

YEAR 11 TEAM LEADERS

It is amazing to think that Year 11 will start their HSC journey in two weeks! The break is very important to take stock of (and act on) the feedback provided following examinations. Boys, as the stress of Year 12 begins, remember to work with your mentors, teachers, team leaders and support structures in place to ensure that you look after your wellbeing.

Over 80 boys were interviewed for a placement on the ABBOX Camp this week. It was impressive to hear the boys speak of their passion to support people with specific needs and provide well-deserved respite for their families. Well done to all the applicants and I know those who are successful will have a truly fulfilling experience!

The Prefect Body were involved in a Retreat at Collaroy this week and they were privileged to hear critical messages from the organisations Gotcha4Life, Head Above Water and Tomorrow Man. The clear theme was that it is ok to be vulnerable and acknowledging this actually demonstrates courage. Mr James also took to the time to relay an important message about the role of senior students modelling the culture of the School. Further to this, he discussed the need to be present with your own thoughts, actions and managing workloads. Collectively, the boys hope to continue the legacy of the 2019 cohort but also build a sense of camaraderie in their own mould, having high hopes for the entire Knox community in 2020.

During Year Meeting this week, Mrs Goddard addressed 'vaping'; a concerning issue prevalent amongst teenagers. Just like smoking, it is vital to understand the risks associated with e-cigarettes because they are often perceived to be a 'healthier' alternative. For more information refer to the followings links:

[Sciencealert](#) and [ABC News](#)

Congratulations to Wilson Gu, Ashton He, Max Gin, Seb Goh, and James Wainwright for placing 3rd at the Sydney Regionals VEX Robotics Competition.

Safe travels to anyone going away during the break. For those remaining at home, use the time to relax and rejuvenate.

All the best.

DUNCAN STEDMAN



USEFUL LINKS

[Sport fixtures](#)

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[Knox website](#)

[Careers](#)

[Year 11 page on the portal](#)

[Year 11 Exam Timetable](#)

[Exam Code of Conduct](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 15 October

- Term 4 Commences

Wednesday 16 October

- 2020 Prefect Induction Service
7.30am - 8.20am
Chapel

Sunday 20 October - Monday 21 October

- Boarding Leadership and Service Camp

Monday 21 October

- Year 12 Subject Information Evening
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wenkart Theatre JPAC

Wednesday 23 October

- Engineering Excursion
Parramatta River

Monday 28 October

- Careers Insight Evening
5.30pm-8.20pm
Weeks Senior Academy Lecture Theatre

See the full calendar in
[Parent Lounge](#)

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Congratulation to Dylan Campbell who has been selected to participate in the New South Wales State Schools Constitutional Convention at Parliament House, Sydney, in November. The topic for this year's Convention is: Change and the Australian Constitution (Amending the Constitution).

I would like to wish all the best to Alex DeLaine, Angus Dickey, Hugo Howell, Max Jolley, Owen Lees, Luke McCready, Harry Taylor and Jiaming (Kevin) Yang as they head off tonight on the Kokoda Tour. I hope you all have an amazing time.

Congratulations to all the boys that have recently received a promotion with Cadets. Please click [here](#) to view the list.

It was lovely to see so many Boarding families last Friday night at the Boarding Chapel and Dinner Service. I have included a picture on page 3 of the Year 12, 2020 Boarders as they received their Bording badges. Congratulations to Jeremy Dunn as Head Prefect of Boarding.

Next term the boys start Year 12 work and the appropriate textbooks should be purchased over the holiday period. Please remember, as outlined in the article from Mr Weeding and Mr Nunan last week, boys should not purchase a textbook if they are considering dropping a subject. The option to drop a subject will be available after the Knox Academic (KAI) Interview in Week 2.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. I hope all the boys are well rested and rejuvenated for Year 12, Term 1 when they return.

Have a good weekend.

[Robin Cherry](#) 02 9119 0884



ROBOTICS

On Saturday James Wainwright, Max Gin, Seb Goh, Wilson Gu and Ashton He were part of the Knox Robotics team that travelled to Barker College who hosted the 2019 VEX NSW State Robotics competition. The team ended up placing 3rd overall out of 36 teams that competed on the day. The boys competed against schools who entered multiple teams. James Wainwright's (Year 11 Robotics Captain) leadership was outstanding.

After the rankings, we formed an alliance with a Pymble Ladies' College team and were knocked out in the Semi-finals. We just missed out on qualifying for the National competition. This is an exceptional effort from the boys for our first rookie year.

Next term we are looking forward to celebrating and promoting the co-curricular club to the School through Year Meetings and in the newsletter. The club meets on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon in MK31.



FORMAL GROUP PHOTOS

Melba Studios take a range of formal group photos such as Houses, music groups, co-curricular groups and sports teams.

To order:

- Go to the Melba Studios [website](#)
- Click on 'School Orders'
- Enter the password woodville
- Choose the album you wish to view (from 2013-2019) and then click on the gallery you would like to look at: eg sports, music, houses etc
- Order the photos you require

For Portraits

- Go to the Melba Studios [website](#)
- Click on 'School Orders'
- Enter the password knox

You will need to know your sons name and his student ID number to view his portrait and you can order from 2018 and 2019

If you would like assistance, please contact Melba Studios on (02) 9438 4566



Congratulations to 2020 Social Justice Head Prefect James Gray who has been awarded a John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award. James was one of 25 students in NSW recognised at Government House by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC Governor of New South Wales for their work and service to others in the community.




CAREERS INSIGHT EVENING

SAVE THE DATE

When: Monday 28 October 2019, 5.30pm-8.20pm (Key Note Address by James Hunter, National Managing Partner KPMG, commences at 5.45pm)

Where: Weeks Senior Academy Lecture Theatre and classrooms

Who: Years 9, 10 and 11 students and their parents

Contact: Linda Gomez, Careers Advisor, gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au



Join us for an evening, presented in partnership with the OKGA, to learn more about different careers, industries and professions and the many career and educational pathways.

This event will feature Old Boys presenting across 15 different career categories.

Prior to the event, students will be invited to select three career insight sessions they wish to attend during the course of the evening. Presenters from each career category will repeat their information session three times as per the following schedule - 6.30pm-7pm; 7.10pm-7.40pm; 7.50pm-8.20pm.

Please save the date for this evening of career insights. More information will be provided closer to the event date.

YEAR 12, 2020 TEXT BOOKS

Campion Education would like to let you know that booklists for Year 12 (HSC) are now available and can be completed [online](#).

When ordering online you will need to use the following Access Code: 'D69G' or simply click on this link: [HSC 2020 Resource List](#) to bypass the code!

All orders placed online are delivered to your home, office or any designated address. The parcels will be delivered the week ending Friday 11 October 2019.

Digital items where selected and available will be available via Campion Educations MyConnect Platform. These accounts will be created and available in the week ending Friday 11 October. You will receive an email that week with download and access information.

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BOARDING

Right: Glen Hui, Edwin So, Mr James, Luke Parmenter, Jeremy Dunn (Head Boarder) and Mrs James at the Borders Dinner last Friday night

Below: Year 12, 2020 Boarders and staff





KNOX FACTOR

Knox Factor is a talent show that takes place at Knox Prep, for boys in Years 3-6. The talent show was first created back in 2011 and has taken place every year since – usually towards the end of Term 3. A variety of acts are performed every year, from singing, dancing, magic, to comedy routines and more. Calum Pincott first participated in 2012, performing magic and winning the show. In the two years that followed, he also won the show – taking home the ‘Hall of Fame’ award in 2014 as his final year at the Prep.

Calum had a great day judging all the boys' talents and presented the awards during the week.

YEAR 12 WEEKLY BBQ

One highly anticipated activity that takes place, starting on Wednesday 16 October in Week 1 of Term 4, is the weekly Year 12 BBQ. The BBQ will be open to boys in Year 12 only, and will be run by Year 12 parents. It will be held on Wednesday lunchtimes throughout the term, at the Seniors' Terrace on level 4 of the Weeks Senior Academy. The proceeds from the BBQ will go towards subsidising the Class of 2020 Valedictory Dinner.

Click [here](#) to view the menu, and the BBQ will operate on a cash and EFTPOS basis (not student cards), so please remind your boys to bring their BBQ money on Wednesdays from next term, starting on Wednesday 16 October!

We have had a fantastic response to the Year 12 BBQ Volunteers sign up roster for Term 4! Thank you for your support. If you have missed out for Term 4, please try again when the sign up link is renewed for Term 1, 2020. As we have had a large response for volunteers we will be limiting availability to two spots per term per family.

We are looking forward seeing you soon.

Jane and Carmela

[Yr 12 BBQ – Class of 2020](#)



AGENT OF CHANGE PROGRAM (YEAR 10); REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Contemporary research and trend analysis highlight the importance of young people developing enterprise and entrepreneurial skills in order to rise to the challenges of our rapidly changing world. As such, Knox is committed to preparing our boys to thrive as global citizens and aims to extend our boys' capacity to engage in a world that is being shaped by automation and emerging technologies.

Our Year 10 signature program, Agent of Change, serves to meet the needs of our boys through a project-based experience that both leverages from authentic partnerships and exposes students to design thinking.

We are looking to engage parents, carers, members of our broader school community and beyond as potential ‘clients’ or industry mentors in this exciting educational experience.

Program Logistics:

- The Agent of Change program will occur at Knox on 26-27 November.
- Each Year 10 student will work collaboratively to build a prototype, design a product, and/or make a pitch to an external client.
- External ‘clients’ will provide an authentic problem from their life or job that a student could provide/pitch a solution to.

We, are specifically interested in projects that would engage students in art, graphic or web design, data analytics, programming, urban spaces, research, and marketing/advertising. We also invite you to join us for our Meet a Change Agent speaker series at lunch time next term.

Please contact Mr Jake Plaskett, (Director of Studies Middle School) if you would like to be a part of this signature program or if have specific questions about what types of projects might be suitable.