



Kensington
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

Term 1, Issue 3
15 March 2019

From the Principal's Desk

School Times

8.30am—2.40pm

Recess

10.20am-10.40am

Lunch

12.35pm-1.05pm

Dates to Remember

Tue 19th Mar

P&C Meeting 9am

Wed 20th Mar

Immunisations

Fri 12th Apr

Last Day of Term

Students commence

Tues 30th April

Term 1 has proved to be exceptionally busy for everyone and I'm sure parents are also feeling the hectic pace that has been ongoing since day one. The timing of the whole school excursion to Cottesloe Beach for "Sculptures by The Sea", was therefore very timely in providing a much needed break from the usual routine for students and staff. It proved a huge success, as it does each year, and most students enjoyed the chance to interact with the art and have some time away from the school.

While on matters related to water, the hydrotherapy pool has provided a wealth of issues over the past 2 years which have taken time to fix. I made a brief reference to this in Issue 1. We now have a new pool pump, testing equipment, a larger number of highly trained and experienced staff, as well as the policies and procedures to make everything run smoothly. A new and invigorated teaching curriculum linked to therapy plans has also lifted the professionalism of the pool program to new and exciting levels. The results have been truly exceptional and I congratulate all those who have contributed to the improvements that have happened.

The school continues to improve in many different areas, from buildings and equipment to curriculum and program delivery. All of these improvements take time and resourcing in order to be successfully implemented. So far a number of rooms have been improved or repurposed to accommodate additional learning areas for an increasing student enrolment, and all rooms are now fully air-conditioned. Windows have had glass replaced with safety glass and the department has assessed the sash windows for repair. This will have a significant cost associated with it that will thankfully be invoiced to the Department rather than the school. The upper-school program continues to be developed so that students will have access to an increased number of pathways suited to individual needs. This includes industry based courses and additional school-based options. The planning for this commenced in 2018 and implementation began this year. These are beginning steps towards building a far more robust curriculum not previously seen within the school but which will increasingly meet the needs of our senior students in time.

This process of implementation is being supported by the teaching staff who have worked extremely hard to bring the school into line with where many schools currently are. They have achieved outstanding results in 2 years that in many instances has taken most other schools 5 years or more to do. I am extremely pleased with this level of professionalism and commitment that often goes unrecognised within schools but which is the bedrock from which great outcomes can be achieved.

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

We would like to give a big thank you to all the parents who have sent back their child's immunisation forms already.

The first round of immunisations for Years 7, 8 and 10 will be on the 20th of March so please send your forms back ASAP so that we can ensure your child receives their immunisation.

The other date to make a note of for parents of Years 7 and 8 is the 11th of September.

Sue & Carolyn
Nurses

Kensington P&C

Easter Raffle

The Kensington P&C is asking for donations towards their Easter raffle.

Donations can be delivered to the Office or sent in on the bus with students.

Tickets have also been sent home today with students.

Thank you for supporting your P&C.



Natasha Russell
President

UPPER SCHOOL – LET’S GET COOKING!

It has been a very busy start to the year in Home Science with a number of students cooking as part of the Hospitality Program or for their Independent Living Program ‘Cooking for Life’.

The Hospitality Program includes both the Canteen and Café and supports students to develop their food prep skills as well as hygiene and safety in the kitchen.

The ‘Cooking for Life’ program provides the students with opportunities to cook healthy, simple meals for one person which they can then cook at home for themselves. They also have to clean up after themselves too!





ROOM 11



**The motley crew in Room 11 have been flat out this term and there's no sign of us slowing down!
One of the many activities we have done this term is practicing our bike riding skills.**



ROOM 3



Room 3 had an awesome day on Wednesday exploring the interesting sculptures on exhibit at Sculptures by the Sea. The sculptures were made of a variety of different materials and we were able to touch some of them.

Mrs P. Makins and the Room 3 Team

Workplace Learning

So far in Term 1, we have had 11 students participating in the Workplace Learning Program at locations including but not limited to ACTIV Bentley, Good Samaritan Industries and Guide Dogs WA.

We also have 6 students enrolled in accredited courses ranging from Agrifeeds to Automotives.

Our students also enjoy learning new activities in our Work Skills Room at Kensington.

