

## YEAR 9 TEAM LEADERS

This week we farewelled the Year 12s and celebrated their contribution to the School community. Whilst there were many themes that emerged throughout the proceedings the overwhelming sense of mateship, gratitude and individuality stood out. It was hard not to sit there and think about what that moment would look like and feel like for us, only to be met with the sudden wave of realisation that that moment was only three years away! I am confident that we will exhibit the same themes when we graduate as the Class of 2022. Every day we encourage the boys to be kind, take care of one another, respect and recognise the individuality of each boy and be grateful to those that have helped them along the way. We will continue to drive these themes and lead by example in ensuring the boys know they are valued and supported in our community.

All Year 9 students are encouraged to register and participate in our first major fundraising event for [Stepping Stone House](#) which will be a sleep out on Knox 1!

The sleep out will be held on Friday 18 October 2019. It will involve students spending the night sleeping on Knox 1 Oval (a school first!) underneath cardboard shelters which will be constructed by the students on the evening. We will be joined by Ms Ruff and Ms Raymond, along with other Year 9 staff. The staff are very much looking forward to seeing how creative the boys can be with their cardboard boxes, but more importantly, fundraise for an incredibly important cause. In order to attend, please give your son permission via Parent Lounge and get him to register via this [link](#).

Even if your son cannot attend, donations can be made [here](#). This [letter](#) was sent to parents yesterday including further information.

As I have said before, it takes a village to guide the boys through their schooling journey and I would like to thank all of the Year 9 team for their work with the boys this term. To the Teachers, Mentors, Learning Enhancement, Boarding, Clinic, and Wellbeing staff. Thank you to the Middle Academy team - Mr Mulray, Mr Plaskett, Ms Melodia, Ms Smith, Ms Ruff and Ms Raymond!

Have a wonderful holiday break!!

VICKY COWELL



## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Congratulations to the Class of 2019. We wish Year 12 all the best for their upcoming exams.

I attended the Boarders' Chapel Service and Dinner last Friday. It is always a special evening meeting new families from the country/overseas and reconnecting with others.

I was blown away by the passion, creativity, integrity of one of our teaching staff. Ms Lee asked me to attend her Japanese class during period 4 yesterday. The boys were so engaged and I could feel the enthusiasm in the classroom. They love spending time with Ms Lee and learning all about the Japanese language, culture, food etc. Photo spread on page 4.

Students return from holidays on Tuesday 15 October. All students to wear full summer uniform. Happy holidays. Play hard, rest well and enjoy the closeness and support of family and friends. As you wake each day, think of something you are grateful for.

REBECCA SMITH

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Above: Plenty of World Cup watching during the holidays I'm sure.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Friday 27 September

- Term 3 concludes

#### Tuesday 15 October

- Term 4 commences

#### Friday 18 October

- Stepping Stone House - sleepout on Knox 1

#### Saturday 26 October

- Year 9 Parent Supper

#### Monday 28 October

- Careers Insight evening

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

### USEFUL LINKS

[Sport fixtures](#)

[Make a payment](#)

[Knox website](#)

[Year 9 page on the portal](#)

## DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

### Reports

Thank you to those who have notified us of amendments to reports. The third term reports have been updated and will be refreshed by midnight tonight. Your son's report will then be available through Parent Lounge. Please be aware, whilst your son's marks may not have changed, other measures such as his Quartile or Average may have changed as these are measures relative to the cohort.

JOHN NELSON



## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES MIDDLE ACADEMY

### 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 boy's 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 Grammar School 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 me](#) if you would like to be a part of this signature program or if you have specific questions about what types of projects might be suitable.

JAKE PLASKETT



**KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## 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](mailto: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.

## CHANGES TO CANTEENS FOR TERM 4

Over the next week, work commences on improvements to the KG1 Building – more information about this exciting project will be announced by the Headmaster in Week 1 of next term. In Term 4, the KG1 Canteen will be closed temporarily and Year 9 will use the Junior Academy Canteen and Year 10 boys will use the Weeks Senior Academy Canteen (the Boater Café).





## BOARDERS' EXCURSION ABOARD HMAS CANBERRA



Above: Stage 5 Boarders were fortunate to spend last Sunday aboard HMAS Canberra. HMAS Canberra weighs a massive 21000 tonnes. Far right/from left: Marcus Tse, Jack Faulkner and Dom Mellare enjoying the outing.

### SHOES FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Don't throw out good school shoes! Shoe collection - Term 4.  
For a number of years we have been sending school shoes that your son has grown out of to help the children who live in the slums of Manila. A pair of shoes means a child can attend school and have hope of a better future. Please send in any school shoes in good condition that your son has grown out of, so we can help these children.  
Donations may be dropped off to the SAOs or Helen Clarke's office in Room 15.



### OPENING TIMES FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING TERM 3 BREAK

In Term 4, all students will be expected to changeover into summer uniform. If you require any items prior to the start of Term 4, the opening times of the Uniform Shop are as follows:

Monday 30 September - 9.30am-5pm (closed 12.30-1pm)

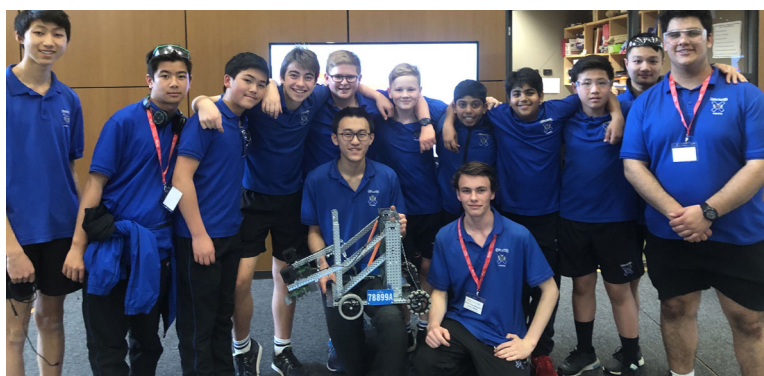
Friday 11 October - 9.30am-5pm (closed 12.30-1pm)

Saturday 12 October - 9am-12 noon

Monday 14 October - 9.30am-5pm (closed 12.30-1pm)

Tuesday 15 October - 8am-5.30pm

Appointments are not required.



### ROBOTICS

On Saturday, the Knox Robotics team 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.

Congratulations Ethan Ellis, Year 9 (4th from left).

MARGIE RAYMOND

### 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](https://www.melbastudios.com.au) 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
- Order the photos you require

For Portraits

- Go to the [Melba Studios](https://www.melbastudios.com.au) website
- Click on 'School Orders'
- Enter the password knox

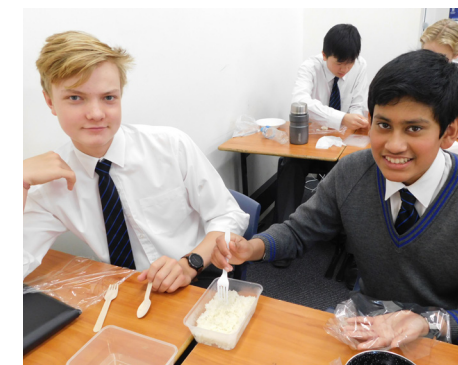
You will need to know your sons name and his student ID number to view his portrait and you can order from 2018 and 2019.

If you would like assistance, please contact Melba Studios on 9438 4566.





# JAPANESE INCURSION



## JAPANESE COOKING LESSON

To finish off Term 3, Ms Lee's Year 9 Japanese class was given a cooking lesson on Thursday. Students were instructed in the target language on how to make onigiri (Japanese rice balls), a staple of homemade Japanese cuisine. As it can be easily made, is compact in size and retains its original shape even when moved around, onigiri is especially convenient for people who are always busy or on the go. Our students got to taste their finished product with sencha (Japanese green tea) and chocolate Pocky sticks as dessert.

