

KEIRA

March 2020

News



Great traditions, a confident future.



From the Principal

Congratulations to all members of the Keira community.

It has been an outstanding commencement to 2020 with students across the curriculum enjoying exceptional results and making the most of every possible opportunity for quality learning.

In particular, I congratulate our Year 7 students who have made a remarkably strong start to high school. We have been reminded again of the quality learning that occurs everyday in our partner primary schools as our youngest members of the Keira family have engaged the rigours and challenges of secondary education with confidence, a breadth of skills and a wealth of knowledge.

EXPO 2020 will be a celebration of things that is Keira. A school that is driven by a relentless focus on Excellence, Diversity and Community.

Each year our EXPO showcases the outstanding academic success, deep learning opportunities and extensive opportunities that are enjoyed by all students at Keira High School.

Thank you to all who have led the many varied programs that will be on show across the school at EXPO 2020. In particular, congratulations to our students who are at the very heart of each year's showcase.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful term ahead.

Mr D J Robson
Principal



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Term 1	
Week 7	
Wednesday 11 March	<i>EXPO Evening</i>
Monday 9- Friday 13	<i>Year 12 Hospitality6 Work Placement</i>
Week 8	
Tuesday 17 March	<i>National Day against Bullying and Violence Assembly</i>
Week 9	
Monday 23 March	<i>Years 9 & 10 Teacher and Parent Conference 3.30-6.30pm</i>
Tuesday 24 March	<i>Harmony Day</i>
Thursday 26	<i>Cross Country Carnival</i>
Week 10	
Wednesday 1 April	<i>P&C Meeting 7.30pm</i>
Thursday 2 April	<i>Year 8 Symbio Excursion</i>
Friday 3 April	<i>Captains Induction Dinner</i>
Week 11	
Monday 6 April	<i>Years 7 & 8 Teacher and Parent Conference 3.30-6.30pm</i>
Tuesday 7 March	<i>Year 7 Immunisations</i>
Thursday 9 April	<i>Last Day Term 1</i>
Friday 10	<i>Good Friday</i>





From the Deputy Principal

Year 7 Strong Start

Congratulations to Year 7 students on a highly successful transition into high school. We have witnessed a high level of engagement with key events to support the transition in ensuring all students make a strong start to high school.



Many parents/carers took the opportunity to speak with teachers at the [Meet the Teachers Afternoon](#). The afternoon provided a valuable opportunity for parents/carers to give teachers a greater insight to their child and begin to make strong connections to school.

Students have been enjoying participating in the *Peer Support Program* with the focus on making new connections and building the support for all students. Year 11 Peer Support leaders must be congratulated on their outstanding leadership and engagement with the program.

Student, Teacher and Parent Conferences

Communication between home and school is very important in enabling us to meet the needs of all students to the best of our ability. Attending a Parent Teacher Night is an important step towards building relationships and fostering communication between school and home.

Year 9 and Year 10

Monday 23 March
Learning Centre
3:30 – 6:30 pm

Year 7 and Year 8

Monday 6 April
Learning Centre
3:30 – 6:30 pm

Year 11 and Year 12

Monday 18 May
Learning Centre
3:30 – 6:30 pm

Students will receive an information letter and appointment form prior to the conferences. These documents will also be mailed to each family.

Students are required to make an appointment with the relevant person using the [Appointment Form](#) prior to the event.

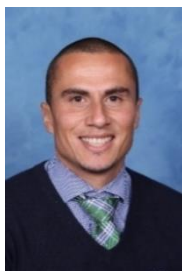
Mobile Phone Policy

Mobiles should be left at home for security reasons. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of mobile telephones.

If brought to school, mobile phones must be switched completely off and placed in the student's bag prior to the student entering the school gate and the mobile phone must remain in the student's bag until the student exits the school gate. Must be kept out of sight in a student's bag. Mobile phones cannot be kept on the student's person. They must not be used **for any purpose** during school hours.

Students may ask to use the Front Office telephone if they need to contact parents during school hours. Parents may also contact the school switchboard to pass on urgent messages or to speak to their child in an emergency. **Mobiles are not to be used for contact during school hours.**

Mrs S Gray
Deputy Principal



From the Relieving Deputy Principal

Celebrating Student Leadership



Keira Community of Schools Leadership Ceremony 2020 Tuesday 3 March

The **Keira Community of Schools Leadership Ceremony** is a significant annual event that allows us to recognise and congratulate the student leaders from all schools within our learning community.

It is an important moment as it allows each Principal to introduce their student leadership team and for the student leaders to speak on behalf of their schools.

This year our ceremony was led by Year 12 students, Matt Suren and Ala'a Abdul-Latif. These two exceptional students confidently led the school community in our celebration of student leadership and are to be congratulated.

Our relieving Director Educational Leadership, Mrs Vicki Stokes joined our school community for the first time and spoke to all in attendance of the skillset required to be an effective leader. We very much valued her words and look forward to Mrs Stokes attending many more of Keira's important moments.


One of the most important aspects of the day was the involvement of the parents and carers of the student leaders from across our partner primary schools. We thank them for joining us in our celebration.

2020 Keira Community of Schools Student Leaders

 *Sara Dilber, Ned Moffitt, William Wei and Fiona Wilson*

 *Reyann Bektasovska, Noah Smeaton, Violet Rosales and Khalid Aamri*

 *Mia Luu, Toby Millar, Darcy Tolhurst and Eden Neich*

 *Dylan Boyd, Charli Corbin, Connor Bauer, Selin Dogan, Amarah Lee and Jayden Sara*

 *Ruby Phillips, Johnny Ball, Jamillah Kariippanon, Holly Pearce, Billy Beniuk and Elijah Zorn*

 *Joshua Goodwin, Madison Jones, Arabiya Sawan and Max Thronsen*

 *Poppy van Doesberg, Will Burns, Kane Gardiner and Freya Kelly*



**Mr G Guevara
Relieving Deputy Principal**



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From the Acting Deputy Principal

Maximising success in the Higher School Certificate

It was fantastic to see over 250 students and family members in the school hall to participate in purposeful learning around the requirements of the Higher School Certificate, student assessment schedules and the important practices and processes which need to be understood and used in order to successfully navigate towards success over the next two years.



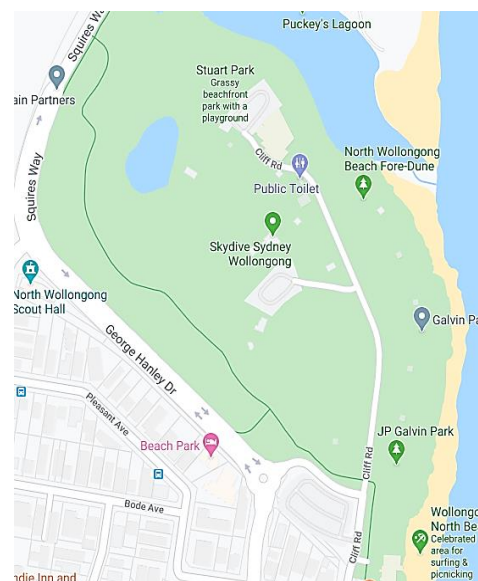
The Higher School Certificate is a fantastic opportunity for all students to demonstrate their learning of new knowledge and skills across a broad range of different assessments throughout the Preliminary and Higher School certificate courses.

If you require any additional support or information to enable your child to maximise their success in the Higher School certificate contact me directly at the school by phone or through the school email address.

Aboriginal Education

It is my privilege to assume responsibility for Aboriginal Education at Keira High School. The Aboriginal Education Committee have been meeting and engaging in professional learning since the beginning of term in preparation for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students and their families in the development of Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs) for all our ATSI students. This process will take place over the next three weeks.

On the 31 March we are planning an exciting activity day for all ATSI students that will engage them in challenging games, an exploration of culture and a chance to bond with each other as a group. The active morning will be followed by a **Family Picnic** to which all the students families are invited to attend from 1:15pm at [Stuart Park, North Wollongong](#). This is a chance for families to review the PLPs and socialise with members of the community in an informal setting.



Year 8

This is a critical year for Year 8 to be consolidating their learning across the broad range of subjects within the Stage 4 Curriculum. Later in the year we will begin to explore with them the elective subjects that they will be able to choose to study in Year 9, when they begin to have choices that will shape their pattern of study in Stage 5. I have seen motivated and engaged students across the Year 8 class rooms I have visited over the last weeks. It is imperative that all students continue to develop and mature as self-motivated and self-regulating students. If you require any support to assist your child in this area please contact our Year 8 Advisers, Ms Ashleigh Pike and Mr Kieron O'Brien.

Mr T Loades
Acting Deputy Principal

News from the Office



Business Manager

Financial Assistance

Keira is committed to providing the very best of learning programs and resources for all our students and acknowledge the consistent support we have received from our parents and carers.



We understand that at times families may experience financial difficulties and we are available to discuss how we may be able to assist in the payment of fees, loan of laptops and provision of uniforms.

The donations of uniforms to the school is appreciated, once your child has grown out of the uniforms please consider sending them to the office so we can replenish our uniform store. Our second hand uniform store has recently been refurbished and is well stocked with clean uniform items. Students can see their Year Adviser or Deputy if they require items during the school day. If we do not have the required items available we can financially assist with the purchase of uniforms at Lowes if required.

To apply for student assistance please contact the school office between 8.30am – 3.30pm.

Mrs T Tzanopoulos
Business Manager



Administrative Manager

Statement of Account

Each Term you will receive a Statement of Account via post.

The school relies on your support to provide additional, yet essential learning materials for our students. The money collected ensures that we create a supportive, dynamic and diverse school that explicitly targets student learning success.

Each year we request a payment for **Sport Levy**. This charge is to cover hire of the sporting venues for both our swimming and athletics carnivals. These carnivals are whole school events and the sport levy is unrelated to any weekly sport charges.

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
Kebra High School
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Wally Station
4220 NSW
(02) 4320 2000
kebra.h.school@nsw.gov.au

Statement of Account
Statement To: 30 May 2018
Name of Parent/Carer: [Redacted]
Street: [Redacted] State Postcode: [Redacted]
From Date: 01/01/2018

Item	Description	Amount	Balance	Total
20180019	Chapelin Voluntary Contributions** 11 Q	85.00	0.00	85.00
20180019	Preschool Day	19.00	0.00	104.00
20180019	Sport Termly Sport Levy	12.00	0.00	116.00
UP Payment Credit		0.00	0.00	
Total		116.00	0.00	116.00

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Mrs L Deitz
Administrative Manager

The Captains Dinner 2020

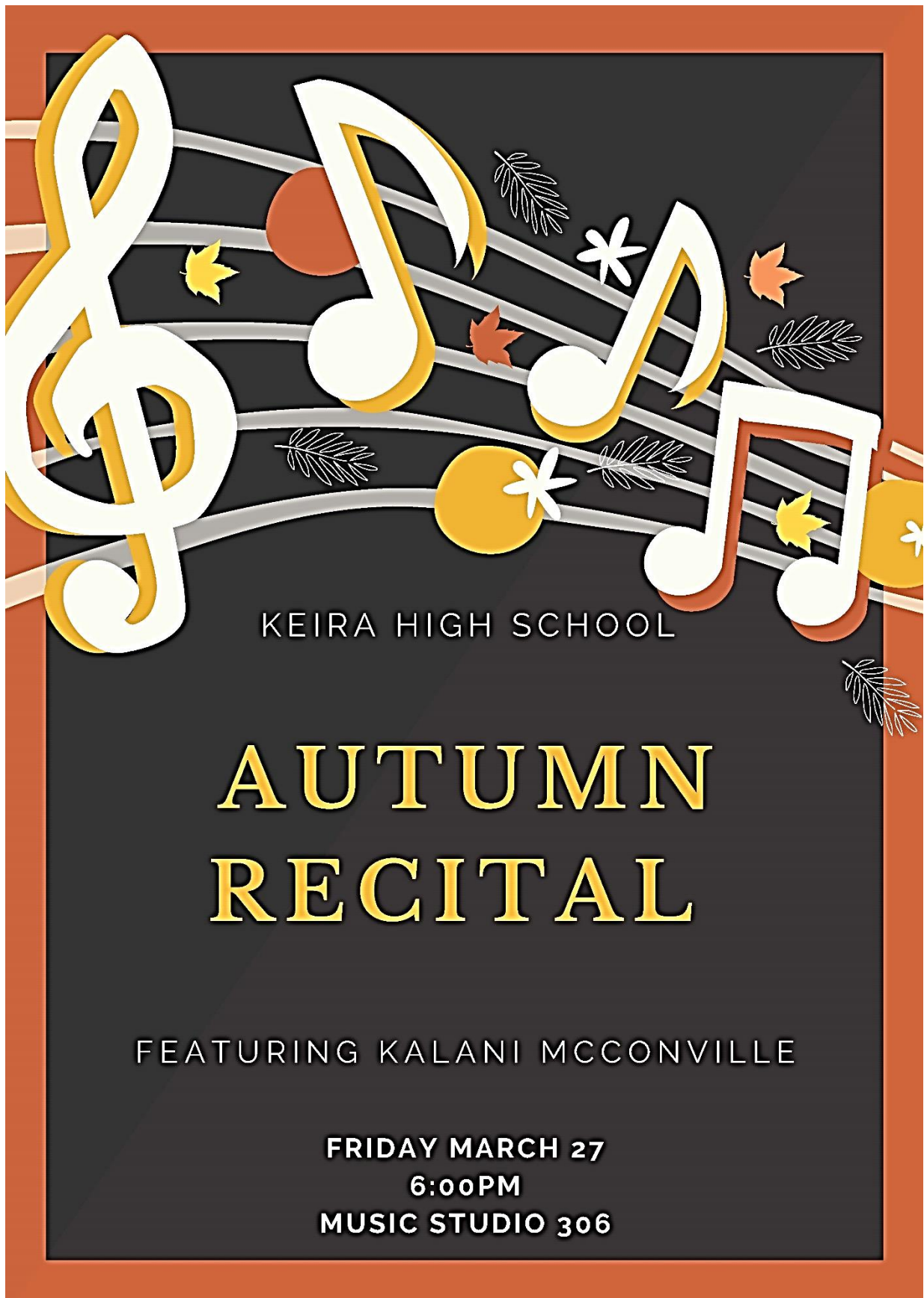
Celebrating Student Leadership

The Lagoon Restaurant Coral Room
Stuart Park North Wollongong

Friday 3 April 6:30 for 7:00pm



Upcoming Event



KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

AUTUMN RECITAL

FEATURING KALANI MCCONVILLE

FRIDAY MARCH 27
6:00PM
MUSIC STUDIO 306

Year 11 Ski Trip 2020

Sunday 2 August - Tuesday 6 August

Perisher Blue Ski Fields

12am - Sunday 2 - 11pm Tuesday 6 August



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our annual Keira High School Ski trip is a purposeful experience that links with the 'Acquisition of Skill' module within the PDHPE course. It offers an invaluable practical basis for the students and is suitable for participants of all abilities.

Inclusions

- Three days skiing or boarding at the *Perisher Blue Ski Fields*
- 12 hours of structured lessons
- Hire of skis or snowboard and boots (if required)
- Two night's accommodation at Rivergum Lodge
- Meals (3 x breakfast and 2 x dinner)
- All transport for three days



The final cost for the trip will depend on student clothing and equipment requirements, as well as the number of students attending the excursion.

Breakdown of costs:

Blue Cow Bundle Includes Ski-tube ticket, 3 days lift tickets, 3 x 4 hour lessons, hire of skis or board, boots and helmet	\$422
Optional Clothes (jacket, pants, gloves, goggles)	\$44
Accommodation Compulsory	\$154
Coach Compulsory (cost to be confirmed based on student numbers)	\$85
Estimated Total	\$705

Students who wish to attend

- Pay your **\$150 deposit** by **Thursday 9 April** (Week 11, Term 1) via the school website or front office
- Ensure that your balance is paid by **Friday 17 July**.

For any inquiries please contact Mr Wenzel.



Keira's Alumni

Where are they now?

Frank Tomasi



Mr Robson recently met with Mr Tomasi when he visited our school to reminisce about the 'old days'.

Having arrived in Wollongong from near Venice, Italy in December 1953 at age of 11, I started the new school year at Wollongong Secondary Technical School, Gladstone Avenue Wollongong.

In 1954 Wollongong Secondary Technical School opened on Lysaght Street. The last students from Gladstone Avenue were transferred to Lysaght Street in 1955.

From 1954 to 1956 Lysaght Street (from the Princes Highway to the School) was a dirt muddy road, It was common for some teachers and students on rainy days to remove their shoes and socks and roll up their trousers to prevent getting wet and muddy – on arrival at school, they would wash their feet and put their shoes back on.. This school is now known as Keira High School.

In 1958 I completed my fourth year pre-apprenticeship in electrical trades. This ended my secondary education. In 1961, I completed the electrical trade course at Wollongong Technical College while serving my apprenticeship at Australian Iron and Steel in Port Kembla.

In the First and Second Stage electrical trades course I barely scraped through with a pass. At this stage I decided to change direction and start achieving as a front runner – at the end of Stage Four I had topped all classes.

I then commenced the electrical engineering certificate course which I completed in 1966. In 1968 I commenced work with Transfield in Port Hedland, Western Australia on the Mount Newman Iron Ore project, and within 18 months progressed to resident engineer and project manager.

In 1970 I was transferred to Transfield Head Office in North Sydney as National Manager, Electrical Department.

I remained at Transfield until 1978, gaining technical and commercial experience in some of the biggest industrial construction projects in Australia.

In 1978 I started my own company Southern Cross Electrical Engineering which listed on the ASX in 2007.

S.C.E.E. spread around the nation and specialised in electrical and instrumental installation on gold processing plants which then spread around the world including New Zealand, New Guinea, Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, Mauritania, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay and Guatemala. During this time we established an office in Denver, Colorado to service South America.

S.C.E.E. has to date completed over 176 gold plants in Australia and overseas – this is more than any other electrical construction company in the world.

In 2013, I received the Order of Australia for contribution to the electrical construction industry assisting various sporting bodies and philanthropy.

Now, at the age of 72, I spend some time at my vineyard and winery in Margaret River, Western Australia and beef cattle breeding operations near Augusta, the most south western point of Australia.



News from Wellbeing

All staff are responsible for student wellbeing, with the school Welfare Team playing the key role in providing support and assistance to all students and their parents.

Our Welfare Team is a dynamic collaboration of staff members who are charged with the responsibility of student wellbeing. Their roles are integral to our school community and each play a vital part in helping our students flourish, personally, socially and academically. The team liaises with parents, staff and external agencies to ensure that all students are supported.

Student wellbeing encompasses everything that the school community does to meet the personal and social needs of students. It involves recognising, valuing, developing and supporting each student to maximise their potential. This occurs through a strong welfare network that is based on caring and knowing our students.

Student resilience and wellbeing are essential for both academic and social development and this is optimised by the provision of a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment. At Keira High School we share this responsibility with the whole community. Not only do confident, resilient children with a capacity for emotional intelligence perform better academically, but these skills can also contribute to the creation of strong social groups and supportive communities and the maintenance of healthy relationships and responsible lifestyles.

Our Wellbeing Programs are embedded into the fabric of the school. This is evident in programs such as Peer Support, e-Safety, Travel Safety, RUOK? Day Anti-Bullying, Study Skills and Resilience Programs. In addition, targeted programs are offered, as well as individualised interventions to support students in all areas of development.

All members of the Welfare Team will deliver stage specific programs that support the wellbeing of every student. This will be complimented by programs delivered within curriculum areas. These programs will allow students to develop an understanding of their own wellbeing and develop skills to optimise their own and that of others.

This years Welfare Team is comprised of:-

Head Teacher Welfare - Vicky Kalatzis- Vlahakis

School Counsellors- Asima Ahmed and Peter Comino

Year 7 Advisers - Josh Berry and Tess Agim

Year 8 Advisers - Ashleigh Pike and Keiron O'Brien

Year 9 Advisers - Blake Thompson and Dylan Page

Year 10 Advisers - Maz Cara and John Dixon

Year 11 Adviser - Aaron Kellaway

Year 12 Adviser- Danielle O'Keefe

Supervisor of Female Students - Menka Andrievski



Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Adviser or myself if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing.

Ms V Vlahakis
Head Teacher Welfare



News from School Counsellor

At Keira High School we have two School Counsellors available during the week, Asima Ahmed and Peter Comino.

Your School Counsellor would like to share some useful facilities to seek help from:

Aboriginal Medical Service: www.illawarraams.com.au/services

Bullying and Conflict resolution: www.lifeeducation.org.au www.bullyingnoway.com.au www.crnhq.org

Counselling Support: www.kidshelpline.com.au

Kidshelpline is a free, anonymous online telephone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25 years old. Kidshelpline Phone: 1800551800 Lifeline 24hour 7days a week counselling, crisis support and suicide prevention service: www.lifeline.org.au

Lifeline Phone No: 131114

Relationships Australia/Touchstone: www.relationships.com.au

Headspace Illawarra 1/85 Smith Street Wollongong, offers youth friendly services for ages 12 to 25 years old, from GPs, youth workers, counsellors, nurses, psychologists, LGBTQI plus groups, drug and alcohol workers and family support workers: www.headspace.org.au Headspace phone no: (02) 42207660

Reachout ReachOut.com is an Australian online youth mental health service. It's the perfect place to start if you're not sure where to look: www.reachout.com.au

Beyondblue to increase awareness and understanding of depression and anxiety in Australia and to reduce the associated stigma: www.beyondblue.org

MoodGYM A free online self help program developed and delivered by the Australian National University as an independent resource, to teach cognitive behaviour therapy skills to people vulnerable to depression and anxiety. It can be used anonymously 24/7 (Note you don't have to use your real name or an email which has your real name in it): www.moodgym.anu.edu.au

E-Couch is another free online interactive self help program provided by Australian National University. It teaches skills to help manage difficult times, and can help you to relax, get more active, think straighter and change the way you interact with people. It can be used anonymously 24/7. (Note you don't have to use your real name or an email which has your real name in it): www.ecouch.anu.edu.au

Support for Gay and Lesbian Headspace LGBTIQ plus groups: www.twenty10.org.au

Support for Refugee students: www.startts.org.au STARTTS phone no: (02)97941900

Support for students at risk of being homeless-SouthernYouth and Families Services Association: www.syfs.org.au SYFS Phone No: (02) 42265816

**Ms A Ahmed
School Counsellor**



News from Supervisor of Female Students

As a member of the Welfare Team I co-ordinate programs to support the physical and emotional wellbeing of all students.

One of these programs is the Immunisation Program. Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for Adolescents. In 2020 all year 7 students, male and female, will be offered the Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV), that provides protection against a virus which could lead to disease in later years. The Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine will also be provided. This is the Adolescent booster needed by all students at this stage in their development.

Your child will receive their vaccinations on 7 April and 17 November. Students who commence HPV vaccinations in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered a catch-up dose at school in Year 8.

A Parent Information Kit will be sent home in the next few days. Please complete the Consent Form and have your child return it to Mrs. Andrievski. Parents/carers who wish to withdraw their consent may do so by supplying a letter in writing addressed to the Head Teacher Welfare, Mrs. Kalatzis-Vlahakis.

A record of Vaccination will be provided to each student at the clinic. This record should be kept by parents/carers for future reference.

For more information about the Immunisation Program please visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation or contact Mrs. Andrievski.

Mrs M Andrievski
Supervisor of Female Student

International Women's Day

On the 8 March the world celebrated International Women's Day. At KHS we recognise the achievements of women throughout our society and the importance of equality between males and females every day.



This day is celebrated annually, with a focus on the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women all over the world. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

This year, the theme was "Each for Equal," raising awareness against bias and taking action for equality. The mission of International women's Day is to help forge a gender equal world, celebrate women's achievements and call out inequality where it still exists.

At Keira a number of events were held to recognise this very important day. Our school flew the symbolic purple flags, reminding us of International Women's Day.

I was part of a group of students who took part in International Women's Day celebrations at Wollongong Town Hall, where we had the opportunity to engage with Aboriginal Elders and girls from our local community. We listened to elders and community leaders tell their interesting and empowering stories. They spoke about why being a woman is important to them, talked about their journey and about their dream to see equality for all women across the globe. These women were amazing role models and their stories were inspirational.

To further celebrate the influence of women in our lives, KHS will be hosting an International Women's Day Breakfast Seminar early Term 2, recognising female leadership in our community.



Ala'a Abdul-Latif Year 12

News from Year Advisers



Year 7 – Mr J Berry

It has been a pleasure having Year 7 commence with a strong start at Keira High School in 2020. As Year Adviser of Year 7, I have witnessed some unforgettable memories, friendships, connections and positive contributions to our school community. This started last year with the initial introduction to the school community on O Day@ Keira. On this day students began their transition to high school, through meeting their future senior leaders, experiencing subject specific sessions and getting an understanding of what school life would be like.

Year 7 students have already been offered opportunities to make strong connections with senior students through the Peer Support Program. This program has fostered a sense of connectiveness, comradery and excitement as students explore what it means to be a high school student.

Additionally, Year 7 students have been able to demonstrate their extra- curricular capabilities so far, through platforms such as the school band, rotary club and express their competitiveness at the swimming carnival.

This has already been an exciting and rewarding journey and I look forward to leading this cohort of young people as they begin their early stages of high school through to their final moments of graduation in 2025.

Let's Check in with Year 7

Tanikah Shelton-Payne I have really enjoyed high school as the teachers have given me leadership opportunities. I love the fact that they acknowledge if you do good work and you get stamps that eventually give you a Bronze or Silver Award.

Sristi Nepal Everyone has been so helpful. Senior student leaders and teachers helped us with catching the correct bus in the first few days and we were always assisted by teachers so that we would not get lost in those first few weeks. Everyone cares.

Summer Scifleet I have enjoyed doing Woodwork, Peer Support and PDHPE. High school has been a big step but it has been enjoyable. Staff and student leaders always help us out. So far I have had many great experiences.

Ryan Hulbert My start at high school has been great. I have met new people, am more independent and love not having the same teacher all day. The teachers have been very helpful and I feel they trust us and treat us as though we are responsible.

Escher Godfrey High school has been enjoyable because I have learnt new things. I have learnt to be more responsible and have enjoyed being part of a new school community.

Lily Slade-Jacobs I have made new friends and my peers and teachers are kind. My high school experience so far has been a positive one.

Monique Poposki The teachers have been very helpful and respectful as they encourage all students to give their very best and achieve to the best of their ability.

Tyler McKensy High school has been awesome as I have been really enjoying science and the experiments we do.

Jurni Young So far, I have enjoyed Aboriginal Studies, History and Science. I love how we do different subjects. My experience of high school has been a positive one.



Year 8 – Ms A Pike

It has been a pleasure having Year 8 commence the year with a strong start at Keira high school in 2020. I would like to introduce the new assistant year advisor to our team, Keiron O'Brien. Mr O'Brien has been an integral part of our school for a number of years now. During this time he has established and maintained some significant relationships with students and staff and is a passionate and dedicated teacher. His role as assistant year advisor will be to provide support to our cohort of students for wellbeing and its impacts on the learning of our students.

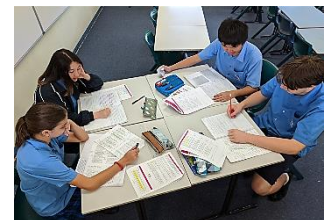
One of our main focuses for the year will be to tackle the ever-growing issues associated with mental health and the stigma attached to that. One of the ways we would like to do this is through building close professional relationships with local external agencies such as the Black Dog Institute. The Black Dog Institute is conducting a world-first study to investigate the power of mobile applications (apps) for preventing depression in youth. This study will identify the factors that lead to depression and other mental health problems. It involves looking for up to 20,000 Year 8 students from 400 NSW schools to take part in a five-year longitudinal study. This will identify students who are in need of mental health support. All students will have their mental health measured and when appropriate, will be linked in with the school counsellor. This type of screening can help ensure that struggling students do not go undetected. I am looking forward to embedding this into our wellbeing program and ensuring that our year 8 students engage on a deep level with this program. Your child will be receiving a letter and permission note in the near future about this program and their participation in this important concept



Year 9 – Mr B Thompson

A warm welcome from the Year 9 Advisers. Mr Page and I have the privilege of working with the Year 9 cohort this year, striving to challenge and support all students.

This term, students from Year 9 have engaged with a Study Skills Initiative, to further develop their skill set to manage, organise and revise for key learning activities.



The session provided students the opportunity to engage in a range of self-reflection questions, to identify their preferred learning style. This information assisted students in recognising how they learn best, and the available strategies they could utilise to cater to their learning style.

Students were then split into targeted groups, focusing on enhancing their ability to summarise information, create mind maps and design student specific study timetables. These core skills will be utilised throughout the schooling year.

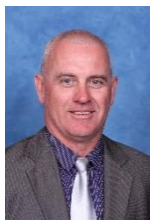
Wayne Cai: “ I found the session useful as it taught me how to study and prepare before an examination. It has helped me remember what to do when receiving a task and how to organise my workload. This will make me feel calm and collected, knowing that I can prepare for future tasks”.



Year 10 - Ms M Cara

A warm welcome to Year 10 on their return to Keira in 2020! This is a big year for Year 10 – their last year of junior school, subject selections, and the awarding of ROSA grades. I would like to welcome Mr. John Dixon to the Year 10 team as Assistant Year Adviser for 2020. He can be found in the Special Education staffroom.

Later in the term, Year 10 will be involved in a workshop on safety in risk-taking situations and will be completing some pre-learning surrounding that issue. Here's hoping that 2020 will be a healthy, safe and successful year for all of Year 10 and their families!



Year 11 – Mr A Kellaway

In week two of term 1, Year 11 students and their parent/carers participated in an information evening. The evening was developed as part of the program providing students the opportunities to build upon current knowledge and move towards completing a successful HSC.

The event highlighted key areas of the Higher School Certificate process and provided both parents and students the opportunity to be involved in an interactive learning experience that reinforced key requirements of both the HSC and the procedures within the school.



Year 12 Ms D O'Keefe

Year 12 have had a strong start to their final year of high school. Feeling refreshed after the summer break, they are looking forward to the next three terms with mixed emotions. Pleasingly, teachers have spoken to me about their positive work ethic. Many students spent some of their holidays completing summary and study notes. Students and parents are reminded that assistance and feedback regarding assessment tasks or study notes is available at the learning centre during study periods and at the homework centre on Tuesday afternoons.

Whilst the HSC will dominate the thoughts of many students, there are many other events to look forward to – with the Captain's Dinner approaching quickly. Later this term, Year 12 will be practising mindfulness techniques to remain calm during the year as well as ensuring they are aware of effective strategies to promote optimum wellbeing.

Well done Year 12. Your hard work will be well worth the effort!



The Student Representative Council has been in discussing ways to improve the school environment.

Through discussions with students across the school community, one thing stood out the most to our Student's was Recycling.

In light of the bushfires that occurred across the country, the Student Representative Council have decided to focus on making the school more environmentally friendly. They have been rigorously discussing and organising ways in which we can clean up our school and have decided to concentrate on developing a recycling program within Keira High School. The first focus will be on recycling paper from staffrooms and classrooms. The process is still in discussion but is looking to be in place at the end of the term.

The Student Representative Council are still seeking ideas and ways to improve the school for all students. If you have any ideas, please seek out a member of the Student Representative Council to discuss your thoughts and ideas.

Ms J Stares
SRC Coordinator

Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On certain occasions, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

The school will notify you via a text message on the day of the absence. Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. Each week, a letter is provided to each student as a reminder of all unexplained absences in the past 7 days.

Please be prompt in returning absentee notes to roll teachers in order that the school may maintain accurate recording and reporting of your child's absences.

Mr P Slattery
Relieving Head Teacher Administration

Directed Senior Studies

Year 12 students have commenced their final 3 terms with a strong and positive mindset in their Directed Senior Studies periods. They have proven to be highly effective in their time management and are seeking feedback where possible to improve their understanding and quality of work. They are utilising this time well, working productively towards completing assessment tasks, homework and revision notes across multiple subjects. It is excellent to see such commitment and focus from our Year 12 students.



Working collaboratively on their Chemistry homework.



Working independently on their upcoming assessment tasks.

Mrs E Matts
Head Teacher PDHPE

News from English

Reading and Reflection

'Wide reading and reflection provides students with the opportunity to make deeper connections with texts to enhance their knowledge and understanding of how language works.'

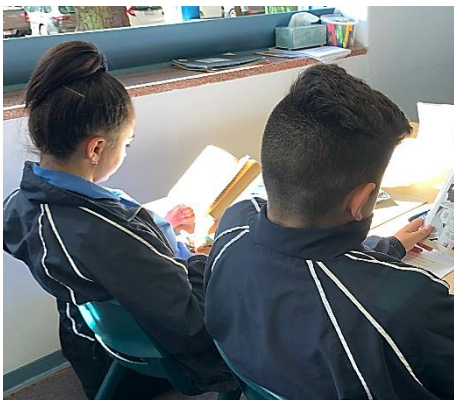
This statement from the Stage 6 English syllabus details the importance of reading, not only in English but across all subjects and life in general.

The Year 11 Common Module – Reading to Write rubric expects students to build on their own wide reading of quality texts. At Keira High we have always encouraged English students to read widely for their own enjoyment.

*"My wish for all students is to love reading as much as I do."
Sue Blackstock, Head Teacher English.*



Over many years, Year 7 English student's have had the opportunity to go to the library one period per week during class to borrow books and read. This year we have revamped the program and have now included Year 8 into the Reading and Literacy Program.



Year 7 Wide Reading Program



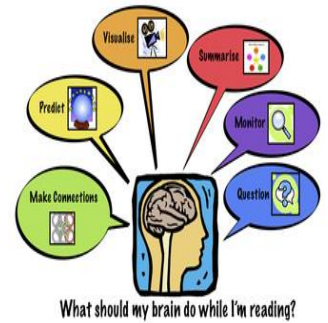
Students will read texts of their own choice, spanning a number of genres, throughout the year. Reading from a variety of genres exposes students to many new thoughts and ideas and ways of looking at the world.

Students will be given the opportunity to reflect on each text read using a Super Six Literacy Strategy worksheet which asks student to predict, make connections, visualise and question what they are reading.

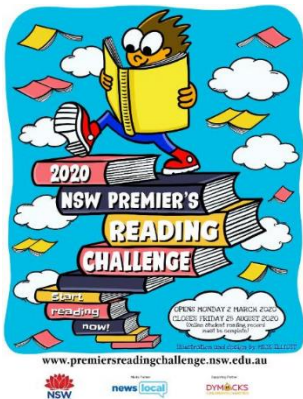
Year 8 Literacy and Reading Program

Year 8 English students will now have the opportunity to continue their personal wide reading program that they began in Year 7. Students will be required to read across a minimum of five different genres over the year and will use the Super Six Literacy Strategies to reflect on their reading and what they have learned.

"I enjoy being able to read every week when we have our reading lesson." Alicia Moscrop



Year 8 Reading classes



"Reading calms you down in the morning for the rest of the day." Motamad Al Arnoos

The English faculty is encouraging all students to read during roll call. As Motamad says, reading does calm students and prepares them for a day of learning and engagement with their studies.

Another way that we at Keira encourage students in Years 7 to 9 to read widely is to engage in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Please see the website or ask your English teacher for more details

Ms S Blackstock
Head Teacher English

2020 Year 11 English Extension

Four highly engaged and intelligent students have embarked on the exciting, inspiring, thought-provoking and rewarding learning journey that is English Extension 1.

To build their foundation of knowledge, they are currently researching the critical theories from which texts can be viewed. This allows for a deeper understanding of the texts and demonstrates the complexities of the reader response. All composers of all texts across all text forms strive to position the responder to think and feel in particular ways. As we delve into a range of short texts exploring manifestations of power and oppression, the 'lenses' through which we read them will influence how we respond to them. From Marxism, feminism and modernism, to post-colonialism and structuralism, we will examine how the application of these theories influences our experiences with the texts and the ideas they present.



Seeing the world of text through literary 'lenses'. Elyssa Davis, Zara Sengul, Aws Hachim & Jayda Petrov testing out their new 'critical theory lenses'

Progressive Poetry Ponderings...

In the penultimate week of the 2019 school year, 9E English traversed the local area using the surrounds as stimulus to write a progressive poem. Starting at the beautiful Botanic Gardens and finishing at the pristine Wollongong Harbour, students sat, mused and created some wonderful poetry. The power of words compelled us and consequently, we had a fabulous day. It was a delightful end to a rewarding year teaching this outstanding group of students.

Here are some thoughtful pieces composed on the day:

The sun is trapped behind the clouds by Emma Lowe

Almost like a criminal in gaol,
The sound of silence is loud
and the birds leave a long trail,

Now, the water is still
and the sun is now shining,
Everything is chill
with the birds flying,

The breeze is light
caressing my face,
This world is bright
especially in this place.



Botanic Gardens by Darcy Felgate

Birds glide through the air
Flowers dancing in the wind
Fresh air surrounds me

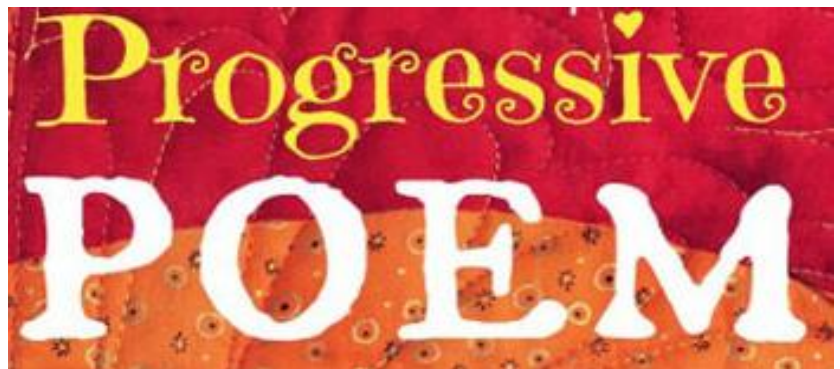


Wollongong Harbour by Darcy Felgate

Children smile and laugh
Birds chirping in the distance
Water still and calm

The Beach By Kynnan Biela

whitewash coming in
soft and gentle on my feet
calm and relaxing



**Ms M Holliday
English Teacher**

News from Science

Welcome back to 2020 from the Keira HS Science Faculty

All of our classes have made an incredibly positive start to the year and are continuing their journey in Science with enthusiasm, collaboration and a zest for discovery. Year 7 students have been eagerly attaining their bunsen burner licences, whilst Year 8, 9 and 10 are already building on the array of skills in working scientifically that they have been developing since their first days at Keira HS.

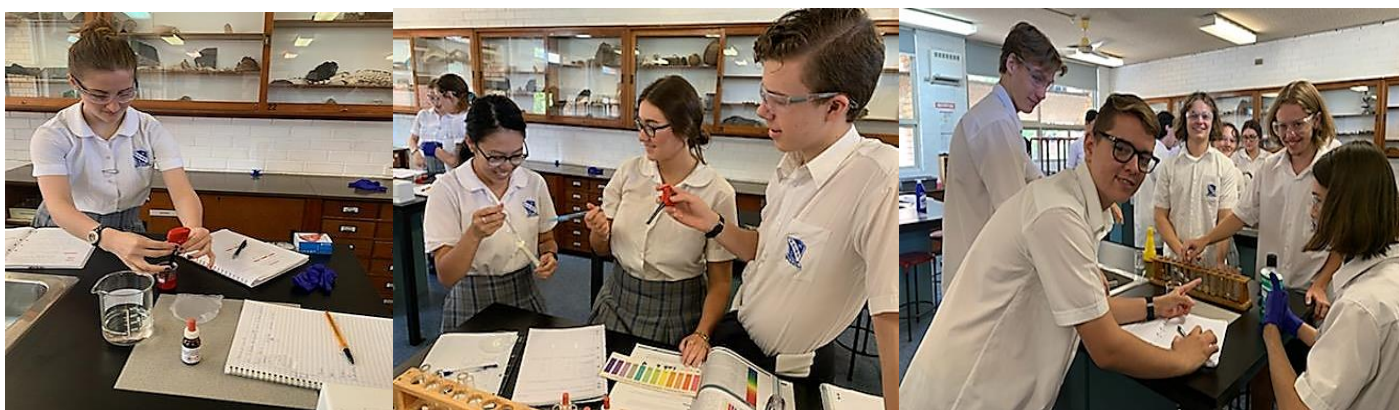


Year 11 students have demonstrated a diligent approach to their studies as they embark upon the rigours of Stage 6. For our HSC cohort, we wish them all the best of success as they navigate their final three terms in high school. Our Year 12 classes have resumed with the commitment to excellence that we pride ourselves on at Keira.

Year 11 Biology



Year 12 Chemistry



2020 is shaping up to be another exciting year in Science

A myriad of activities and excursions planned. As part of their study of Ecosystems, our Year 8 amateur ecologists will head to Symbio Zoo to test out their understanding of biodiversity, whilst a highly-anticipated Year 9 trip to ANSTO (the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation) early in Term 2 will complement their learning on radioactivity. Year 11 Chemistry students will also be travelling to ANSTO this term as part of their depth study into Nuclear Chemistry. Later in the year, Year 7 will explore the Royal National Park in order to further understand the interactions of the living world, and Year 10 will put theory into practice with the annual Beach Plastics Survey, conducted on our local beaches to inform us as to the current state of our local environment.



Keira will defend our championship record at the 2020 Science and Engineering Challenge

Hoping to repeat the success of 2019, in which our team contested the State Finals for the 8th year. Of course, our ultimate goal is to emulate the achievements of the 2018 SEC team, who won the State Final to proudly represent Keira HS and public education at the National Finals in Darwin.



The University of Wollongong *Science Fair* is returning this year, after a brief hiatus, and our Year 10 Science students will vie for the opportunity to enter their student research projects into this prestigious competition.

Another exciting event on the Science calendar is National Science Week, from August 15-23..

This marks a week of Science-themed activities at Keira, including Breakfast with a Scientist, the famous Science Trivia Quiz, the Master Builders competition...and keep your eyes peeled for new and innovative competitions that the Science Faculty will be announcing throughout the year. The theme for National Science Week this year is “Deep Blue: Innovations for the Future of our Oceans” and is particularly relevant to all of us in the Illawarra who have the privilege of living and working with the ocean at our doorstep.

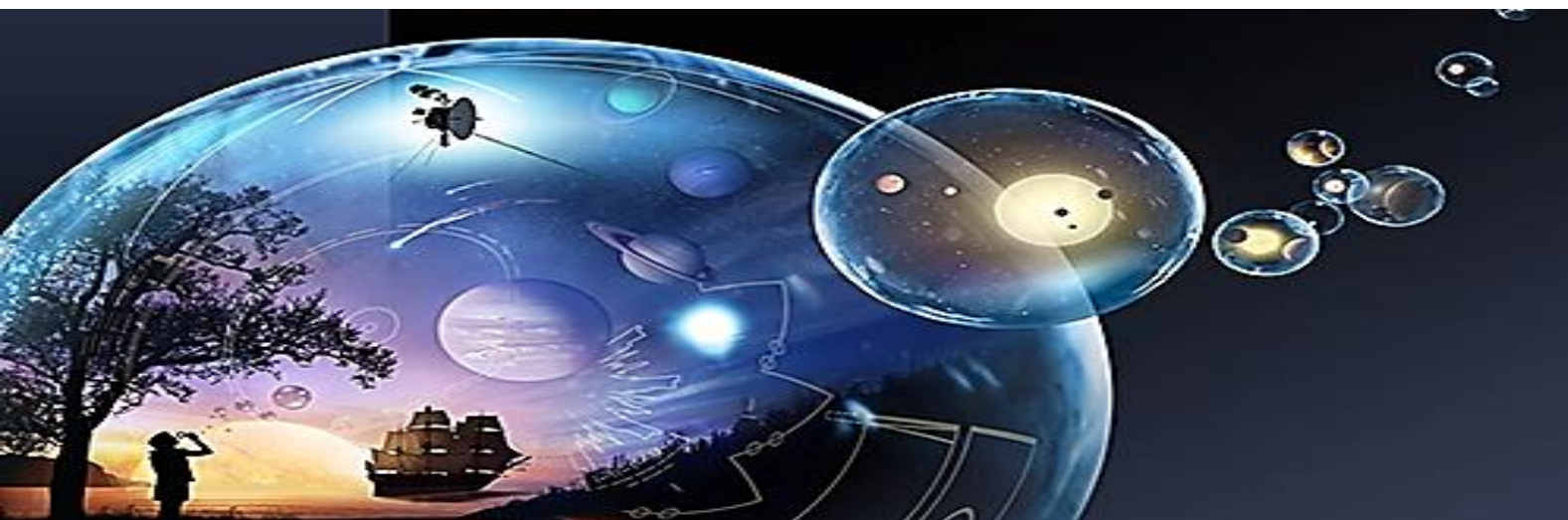


Keira Community of Schools



The Science Faculty looks forward to hosting all of our feeder primary schools in the KCoS STEM Tournament. This special day on the Keira Science schedule enables us to deepen links with our primary school partners and excite young minds about the STEM possibilities that Keira HS has to offer. Our 2019 champions, Fairy Meadow Demonstration School, will face some tough competition from the plethora of talented students that fill our community of schools with such vibrancy and potential.

The Science Faculty at Keira HS looks forward to another incredible year of learning, and wishes all of our students and their families all the very best for the year ahead.



Dr S McKenzie
Head Teacher Science

News from Mathematics

The Mathematics Faculty commenced the 2020 school year establishing a strong foundation for the learning of all students. The junior students spent the first few weeks setting their learning goals and explored what they wanted to achieve by the end of the school year.

The first year of High School can be daunting, so Year 7 commenced the year with an orientation to studying Mathematics at Keira High School. Teachers set expectations for the classroom and students finished with the development of their clear personal goals. This goal setting helped students have a strong start to their studies. The first topic Year 7 focus on is Angle Relationships, where students are learning to use logic to find and justify their answers. Students will be learning the importance of communicating their problem-solving techniques. Later in the term, Year 7 will study Computations of Integers, which will help students to review basic numeracy from Primary School and ensure all students have a deep understanding of mental calculations and order of operations.



Year 8 have been working diligently with Percentages. Conversions and calculations of percentages have dominated the first few weeks. These skills have allowed the progression into increasing and decreasing by percentages and determining the value of a whole quantity if given a percentage of it. Later this term, the knowledge base from this unit will assist with Financial Mathematics, where students study discounts, profit and loss, GST and best buys. Year 8 students also partake in a Numeracy lesson which works on a five-week rotation system with Literacy sessions. Those in Year 8 currently studying Numeracy are focusing on Data and Statistics and have spent this term focusing their understanding of data variables and types of data collection methods.

As Year 9 students commence Stage 5, they start to think about their future and begin to think more seriously about their life after Keira High School. Students commenced the first term with the mathematics of Earning Money. This topic enables them to forge connections to relevant aspects of their lives, such as wage calculations and income tax. Soon they will commence the study of Algebraic Expressions and delve more deeply into the language of mathematics. This skill set will build mathematical manipulation skills that should see them through to Stage 6 and beyond.

Year 10 students have commenced the year with a solid understanding of the requirements of them this year. They will begin a different layout for formal assessment and will be awarded grades for these tasks, which will show them their progress towards their Record of School Achievement. The first topic studied, and the first topic assessed formally is Trigonometry. Starting with the calculation of side lengths and angle sizes of right-angled triangles, students can use skills to calculate angles of elevation and depression in real-life situations, and utilise bearings for navigation and calculating vast distances. Students hoping to study Mathematics Advanced and Extension courses in senior studies will look at problems associated with non-right-angled triangles, the unit circle and three-dimensional trigonometry. Year 10 will end this term with the study of functions that are not linear and explore how changes to equations can change the shapes of various curves. This topic is essential for algebraic modelling in the senior school, as developing the correct formula to represent situations assists with prediction.

The Mathematics Faculty looks forward to sharing extensive and rigorous learning opportunities provided to our senior students.

Ms C Ward
Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics

News from Human Society and its Environment

Welcome to all of our Keira families to the 2020 school year.

As Head Teacher of the Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) faculty, I wanted to share with you an overview of some of the special events that we have planned. It is always exciting to see so many Keira High School students engaging in HSIE learning opportunities – both inside and outside the classroom – and we aim to build on this partnership in 2020.

Some of these are outlined below:

- **Staff:** Our current teaching staff for HSIE in 2020 includes:
Mr Weber *Head Teacher HSIE*, Ms Havilah *HT Teaching and Learning*, Ms Vlahakis *HT Wellbeing*
Ms Andrievski, Mr Bridger, Mr Foran Ms Hrcic, Mr Mihail, Ms Ramos, Ms Saunders, Mr Gale (*HSIE & Japanese*) and Mr Kahabka (*HSIE & Japanese*)
- **LINK LAMP:** Last year's phenomenal success has continued over the summer with our Link Lamp team appearing in the Illawarra Mercury, interviewed on ABC Illawarra and were a feature on the TODAY Show (Channel 9). Whilst the girls have learned a lot about patience with the development of their idea, they have always been outstanding representatives of both themselves and Keira High School. We look forward to seeing their success continue to build, and their leadership support the development of future business leaders within our Innovation Hub at Keira High School.
- **HSC Lectures:** Course specific lectures will occur throughout the year and we will notify our classes accordingly. We want all of our HSC students to attend these events, as their being present will enrich and deepen their engagement with learning. The lectures always offer alternative insights and handy tips for when students are preparing for their upcoming examinations. Over the past two years, there have been some changes to specific HSIE course documents, so our teachers are also able to use these learning events as a way of enhancing their understanding of course requirements and engage in valuable professional development.
- **HSC Study classes:** Several teachers of HSC subjects in HSIE are providing extra classes for our Year 12 students. These classes occur on a weekly basis, are scheduled both during school time and before school, and take place in classrooms and the Keira High School Learning Centre. Year 12 Teachers have designed the extra lessons with a strong focus on skill development and aim to support students with the regular revision of content through writing workshops. Please encourage your child to attend in order for them to take full advantage of these HSIE learning opportunities.
- **National Geography and History competition:** Both of these annual competitions have a significant number of Stage 4 and 5 students enter and represent Keira High school at a national level. Students are tested on general knowledge and have to apply their skills to a range of questions. Feedback from participants is always positive and this type of activity offers a challenging learning experience for students at our school. Over the years we have seen students achieve outstanding results at a national level, and we hope to see this repeated in 2020.
- **Excursions:** We aim to provide a range of outdoor learning activities for our students in HSIE in 2020, so stay tuned for upcoming events. Many of these excursions require payment through our front office, and we will continue to endeavour to keep costs as low as possible. We regard these events as compulsory in terms of student engagement. Please let us know at the school if you would like your child to attend, but you need assistance with the financial costs to cover their involvement. All shared information will be respected and treated in a confidential manner.

Obviously, events do not 'just happen', and I would like to pass on my thanks to the dedicated teachers in the HSIE Faculty who continue to provide these opportunities for our students. If you have any questions or enquiries about our faculty, please feel free to contact us here at Keira High School.

Mr Weber
Head Teacher HSIE

Swimming Carnival



Acacia Champion House

The annual Keira High School Swimming Carnival was held on Friday the 21 February at Corrimal Pools. The weather turned out to be favourable and we were able to run the carnival. There were many competitive races where students earned points for the overall house championship. Additionally, there was a range of novelty races on the day that allowed all students to earn valuable house points. This was the deciding factor in getting the winning house over the line! Our four houses challenged each other throughout the day and Acacia ended up winning the Swimming Carnival House trophy. This is a fantastic accomplishment for Acacia. Congratulations to one of our Year 10 students, Emma Lowe and one of our year 12 students Clancy Lowe for breaking some long standing records in the following races.



A family that swims together wins together

Emma Lowe breaking the U16 Girls Breaststroke record with a time of 37.96

Clancy Lowe breaking the 17 year old boys and over Freestyle record with a time of 25.03

A fantastic achievement for both of these students. Well done!

There are a significant number of students who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival.



**Ms A Pike
Swimming Carnival Coordinator**

News from Sport

It has been a very busy start to the school year in regard to sporting events at Keira High School. This semester there are a range of opportunities for students to access including:

- Weekly Wednesday recreational sport
- NSW knockout competitions against other local schools
- South Coast individual and team trials
- Swimming program for all year seven students
- Trials for Grade sport teams - **May 6 Week 2 Term 2**



Upcoming Keira Carnivals

- Swimming Carnival - **February 21 Week 4 Term 1**
- Cross Country Carnival - **March 26 Week 9 Term 1**
- Athletics Carnival - **May 26 Week 5 Term 2**

It is vital that all students keep up to date with sports notices on a daily basis on our sports noticeboard and daily announcements in roll call.

Any queries in relation to sport please contact Keira High School's Sport Organiser



South Coast Trials 2020



South Coast trials have commenced for the year and it is important for all students to keep up to date with the sports noticeboard and daily announcements in regard to upcoming trial dates. Keira High School has always had a range of talented athletes who strive for improving their own performance at a South Coast level.

The South Coast Schools Sports Association information and dates can also be accessed at: <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/SouthCoast>

Any further questions please see Mr Walker.

Mr O Walker
PDHPE Teacher / Sport Coordinator

News from Special Education

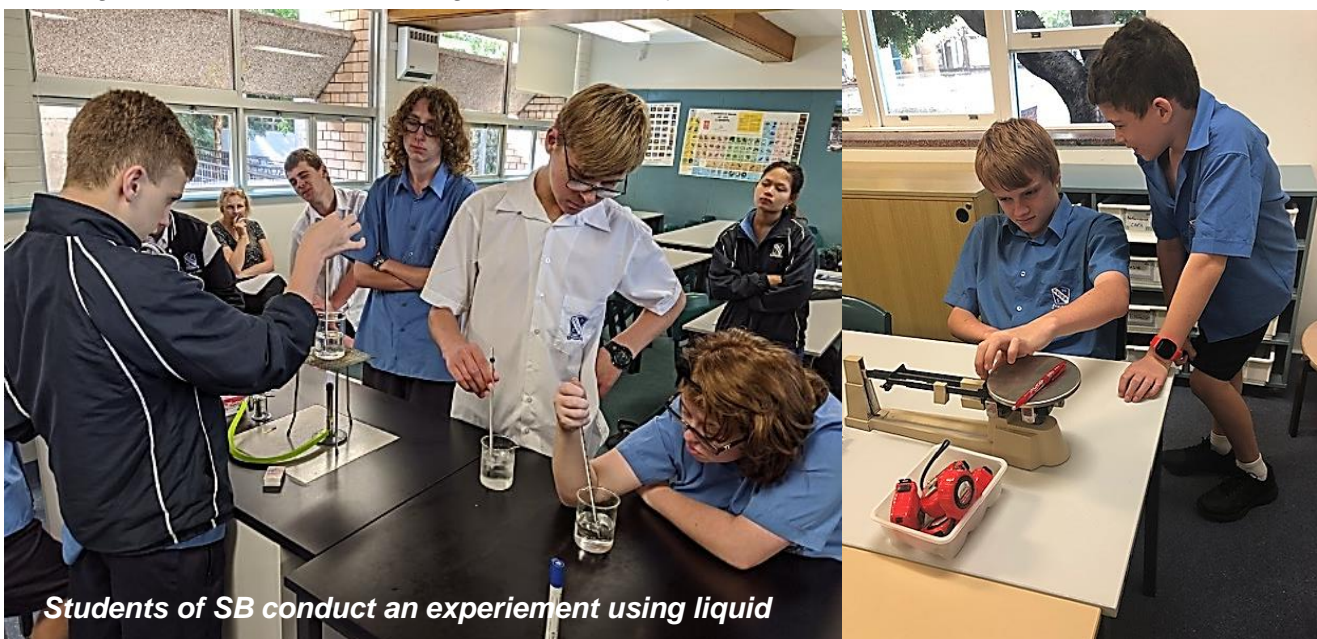
In **English** we've been studying the novel *Trash*.

Oliver Fornasari-King and Justin Raso work together sharing their research to complete their "jigsaw" task. Daniel Grainger completes research on Brazil using the iPad.

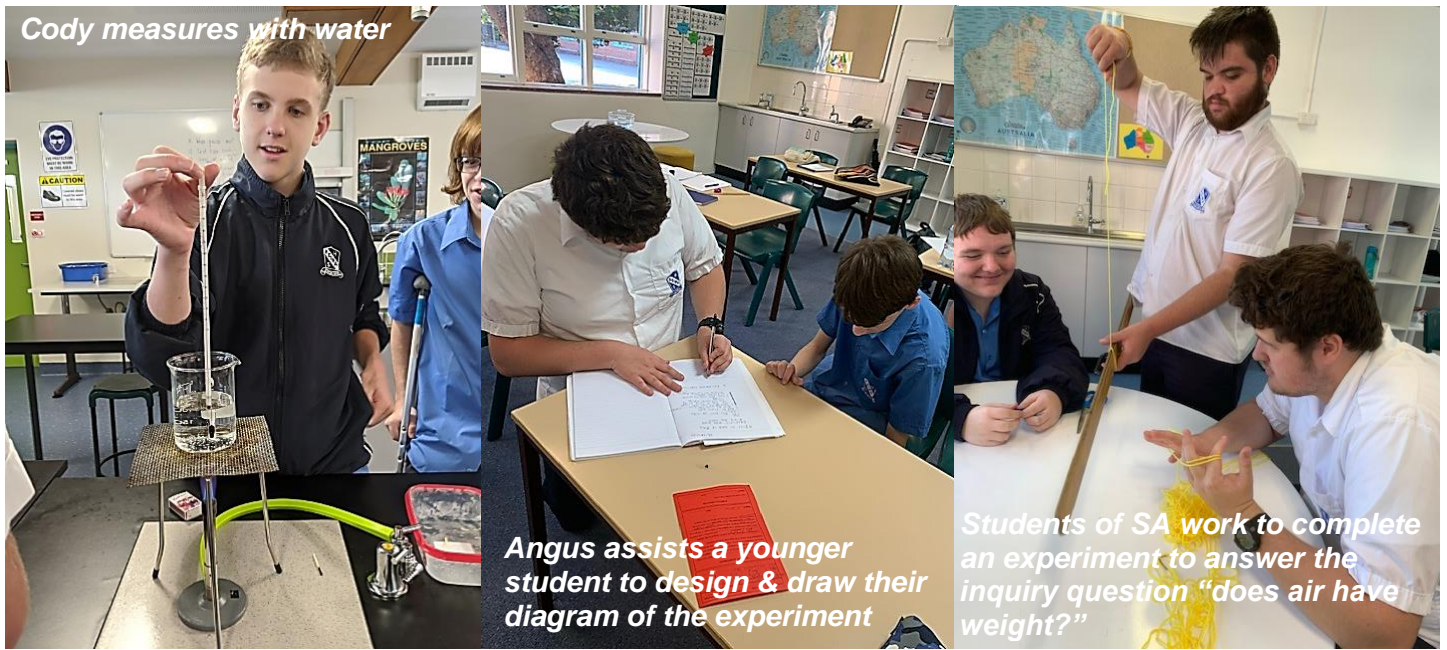


What a great start to our learning in 2020!

In **Science** we've been studying Matter – liquids, solids and gases. Right: Colby Thompson and Kai Starling work together to determine the weight of various objects.



Students of SB conduct an experiment using liquid



Cody measures with water

Angus assists a younger student to design & draw their diagram of the experiment

Students of SA work to complete an experiment to answer the inquiry question "does air have weight?"

In our **Project Based Learning** program focussing on our *Produce and Profit Garden* we've been harvesting our goods.



Jade Shepstone prepares to take bagged produce to potential customers.

Colby Thompson assists Kai Stirling to sort the vegetables and herbs into piles.

Ms L Crockford
Relieving Head Teacher Special Education

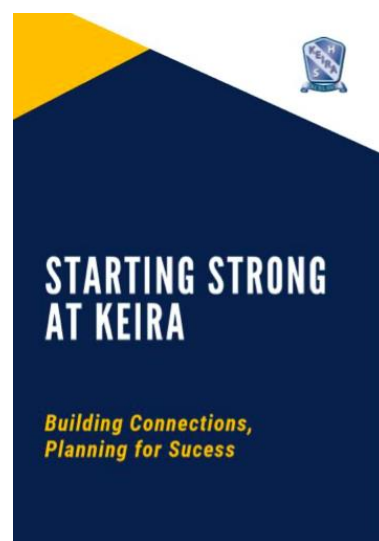
News from Personalised Learning and Engagement

Starting Strong at Keira High School

Starting high school is a time of significant change. For many children, it will be a time of excitement and anticipation, while others it can be a source of anxiety. To facilitate a smooth transition into Year 7 at Keira High School, targeted students engaged in the **Starting Strong Program**.

Starting Strong is an additional transition program designed to support year 6 students and their transitions to high school by providing structured opportunities for Year 6 students to become familiar with their new school environment through additional school tours, taster lessons and opportunities to meet teaching staff.

Keira High School is committed to ensuring that every student receives the best possible start to their high school education.



Best Start Year 7 Assessment 2020

During Week 3, our school participated in **Best Start Year 7**, an online literacy and numeracy assessment.

Best Start Year 7 assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. The results from these assessments provide teachers with current information on the learning strengths and needs of every student. The results allow effective planning of programs and lessons that best support Year 7 and ensure a strong start at Keira High School.

HSC National Minimum Standard

At Keira High School, we share the commitment of parents and carers to ensure that all students attain HSC Minimum Standard in Literacy and Numeracy.

All students in Year 10 and those students in Year 11 and 12 who need to demonstrate the standards are sitting their tests during Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 1. Students will have up to four times per year to sit each minimum standard reading, writing or numeracy test. If your child is still to meet the standard, they have been identified to receive additional support.

The Learning and Engagement Faculty is continuing to provide a series of intensive **Literacy and Numeracy Programs** for Stage 6 students who have been identified as requiring additional support. These structured programs operate Wednesday afternoons from 1:15pm to 2:35pm. They are designed to support and enhance understanding of the essential skills required to demonstrate the minimum standards in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Further information about the minimum standards can be found on the NSW Education Standards Authority website: <https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard> or contact the Learning and Engagement Faculty.



Ms K Arntzen
Relieving Head Teacher Learning and Engagement

News from Languages

2020 is an exciting year for learning Japanese at Keira High School. We have over 200 students studying Japanese this year and a range of opportunities to practice and enhance their language skills.

We have three separate high schools visiting us this year, the first is on Tuesday, March 3 from Ryukoku Junior high school. 40 Keira students will be

paired up with a Ryukoku student for the afternoon and have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities. They will take the Japanese students on a tour of the school and participate in a range of interview activities to improve and hone their understanding of spoken Japanese. We have been hosting students from Ryukoku high for over ten years and it will be a pleasure to share this experience again.

Our Year 10 elective students had an outstanding opportunity to visit the University of Wollongong on February 18. The students attended a lecture and listened to university students speak about their language learning experiences and foreign exchanges. Afterwards, the students were split into groups and created an advertisement skit in Japanese to promote a new food product using both new and learned language structures. The students developed creative and humorous skits to sell their product. During the last activity, the students were taken on a campus tour and learnt about student life at the University of Wollongong.



It was a great day of language learning and team building. It encouraged future language learning at university and inspired the students to participate in a foreign exchange, the best education anyone could ever receive. As *Fwangshak Dawurung* noted, *"I really enjoyed meeting students from other schools that are learning the same language. We were able to create a skit together in Japanese!"*. *Taliver Fulcher* also said how much he, *"enjoyed planning the mini commercial. We all seemed to communicate really well and discuss a variety of ideas with ease. Perhaps the day was best summed up by Emma Lowe, 'よかった です!'.*

We also have a tour of Japan leaving at the end of term three. 17 students and 3 teachers will be heading off on September 23 for a 13 day study tour. We land in Tokyo and slowly wind our way south to Hiroshima. On the way, students (and teachers) will have the opportunity to watch sumo live, spend two nights in a homestay and have the amazing opportunity to use their language skills in everyday situations.

Ms P Havilah
Head Teacher Languages



News from English as an Additional Language Dialect

IMS Writing Competition

Last December, six students from Keira High School participated in the 2019 Illawarra Multicultural Services Women's Writing Competition.

The theme of the Competition was "Being a Woman... My Experience". The Competition involved writing a short story or a poem with a limit of 300 words. We were required to write about being a woman from a culturally and diverse background in Australia.

I was one of the students who participated in this competition. I wrote a poem the poem "GLAD OF YOUR CULTURE". My poem contained messages against racism and encouraged people to rise against it. Also, it encouraged women to be delighted with themselves.

I was awarded first place in this competition with a \$100 voucher as my prize. Second place was awarded to Aya Khrait, a student from Keira High School, who won a \$50 voucher. Finally, I enjoyed participating in this competition and writing this poem. **By Amani Alarnout**

A Writing Competition for Women

"GLAD OF YOUR CULTURE"

The look in their eyes

like questions unanswered about why I was born in this life

The bad words

like a vulture picking at my heart

Judging my clothes

like a snake with a forked tongue

Prayers from my heart smashed

like my dreams of my homeland

Looking at my scarf

as a blanket that covers my brain's thinking

Language barriers of their eyes

like an owl in a very dark night

Stand against this racism

like a lion and be delighted with yourself



Ms L Varga EAL/D Teacher

News from Creative and Performing Arts

Keira Band Program 2020

The Concert Band

a wonderful music opportunity for every student



Performing Arts Alliance

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

WOLLONGONG
Conservatorium of Music
the music in your community



Dear students, parents and carers,

Students at our school enjoy many opportunities to deepen their learning through a raft of quality programs. The Performing Arts is a key focus at Keira and a major element within it is our Band Program which includes *The Concert Band*, *The Stage Band* and instrumental tuition for small groups and individuals.

The Keira High School Concert Band provides a tailored opportunity for players of concert band instruments for both experienced musicians and those who are at the beginning of their music career.

Our Concert Band Program is run in collaboration with the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music and in 2020 will be led by Conservatorium band tutor/conductor Des Cannings.

The repertoire for the concert band includes exciting and challenging music representing a wide range of musical styles. Gaining confidence in performance is an essential part of musical learning and our band performs and participates in a variety of school events, seasonal recitals, band festivals, local and state performance programs

Becoming a member of our band can offer wonderful educational benefits to students, building skills such as cooperation, leadership, responsibility, decision making time management and commitment.

Key information about our Concert Band Program:

- Our 2020 Concert Band Program commences in Week 3 of Term 1
- Applications will be accepted throughout the term
- Concert Band will be held during sport time on a Wednesday from 1:15 to 2:35pm
- Intermediate Concert Band is held in Music Studio 306 and Beginner Concert Band in Music Studio 308
- Students can hire an instrument from the school

Instruments Available:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Percussion

Keira Strings 2020



a wonderful music opportunity for every student

Are you a violinist or wanting to be one?

Then consider becoming a member of Keira Strings for 2020



At the beginning of Term 2 this year an exciting String Program will be added to our already extensive Music Curriculum.

Keira Strings will be under the tutelage of Mr Talbot, who is a highly experienced violinist and member of the renowned *Steel City Strings*

Tune in to this space for more details soon





Southern Stars Last year Keira High School dancers performed in the Southern Stars spectacular. If you would like to participate in dance, drama or choir for Southern Stars, nominations are now being accepted. Please see Mr Olsen in the Visual Arts Staffroom to register your interest.

Talent Development Project - AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

Since 1991, the Talent Development Project have auditioned thousands of NSW public high school students who are passionate about a career in the entertainment industry. Each year, supported by the Department of Education as a Major Sponsor, selected performers are given the opportunity to work with leading music industry consultants to develop their skills as vocalists, singer-songwriters and instrumentalists.

The TDP is the most successful youth training and development program for young musicians in Australia.

Over the past 29 years, many high-profile performers have graduated from the TDP including Human Nature, John Foreman OAM, Morgan Evans, Felicity Urquhart, The McClymonts, Diana Rouvas, David Le'aupepe (Gang of Youths), Angus & Julia Stone, Sam Fischer and David Harris.

Applications are now OPEN for students to audition for the TDP in 2020-2021!

All singers, singer-songwriters, musical theatre performers, instrumentalists and bands of all genres, in years 10 -12 at NSW public high schools are eligible to apply.

If you are interested in applying, please see Mr Olsen in the Visual Arts staffroom for further details.



**Deadline for Applications:
Friday 17 April 2020**

KEIRABALD 2019

The Keira Community of Schools Portraiture Competition

Keirabald Portrait Competition and Exhibition Preparations for the 2020 Keirabald are well underway. Keira High students from Year 7 will be joined by Year 5 and 6 students from our Community of School members: Balgownie PS, Conniston PS, Fairy Meadow Demonstration School, Mount Ousley PS, Pleasant Heights PS and Wollongong PS. They will be creating portraits following the theme of "Me and Mine". This will be the third year the exhibition will be staged at Project Contemporary Artspace. The exhibition will open on Thursday 14 May.



Mr D Olsen
Head Teacher CAPA

Onstage Showcase

On the 11 February students from Year 11 Drama headed to Sydney to see NESA's annual *Onstage showcase*. This exhibition showcases the best Drama performances and projects from Year 12 students in the previous year. It is a great opportunity for students to see what they will be required to do in their senior years. The excursion has become an important part of the Drama curriculum at Keira High School and inspires all students to start formulating their ideas for their own projects.



Seymour Centre

Ms S Saunders
Drama/HSIE Teacher

News from Technology and Applied Studies

Year 7 students have had an enthusiastic start to all three focus areas in Technology, all of which will be studied in rotation for 13 weeks each. The exciting new environments, high quality kitchens and state of the art technology have ensured that students have been engaged and challenged in their learning.

Food and Agriculture has seen students investigating the Paddock to Plate approach to food. They are preparing quality food products in practical lessons, practising time management, organisation and team work skills. I was pleased to hear from parents and carers at the “meet the teachers” afternoon that many students were preparing the food items at home and have improved their cleaning up skills.

Another focus area is Timber. In this unit students are learning and applying numeracy skills, especially the importance of “measuring twice and cutting once”. They will be combining traditional woodwork skills with the state-of-the-art laser cutter to create a personalised storage box.

The students currently studying Digital Technologies are coding using a program called Code Combat, writing code for an Arduino Board and using that to develop and manufacture a visual lighting product using the laser cutter.

Look out for the quality design projects and delicious food making their way home soon.



Year 7 Embrace Technology

Ms T Power
Relieving Head Teacher

News from Learning Centre

As Year 7 and 8 students settle into the wide reading program, we are excited to see many juniors visiting the learning centre regularly and borrowing new books. It is a prime opportunity for these students to set themselves a personal reading goal and participate in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. Please encourage your children to get involved!

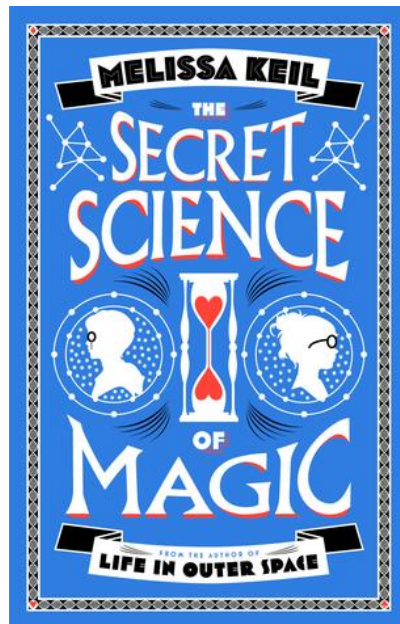
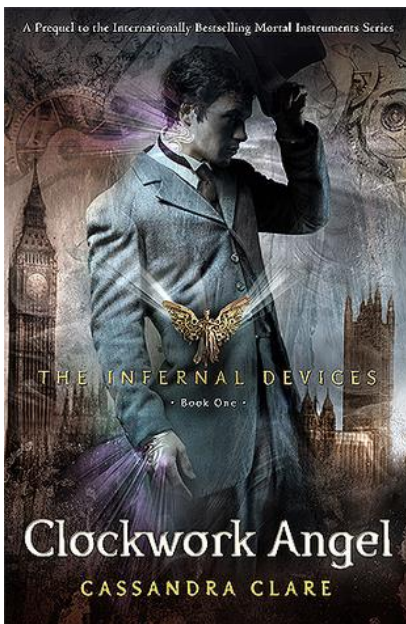


Registrations opened on 2 March 2020 and close on 28 August.

In order to register students simply log in using their DoE User ID and password and add a book to their reading log at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>.

There are over 1000 books to select from in the reading challenge lists for Years 7-9. To complete the challenge, students aim to read 15 books from the challenge lists and 5 personal choice books. Any book completed from September 2019 can be added.

Pictured below are selected titles from new series and books that have been added to the PRC this year. More comprehensive lists can be viewed on the website.



**Ms J MacFarland
Teacher Librarian**

News from Careers

'It may only take one piece of news to lead a student towards success in their life's career'.

Mining Skills Hub Pilot – Industry Outreach Session

Wednesday 18 March 2020
1pm - 2:25 pm
Keira High School Hall



The NSW Government is working with the mining industry, local schools and the University of Wollongong to link young people with educational pathways and employment opportunities such as **Engineering**, **Human Resources**, **Administration**, **Surveying** and **Construction** in the local mining sector through the newly developed 'Mining Skills Hub Pilot'.

The Pilot activity planned is an industry outreach session for local Year 10, 11 and 12 students on 18 March at Keira High School. The session will involve representatives from **South 32**, **Hume Coal** and **Peabody Energy** presenting on the range of career options available in the sector. Representatives from the **NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment**, **Training Services NSW** and the **University of Wollongong** will also speak about educational pathways relevant to the mining sector available Australia wide.

Other activities planned as part of the Pilot include a work readiness program and the delivery of school-based apprentices and trainees relevant to the mining sector for students that show an interest.

This fantastic opportunity has been afforded to students from Keira High School, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, Woonona High and St Mary's Star of the Sea College. As host school, Keira High School has been offered 60 places at the event. To secure your position, please sign up with Ms Ellem



Career Targets

What is your favourite subject and how can it help you choose a career path?

Visit our school Careers Website and under the “For Students” menu you will find 33 different Career Targets that look like the ones below. Just click on any job or career you may wish to explore.



You can see at a glance for each job or career: The Facts (things like money earned and future growth); Related Courses (level of education required); About the Job (tasks, employment opportunities, working conditions); You (personal requirements).

Tax File Numbers

Any student will need a tax file number if they start work (part-time and full-time or casual) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will be requested to provide their Tax File Number (TFN) on enrolment to TAFE or university next year, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit our School Careers website > Important Information > Money Matters > Tax file Numbers.



Ms J Ellem
Careers Adviser

[Career news by Subject Interest](#)

[CAPA](#)

Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts

UNSW Art and Design Information Evening

11 June

Paddington Campus

This event will focus on UNSW Art & Design, hosted at our specialist Paddington Campus. It's a chance for you and your parents to gain an insight into life as a creative student and what it means to be a practicing contemporary artist, designer, media creator or arts worker in today's global economy. Our expert staff, industry graduates and current students will provide their insights into the experience of being a UNSW Art & Design student and share their advice for high school students including careers, the admissions process and Portfolio Entry pathways. You'll also find out about our degree structures, studio-specialisations, and global exchange network with opportunities at over 300 prestigious institutions across the world.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/art-design-degrees-info-evening-0>

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- lyric writing

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For more information:

[Enquire about a workshop online](#)

<https://openacademy.sydney.edu.au/>

Southern Cross University's Coomera Creative Campus is Here!

Students can now study Bachelor degrees in contemporary music, digital media and information technology at Southern Cross University's new Coomera Creative campus on the Gold Coast. For more information, visit <https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/why-scu/locations/coomera/>

Australian Theatre for Young People - School Holiday Program

Monday 14 April – Friday 17 April . 9.30am to 3.30pm

Surry Hills

Yrs 10, 11, 12

"I know I'm meant to enjoy Shakespeare but I find it hard to understand." Sound familiar? Don't worry you're not alone. Spend a week with a former Bell Shakespeare actor and uncover the tools that will make these plays make sense to you. Learn some of the great speeches, examine some of the classic scenes and unlock the endless potential that is found in Shakespeare's work.

There is a reason he is considered the greatest of all time so join us and find out why. Participants will explore the language and meaning of Shakespeare's work, rehearse Shakespearean text and perform with direction. Most auditions for Drama Schools require a Shakespearean monologue, so this session will give participants invaluable feedback and new methods for performance.

<https://atyp.com.au/product/year-10-12-shakespeare-intensive/>

Australian Theatre for Young People - Yrs 10, 11, 12 Audition Technique

Wednesday 22 April – Friday 24 April. 10am to 4pm

Surry Hills

Whether it be for drama school, a play or a television series, one thing is for certain – if you want to be an actor you will have to audition. The audition room can be a daunting place, so learn the tricks of the trade and leave those nerves at the door and make the most of your time in the room. Discover how to prepare in the right way, choose the right piece, learn how the industry works and know what is expected to deliver your best. Find a monologue that works for you, spend 3 days really intensively working on it with an industry professional and finish your week with a mock audition to test your new found skills.

<https://atyp.com.au/product/year-10-12-audition-technique-3-days/>

The Australian College of Physical Education Campus Tours - Dance

Thursday's every week.

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AFTRS Open Day

8 August

Open Day is your annual access-all-areas pass to Australia's premier screen and broadcast school. Last year we opened our doors to a record crowd who came to meet future tutors and collaborators, tour of our state-of-the-art facilities, watch current students at work, get the lowdown on our 2021 courses and applications and find out why we're The Hollywood Reporter's Australian film school of choice. This year's Open Day is on Saturday 8 August, so lock it into your diary and register your interest today to receive further information closer to the day.

If you can't attend, no need to worry – we'll be live streaming the sessions..

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/news-and-events/events/open-day/>

AFTRS Celebrating Women in Creative Industries

3 March. 6.30pm to 8.30pm

To celebrate International Women's Day (on Sunday 8th March), TV Talks will host three incredibly impressive, creative women to discuss their work, their mentors, gender diversity, #metoo, and future-proofing your career in the Australian industry. The panel will be moderated by Anita Jacoby, AM.

Helen Bowden, Managing Director, Lingo Pictures, Producer (*Lambs of God, Upright*)

Jacquelin Perske, Writer and Script Producer (*The Cry, Lambs of God*)

Que Minh Luu, Executive Producer, Drama, ABC (*Frayed, The Heights*)

MC: Anita Jacoby AM

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/event/tv-talks-celebrating-women/>

Sydney Design School Information Evenings

- Saturday 2 May. 10am – 12pm

Twice a year in May and November we open our studios for a morning of creative exploration! Bring family and friends and get hands on building an interiors mood board, play with 3D modelling or walk through our student work exhibition. Our Director Amanda Grace will take you through our course options and give you a comprehensive introduction to our School community.

<https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

Career in Games & Film, Info Evening at Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Wednesday 19 March. . 6pm-8pm

33 Mountain St, Ultimo

Considering a career in games, 3D or VFX? Discover AIE's courses in Game Art & Animation, Programming and Game Design. Learn about entry requirements and career pathways. Rego required. RSVP

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LANGUAGES

Challenges Abroad Australia International Volunteering

Overseas internship opportunities in education, business or health. We offer exceptional opportunities to further your life skills and to create incredible experiences, all while helping disadvantaged communities around the world. Our challenging treks and volunteer projects take you to some of the world's most extraordinary places: from the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in Peru, to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

<http://www.challengesabroad.com.au/>

AFS Overseas Student Exchange Online Info Sessions

📅 [4 March 2020 8pm](#)

📅 [11 March 2020 5pm](#)

📅 [18 March 2020 8pm](#)

📅 [25 March 2020 5pm](#)

📅 [01 April 2020 8pm](#)

[📅 08 April 2020 5pm](#)

[📅 15 April 2020 8pm](#)

[📅 22 April 2020 5pm](#)

[📅 29 April 2020 8pm](#)

99 world wide destinations. Live with a new family in another country. Enjoy different traditions. Take time to appreciate, value and deepen your insights about other perspectives, cultures, religions and important world issues. Go to a new school, learn a new language and find ways to connect with people from other cultures and backgrounds—skills that you'll take back home and use for a lifetime.

<https://afs.org.au/study-abroad/>

[P.D.H.P.E.](#)

[Community and Family Studies, P.D.H.P.E.](#)

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[MATHS and SCIENCE](#)

[Senior Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics](#)

Year 10 Work Experience at Sydney University

4-8 May

14-18 September

Apply by 9am Monday 30 March

A week-long Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Work Experience for Year 10 students will be offered by the University of Sydney. High school students will team up with researchers to work on interactive projects. Please visit the link below for more information. Questions?: engineering.outreach@sydney.edu.au

<https://bit.ly/2HfNSqO>

Careers in Maths

See how different people in a wide range of careers use maths as part of their daily routine at work. The site increases Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds of profiles, videos, jobs. Delivering maths careers materials to students and is committed to working towards increasing Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds of profiles, videos and jobs.

<http://mathsadds.amsi.org.au/>

Surveying Work Experience Opportunities for Students

Try Surveying connects students with professional surveyors around NSW, where they will get a hands-on education in the complexities of surveying. Work experience can really lead you places! Just ask Michael Baker, who used his surveying work experience placement to launch into tertiary study – and into a real surveying job teamed with the surveyors he first met as a work experience student. [Learn more about Michael's story.](#)

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/secondary-students/>

UTS STEM Day 2020

3 June, 2020. 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

This program is free and is for students in years 9–12

This one-day event provides an opportunity for students to explore different areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Design. Students take part in hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions with current students and people in STEM industries. Learn all about possible study and career options plus get an inside look at life as a student and professional in STEM.
<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/uts-stem-day-june-2020>

University of Sydney - First Robotics (The Drop Bears)

One night per week during school term

Years: 8–12. The University of Sydney hosts a high school student robotics team competing in the international First Robotics competition. The team includes students from a variety of Sydney high schools who work together to build a robot to compete in a sports-like competition. By participating, you will learn valuable skills in programming, robotics, building, project management, leadership and communications.

Apply to join The Drop Bears

'How do scientists test their ideas'?

Sat., 7 March. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

ANU Physics Studio, Building 38A, Acton, ACT

Come join us to learn more about this.

ANU astrophysicists James Beattie will give us insights into the mysterious worlds of experiment design.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-do-scientists-test-their-ideas-young-stars-science-talks-tickets-93904722553?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

CSU Medicine Can't make it to an info night?

Make sure you [sign up](#) to stay informed about key dates and the latest course updates.

<https://engage.csu.edu.au/medicine-info-nights>

Overseas medicine internship opportunities for high school students

Projects Abroad are again running overseas medicine internship opportunities for students in years 10 and 11 during the winter and summer school holidays. Ideal for students looking at a career in medicine, these 2 week programs are a valuable addition to a CV and bolster university applications. Visit <https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/medical-work-experience-teenagers/> for more information.

Youth at the Zoo Applications

This program is open to teens aged 13 – 19 years old. Members will have the opportunity to take part in a range of training programs, volunteer their time with our Guest Services team or at Special Events, take part in campaigns, interact with Zoo guests, attend Social Nights and so much more. As our YATZ get older they can even put up their hand for additional responsibilities like training for our overnight programs, or becoming a Leader or Mentor for younger YATZ. Members will develop important skills in communication, both in person and via email as they manage their availability with the YATZ Coordinator via our online Volunteer Management System called Volgistics.

<https://taronga.org.au/education/sydney/school-programs/student-career-development/yatz>

Sydney - apply here:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=1923229381>

Dubbo - Email rbetts@zoo.nsw.gov.au

Reminder - Frontiers of Science
Friday 6 March 2020

Boston University Sydney campus, 15-25 Regent Street Chippendale
Exploring major discoveries and theories in physics, mathematics, biology and chemistry at this year's combined AIP, TGNSW, RSNSW and RACI meeting invitation to the *Frontiers of Science Forum*.
RSVP fosman@bu.edu

Discover Engineering Days

Day Workshop For Years 7, 8, 9 &10

Capped at 150 students per event Discover Engineering Days is a program that is run six times a year by Engineers Australia Sydney. Schools and Universities are selected in various geographical locations across Sydney Metropolitan Area, The Riverina and The Illawarra. Students enjoy immersive activities that test their Scientific, Technical and Mathematical skills. The workshops cover many facets of Engineering from solar cells; humanitarian, chemical, mechanical and structural engineering.

Key Dates:

- 4 March at Holy Cross College Ryde - Register now!
- 1 May at Chatswood High School - Register now
- 16 or 18 June at Mater Dei College, Wagga Wagga (date tbc)
- 21 July at Penrith Campus, Western Sydney University
- 30 September at University of Wollongong
- 6 November at ANSTO

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sites/default/files/NSW%20STEM%20initiatives%202020%20-%2020270120.pdf>

H.S.I.E.

Aboriginal Studies, Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Legal Studies, Modern History, Society and Culture, Studies of Religion

HSC Writing Workshops: Society and Culture PIP's

Various dates

29-31 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

As a study skills mentor and private tutor, who loved studying Society and Culture, i want to be able to share some of the skills, tips and tricks i learnt so students after me can too! My focus in these workshops are in-depth and highly PIP focused. As a band 6 student, current tutor and aspiring academic in socio-cultural research, i share my 39/40 PIP and my journey in developing written command!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-writing-workshops-society-and-culture-pips-tickets-90505090161?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Market to Millions: From Student to Entrepreneur

Tue., 3 March. 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Academy of Entrepreneurs, 53 Murray Street, Pyrmont

Marketing is a science, and there is a method you can use to GROW any business with a consistent flow from leads to clients! In this 2-hr workshop, you will gain a step-by-step guide outlining exactly what you need to do to attract your ideal clients & the best strategies for you to use to increase your lead conversion and sales!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/market-to-millions-from-student-to-entrepreneur-registration-96381683209?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Experience UNSW Business Day

17 April. 9.30am to 3.30pm

Kensington Campus

Are you the next future business leader? Find out what life as a UNSW Business School student is really like and where it can take you at Experience UNSW Business Day.

This event has been specifically designed for year 12 students and will allow you to take part in interactive workshops, network with clubs and societies and get answers to your questions about life at UNSW.

Business workshops to choose from:

- Accounting

- Actuarial Studies
- Business Analytics
- Business Law
- Economics
- Finance
- Financial Technology
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-business-day-0>

Macquarie Uni HSC Geography Enrichment Day
15 May. 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Macquarie University, Level 8, 12 Wally's Walk

The HSC Geography Enrichment Day helps prepare students for the HSC Geography exam. You will be informed about local and international case studies and insights from researchers who are working at the cutting edge of geography and planning in Australia. The material covered will be directly relevant to the geography curriculum and provide a useful resource for students exams.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/hsc-geography-enrichment-day-2020/>

Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo

Tuesday, 31 March 2020, 10:00 am — Tuesday, 31 March 2020, 02:00 pm

The **Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo** is primarily targeted at Business, Law & Creative Industries students. The Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo is designed to promote graduate programs, vacation work opportunities, cadetships and internships and entry level roles for students in their final year of study. With up to 20 employers exhibiting at this expo, you should place this on your 2020 calendar.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/current-students/new-space-careers-expo>

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship - The closing dates for applications to the 2021

Round 1 Interviews Closing Date - Friday 29 May 2020

Round 2 Interviews Closing Date - Friday 16 October 2020

Entry to the Bachelor of Accounting is very competitive and is not based on ATAR score alone. Selection criteria are:

- A genuine and informed interest in an accounting-based career
- Personal attributes needed to succeed both as a student and in a business career - communication skills, inter-personal skills, team-working skills, problem-solving skills, enthusiasm and dedication
- Involvement and achievement in a range of activities and interests
- Demonstrated leadership qualities or potential
- Academic ability (desirable ATAR: 95)

Info here:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting/scholarship>

Apply here:

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T.A.S.

Agriculture, Design and Technology, Engineering Studies, Food Technology, Industrial Technology, Information Processes Technology and Technology, Software Design and Development, Textiles and Design

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. Check out the [tutorials and activities](#). Supported by over [400 partners](#) and 200,000 educators worldwide.

<https://hourofcode.com/au>

Activities: <https://hourofcode.com/au/learn>

Cookery and Patisserie Information Evening

Wednesday 18 March 6pm-8pm.

Come speak to Angliss trainers, students, and staff about the courses on offer at our Sydney campus. For students interested in studying a Certificate IV in Cookery or Patisserie, now is your chance to tour our facilities, sample the work of our students and ask any burning questions about the courses and your future! Inquiries to Erica at erica.margovsky@angliss.edu.au

Discover Your Career in Tourism and Hospitality

Your online source for starting and enhancing your career in [Hospitality](#), [Tourism](#), Events, and Travel. Discover how we can help with career information, training opportunities, exclusive job vacancies, apprenticeships, and industry news and tips. <https://discoveryyourcareer.com.au/>

Careers Harvest

Great website on all career fields and pathways on the land, environment and agriculture. Explore career options, scholarships and internships on offer.

<http://www.careerharvest.com.au/>

VET COURSES

The Best Jobs for School Leavers and TAFE NSW Can Help

TAFE NSW has a list of awesome jobs for school leavers to get their hands dirty and earn good coin. From Barista skills making that perfect cup of coffee to serving the country in the Defence Force, we've got courses for your students ready to leave school: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/career-advice/start-my-career/blog/-/blogs/the-best-jobs-for-school-leavers>.

Maxima Indigenous Traineeships and Apprenticeships

An amazing and comprehensive site to support indigenous youth into employment, training, apprenticeships and traineeships.

Call for more information to:1300 669 859

<https://maxima.com.au/jobseekers/indigenous-employment/indigenous-careers/>

Steps to Becoming an Australian Apprentice

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money while learning a trade! Getting started in an apprenticeship can seem a little daunting, but it can be broken down into four easy-to-understand steps. Research; Preparation; Job Hunting and Sign-up. If you would like to learn more about each step, plus heaps more useful information, visit

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/steps>

Sarina Russo Apprenticeships

Want an apprenticeship? Register to view the job board. Incentives and allowances for apprentices also explained.

Sarina Russo Job Access (Australia)

Is the largest Australian-owned private sector jobactive provider with 93 sites in Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales and ACT.

- [jobactive](#) – Placed over 69,000 job seekers into work since 1 July 2015
- [Disability Employment Services](#) – Supported over 8,000 people with a disability since 2006
- [New Enterprise Incentive Scheme](#) – 9,000 people have become their own boss since 2000 – 80% were still in business after 3 years.
- [Harvest Labour Services](#) – 3,100 agricultural labour placements since 2011

<https://www.sarinarusso.com/apprenticeship/>

WPC Group - Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Automotive, Hospitality, Business, Carpentry Electrical, Fitter Welder, Horticulture

WPC Group not for profit specialises in Apprenticeships & Traineeships. We discuss apprenticeships and traineeships with students, and can assist with mock interviews, resume writing and preparing students for the workforce. Today, we employ and train more than 650 apprentices and trainees through national programs.

<https://www.wpcgroup.org.au/>

Why Do a Trade Apprenticeship . Want a 91% chance of getting a job? Start with a trade apprenticeship

Taking on a trade apprenticeship through VET is a great career and lifestyle move. Just ask Wollongong-based carpenter **Owen**, who got his start with a [school-based apprenticeship](#) and would “100 per cent recommend it”.

“I was sort of interested in leaving school at that point, but I also wanted to get my HSC,” says the now 20-year-old. “The flexibility of going to work two days – and knowing I would leave school and start an apprenticeship – made the HSC easier.”
<http://bit.ly/2N6wgiY>

[VET Entertainment Industry](#)

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- world music instrumental (BYO instrument)
- composition
- lyric writing

We run our workshops by request depending on the availability of our teachers, so please include your request in the booking form. Please let us know via the booking form if you are interested in a tour and workshop package. We also ask that you give us four weeks’ notice.

For more information:

[Enquire about a workshop online](#)

<https://openacademy.sydney.edu.au/>

Southern Cross University's Coomera Creative Campus is Here!

Students can now study Bachelor degrees in contemporary music, digital media and information technology at Southern Cross

University's new Coomera Creative campus on the Gold Coast. For more information, visit

<https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/why-scu/locations/coomera/>

Australian Theatre for Young People - School Holiday Program

Monday 14 April – Friday 17 April . 9.30am to 3.30pm

Surry Hills

Yrs 10, 11, 12

“I know I’m meant to enjoy Shakespeare but I find it hard to understand.” Sound familiar? Don’t worry you’re not alone. Spend a week with a former Bell Shakespeare actor and uncover the tools that will make these plays make sense to you. Learn some of the great speeches, examine some of the classic scenes and unlock the endless potential that is found in Shakespeare’s work. There is a reason he is considered the greatest of all time so join us and find out why. Participants will explore the language and meaning of Shakespeare’s work, rehearse Shakespearean text and perform with direction. Most auditions for Drama Schools require a Shakespearean monologue, so this session will give participants invaluable feedback and new methods for performance.

<https://atyp.com.au/product/year-10-12-shakespeare-intensive/>

Australian Theatre for Young People - Yrs 10, 11, 12 Audition Technique

Wednesday 22 April – Friday 24 April. 10am to 4pm

Surry Hills

Whether it be for drama school, a play or a television series, one thing is for certain – if you want to be an actor you will have to audition. The audition room can be a daunting place, so learn the tricks of the trade and leave those nerves at the door and make the most of your time in the room. Discover how to prepare in the right way, choose the right piece, learn how the industry works and know what is expected to deliver your best. Find a monologue that works for you, spend 3 days really intensively working on it with an industry professional and finish your week with a mock audition to test your new found skills.

<https://atyp.com.au/product/year-10-12-audition-technique-3-days/>

The Australian College of Physical Education Campus Tours - Health, Sport, Dance

Thursday's every week.

10 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park

We’d love to show you around our purpose-built campus in the heart of the Sydney Olympic Park. Tours run regularly. To lock in your place, select an upcoming tour date and time now. We look forward to meeting with you. To lock in a day and time simply fill out the form below. If you have any other questions, call us on **1300 302 867**, <https://acpe.edu.au/about-us/events/>

AFTRS Open Day

8 August

Open Day is your annual access-all-areas pass to Australia’s premier screen and broadcast school. Last year we opened our doors to a record crowd who came to meet future tutors and collaborators, tour of our state-of-the-art facilities, watch current students at work, get the lowdown on our 2021 courses and applications and find out why we’re The Hollywood Reporter’s Australian film school of choice. This year’s Open Day is on Saturday 8 August, so lock it into your diary and register your interest today to receive further information closer to the day.

If you can’t attend, no need to worry – we’ll be live streaming the sessions..

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/news-and-events/events/open-day/>

AFTRS Celebrating Women in Creative Industries

3 March. 6.30pm to 8.30pm

To celebrate International Women’s Day (on Sunday 8th March), TV Talks will host three incredibly impressive, creative women to discuss their work, their mentors, gender diversity, #metoo, and future-proofing your career in the Australian industry. The panel will be moderated by Anita Jacoby, AM.

Helen Bowden, Managing Director, Lingo Pictures, Producer (*Lambs of God, Upright*)

Jacquelin Perske, Writer and Script Producer (*The Cry, Lambs of God*)

Que Minh Luu, Executive Producer, Drama, ABC (*Frayed, The Heights*)

MC: Anita Jacoby AM

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/event/tv-talks-celebrating-women/>

VET Financial Services

Market to Millions: From Student to Entrepreneur

Tue., 3 March. 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Academy of Entrepreneurs, 53 Murray Street, Pyrmont

Marketing is a science, and there is a method you can use to GROW any business with a consistent flow from leads to clients! In this 2-hr workshop, you will gain a step-by-step guide outlining exactly what you need to do to attract your ideal clients & the best strategies for you to use to increase your lead conversion and sales!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/market-to-millions-from-student-to-entrepreneur-registration-96381683209?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo

Tuesday, 31 March 2020, 10:00 am — Tuesday, 31 March 2020, 02:00 pm

The **Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo** is primarily targeted at Business, Law & Creative Industries students. The Newcastle City Campus Careers Expo is designed to promote graduate programs, vacation work opportunities, cadetships and internships and entry level roles for students in their final year of study. With up to 20 employers exhibiting at this expo, you should place this on your 2020 calendar.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/current-students/new-space-careers-expo>

Experience UNSW Business Day

17 April 9.30am to 3.30pm

Kensington Campus

Are you the next future business leader? Find out what life as a UNSW Business School student is really like and where it can take you at Experience UNSW Business Day.

This event has been specifically designed for year 12 students and will allow you to take part in interactive workshops, network with clubs and societies and get answers to your questions about life at UNSW.

Business workshops to choose from:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Studies
- Business Analytics
- Business Law
- Economics
- Finance
- Financial Technology
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-business-day-0>

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship - The closing dates for applications to the 2021

Round 1 Interviews Closing Date - Friday 29 May 2020

Round 2 Interviews Closing Date - Friday 16 October 2020

Entry to the Bachelor of Accounting is very competitive and is not based on ATAR score alone. Selection criteria are:

- A genuine and informed interest in an accounting-based career
- Personal attributes needed to succeed both as a student and in a business career - communication skills, inter-personal skills, team-working skills, problem-solving skills, enthusiasm and dedication
- Involvement and achievement in a range of activities and interests

- Demonstrated leadership qualities or potential
- Academic ability (desirable ATAR: 95)

Info here:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting/scholarship>

Apply here:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting/application>

VET Hospitality

Cookery and Patisserie Information Evening

Wednesday 18 March 6pm-8pm.

Come speak to Angliss trainers, students, and staff about the courses on offer at our Sydney campus. For students interested in studying a Certificate IV in Cookery or Patisserie, now is your chance to tour our facilities, sample the work of our students and ask any burning questions about the courses and your future! Inquiries to Erica at

erica.margovsky@angliss.edu.au

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Your online source for starting and enhancing your career in [Hospitality](#), [Tourism](#), Events, and Travel. Discover how we can help with career information, training opportunities, exclusive job vacancies, apprenticeships, and industry news and tips.

<https://discoveryyourcareer.com.au/>

VET Information and Digital Technology

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. Check out the [tutorials and activities](#). Supported by over [400 partners](#) and 200,000 educators worldwide.

<https://hourofcode.com/au>

Activities: <https://hourofcode.com/au/learn>

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VET Tourism and Events

Discover Your Career in Tourism and Hospitality

Your online source for starting and enhancing your career in [Hospitality](#), [Tourism](#), Events, and Travel. Discover how we can help with career information, training opportunities, exclusive job vacancies, apprenticeships, and tips.

<https://discoveryyourcareer.com.au/>

Flight Centre Travel Academy - Diploma and Bachelor Courses Open Day

Our personalised Open Day has been designed to give you all of the information you need to get started on your study journey with us. At these sessions, you can find out more detail about our courses, hear from industry experts and check out our campus facilities and meet with our facilitation team. These Open Days will be tailored to your needs and your schedule, choose a time and date, online or on-campus that suits you!

Fill in the form below to get started and we'll be in touch to organise your personalised open day experience.

<https://www.fctravelacademy.com/information-sessions>

Challenges Abroad Australia International Volunteering

Overseas internship opportunities in education, business or health. We offer exceptional opportunities to further your life skills and to create incredible experiences, all while helping disadvantaged communities around the world. Our challenging treks and

volunteer projects take you to some of the world's most extraordinary places: from the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in Peru, to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

<http://www.challengesabroad.com.au/>

AFS Overseas Student Exchange Online Info Sessions

- 📅 [4 March 2020 8pm](#)
- 📅 [11 March 2020 5pm](#)
- 📅 [18 March 2020 8pm](#)
- 📅 [25 March 2020 5pm](#)
- 📅 [01 April 2020 8pm](#)
- 📅 [08 April 2020 5pm](#)
- 📅 [15 April 2020 8pm](#)
- 📅 [22 April 2020 5pm](#)
- 📅 [29 April 2020 8pm](#)

99 world wide destinations. Live with a new family in another country. Enjoy different traditions. Take time to appreciate, value and deepen your insights about other perspectives, cultures, religions and important world issues. Go to a new school, learn a new language and find ways to connect with people from other cultures and backgrounds—skills that you'll take back home and use for a lifetime.

<https://afs.org.au/study-abroad/>

OTHER FIELDS

Commercial Pilot - BASAIR Career Free Info Seminar

12 Mar, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

09 Apr, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

14 May, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

18 Jun, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

628/23-25 Airport Avenue, Bankstown Airport

Learn about a career as a Commercial Pilot at one of our free information seminars. Basair Aviation College runs monthly seminars in Sydney, Brisbane and Newcastle. Learn more about a career in aviation and the benefits Basair can provide for your training as a commercial pilot. Register at:

<http://www.basair.com.au/Events>

Work Experience with NSW Fire and Rescue

Dates available for Term 1, 2020

- 16-19 March
- 23-26 March
- 30 March - 2 April
- 6-9 April

Dates available for Term 2, 2020

- 11-14 May
- 18-21 May
- 25-28 May (Junior IFARES program, identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
- 1-4 June (Junior IFARES program, identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
- 22-25 June
- 29 June - 2 July

Go to the site below for Terms 3 and 4 dates. The Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Work Experience Program provides participating students with an overview of the roles of FRNSW and its firefighters. Through this program, school students gain insight into FRNSW and develop employment related skills.

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=764>

UTS HSC Help

April, July and October

ATAR Notes aims to provide free and low-cost resources to HSC students, with the aim of making high school education more accessible. Taught by high academic university students, these free HSC lectures aim to give students a head start on their final years of high school.

<https://atarnotes.com/free-lectures/>

UTS InspirED

July and October

Designed to set you up for success in your HSC year, these sessions, , will give you a detailed, in-depth understanding of what HSC Markers are looking for, address key content within each core/module and give you access to potential HSC questions and answers/solutions.

<https://inspired.edu.au/january-february-hsc-kickstart-seminars/>

Au Pair in America - GAP Year Opportunity Online Information Session

Wednesday the 25th of March. 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Being an Au Pair with Au Pair in America is the perfect way to use your childcare/babysitting hours to have the most amazing experience in the USA. A cultural exchange with a difference; you will live with an American family and immerse yourself in everyday American life.

<https://www.aifs.com.au/aupair-america/events/>

Defence Events and Information Sessions Near You

3 March – Canberra – Women In Defence

3 March – Newcastle – Army Reserve

3 March – Sydney – Army Reserve

3 March – Orange – Defence Info Session

4 March – Dubbo – Defence Info Session

5 March – Newcastle – Navy Info

5 March – Sydney – Engineering Careers

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>

Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual application process that can take up to 12 months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12.

To start the ADF application process, use our [degree and job match tool](#) to explore the courses through ADFA, and the careers they can lead to. You can choose from a range of [UNSW degrees](#), each of which leads directly to an officer role in the Navy, Army or Air Force. You will also need to [ensure you are eligible](#).

You may also like to attend [ADFA Open Day](#) where you can experience ADFA, meet staff and students, take a tour and view military displays.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/how-to-apply/>

Explore Teaching

All types of teaching careers and those in high demand, salaries and high demand locations. Explore the different types of teachers in NSW public schools and find out which classroom teaching or specialty area appeals to you.

<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/exploreteaching>

Applications for the NSW Premier's Teacher Scholarships 2021 Are Now Open

Applications close Sunday, 19 April 2020 for study tours commencing in 2021

The NSW Premier's Teacher Scholarships provide recipients with \$10,000 or \$15,000 for a five-week study tour within Australia or overseas. Permanent teachers in NSW government and non-government schools are eligible to apply.. To find out more and to apply, visit:

bit.ly/PTS21

25 February 2020

SCHOOL STUDENT TRAVEL ON A VALID TICKET - HIGH SCHOOL -

Please provide this information to your School Community.

Following the moratorium period for schools, Dion's Bus Service will be enforcing the following process for students travelling to and from school without a working Opal Card:

- **Travelling to School; Travelling to School;** the student will be allowed to board, a fare will be requested, and if the student is not able to present a fare, will be reminded of their obligations under the SSTS; and the driver will take the name of the student, for submission to the Dion's Bus Service office; and
- **Travelling to home from school;** the student will be requested to pay a fare. In the event that the student is not able to do so, the driver will not allow the student to board and travel on the bus. The student will be requested to return to the school office and make alternative arrangements to get home.

School travel passes (School Opal Card or School Term Opal Card) can only be used for approved travel on school days between the student's home and school within the hours of 6.30am and 7:00pm. There is no provision under the Scheme to fund the carriage of students for any other purpose or to or from any other location. **Students who are travelling from locations other than between home and school are entitled to travel at the normal child fare by use of a Child/Youth Opal card or cash.** This includes but is not limited to excursions, sport, and Work Experience.

If a student's travel pass is lost or stolen, they should apply for a replacement online at <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass>. A fee may be charged. **Students must pay their fare by use of a Child/Youth Opal card or cash, until a new pass is issued.**

A receipt of the replacement is not a Valid Ticket.

More information

Parents/Guardians can visit <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/faqs-school-students/> for more information.

Great Choice Healthy Canteen

KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

BREAKFAST

Fresh Fruit Salad-GF-V	4.50
Toasted Sandwiches One filling	3.00
Two fillings	3.50
Three fillings	4.00
Raisin Toast	2.50
Toast (2 slices)	2.00
Yoghurt	2.00
Muesli, Yoghurt & Fruit	2.50
Hot Chocolate	2.50

HEALTHY CONTAINERS

Fresh Fruit Salad-GF-V	4.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	5.00
Garden Salad-GF-V-Vegan	5.00
Roast Pumpkin & Lentil Salad-GF	5.00
Greek Salad-GF-V	5.00
Falafel & Salad-GF-V-Vegan	5.00

DRINKS

Water 600ml	2.50
Juices 250 ml	3.00
Milk-plain 300ml	1.50
600ml	2.50
Flavoured Milk 300ml	2.50
Poppers 200ml	1.50
Up & Gos	2.50

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS

Available on Wholemeal or Multigrain

Egg-V	3.00
Egg & Lettuce-V	3.50
Curried Egg-V	3.50
Tasty Light Cheese-V	3.00
Tasty Light Cheese & Tomato-V	3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	4.00
Salad-V-Vegan	4.50
Chicken Breast-H	4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	4.50
Roast Beef, Avo, Tom, Lett, Chutney	4.50
Corned Silverside, Tom, Lett, Pickles	4.50
Turkey, Ch, Avo, Lett & Cranberry	4.50

HOT FOOD- \$6.00 EACH

Chicken Breast Roll, Lett, Mayo -H	
Lean Beef Burger, Tom, Lett, beet & sauce	
Homemade Beef Lasagne	
Beef Ravioli with Homemade Tomato Sauce	
Vegetarian Ravioli with Homemade Tomato Sauce	
Steak Sandwich, Lettuce, Beetroot, Tomato & Sauce	
Chicken Dish (varies)	
Homemade Soups & Bread Roll	
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

V - Vegetarian
GF - Gluten Free
H - Halal

HEALTHY SNACKS

Garlic Bread -V	2.00
Whole Fresh Fruit	1.00
Cheese & Crackers	2.50
Dried Fruit-V-Vegan	2.50
Freshly Baked Scone	2.50
Freshly Cooked Pikelets	2.50
Egg-Boiled & Peeled	1.00
Air-popped Popcorn	.50

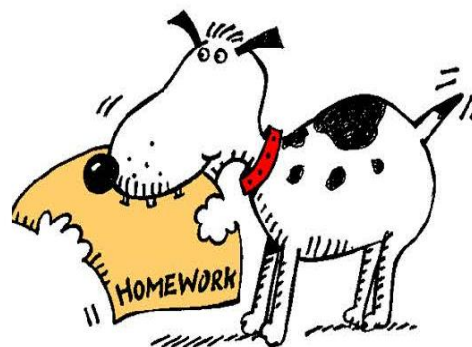
Daily Specials and Extras

Keira's Home Work Centre

Enhancing Learning Beyond the Classroom

Dear Keira Community,

Some of a student's best learning can occur away from the classroom when they are reinforcing their understanding, practising skills, researching assignments and composing responses to assessment activities, preparing for future learning activities or examinations.



Our Home Work Centre can be a great place where students can learn after school.

What is available at the Home Work Centre?

- a space for *all students* to learn and complete tasks, assignments and study
- the chance to collaborate with others
- resources, computers and the internet
- one on one teacher guidance
- focused learning
- literacy support and extension
- a healthy afternoon tea to sustain focus

Where and When and Who?

- Our Library/Learning Centre
- Every Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:30pm
- All students from all years



Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity that will provide support to enhance their learning. Regular attendance is encouraged; however, a *drop in when needed* attendance is also supported.

*Time, Support, Resources and Space
Everything you need from a Learning Place*

Homework Assistance Supporting EAL/D Students

Every Monday 2:45 - 4:45pm
Keira High School Library



The Homework Centre welcomes EAL/D students from Keira High School and Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts



About the *English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Homework Centre*

- An experienced EAL/D teacher co-ordinates each session and assists students with English language in ALL subject areas
- A bilingual Learning Support Officer attends to assist students
- Afternoon tea is provided
- The Centre is funded by the NSW Department of Education

For further information please contact Keira High School

Community Announcements

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Parent Student Teacher
Partnerships for Success

Student, Teacher and Parent Conferences



Years 9 and 10

Monday 23 March 2020

Learning Centre

3:30 – 6:30 pm

Communication between home and school is very important in enabling us to meet the needs of all students to the best of our ability. Attending the Student, Teacher and Parent Conferences is an important step towards building relationships and fostering communication between school and home. We strongly recommend you attend this evening in order to support your child's education.

Appointment Form

- Please find attached the [Appointment Form](#). Your child will use this form to make appointments with each of their class teachers. This form will be your record of appointments.
- It is responsibility of the student to complete this process.
- Deputy Principals, Head Teachers and Year Advisers will also be available if there are issues that you need clarifying or questions that you would like to discuss.

Parent Scaffold to Guide Discussion

- Your child will need to make an appointment with the relevant person using the [Appointment Form](#) prior to Monday 23 March 2020
- Please find attached a [Parent Scaffold to Guide Discussion](#). This scaffold may assist you in preparing questions for each of your child's teachers that you may wish to ask on the evening.

All students will be provided with an information letter and this information will be mailed home to all families.

We look forward to seeing you at this evening.



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