



Kensington
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

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14 Feb 2020

School Times
8.30am—2.40pm

Recess
10.05am-10.25am

Lunch
12.15pm-12.50pm

**Dates to
Remember**

Mon 17th Feb
Parents/Carers BBQ
5-7pm

Tue 18th Feb
P&C Meeting 9am
Uniforms

Mon 2nd Mar
Labour Day
Public Holiday
School Closed

From the Principal's Desk

A very warm welcome to parents, students and staff to the new school year.

For the school, 2020 has started smoothly and with few hiccups other than the usual tweaks to the timetable that occur at the commencement of every year. The students have likewise settled in quickly, with no major issues to report or disasters to manage. Perhaps the most significant intrusion upon our smooth start to the year has been due to external factors rather than anything coming directly from the school.

Parents would be understandably concerned by all the news coming out about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The school is taking a very calm and measured approach to this, as we do with every potentially contagious disease, with the usual hygiene protocols being followed. This includes, as with any potentially contagious condition such as the flu or gastro, staff and students remaining at home until they are well enough to return. Both federal and state governments have taken steps to protect the community, and we are being regularly updated by the Education Department and the Department of Health. It is worthwhile remembering that WA is free of any confirmed cases and that with all current measures in place the community should have confidence that their health and safety is a priority.

Many parents would have, by now, received a letter or phone call inviting them to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the IEP. This is a very important part of the planning process to make sure we are providing each student with the best learning approach to meet their individual needs. If you haven't yet had communication with your child's teacher, I urge you to contact the school as soon as possible to make arrangements.

This time of the year always presents us with weather challenges and I ask that parents ensure their children have a water bottle and a suitable hat so they can be protected from the sun and remain hydrated on these frequently hot days. Extremely hot conditions are still forecast, but hopefully these will be fewer as March draws closer.

While it has been an interesting start to the year on many levels, the usual business of schooling continues as expected and I look forward to the school year being a positive and memorable experience for everyone.

Steve Hordacre

Can you help? Our Textiles class is looking for donations of fabric of any size for the various projects that they have planned.



ROOM 6 ARE AT IT AGAIN!

The students in Room 6 have settled back into school, embraced change and hit the ground running.



We are all excited to make 2020 the best year yet!

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

We have exciting news in Room 10. New students Rooke, Jason and Kezia have come to join Ahmad, Clare, Deklan, Taliyah and Cruz for 2020. Welcome to Kensington and congratulations on how well you have settled in to high school.

This semester we are looking at weather and seasons and have begun, of course, with Summer! We have begun with some beach fun. We build sandcastles in the sandpit and used our sensory tubs to have some messy but important experiences with water, shells and soggy sand. In Art, we have also been working on a giant sun to decorate our classroom and display with our On Track flowers.



Room 5

We started off the year with some class photos that ended up being crazy faces!



We have had some hands on activities happening in Science this year already!

A Word from Admin

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid the 2020 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

(Please leave surname as reference*

Please do NOT make uniform payments to this account.

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



Workplace Learning



Work Ready Program

A new and improved Work Skills Room has been acquired on campus to operate our Work Ready Program more effectively. We have moved into a larger room which is now even more like a simulated work environment for our young people. It is equipped with more work stations to cater for different tasks and even has a reception desk where students can learn to sign in and out as they would at a literal work site.

We also have an abundance of new work skills, direct from suppliers. This has been possible with the help of the following:

Aaron McMillan, Production Coordinator, ACTIV Bentley Business Services

Darcy Shaw, National Inventory Manager, ~~Tradeware~~ and ~~Planrite~~

A big thank you to everyone for supporting our newly expanded Work Skill Room.

Below are some examples of it being put to good use...

