

YEAR 11 NEWS

WEEK 5. TERM 3 2019

YEAR 11 TEAM LEADERS

Breakfast was served on Thursday this week in Seniors' Hall for the Year 12 cohort as they prepared to sit their first Trial Examination. The cultural apprenticeship continues as our boys observe the Year 12 interactions, attitude and the support provided to them as they prepare to finish their last few weeks of schooling. It is only too apparent that times are shifting as Year 11 prepare not only for their end of year examinations but also to take over the reins of being the senior leaders of the School. For some there is a sense of excitement as they can see the opportunities on the horizon, for others, a sense of trepidation as they approach their final year at Knox. Whatever the emotion, the year group is forming stronger bonds with each other, utilising more resources and seeking the support they need to reach their goals.

The mentor program this term has aimed to develop the boys' skills in planning for their examinations. This has involved reflecting on past study practices and identifying areas to improve, structuring study sessions and using techniques to maximise recall. Please encourage your son/s to engage in these mentoring sessions as it can be a source of frustration for all when results are not living up to expectations and yet the boys are not engaging with the very skills that will help them achieve their goals! With this in mind, thanks must go to Mr Greg Nunan for writing such a valuable program this term and to your son/s Mentor for the dedication and care they show toward the group of boys that have been entrusted to their care.

As examinations loom, please don't hesitate to contact the mentor if your son is feeling overwhelmed. There are plenty of strategies and resources we can use to help them manage their stress.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

BETH GODDARD

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

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Next Friday 30 August, Knox will be again supporting <u>Jersey Day</u>. Please wear your favourite Jersey at school to make awareness of Organ Donation. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

A reminder that the School has introduced a new K-12 app to replace the two existing Skoolbag apps. Skoolbag is no longer in use for communications. The Knox Grammar School app is available for download from your app store. Please use these instructions to download, install and set up the new app.

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The wider community are warmly invited to the Knox Highland Gathering; a day of traditional Scottish Pipe Band music. Entry is free. *When:* Sunday 8 September, 9am-5pm *Where:* Knox 1 Oval, Senior School.

There will be a solo performance competition in the morning and a Pipe Band competition in the afternoon. There will be a barbeque, coffee van and cake stall on the day. For more information, please contact <u>Judith McGhie</u>.

The Track & Field season has begun and there is much to be excited about. An email will be sent to all students next week asking for a commitment to spectate at CAS on Wednesday 18 September. Boys must get on and register or they cannot go to Homebush and support our team. This is a spectacular night and one last, big CAS event for 2019 where the School can show its true colours and spirit.

As many Year 11 students are now eligible to have a Driver Licence ,we would ask parents to complete this 'Student Drivers Form and return it to me if your son will be driving to and from school.

Have a great weekend.

Robin Cherry 02 9119 0884





USEFUL LINKS

Sport fixtures

Make a payment

Knox website

Careers

Year 11 page on the portal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30 August

• Jersey Day

Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

Year 11 Study Days

Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 September

 Snowsports Championships Mount Buller

Friday 6 September

• Legacy Badge Day

Sunday 8 September

 Knox Highland Gathering 9am - 5pm
Knox 1 Oval, Senior School

Thursday 12 September

• RUOK? Day

Wednesday 4 to Wednesday 18 September

Year 11 Yearly Exams

Wednesday 18 September

 CAS Track and Field Championships SOPAC - Homebush

See the full calendar in Parent Lounge

STUDIES OF RELIGION EXCURSION

Year 11 Studies of Religion students visited Auburn Gallipoli Mosque yesterday to learn about the Islamic faith and culture in preparation for their yearly examinations.







KNOX SENIOR ACADEMY - MAX'S STORY

Learn about the Weeks Senior Academy through the eyes of Year 11 student, Max Evans.

Opened in 2015, the Senior Academy is the purpose-built home for our Years 11 and 12 students.

Inspired by Albert Bandura's 'Social Learning Theory', the academy provides an environment for our senior boys to develop independent learning strategies through role modelling.





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PARENT BREAKFAST SEMINAR

THE CONUNDRUM OF TECHNOLOGY AND HOW IT IMPACTS ON YOUR CHILDREN

When: Tuesday 10 September, 7.30am-8.20am

Where: Thistle Room, KG1 Building, Senior School

Who: Knox Prep, Wahrooonga Prep and Knox Senior School parents

Presenters

Mrs Karen Yager, Deputy Headmaster Student and Teacher Excellence K-12, Mr Phil O'Regan, Deputy Headmaster Students 7-12, Mr Michael Beilharz, ICT Learning Integrator 7-12, Mr Mark Kelly, ICT Learning Integrator 7-12, Mr Ian Fairhurst, ICT Learning Integrator K-6.

We will explore how technology is both a blessing and a curse. Children have access to amazing technology that enables them to create, innovate, tinker and connect. However, technology has its problems, particularly in terms of distraction and addiction.

A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by 6 September. For more information, please contact Sherry Bieman.

