

Welcome back to all of our new and returning students as well as our staff for our 2020 school year. I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed a safe break together with family and are excited to be back for a new year of learning.

## Backpack Appeal

As you may have read on social media, we held a backpack appeal for school students who may have lost their homes or been displaced during the horrific summer fires. Due to the generosity of our community, we put together approximately 750-800 backpacks full of supplies for affected students. I think at last count, we only had around 50 remaining which we will look to distribute in the coming weeks. I would like to thank all community members for their generous donations as well as staff who gave a significant amount of time over their holidays to help. If you wish to read more, please head over to our Facebook page.

## School Uniform

Due to popular demand, we have now come to a shared supply arrangement with Lowes and our School P&C. As well as purchasing from Lowes, parents will now be able to buy their uniforms directly from the P&C out of our uniform shop in the Learning Centre. Search for the KHS Uniform Shop on Facebook for more information.

Once again, I welcome back all students and staff and I look forward to a great term ahead.

Regards

Kyle Bryant - Principal

**Breakfast club starts** this Friday in C20. 8.15-9am. Come along for a toastie, flavoured milk and a chat.



## Special programs . the following programs are being offered to KHS students free of charge

**Belisi Wellbeing Program**- this program aims to provide a safe environment to engage with horses and promote mental and physical well-being.

**This is Me** - A program that focuses on developing self confidence and a feeling of self worth in girls. The program is aimed at year 8 girls.

**Starting Fresh** - An Anglicare led program that aims to give students a positive start to the day. Students are collected from home, led through a physical activity program, fed a healthy breakfast and dropped at school. Please see Mrs Mattingly if interested.

**Leap** - a program offered through Compact employment for boys in years 9 and 10 that are looking for direction and guidance in careers and self management. Please see Mrs Mattingly if interested.

## School Photographs

School photos will be taken this Friday 7th February. Sibling photo envelopes and spares can be collected from the office. Please hand the envelope to the photographer on the day with correct money if paying by cash. If paying by card please pay online on the School Photographer's website and not the Kooringal High School website. <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au> . There will be a catch up day on Thursday 13th February for students who are away.

## Swimming Carnival

The whole school swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday 12th February. As this is a compulsory event there will be no student supervision at school. Notes will be handed to students tomorrow during House Meetings and can be viewed on the KHS website. [https://bit.ly/swimming\\_carnival](https://bit.ly/swimming_carnival)

Please do not pay online - you need to bring bus and entrance money on the day.

## Kooringal High School contacts

Year Advisers are the first point of contact for issues beyond a specific subject. If you have any issues settling in, if you are lost, have problems with other students in the playground, or in class or having difficulties with lessons then parents or students may contact the Year Adviser.

Year Advisers for 2020:

Year 7 Miss L Baker

Year 8 Mrs Brissenden

Year 9 Mr Read

Year 10 Ms Bennett

Year 11 Mr Robinson

Year 12 Mrs Ireland (Mr Teakel from term 2)

The KHS website has a list of other staff members that you can contact with other issues should they arise.

[https://bit.ly/KHS\\_contacts](https://bit.ly/KHS_contacts)

## Online Sports Selections

Online sport selections open at 4pm today for years 8-10. Students in the production for music or dance will not need to select a sport as this will take place during sport time.

This term year 7 will be separated into house groups and will participate in a variety of minor games at Henwood Park to earn points for their houses. Students will walk up to the park with their teacher and peers at the beginning of sport and will return back to school by 3:00pm.

The link to the student portal for online sports selections can be found on the KHS website and school app. Get in quick - <https://kooringal-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



## Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital in helping students realise their full potential. The NSW Dept of Education requires that all students attend a minimum of 85% of classes/days throughout the year.

In an effort to maximise attendance levels, KHS are giving students the chance to win a mini ipad. Any student who has attended at least 85% of 2020 will automatically be in the running.

Good luck!



## Welcome to our new families

### Housekeeping matters

**Sick bay:** Students who are feeling unwell must present to sick bay located in the administration building where information will be recorded and a phone call made. Please do not call your parents directly.

**Late Arrivals:** If you miss roll call of a morning, please go directly to the office and sign in at the window. Failure to do so will mean you will be marked absent and your parent will receive an SMS from the school.

**Early Leavers:** If you have a child that needs to leave school early, please send a note in with them in the morning if an appointment time is known, or if not known, please phone the office in advance to allow time to call the student to the office to meet you.

**Wednesday Sport:** Sport in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 is mandatory at Koorungal High School and is held on a Wednesday afternoon each week. Please try to avoid making appointments during this time. If you find it unavoidable, please send a note in with your child which will then need to be signed by a deputy principal before a leave pass can be issued.

Pre-paid vouchers for Wednesday sport bus travel can be purchased from the front office. \$3 each coupon or you can buy a sheet of 10 for \$30

**Contact details:** If you have moved house, changed phone numbers or need to update emergency contacts, please contact the school.

### School canteen

If you aren't already aware, our school canteen have their own dedicated facebook page (KHS canteen). Please like and follow this page so you don't miss out on any

specials that might be on offer! The canteen would not be as successful without the help from our wonderful volunteers and canteen manager. If you can spare a few hours one day a week, month or term, our Canteen Manager, Amanda would love to hear from you. Ph: 6922 4286.

### School website, facebook page and app

The Department of Education has been updating the global content on our website. There is invaluable information to be found on what to expect in each year group, along with wellbeing links, homework and study ideas and links to the NSW anti-bullying website as well as the eSafety website under the "Supporting our students" heading and clicking on the various sub-headings. <https://bit.ly/3b8AWkk>

Please like and follow the Koorungal High School facebook page so you are kept up to date with things happening around our school. You might notice that our posts don't always appear in your newsfeed. With Facebook's move towards increased transparency in how the newsfeed ranks content, you now have more control than ever over what you see.

When you follow or like our Page, you can also check the "See First" preference to let the algorithm know that our posts are important to you.

Koorungal High school also has an app that you can download. The app allows the school to send important messages to your device instantly. There are links on the app which take you to the student/parent portal (online sport selections, parent/teacher interview bookings), KHS P & C uniform shop, Make a Payment tab on the school website plus more. You can even advise whole day absences with a signature or change of address without the need to phone the school.

<https://cms.yourphoneapp.com.au/promo/kooringa>

CALENDAR		
Term 1, 2020		
<b>February</b>		
7th	Fri	School photos
12th	Wed	Swimming Carnival
13th	Thu	School photo catch up day
24th	Tue	Yr 11 & 12 Elevate Seminar
<b>March</b>		
2nd-13th	Mon-Fri	Yr 12 Workplacement

[www.kooringalhighcareers.com](http://www.kooringalhighcareers.com)

The KHS careers website one central place for reliable information and links to careers related information for students and parents. Students can research careers, apply for their Tax file Number, create a resume, complete interest inventories and lots more.



### Year 10 Work Experience Program

In the next few weeks students in Year 10 will be given an overview of the work experience program. Students should start thinking about possible employers or organisations they could contact in relation to placement. Links to some of the many placements available out of Wagga are listed below:

#### Australian Defence Force Work Experience

Explore a range of roles in the army, navy or air force <https://bit.ly/382pfty>

#### Work Experience Fire & Rescue NSW - Sydney

Provides students with an overview of the roles of FRNSW and its firefighters. It is delivered through both practical and theory sessions in a disciplined and safe working environment. <https://bit.ly/31rUUSG>

#### Work Experience - Sydney Opera House

<https://bit.ly/36VcbVI>

#### Work Experience at Australian Cyber Security Network - Canberra

Participants extend their knowledge and skills in ICT and cyber security, and more broadly science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). <https://bit.ly/36OvcJ2>

## P & C News

Our Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is made up of parents and carers, teachers and community members. The P&C meets regularly to contribute to decision-making, developing policies and management plans as well as fundraising.

Our P&C Association is very active in raising funds to benefit the school and is also used as a discussion forum on changes occurring such as uniform as well as allocation of funds raised. The P&C meet in the staff common room on the fourth Tuesday of every month and everyone is welcome to attend.

From 2020, the P & C will be operating a uniform shop at the school which will be open each Tuesday morning between 8:45am & 9:30am.

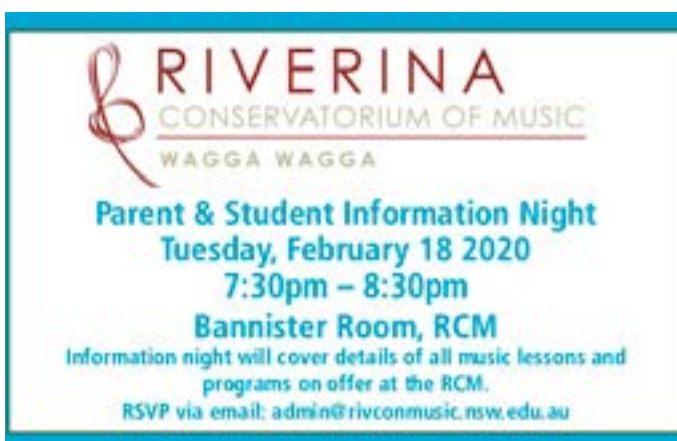
Currently polo shirts and shorts are available from the online shop. Uniform items will still be available for purchase from Lowes.

The following link to the online uniform shop has been placed on the school website and app - [https://bit.ly/KHS\\_uniform\\_shop](https://bit.ly/KHS_uniform_shop)

Should you have any questions, please email the P & C [KHSuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:KHSuniformshop@gmail.com) or visit the Kooringal High School P&C + Uniform Shop facebook page.

### AGM

P & C Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm in the staff common room and all office positions will be declared open. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Did you know KHS has our very own App? You can send in an absentee note, change address details, access the online uniform shop, access school newsletters, access the student/parent portal and more! You will also receive important messages to your device. Search for Kooringal High School and download today!

