

YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

'A pessimist sees the difficult in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.' – Winston Churchill

It did seem very quiet around the locker area, Seniors' Hall and their surrounds this last week with our young men preparing for the start of the Trial Examinations on Wednesday. It was great to see so many still utilising the available facilities, working together to refine their knowledge and improve their skills. The Trials are, undoubtedly, the toughest academic experience on the Year 12 journey. There is so much time between the completion of the Trials and the actual HSC Exams, time that, if well spent, can be utilised to reduce stress by increasing confidence and comfortability with the content.

We encourage you to remind your son to keep the HSC and its importance in perspective as their wellbeing should outweigh their desire to succeed at all costs. Whilst it is imperative that each member of our cohort endeavours to perform as well as they possibly can, we want all of the boys to remember to maintain regular and healthy regimes around eating, sleeping and exercising so as to ensure a sustainable and balanced approach is established for the months to come.

With the CAS Athletics Championships at Homebush in a few weeks' time marking the final major School event that our year group can attend as a Knox student, it would be fantastic to see every single one of our young men in attendance, supporting passionately one last time. This event, in and amongst our Carnival Day, Speech Day, Back to the Prep, Final Chapel and Final Assembly etc, makes for what will be an action packed, memorable, enjoyable and sentimental finish for the Class of 2019.

There is plenty to look forward to and celebrate and we expect the boys to finish well, maintaining the incredible standards that they have set these past five and a half years.

SAM WHITE



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STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Last Friday night I attended the Year 12 Showcase and it was wonderful to see all the amazing work that the students had created and to catch up with some of the parents. Mark Kelly created this great video from Friday night. [Click](#) here to view.

Any boys looking to get involved in Track & Field are more than welcome to join in on any of the various sessions offered throughout the week or to attend the Invitationals on Saturday to participate in any event. [Click here](#) for the training schedule or get in contact with [Matt Fowler](#) (Head of Athletics) if you have any questions about the program.

Last weekend in the sprints, Team Captain Harrison Muller kicked us off with a blistering 11.22 in the 100m and even more impressively, backed this up with a 51.99 in the gruelling 400m event in the middle distance. A scintillating run from Mitch Roberts saw him go ever so close to breaking the two minute mark in the 800m, running 2:00.65

The wider community are warmly invited to the [Knox Highland Gathering](#), a day of traditional Scottish Pipe Band music on Sunday 8 September on Knox 1 Oval from 9am-5pm.

Parent Breakfast with the boys is on Friday 20 September. Please [RSVP](#) as soon as possible so we can cater appropriately.

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK 9119 0885



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

HSC Trials

- 19-20 August (Study Days)
- 21 August - 5 September

Thursday 12 September

- RUOK? Day
- **Friday 20 September**
- Parent breakfast with the boys 7am - [RSVP](#)

Monday 23 September

- Presentation Day
- Valedictory Dinner - Miramare Gardens
- See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

***'Make your life a masterpiece;
imagination no limitations on what
you can be, have or do'. Brian Tracey***

STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

Congratulations, Year 12, on an outstanding start to the Trial Exam period. This morning we were reviewing the first week of exams with the Presiding Officers and they were full of praise for the way the boys have conducted themselves, especially at the end of the exams when collection of papers occurs. Boys are reminded that full school uniform is to be worn to school on exam day. This includes boater and blazer. The boys are the leaders of the School and the younger years do model themselves on the actions and behaviours of Year 12. Wearing the uniform with pride, even on exam day, sends a clear message to the junior boys of the value we place in their appearance.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN



CAREERS ADVISOR

Universities have commenced making course offerings to students for admission in 2020. Congratulations to those students who have received an offer through various early entry schemes. Below are a few important points to note:

- Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers early entry scheme – closes on Monday 26 August.
- ANU Conditional Offers – I sent an email to all Year 12 outlining the process of accepting a conditional offer from ANU. I would encourage parents to speak to their sons to ensure they follow the instructions outlined in my email.
- UAC – early bird closes on 30 September. Students will need to submit and pay the processing fee of \$70 by this date.
- Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) – closes on 30 September. Students need to submit their UAC application first before they can apply for SRS.
- Educational Access Scheme (EAS) – This scheme is aimed to help students, whose education has been negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12, receive an offer to university. EAS closes on 29 November.
- Elite Athlete and Performer schemes – These schemes are aimed at students who have experienced disruption to their studies due to elite sporting or performance commitments and, if successful, can be eligible for bonus points. Every university has its own online application for this scheme, which can be found on their website.
- Interstate university applications – close on 30 September.

LINDA GOMEZ

CAREERS ADVISOR / PSYCHOLOGIST



FOOTBALL DINNER



The David Brown Award, Player's Player 2019. Nathan Brading received this award at the 1sts and 2nds Knox Football dinner on Saturday 17 August by David Brown's grandson.

GLOBAL CAFE - A MORNING OF COLLABORATION AND CONVERSATIONS FOR PARENTS

When: Saturday 7 September 2019, 9am-12noon

Where: Roach Junior Academy Lounge, JAPAC, Senior School

Knox Prep, Wahroonga Prep and Knox Senior School parents are warmly invited to the 'Global Café'. An inspiring morning of collaboration and rich conversations where we will explore the future of education and the importance for our students of developing the global competency skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, character and citizenship.

To launch the Global Café and inspire us all, we will hear from Mr David Caspari, Vice Chairperson of Knox Grammar School Council.

In between each 20-minute coffee table discussion where we will explore provocative questions, we will hear TED style talks delivered by our students and staff about the future of education and work.

Come and join us and help contribute to the future of education at Knox. Morning tea will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) by 28 August 2019.

PARENT BREAKFAST WITH THE BOYS

All Year 12 students and their parents are invited to attend a casual breakfast.

Date: Friday 20 September 2019

Time: 7am - 8.15am

Venue: Seniors' Hall, Weeks Senior Academy

RSVP: By Friday 13 September via the unique EdSmart link sent to your email address

Parking: Subject to weather, parking on Knox 1 Oval - access before 7.30am and departure after 8.30am (once boys are in class). No access between 7.30am and 8.30am.

Enquiries: events@knox.nsw.edu.au



YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

The Headmaster and School Council warmly invite you to attend the 96th Annual Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony.

When: Monday 23 September 2019, 10.30am

Where: Knox Grammar School Great Hall

Please be seated promptly by 10.20am. Wheelchair access is available. Subject to weather, parking will be available on Knox 1 Oval (entry via Borambil St) from 8.30am, once all boys are in class. Departure no later than 1.30pm. Drivers will be asked to exit left onto Borambil Street and follow the road around to Heydon Avenue.



Year 12 students waiting to start their first HSC Exam

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