



Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

Term 1, Issue 1
15 February 2019

School Times

8.30am—2.40pm

Recess

10.20am-10.40am

Lunch

12.25pm-12.55pm

Dates to Remember

Mon 18th Feb

Parents/Carers BBQ
5-7pm

Tue 19th Feb

P&C Meeting 9am

Fri 1st Mar

IEP's home

Mon 4th Mar

Labour Day

School Closed

Tue 19th Mar

P&C Meeting 9am

Fri 12th Apr

Last Day of Term

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful break over the holiday season, but I'm guessing there are many parents and carers who are also grateful the school term has commenced. On behalf of all staff and students I also extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families as they join our community and continue their journey with us.

While it is still very early in the term, I'm pleased to report that most students have very quickly got into the swing of things and are settled into their routines. This is particularly pleasing given that there has been an increased enrolment and a few cosmetic changes have occurred over the holiday break, including the completion of the fencing and installation of new air-conditioning in some of the learning areas.

The school has been experiencing a number of industrial issues with the staffing of the Pool and there has been a modest delay in commencing the Water Safety & Hydrotherapy program while this was being resolved. We will be commencing this program as from Monday 18th February and I welcome Ms Vikki O'Neill onto staff as the Teacher-in-charge of that program.

Teachers will be in contact very soon to arrange parent/carers meetings to discuss IEPs for their students. Information has been forwarded recently, and I encourage all parents/carers to participate in this important planning process. If you require additional time to discuss other matters with the teachers, please make arrangements to do so outside of the IEP planning process.

This year will also see a change in the planning process as the school works towards implementing a much smoother transition between academic years. It is intended that IEP planning for 1st Semester 2020 will commence in Term 4 of this year, allowing teachers to have plans in place from day 1 of the new year. This will also allow an entire term for teachers to discuss important information, relevant to each of their students, with both parents/carers and current teachers. Importantly, this will also place parents and carers in a position of knowing who their child's new teacher is far sooner than currently happens which means that home and school can better prepare our young people for the transition between years.

Just before I conclude, I invite all parents to give their full consideration to supporting the school through participating with the P&C or School Board. Neither of these are time consuming as we have made every effort to make parent involvement as easy and comfortable as possible but they are very important in assisting with the development of our school and ensuring parents have an active voice in school affairs.

So with this final thought I wish everyone a warm welcome and a successful 2019 school year.

Steve Hordacre

Kensington P and C

Our first meeting for the year is on:

Tuesday 19th February at 9am
KSS Conference Room

Please sign in the Visitor's register at Reception upon arrival

Year 13 Enrolments: Q&A

Parents understandably become anxious as their children enter year 12 and near the end of compulsory education. There is frequently a great deal of discussion about an additional year and how this might affect parent decisions regarding their child's immediate future. Unfortunately, there are many rumours and misinformation associated with Year 13 but hopefully this brief Q&A will assist in dispelling most of these.

What is Year 13?

Answer: Year 13 is an additional year of study available to all students enrolled in education support settings. It is an extension of Year 12 and therefore continues as a Year 12 program. The primary aim of the additional year is to give further time to students and their families to assist with transition into employment and other post school options.

Is Year 13 full time or part time enrolment?

Answer: Year 13 is a full time enrolment just like Year 12. It can be made up of a combination of school hours and work placement. The hours at school will depend on what hours of work placement each individual has available to them.

Is Year 13 compulsory?

Answer: No! Student ages fall outside the scope of the Education Act age limits during their 13th Year and it is therefore not considered compulsory education as defined by the Act.

Is Year 13 an automatic enrolment?

Answer: No. Parents must apply for their child to be enrolled for Year 13 during the year their child is in Year 12. The Regional Executive Director has to approve the requests and all requests must be submitted no later than 31st August in the year preceding the enrolment.

How do I apply for Year 13 for my child??

Answer: The school will forward an invitation to parents of all students enrolled in Year 12 in June/July of each year. These signed forms are then returned to the school who will manage the process on behalf of parents.

How soon will we be notified of the outcome of the application?

Answer: Typically, the school is notified within 10 working days of the submission of the requests and/or the cut-off date of 31st August each year. Parents are then informed in writing of the outcome.

Is there a possibility my application will be disapproved?

Answer: This is unlikely to happen unless you apply for enrolment after the cut-off deadline.

Must my child remain at school until the end of Year 13?

Answer: No! Year 13 is not compulsory therefore students can leave at any point during the year. Offers of employment are frequently made during Year 13 and they are strongly encouraged to accept these.

A student in Year 13 will be 18+ years old. Do school rules apply to these students?

Answer: Yes! Students are expected to comply with all the rules and regulations associated with a standard enrolment. Consistent failure to adhere to these may result in the enrolment being withdrawn.

If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to call the school on **9367 3620** to have these clarified.

Congratulations to the students of **Room 10** for the exceptional way they have started their first year of high school. We have spent the first couple of weeks getting to know each other, learning new routines and discovering the different opportunities and activities at Kensington Secondary School. The Multi-Sensory room, the playground and the Soft Place in the classroom have all been very popular, giving the students regular opportunities to re-charge their batteries in between their work tasks. Well done Hayden, Clare, Ahmad, Deklan, Cruz and Taliyah.



Welcome to Room 12!

Reading together.



Room 12 has welcomed three new Year 7 students. We have hit the ground running and everyone is eager to learn!

Working hard in horticulture.




Learning about Non-Newton fluid!




Watching their pizzas cook!




We are all looking forward to a busy year ahead! Ms. Overby and the Room 12 team.

Horticulture

Students have been pruning, sweeping up old pine tree needle leaves, restoring the round garden beds with Kensington "home-made mulch", planting silver beet and corn seedlings. Room 12 students have been making a potting mix to plant succulent cuttings and pea seeds. The younger students have all been tendering the worm farms with clean food scraps, adding water, shredded newspaper and then turning over to make an aeriated mixture. Pumpkins, watermelons, tomatoes, corn and many potted plants are growing well.

Some of our senior students have also been learning how to use a petrol blower.



FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

1. *Children's behaviour - the tough part of parenting*
2. *Raising Confident Children*
3. *Raising Emotionally Resilient Children*

The next **FREE** 3 week Series will be held on:

When: Starting **Wed 13 Mar 2019**
Location: Cannington Leisureplex
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Please visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups to book your place.

To find other available programs visit our website:

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups



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2019 WADSA

ATHLETICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 13th APRIL 2019

Ern Clark Athletics Centre
Wharf Street, Cannington
9.00am start

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY 25th March 2019

ALL ABILITIES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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Registration form available online at:

<https://www.wadsa.org.au/wpdm-package/2019-act-belong-commit-athletics-championships-registration->