

## YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

Exciting times ahead! It was fantastic to see our young men back on Thursday morning, post Trials. The feedback on early results from Year 12 teachers has been overwhelmingly positive whilst the Exam Supervisors were effusive when commenting on the boys' behaviour throughout these past three weeks. We want to take this incredibly upbeat vibe and use it through the next three weeks so as to ensure that the Class of 2019 finish as they should; reflective, proud, thankful, supportive and optimistic.

Mr James, Mr Weeding and I spoke to the cohort on Thursday morning about finishing well, in every sense of the phrase. There is an incredible opportunity to come together to value add in each subject by working collaboratively in the lead up to the HSC plus we want to see each individual and group really make the most of these final events on offer to celebrate ending their time as students at Knox. To that end, it is very important that parents support the School by ensuring that their sons are punctual, well-presented and mindful of enjoying every moment and of putting their best foot forward.

It is very hard to believe that we have reached this point and, with only one more newsletter article for me to write after this one, I find myself reflecting on the journey that has been. What's more, I feel incredibly happy for our young men knowing what is to come for them throughout the next few years.

Knox will have, hopefully, provided the boys with a unique platform from which to launch into the big, wide world. I know that most are so grateful for the opportunity that you, their parents, have provided them though making the time to sit down and reflect on the Knox experience over dinner in the next few weeks will be time very well spent indeed.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks and hope that you have a wonderful weekend!

SAM WHITE



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## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

It was great to see all the boys back on Thursday, well dressed and ready for the last three weeks of their schooling.

Wednesday 11 September is our last Year 12 BBQ on the terrace. Boys please come along and support this occasion. I will be up there serving.

The Chief Adjudicator of the CAS Debating competition announced that James Price, Eugene Bakker and Zac Slonim have been selected for the CAS Representative teams! Congratulations boys on this unsurprising achievement - well deserved! James will be representing the CAS schools in the 1sts team, and Eugene and Zac will work together in the 2nds.

If you have not replied to the invitation to attend the Parent Breakfast on 20 September, could you please do so as soon as possible so catering can be organised accordingly. It will be lovely to be able to catch up with you.

The Careers Page on the portal is being constantly updated and should be viewed regularly so students don't miss any updates especially with regard to University applications.

CAS Track & Field Championships are on Thursday 19 September. Along with the CAS Swimming, this is another great CAS event and our team needs the boys' support. We want as many Year 12 students to come along and enjoy a great night of Athletics. For more information click [here](#) or you can access it in the Parent Lounge. Parents must complete the permission note by Monday 16 September.

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### TERM 3

#### Friday 6 September

- Legacy badge day

#### Wednesday 11 September

- Final Year 12 BBQ

#### Thursday 12 September

- RUOK? Day

#### Thursday 19 September

- CAS Athletics

#### 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](#)

*Knowledge is knowing what to say, wisdom is knowing when to say it.*

## STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

After a demanding examination period it was great to welcome the boys back yesterday morning. While there was a sense of relief, most boys were keen to get back to class to keep their HSC preparations ticking over.

While it is important the boys find some time to relax and recharge now that exams are over, it is also important to keep working and to act on all feedback received. In a special Headmaster's Year Meeting yesterday this message was reinforced.

At Year Meeting on Tuesday we will use data to get the boys focussed on what can be achieved in the remaining 40 days before the HSC starts.

To assist with planning, and to complement the Year 12 Term 3 Roadmap, the following is provided as a guide as to what will occur post-Trials.

- Classes continue as per the normal teaching timetable through to the end of the day on Tuesday 17 September. All boys are expected to attend every class. Teachers are relying on the seven teaching days they have left to ensure effective feedback is provided and that all courses are completed.
- Knox Academic Indicator (KAI) interviews occur throughout Week 10 starting on Tuesday 24 September. Full details, including information about booking an appointment through PTO will be sent out soon.
- Throughout Week 10 subject seminars will occur starting Wednesday 25 September. A full timetable of seminars will be sent out next week. It is expected that all students attend these seminars as they provide an ideal opportunity for the entire cohort in each subject to come together and get final advice before commencing the Study Break. This approach has been adopted over the last few years and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
- A draft Yearly Report will be published online on Friday 20 September in preparation for the KAI interviews. Some data may be missing from this report such as prize winners from the Valedictory Ceremony. The final updated report will be available through Student Café and Parent Lounge on Friday 27 September.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN



## STUDYING IN SENIORS' HALL



## 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](mailto: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.

## RUOK? DAY

This important day is a poignant reminder to all of us to check in with each other and check if others are OK. This day is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, 'Are you ok?' and support those struggling with life's ups and down. This year on Thursday 12 September, we want everyone to: Trust the Signs, Trust your gut and Ask R U OK? Read more on [this link](#)

