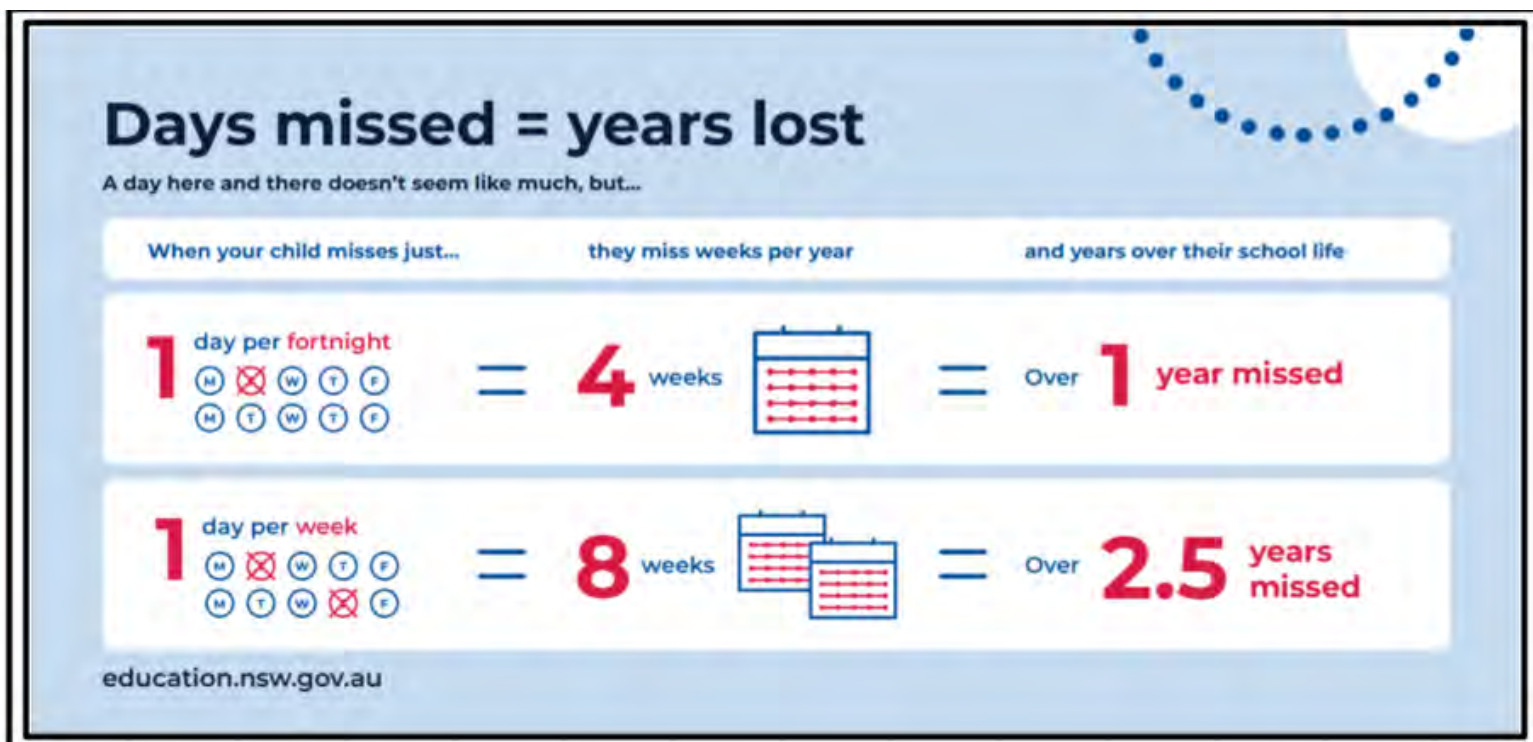
## School Uniform

This is a timely reminder to parents of the need for all students to wear full school uniforms. Some students have been wearing runners 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 from their parents. Students who do not bring a note will be placed on a lunch time detention. Failure to attend, or frequent detentions for non-compliance may result in further consequences.

## St Albans Road and Student Safety

The busiest times for St Albans Road are at the start and end of the school day. The most important priority for us is that students are safe as they enter and leave the school. Parents please note that the School Zone 40km/h is in operation from 8:00am to 9:30am in the morning and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the afternoon, and that council rangers have been active in the area. Please ensure you follow the road rules and speed limits at all times. Students are also frequently putting their lives at risk by ignoring basic safety instructions and crossing the road through the busy morning and afternoon traffic. Can you please encourage your child to cross at the lights or at the pedestrian crossing. Your ongoing support is most appreciated.

## Attendance and punctuality



# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



## KNHS Mobile Phone Policy

2023 has seen the commencement of our new Mobile Phone Policy. The vast majority of students and parents have embraced and supported the successful implementation. The policy can be found on our school website <https://kingsgrove-n-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/notes.html>. We would like to remind students, parents and carers of the following:

Mobile phones, earphones, AirPods and other electronic devices are to be **OFF** and **AWAY** unless permission is granted by the classroom teacher for educational purposes only. Mobile phones are:

- not to be used in any classroom, learning space, Sport/PE class or assembly.
- to be off or on silent in every class.
- to be out of sight (in bag or pocket) for the entire lesson.

## Contact between students and parents and carers during the school day

Should a student need to contact a parent or carer during the school day, they must approach the administration office and ask for permission to use the school's phone. During school hours, parents / carers are expected to only contact their children via the school office.



### Use of Mobile Phones and Devices in Class



#### OFF and AWAY

Mobile phones are turned off or switched to silent, in bags and out of sight. Not to be used in class.

#### ASK FIRST

The teacher will give permission if you can use a device for classwork after being asked.

#### TEACHER DIRECTED

With teacher direction and permission, devices may be used as a tool for learning in a class activity ONLY.

### Acceptable and Responsible Use

## KNHS New Behaviour Policy

Towards the end of 2022, the Department of Education released a new Student Behaviour Policy in managing challenging, complex, or unsafe behaviour in NSW schools. As a result, KNHS has modified and updated our behaviour policy and included new interventions including appointing a Head Teacher Student Engagement, a Student Self-Reflection intervention room and After School Reflections. The introduction of these interventions were discussed and overwhelmingly supported at the P&C meeting. We look forward to working with families and community members to ensure the successful implementation of these new initiatives.

## Stage 6 Students (Yr11 and Yr12)

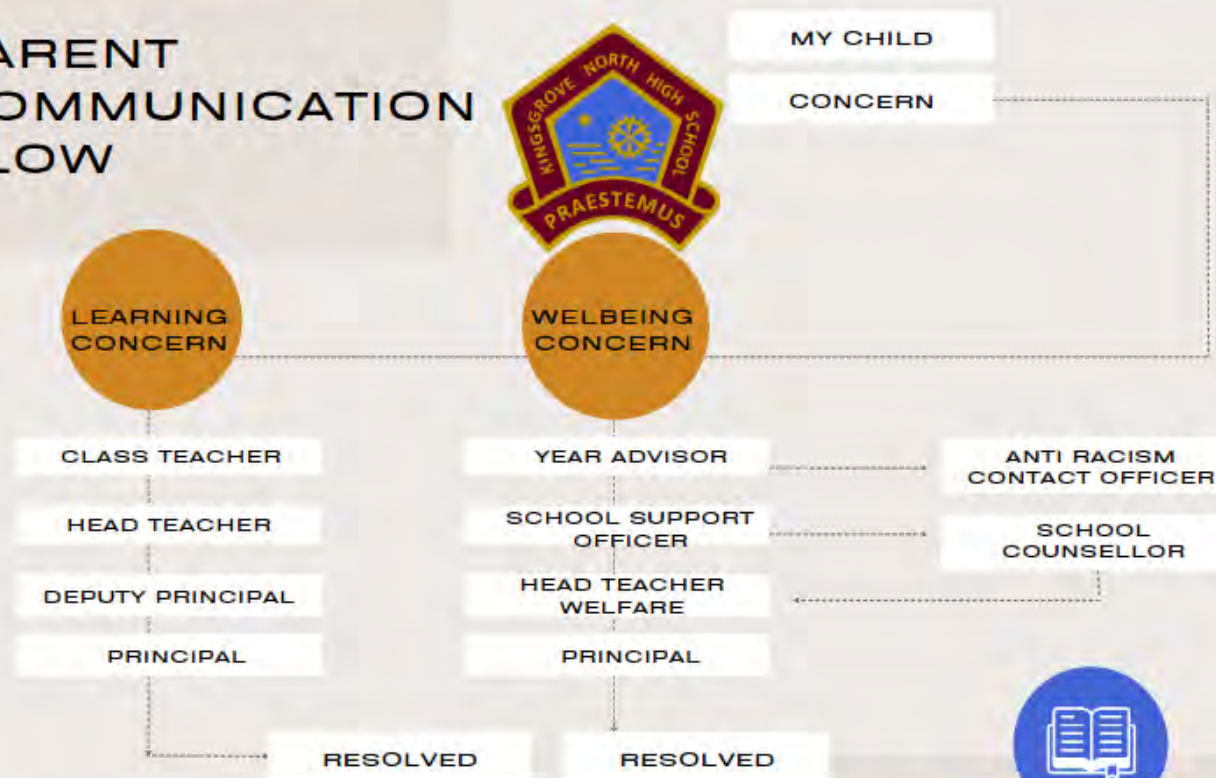
This is a reminder to all Stage 6 students that if you require support with your schoolwork and assessment tasks that you can utilise the study hub, attend school on Tuesday week B in the library and access the school homework centre. Please reach out to your classroom teachers, Year Advisers or Deputy Principals for advice and support.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



For any learning or wellbeing concerns, please contact teachers in the order listed on the flow chart.

## PARENT COMMUNICATION FLOW



Please allow 48 hours for a response. Communication sent over the weekend or on a holiday will be returned within 48 hours AFTER the weekend or holiday.



**Ms Bardouh**  
Deputy Principal,  
Years 7 & 11



**Mrs Hill**  
Deputy Principal,  
Years 8 & 12



**Ms Noulas**  
Relieving Deputy Principal,  
Years 9 & 10



# HEAD OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT NEWS



## Rozario's Reflections

I would like to welcome our wonderful school community to Term 1 of 2023. I am fortunate enough to be able to say that I have commenced the new role of Head of Student Engagement at KNHS. This role is primarily focused on supporting all Kingsgrove North High School staff and students with making our school an exciting place to learn.

*A message to all students: I would love to hear your thoughts on how I can make school more engaging for you so please don't hesitate to come in for a chat in the new Reflection Room.*

### **ABCN Programs:**

This year once again I will be co-ordinating exciting programs for our students to connect with the community and enhance skills that will help them beyond the classroom. I encourage all students to become involved. Here are some of the exciting events to come:

#### **Term 1 (15th and 23rd of March) Leaders of Tomorrow program**

The Yr 12 leadership team will be mentored by leaders of the company American Express. Mentors will analyse the different styles of effective leadership and help students develop their leadership qualities.

#### **Term 2 Focus Program**

The Focus program involves students working in small groups with female executives who act as role models and mentors. It aims to support young women to develop their leadership skills and aspire to senior roles in business and the community – to improve achievement and foster a sense of self-belief that will encourage students to aim high and have confidence in their leadership abilities.

#### **Term 3 Interview 2 Impress Program(i2i)**

The i2i program develops students' self confidence and enhances their abilities to identify their strengths and opportunities for the future. Students will obtain the necessary skills to adequately prepare for becoming “the best applicant for the job”.

#### **Term 4 Future Thinkers Program**

The ABCN Future Thinkers program is designed to equip students with the confidence, behaviours and mindsets needed to prepare for the rapidly changing world of work. Overall this program can make an effective impact on students as they consider their options for the future.

**Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities!!!**

# HEAD OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT NEWS



## **Olympians Unleashed: (Tuesday 28th March)**

I'm delighted to announce that KNHS will be receiving a visit from Australian 2 x Olympian Alexandra Croak. Alex Croak is one of very few Australians to have competed in more than one sport at the Olympic Games (Gymnastics and Platform Diving). She won gold in the team event and silver on the gymnastics beam at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. In 2006 she competed in diving and won a silver medal. In 2010 she won gold in the 10m synchronised platform diving with fellow Olympian Melissa Wu.

Year 9 students will have the opportunity to meet Alexandra as she inspires them to face their challenges and dream to succeed.

<https://www.olympics.com.au/olympians/alexandra-croak/>



## **Reflection Room:**

The Reflection Room is currently operating at KNHS. This space is for students that need the time and space to refocus and reengage with their learning. I will be working with students to establish goals and ensure that support networks are in place to help them thrive and achieve their goals for a better future.

I am still waiting for the new furniture to be delivered for this room. Stay tuned for photos of a new and exciting space for our students to engage in their learning.

We are **Respectful**

We are **Responsible**

We are **Safe**

**Mr Rozario - Head of Student Engagement**



# WELFARE & LIBRARY NEWS



## From the Library

The KNHS new-look library is a hive of activity! Our new Year 7 students have discovered the fantastic books we have on offer, ready to borrow and read; and as usual our studious seniors are taking advantage of their break-out spaces to revise and consolidate their classroom learning.

The library will also soon commence running lunch time clubs for students eager to make new friends with common interests- Lego club and Karaoke Fridays to name but a few. Students should listen out for messages at assembly for the daily lunch time roster of clubs beginning later this term.

*“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible”*

**- Barack Obama**



**To all parents, please encourage your children to come in and borrow some books and familiarise themselves with all the happenings in the library.**

*Ms Faros - Relieving Head Teacher Welfare*





# STUDENT LEARNING AND SUPPORT NEWS



## 2023 COVID Intensive Learning Support Program COVID TUTORING AFTER SCHOOL IS BACK!

It is with great pleasure to announce that Covid Tutoring commenced this term in Week 9 on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 9th March. Numeracy and Literacy sessions will run on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for 1 hour after school in the Library.

Students who are committed to improving their Numeracy and/or Literacy skills can book in with Ms Bastas a week prior to secure a placement. Our aim is to improve students' Literacy and Numeracy across all Key Learning Areas.

To book, students please see Ms Bastas in the LaST staffroom (JF15) to get your names down for the afternoon sessions. Alternatively, parents can make bookings via email.

Ms Bastas' email is: [katerina.bastas@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:katerina.bastas@det.nsw.edu.au)



**In 2023, the tutoring program will be strictly bookings only. We look forward to supporting your child/children in this initiative.**

*Ms Grackoska- Head Teacher Learning and Support*

# YEAR 7



This term Year 7 began with a full and exciting Operation Welcome! This program assists in transitioning our students to high school and settle in. Throughout the week they participated in getting to know you activities, learning about their digital thumbprint, inclusivity and resilience workshops, Mini-Olympics, collaboration activities and the students even learnt a dance! Year 7 especially enjoyed working with our older students including the Prefects, Peer Support leaders and other senior students.

A major highlight of term one for Year 7s would have to be the School Camp, students took a journey up the North Coast to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. All 3 days went off without any issues, students were quick to move into their groups and start activities. A little rain didn't deter the positive and excited mood that was spreading around the cabins. Groups went kayaking, navigated the bush and worked together through pioneering, embraced the Hunger Games in archery, demonstrated their engineering skills in raft building and faced their fears on the giant swing.

Students were well behaved, they banded together to support and encourage each other when the giant swing and power fan sent others into a panicked freeze. The bus ride home saw many dull faces and even more sleepy heads. After so many years of excursions and camps being adjusted due to COVID we are so grateful to have had this experience with our cohort, to get to know them and allow them to get to know each other.



The most fun at camp was to be had during the night activity. Students got cozy around a large bush fire preparing themselves to go out into the bush in the pitch black and rescue 'the hostages' in commando, one of the greatest camp activities. To no surprise, the teachers were victorious when finding the students who were hiding, whispering, and pretending to be trees, a skill that teachers have mastered for years.



# YEAR 7



After returning from camp, Year 7 students have settled back into their high school routine and are feeling more confident in finding their way around the school and asking for help. Both Ms Johnson and Ms Stamenkovic have spent a lot of time talking about respect and kindness with our students and hope that this is reflected throughout their behaviour for the remainder of Term 1. The Year 7 cohort has been fantastic so far in regard to following our school values and new mobile phone policy. We are very much looking forward to continuing working with these amazing students.

As students have transitioned now into high school it is important that we continue to support their learning and wellbeing.

**The Year Adviser role is made as a support for students with regards to their welfare and wellbeing. If you are having any concerns with classes or workload please contact the classroom teacher for any additional support.**

*Ms Stamenkovic and Ms Johnson - Year 7 Advisers*





# YEAR 8



Welcome to 2023. Year 8, it is a privilege to be your Year Adviser, and I look forward to another year of watching you grow as young adults.

The Swimming Carnival was a fantastic experience. Year 8 were beasts in the pool and held some excellent harmonies in the bleachers. It was a real celebration. Congratulations to Lilith B, Cooper D, Naomi H, Christian Q, Sienna R, Lolopua T, and Stephanie Z for representing KNHS at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

On March 2, Year 8 had our school's first Stage Assembly with Year 7. These assemblies are an opportunity for students to be recognised for their achievements and to celebrate the culture that they create at KNHS. Congratulations to all award recipients and a special thank you to Matthew X for his piano performance. It was a true highlight.



The Stage Assembly saw the inauguration of the KNHS 'Character Award', an award for a student dedicated to creating a positive and inclusive environment for the people around them. Congratulations to Alannah L for receiving the Character Award, which is a great honour.



## **Alannah L Year 8 Character Award Term 1 2023**

*She is recognised for her kindness, compassion, humour, and commitment to creating an environment where students feel safe, valued, and respected.*

# YEAR 8



## Taking Responsibility and Accountability

Although there have been some very positive experiences this year, I want to acknowledge the challenges our year group is facing. Friendship groups are shifting, workloads are getting heavier, and our phones are still streaming videos and opinions that can be violent and upsetting.

Remember that as we grow older and find our feet in the world, it's normal for our relationships to change. Within these changes, we must take responsibility for the role we play in the lives of others.

Year 8, you are part of the solution and, sometimes, part of the problem. It is important to consider the enormous influence we have on the lives of our peers. We must stand up for what we know is right, be honest, and treat others gracefully and with compassion.

We are privileged to be part of a community that supports and cares for others, but this privilege includes being committed to protecting and supporting those affected by sad times.

It is not always as easy as this. But looking out for each other is simple. Do the right thing, and you will never be wrong.

Year 8, as you mature as young adults, remember that we are blessed to belong to such a diverse community, and our responsibility is to protect and foster it. We have many students from many faith backgrounds, and part of growing up is working out what you believe while respecting others and their beliefs.

Be kind because everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

## How To Help As Parents and Carers

As parents and carers, part of our role is to check in with our young people. Check that they are aware of what is happening and recognise the role they play within it. Holding our young people accountable and teaching them resilience will equip them with all they need to succeed in high school and the world beyond our school gates. I compel our parents and carers to give Year 8 opportunities to show resilience, solve problems and stand up for themselves.

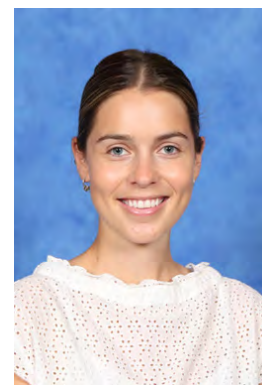
**Please see below for more information regarding how to support your child:**

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

<https://www.parentline.org.au/>

**Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52**

*Ms Reid - Year 8 Adviser*



# YEAR 12



## Year 12 Report

Year 12 have had a fun start to the year, making a big impact at their final Swimming Carnival ever in fancy dress. It was so great to see them interacting with the younger students, acting as responsible role models. I could tell though, that a lot of them were feeling quite emotional at the thought that this was the last time they would be participating in a swimming carnival.

This year will be full of “last time experiences” and I for one am already feeling quite emotional at the prospect of this much-loved group leaving us at the end of Term 3. Seeing them together posing for their official Year 12 photo a couple of weeks ago, all smiling in their crisp white shirts made me feel quite nostalgic. It doesn’t feel all that long ago that they were here for ‘Operation Welcome’ and nervous about starting Year 7. And yet, here we are.

Coming to the end of their schooling can also bring some serious anxiety- please make sure that you call the school for me if you notice anything of concern. I am here to help!



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*Ms Faros - Year 12 Adviser*





# VET NEWS



## The Benefits of Studying a VET Course

Vocational Education and Training (VET) refers to education and training that focuses on delivering skills and knowledge required for specific industries. It is a learning option for young people in the senior phase of learning. The role VET courses play in helping students prepare for further education, training, employment and lifelong learning is widely recognised by key stakeholders in education.

For NSW school students in Years 10–12 VET is ‘dual accredited’. Students receive recognition towards their school qualification (Record of School Achievement or HSC), as well as a nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment).

The other benefits of participating in VET include (but are not limited to):

- obtaining practical experience from work
- gaining familiarity on how workplaces operate
- developing employability skills
- developing and improving interpersonal skills
- allowing students to explore the potential career path they would like to pursue.



## Course Fees and Uniform Requirements

VET course fees cover the cost of consumables such as food ingredients used in Hospitality and other necessary resources for practical lessons. We try to keep costs as low as possible and at the same time make the projects interesting. We therefore would appreciate prompt payment of these fees to allow us to meet our costs.

Some courses such as Hospitality, Construction and Manufacturing & Engineering also have specific uniform and personal protection equipment (PPE) requirements as stipulated by industry standards. Students will be required to wear enclosed leather footwear and uniforms during all practical lessons and during work placement. Further information is available from your teacher or by contacting me.

# VET NEWS



## Unique Student Identifier (USI)

All students undertaking a VET program must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The Unique Student Identifier or USI is a reference number made up of 10 numbers and letters that:

- creates a secure online record of your recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia, even from different training organisations
- will give you access to your training records and transcripts
- can be accessed online, anytime and anywhere
- is free and easy to create and
- stays with you for life

**A Registered Training Organisation cannot issue a student with a credential unless the student has provided them with their USI.** To create a USI, students should visit the website below. They will require a form of identification such as their Medicare card to complete the registration form. Once completed, the student will receive an email confirming their USI. It is recommended that students use their Department of Education email account. Students will then need to enter their USI number onto the Student VET Induction page on Evidence Central. Please see your VET teacher or Mr. Smith if you have any queries.

**To register for a USI go to: [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)**

## Work Placement

Workplace learning programs form part of the NSW secondary school curriculum. They enable students to spend a planned period of time in a workplace which enhances their classroom learning by building on their industry skills. **Work placement is compulsory for Stage 6 VET courses. This is a NESA requirement.** Non-completion of work placement may result in a student being issued with an “N” determination for that course.

The minimum hours of work placement you are required to complete is 35 hours of work placement for every 120 hours of the VET course. Students studying the 2 year, 240 hour course will therefore complete 70 hours which equates to two weeks work placement.

**Dates for Work Placement 2023 are as follows:**

**Hospitality Term 3 Week 3 (31 Jul - 4 Aug) Term 4 Week 3 (23 Oct - 27 Oct)**

**Construction Term 2 Week 8 (12 Jun - 16 Jun) Term 4 Week 2 (16 Oct - 20 Oct)**

**Please contact me if you require further information about VET.**

*Mr Smith - Head Teacher VET*



# MATHS NEWS



Welcome to a new year at KNHS. Our Mathematics staff continues the tradition of being committed to the education of all students and ensuring they are all given the opportunity to not only excel but be inspired to continue to seek knowledge in the mathematics area.

Remember the Mathematics staff are approachable, and students are encouraged to ask their teacher questions, to clarify understanding, during recess and lunchtimes. The Homework Centre is also available to all students until 4.30 pm on a Thursday afternoon.

Welcome to our new teachers Mr Tony Bui and Ms Kay Bao Tran, replacing Ms Touma.

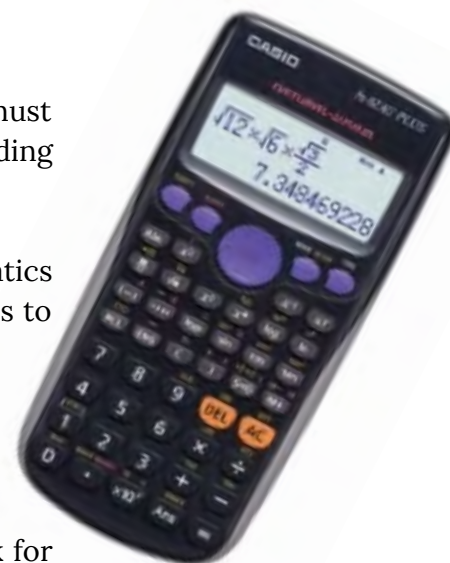
Welcome to all our new Year 7 students and the new enrolments in other years. I hope that over the holidays all students have checked that their calculator works or have purchased a new Casio fx82 plus II calculator. Having a Casio means that only one set of instructions are necessary in class. The calculator is a mandatory piece of equipment, along with their rulers, and black pens. Students need more than one pen in their pencil case, especially for exams.

Year 7 and 9 are reminded that they need to know their tables as they still must sit for Naplan exams in Year 7 and 9. All the Naplan exams will be online including the use of online calculators.

All students now have access to practice Numeracy papers on their Mathematics class Google classroom and all students have been given a link to have access to draft Naplan papers to familiarise themselves with the format.

<https://acara.edu.au/assessment/naplan/naplan-2012-2016-test-papers>

All years are now up to or working on completing their first assessment task for the year and should be working on attaining the best results.



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*Ms Sarlas- Head Teacher Mathematics*





# CAPA NEWS



CAPA students and teachers have settled in wonderfully to our classes for 2023, with exciting content being taught, excursions planned and a term full of events and creativity to blossom!

Year 7 Visual Arts students have now transitioned into their classes and have begun exploring the topics of 'Introduction to Art' and 'Portraiture' with year 8 Visual Arts beginning their study on 'Still Life' focusing on drawing technique, with particular focus on shading, tone and creating dimension within their drawings.



Year 7 Music students are learning about "The Simpsons" tune on the keyboard this term. They are developing their recognition of music symbols and notes. They are preparing their composition skills for their in class test in Week 10. Year 8 Music students are learning about "The Guitar" this term. They are developing their practical skills by learning to play a short riff on the guitar, some open chords to play the 12 Bar Blues and learning about different performing techniques and sounds in preparation for a listening test in Week 10.

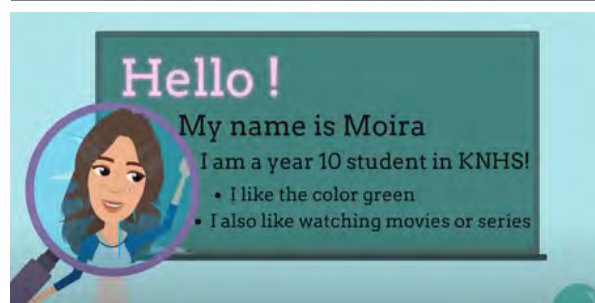
Our stage 5 students have begun their elective classes within CAPA. Year 9 Music students are collaborating with one another in small groups in preparation for their performance assessment. They are also developing their skills in reading and writing musical notation. Students in Year 9 Visual Design have been introduced to the elements and principles of design, which they will apply innovatively throughout the course. Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator are being used by students to explore typography as part of their first assessment task: "Around the world postcards". Year 9 Photography and Digital Media students have begun exploring the elements and principles of photography. Utilizing compositional techniques and angles, they have been taking photos around school using their theoretical knowledge of the elements and principles.

Year 10 Visual Arts students have been introduced to their first topic of the year, German Expressionism. They have been exploring artists who delve into art movement and have begun working on their German Expressionist inspired portraits. Students utilised our CAPA digital studio to capture their emotive photographs and are now in the process of digitally manipulating on Photoshop before creating a lino print. Watch this space to see the wonderful art our students will be producing! Year 10 PDM students have been exploring the topic Signs, Symbols and Logos. Students have focused on experimenting with Photoshop to create their own typography for their upcoming Assessment Task where they will be creating their very own Film company logo. We are very excited to see the amazing logos that our students are going to create.

# CAPA NEWS



Year 10 Visual Design students are becoming their own educators! Students are exploring the world of educational videos, inspired by the popularity of digital art and installations like 'Van Gogh Alive' and 'Frida Kahlo: The Life of an Icon'. This term students have chosen a targeted artist that our KNHS Year 7 and 8 students are taught about. Their goal is to create an exciting and educational video about their chosen artist. Students are researching, preparing storyboards and creating voice-overs for their videos in hopes to have them shared with the junior years.



Our Stage 6 classes are focusing on their goals and outcomes as they begin their senior electives, Year 11 Music students are composing a song this semester, which they will then perform to the class for their upcoming assessment task. Our Year 11 Visual Arts students have begun exploring their new topic of Portraiture, looking at well known artists within this genre. Year 11 Visual Arts students will also be attending their first exhibition of this course, as we will be attending the Frida Kahlo: The Life of an Icon Exhibition in week 7. The class are very excited and cannot wait to see what the exhibition has to offer!

Year 12 Visual Arts students have come back this term focused and determined to succeed. Students shared with the class their Body of Work progress, encouraging, and providing feedback for further growth. Through their theoretical studies, students are exploring the conventions of the figure in art and how these ideas and representations have changed over time with the shift in societal and cultural ideas. Year 12 Music students are practising their practical skills for their Core Music Performance and Elective 1 task. They focus on individual skills as well as their ensemble skills. Students are ongoing consolidating their listening skills and analytical skills for a variety of music genres.

**We are looking forward to showcasing all the amazing talent our CAPA students exhibit throughout the year and cannot wait to share many artworks and photographs!**

Ms Karpathakis – Rel. Head Teacher CAPA





# KINGSGROVE NORTH HIGHSCHOOL

KINGSGROVE NORTH HIGHSCHOOL  
P&C NEWSLETTER  
TERM 1 - MARCH 2023

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

Becoming a member of the P&C allows you to vote at meetings on important issues. Only paid members are allowed to vote on decisions made within the P&C, and annual membership only costs \$2!

To become a member, pay your fee straight into the P&C account:

Name: Kingsgrove North High School P&C

BSB: 062-189

Account: 00900502

Reference: *Name of member*

Please send an email to

[kingsgrovenorthhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:kingsgrovenorthhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

to notify us of your payment and to ensure we have your email address.

## Welcome to the KNHS P&C newsletter!

This is the first newsletter we have issued and **hope it's another way to reach the parents, families, and community of Kingsgrove North Highschool.**

The current P&C consists of the following committee:

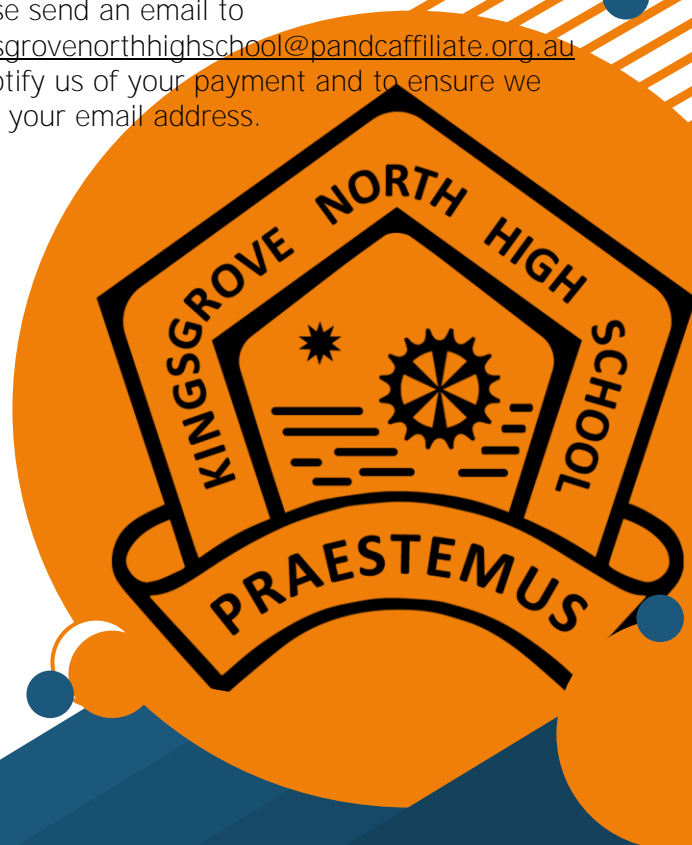
Kylie Smith – President

Nicky Stephens – Vice-President

Dana Sampath – Treasurer

Noreen Nakic – Secretary

The P&C usually meets in Week 3 each school term to be updated by both the Principal and a Deputy **Principal on what's happening at the school** and be advised of any changes. Last year we previewed the new mobile phone policy before it was initiated, and the meetings provide a platform for both parents and the school to discuss concerns, issues or potential support. The wider school community is welcome at any time to come along and join, look out for notices at the beginning of each term.



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.





## What issues are important to us?

Our recent meeting raised several issues that are of concern to parents within the school community. Here we look at these issues and how the P&C can support the school

### Cooling off the school

Several parents have raised concerns on the lack of air conditioning in some parts of the school. Although air conditioning has been provided in some of the hottest rooms and specialised spaces, it is not installed throughout all classrooms. To install air conditioning throughout the rest of the school it is approximately \$300,000 which is money the **school doesn't have**.

What can the P&C do to help secure these funds?

*Apply for Grants?* The P&C is incorporated so it makes us eligible to apply for grants. Is this something you can help with- **maybe you're a gun at** grant writing or can look out for when appropriate grants become open.

*Fundraise?* We could hold fundraisers toward acquiring these funds, but what should we do? And as you know, nothing organises itself so are you available to jump on board to organise a chocolate drive, trivia night, or **maybe you've got** a great idea?

Please reach out to the committee via email if you have any ideas or can help.

### Safety crossing

The safety of the students crossing St Albans Rd to enter the school at the main gates is an ongoing concern as there have been various near misses with cars. Students tend to stream in and out of the school across the road by the school gates rather than walk up to the intersection at Kingsgrove Rd or down to the pedestrian crossing on St Albans Rd.

The school has reached out to Canterbury Bankstown council numerous times to have a pedestrian crossing installed in front of the school, but it has fallen on deaf ears.

What can the P&C do?

*Write a letter.* Parents can write to Canterbury Bankstown council requesting a pedestrian crossing to be installed in front of the school. You can mention your concern as a parent for the safety of students crossing the road to cross into the school gates.

*Petition.* Have you lead a petition before or are quite a **wordsmith? We're looking for** someone to lead an online petition that we can then send to council with hopefully hundreds of signatures requesting the crossing.

**If you're able to help with a** Petition or have a letter template that parents could use please email the P&C and let us know!

### Help, we need an Auditor!

If you want to help the P&C **out but don't have a lot of** time this could be the role for you! We need someone to audit our annual accounts for the upcoming AGM. This is a one-off job, and you do not need to be a qualified accountant. You would be helping us meet our P&C requirements and would be fully supported by the treasurer.

If you, or someone you know, could take on this role please let us know.



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# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Early Tender Notification

### Licences for Sharing of School Facilities - Request For Proposal (RFP) pilot

The Department of Education is intending to refresh current licence agreements for multiple school facilities, via an open market tender process.

The Pre-Tender Notification for the Licences for Sharing of Schools Facilities Pilot has been published, please see the link below for details:

<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/doi/?event=public.rftproposed.preview&RFTProposedUUID=02E01494-B722-6FC4-8BC7ADCF2DD931CA&securityKey=230E46FEF0257CB5D2F965A2F6255583>

You can use the above link to take note of the RFP ID and the estimated publishing date.

We encourage interested parties to register yourself via NSW eTendering (<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au>).

Once registered, you will be able to find more information about the tender process and receive notifications about this RFP.

To ensure you receive notifications from the NSW e-Tendering, you must set up notifications with the following keywords: 'licence', 'sharing', 'school' and 'facilities'. You may also set up a secondary email with notifications for the following category: 93140000 | Community and Social Services.

### More information

You can contact the NSW Procurement Service Centre at [nswbuy@treasury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nswbuy@treasury.nsw.gov.au) or 1800 679 289.

The NSW Procurement Service Centre operates from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday

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# DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

## Disobey 'No Parking' Sign



Fine =  
**\$194\***  
& Lose 2 Points

### 'KISS & DROP' ZONE

ONLY stop to  
drop off or pick up  
Stay within **3 meters**  
of your car  
Stay less than **2 minutes**



Section 168 Road Rules 2014

## Disobey 'No Stopping' Sign



Fine =  
**\$349\***  
& Lose 2 Points

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



Section 167 Road Rules 2014

## Child or Passenger Not Restrained

Fine =  
**\$349\***  
& Lose 3 Points



Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

## Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law

Fine =  
**\$464\***  
& Lose 5 Points



Section 300 Road Rules 2014

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We would also like to thank and acknowledge the following local businesses that have sponsored and supported our classroom calendar for 2023.

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4. Fernwood Fitness Club Beverly Hills	<a href="http://www.fernwoodfitness.com.au/clubs/beverly-hills">www.fernwoodfitness.com.au/clubs/beverly-hills</a>
5. The Office of the Hon Linda Burney MP	<a href="http://www.lindaburney.com.au">www.lindaburney.com.au</a>
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