

COVID-19 - important update

The senior executive have discussed a course of action for our school based upon the Secretary of the Department of Education's media release and the guidelines to schools which was given to Principals on Sunday night. All assemblies and excursions have been cancelled or postponed until further notice in line with the Department's advice. Our KHS Open Day on Wednesday will also be postponed.

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. If students or staff are unwell with respiratory illness, they should remain home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner.

From Monday, we have opened an additional section of the playground (the back oval) for our senior students during breaks which will lessen our congestion in other areas. We have also developed a staggered arrangement for students to collect their lunch from the canteen. We would appreciate if parents could assist by encouraging students who use the canteen to use the lunch ordering system which will help our canteen staff greatly.

Soap is available to all students in all bathrooms and will be checked daily. If students find the soap has run out or is missing, they should notify a staff member who will ensure it is rectified.

School sport has also been impacted but not cancelled with a change to some of the sports being on offer to minimise the student's interaction with the community as much as possible.

Whilst many of our staff use learning management systems such as Google Classroom already, all staff are also working towards ensuring that lessons will be available online in addition to face-to-face delivery for those students who are required to stay at home sick, particularly for our Year 11 and 12 students.

Even though many of our events at school such as assemblies have been cancelled, we can still look forward to being entertained and informed by KHS News during Mind Matters.

Finally, I would like to thank the students for their patience and compliance.

You can follow the department's social channels and website for daily updates: <https://bit.ly/39WLxxx> and I will keep you posted as the situation develops.

Kind regards,

Kyle Bryant
Principal

Farewell Mrs Doyle

On Friday 6th March, Kooringal High said goodbye to Mrs Debbie Doyle, our School Administration Manager (SAM). Mrs Doyle has been a valued staff member at KHS for 21 years and we thank her for all her years of dedication. We wish Mrs Doyle a long and happy retirement.



We take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Janelle Lamotte into the role of relieving SAM.

Wellbeing Matters

Thanks to all those parents who send their children to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniform has been designed to be comfortable, practical and hard wearing.

As the weather cools down we would like to remind you that hoodies or coloured tops are not part of the KHS uniform. To keep warm, students are asked to wear the school rugby jumper or fleece lined jacket. These can be purchased through the KHS uniform shop, LOWES or Milton's gear (rugby top).

Parents experiencing financial difficulty can ring/ send a note to Ms Mattingly seeking assistance.

Mrs Mattingly
Head Teacher Wellbeing (rel)

Accelerated Reader Program

This year all Year 7 and Year 8 students are engaging with Accelerated Reader which requires them to be reading for about 20 minutes per day.

While the students get the opportunity to read at the start of English lessons, it is expected that they will also read at home.

This week students will be taking notes home detailing how they can access the software at home. It is important for parents and caregivers to support this program in order for students to get the most benefit from the program. You can do this by

- Accessing the software at home and talking to kids about how it works and what they are reading
- Encouraging your kids to turn off devices and have a read before bed instead (multiple benefits here)

Please check out the program and if you have any questions about the software or the Accelerated Reader Program please don't hesitate to email me at narelle.forsyth@det.nsw.edu.au.

Many thanks,
Narelle Forsyth



Science & Engineering Challenge

On Thursday 5th March, myself and 20 students from years 8 - 10 were one of six schools in the region attending the Science & Engineering challenge at Mater Dei College.

The goal of the program is to challenge student's perception of science and engineering and experience aspects of those fields that they normally would not encounter in a school environment. The challenges students completed included building bridges, making hover cars, designing codes using lights to send messages, designing and constructing water turbines and more!

The KHS students came second in the bridge building challenge and overall fourth. I would like to acknowledge the excellent sportsmanship of each of the students that attended the challenge.

Miss Bathgate
Science teacher



#friends

On Tuesday 3 March, all year 7 students participated in the #friends program. This program examines the features of positive relationships, effective communication, the impact power and jealousy can have and the influence of social media. Ms Jarick's group became relationship superheroes.



Cricket NSW Blast

On Friday 13 March, Year 7 and 8 girls took part in the Cricket NSW Blast Gala Day at Bolton Park. They were excellent representatives for the school, with all of the girls demonstrating both their cricketing prowess and positive support for each other throughout the day's play.

A big thank you to the Year 10 girls who also came down to volunteer their time to umpire the primary school games.



HSIE/Language Faculty

Year 10 Geography – Environmental Change and Management

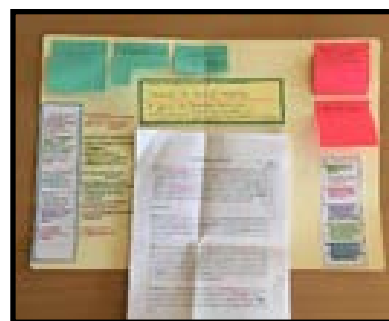
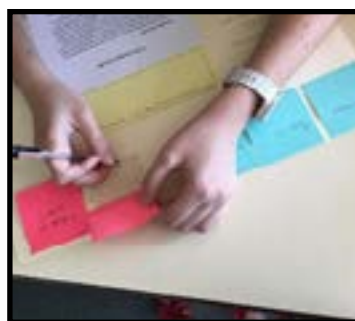
Students are developing an understanding of the functioning of environments and the scale of human-induced environmental change challenging sustainability. Students are undertaking an investigative study of the causes and consequences of environmental change.

Students have been completing a variety of fieldwork activities throughout the school in preparation for an analysis of Lake Albert and will be asked to propose suitable sustainability practices.



11 Ancient History

Students had to research and reconstruct the Ancient site of Persepolis and annotate the key information about each building and their purpose.



Sustainability – Koorungal High School Partners with Vinnies Return and Earn

Koorungal High School will join with more than 40 school partners across the Illawarra, Sydney, Newcastle and Riverina regions in working with Vinnies to get involved with recycling and litter reduction.

The benefits of this partnership include:

- Reduce the impact of school waste on the environment by proactively recycling eligible containers to reduce landfill.
- Foster awareness among young people of the benefits of responsible waste management.
- Help contribute to the reduction in drink container litter in your local area.



Language

Students in Year 7 and 8 have been preparing skits and videos for their assessment. This has been a fantastic task and we will upload some of the student's great work on facebook in the coming days.

History Competition

This year the H.S.I.E faculty will be holding The Australian History Competition. The Competition aims to encourage student interest in history and to reward student excellence.

The Competition is open to students in Years 7 – 10. In encouraging excellence and student participation the H.S.I.E faculty will subsidise the competition heavily. The cost to participate in the competition is \$3.50 payable to the front office in CASH by no later than 9am Tuesday 31st March 2020.

If you require further details please do not hesitate in contacting Ms Hislop or Mr Celi.

Have a great week from Team HSIE/Language!

Chicken Pox

We recently have had two confirmed cases of chicken pox. If you are concerned we encourage you to see your GP. A fact sheet is available on the NSW Health site:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Chickenpox.aspx>

Admin

Student ID Cards

Student ID Cards are now ready for collection from the library during lunch and before school. There is no charge for the ID Cards this year. If you have already paid, the \$10 has been put into fees in advance and can be used towards any school fees or excursions.

School Photos

School photos have been handed to students. If you didn't receive, please collect from the office.

Student statement of accounts

Accounts have been emailed to all families who we have a valid email address for. If you did not receive via email and would like to, please contact the school so we may check your details. Please be advised if you have a hotmail account, it might have gone to your spam folder.

Excursion cancellations

Refunds will be processed as soon as possible for those who have made a payment for the Year 11 RYDA day or Senior Biology excursion. If you have paid online via the POP system, the money will automatically be refunded back to your bank account. For payments made with cash or card over the counter you will receive a form asking for details of how you wish the refund to be given.

Yr 11 & Yr 12 PDHPE fees

Upon review it has been decided to reduce the Course fee from \$20 down to \$10 and to remove the First Aid Course fee for year 11 of \$80. The First Aid course will be held in Term 3 and parents will be asked to pay closer to the date. Parents who have paid the \$80 have been contacted and those who had paid the \$20 fee will find \$10 sitting in fees in advance to be used as they wish.

Yr 7 Vaccinations

At this stage the year 7 vaccinations will still take place on Friday 3 April. Community Health will be bringing swabs for students to wipe down their hands.

Careers News

Could You be an Astronaut?

Have you ever dreamed of one day flying into space? You can take a quick quiz online to see if you might have what it takes to become an astronaut.

The test asks a series of questions based on official NASA Astronaut Candidate requirements and real-life psychological tests to see if you've got what it takes for intergalactic exploration.

Check it out here: <https://www.astronaut-test.com/>

UAC's Course Compass

In year 12 this year but not sure what to study at uni next year?

Take a look at UAC's Course Compass, which takes the subjects you're studying now and tells you which uni courses other students who completed the same subjects in previous years most commonly applied to. Instead of being based on your personality or likes and dislikes, this short quiz recommends a course for you based on your school subjects and predicted ATAR only. You can do the quiz here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/course-compass>

International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition

The International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition is an international science competition that enables students from all countries to prove their skills and to unleash their creativity in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics.

In order to participate in the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition, you have to be a high-school or university student. Students from all grades and all countries are invited to participate. Entries for the qualification round close on Friday 17 April.

Find out more and enter here: <https://iaac.space/en/?ref=>

ATOM Photo Comp

The ATOM Photo Comp is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand student and adult photographers with the opportunity to submit a folio of three photographs adhering to a theme, and win fantastic prizes in the process. The theme for the 2020 competition is Fragility. Entries are open until Thursday 9 April.

Find out more and enter here: <http://atomphotocomp.org/>

CALENDAR		
Term 1, 2020		
April		
3rd	Fri	Yr 7 Vaccinations
9th	Thu	Last day of term
10th	Fri	Good Friday

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs each Friday in C20 between 8.15-9am. Come along for a toastie, flavoured milk and a chat. (Does not run last Friday of term)



Congratulations to Anneka Piercy who competed in the NSW Red team at the NSWCHS All Schools softball trials in Sydney last week and Todd Maiden who was umpiring. Todd was selected to umpire at the SSA Championships in Perth in May. A great achievement!

NGURRA HUB

CONNECT

EACH WEEK WE RUN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- WOMEN'S GROUP
- MUMS & BUBS GROUP
- SEWING GROUP
- CAREVAN
- CRAFT GROUP

LEARN

NGURRA HUB IS YOUR HUB! LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN! CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAMS FOR:

- GARDENING
- COOKING
- ART & CRAFT
- VOLUNTEERING
- PARENTING PROGRAMS

SUPPORT

WE CAN PROVIDE REFERRALS AND SUPPORT FOR:

- FOOD RESCUE
- FINANCIAL COUNSELLING
- ADDICTION
- EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- PARENTING PROGRAMS
- HOUSING CONCERNS
- MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Pop in for a yarn and cuppa. Ngurra Hub has free WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities and more.

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OPENING HOURS: MON-THURS 9AM-4PM | FRIDAY 9AM-1PM

KHS Uniform Shop Opening Times

8.30am - 10am Tuesday's
during school term.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE OUR OPENING HOURS, ORDER ONLINE. WE WILL PACK ORDERS TUESDAY MORNINGS AND DELIVER TO THE STUDENT.

schoolshoponline.net.au

Koorungal High School



Junior/Senior Shirts \$30
All sizes available
Shorts \$26
All sizes available

Uniforms can still be purchased at Lowes Menswear and the Koorungal High School traditional rugby jumper is available from Miltons Gear - 160 Baylis St.

**BULLYING.
NO WAY!**

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame.
3. Ask your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. Contact the school.
6. Check in regularly with your child.

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. Download from

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

