



Kensington
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

Term 1, Issue 1
1 March 2018

From the Principal's Desk

School Times

8.30am—2.40pm

Recess

10.20am-10.40am

Lunch

12.25pm-12.55pm

Dates to Remember

Mon 5 March

Labour Day

School Closed

Fri 30 March

Good Friday

School Closed

Mon 2 April

Easter Monday

School Closed

Tue 3 April

Easter Tuesday

School Closed

Fri 13 April

Term 1 ends

Term 2 commences

Tues 1st May

A very warm welcome to the new school year to all our families; with a special welcome to those who have just joined our growing Kensington community.

As an Independent Public School, we have a very active and progressive School Board to assist with guidance and governance, and to provide an effective avenue for parents to have real input into the direction of the school. The board continues their great work this year in guiding the school towards a strong and vibrant future and I encourage parents to consider participating where they can.

Alongside the Board and of equal importance is the P&C. Like so many schools it is always a challenge to have an active and energised P&C due to the many demands placed on parents. This is perhaps more so for those parents raising children with a disability or additional learning needs. However, I would encourage everyone to consider giving some of their time towards the P&C and assisting the school community in the invaluable contributions that are made towards school improvement. Meetings are held in the mornings and consideration is being given to allowing Skype access for those parents who might find attending in person difficult but who might otherwise contribute via this approach.

I encourage an open and professional relationship between parents and the school and ask all parents to make use of the available communication options. All students should have a diary for daily written communication and I recommend their use for most matters, particularly if it involves medication and other health related concerns. IEP meetings are another critical means of assisting with your child's education and overall development and I am hopeful all parents can attend these and contribute effectively. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please request an appointment and this will be made at a time that suits everyone without taking away from student learning. Parents may also contact the school to communicate a range of issues using the school's email address:

Kensington.SS@education.wa.edu.au

There is a great deal planned for the year that will be mostly happening behind the scenes. Staff will continue their good work to build the curriculum to better meet the needs of all our students and this will see a much richer learning program emerging over the course of the year. This won't take away from meeting individual needs, or from those aspects aligned with teaching important life-skills, personal care, protective behaviours and the raft of skills required for improved independence. Rather, it will allow teachers to work with students in more interesting and engaging ways to improve their learning experience.

We continue to enhance our work placement program and have some 17 positions now available to students compared to the 2 positions at this time last year. We also have a number of students engaging in an enhanced and extended horticulture program at school and Hillside Farm which will eventually lead to Certificate 1 qualifications in Horticulture and Agrifoods. Additionally, we have commenced a student in a Transport & Logistics, Warehousing program that will open further opportunities for our young people.

Overall, we have begun the year in a very sound and settled manner and, although there are many challenges yet before us, we can look forward with quiet confidence that this year will be one of continued growth and ongoing success.

Steve Hordacre

A Word from Admin

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid the 2018 Charges and Voluntary Contributions.

Full and part payments can be made by cash or cheque at the office.

Alternatively, payments can be made via EFT. Our school bank account details are:

Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 066040
Account: 1990 0516
Name: Kensington Secondary School

Karen Trivanovic
Manager Corporate Services

If you are thinking of moving house and you want your child to continue attending Kensington Secondary School, please contact the school to check the bus boundaries. If you move outside the bus boundaries your child will not receive transport.

Eugene Maguire
Deputy Principal

Health Centre

The nurses would like to thank all parents who have returned their Student Health forms that were sent out at the start of the year. These are an important part of assisting us to help care for your child whilst they are at school.

As part of the Health Department policy, these Care Plans need to be updated every year.

Of particular importance are the Allergy, Asthma, Epilepsy and Diabetic Care Plans. If there have been any changes to your child's medications etc, please contact the school to update their record.

It would be greatly appreciated if outstanding Care Plans are completed and returned as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the forms please contact the school on 9367 3620 and we will send another form home.

Thank You

Kerri & Sue
Nurse

Kensington School Board

The new school year has commenced and it is pleasing to see both staff and students refreshed and ready to embark on the year ahead. 2017 was an extremely busy year and this year will be no exception.

The school board has already had its first meeting of the year and we have received interest from new members to join which we are always pleased to accept. If you are interested in joining the Board, please feel free to contact myself or Steve Hordacre, our Principal.

The primary focus for the Board this year, from a governance perspective, will be to oversee the progress of targets set from the School Business and Operational Plan 2017. Kensington has great potential and it is here the Board is keen to ensure the development of the school continues, and to support our Principal in all areas of the school community where possible.

We very much look forward to following the school's progress during the course of 2018 as I am sure it will be an exciting and eventful year ahead.

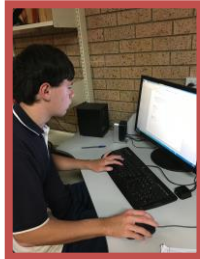
Louise Goodman
Chair KSS Board



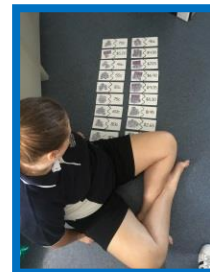
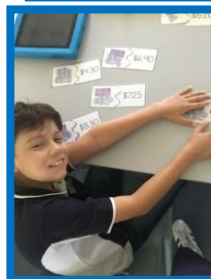
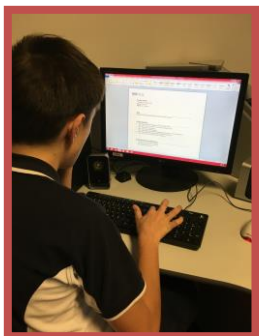
Room 3 making & enjoying delicious milkshakes and toasted sandwiches.



Room 4 students working hard on their resumes.



Room 5 students off to work placement and others learning about Australian money.



Room 6 enjoying time at Horticulture & Woodwork



Room 10 enjoying their
cooking classes.



Room 11 practising their
hand/eye coordination by
building cup towers.



Room 12 planting seedlings
during Horticulture class.

