



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL



# CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AT KNOX 2021

## INTRODUCTION

Knox Grammar School's commitment to providing its students with a holistic education is seen through its Co-Curricular program, providing ample opportunities, in a variety of areas that cater to students' interests, whilst developing their resilience, character, creativity, sportsmanship and understanding. This guide aims to provide parents and students with an overview of the Co-Curricular opportunities offered at Knox.

You will note in this brochure the Co-Curricular activities offered at Knox are divided into six pillars; Academic, Clubs, Sport, Social Justice, the Creative and the Traditional.

Neil MacNeil, the School's first Headmaster saw the advantages that Co-Curricular offerings could provide for students in facilitating student's development of these global competencies. The success of the school's co-curricular program can be seen through both the student numbers enrolled in these activities, and their achievements.

The da Vinci Program is an example of one of the lighthouse co-curricular programs offered, the Cadet Program is the largest unit in the southern hemisphere, the Performing Arts program (KAPA) has over 35 different choirs, ensembles and bands achieving excellent results in competitions but more importantly in providing pathways for student's passion and love of music. Programs continue to evolve in the Club, Leadership, Oratory, Exchange and Service Learning areas.

Details for the activities listed below, can be found on the Knox Portal and School app.

NB: The Knox Portal can only be accessed by students and parents once they are enrolled and have commenced at Knox. The school app can be accessed by all and the details are as follow:

- Search for 'Knox Grammar School' in your relevant App store
- Install the App
- Ensure you have subscribed to 'Updated' for your chosen activity under settings (please note you can select multiple groups)
- Ensure you have enabled 'push notifications' under both the App and your phone settings

If you have any questions regarding the App, please do not hesitate to contact the Communications Team via [communications@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:communications@knox.nsw.edu.au). Full information and contact details for all Co-Curricular activities will be available to students and parents from the beginning of each year.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### Academic

The school and its teachers offer many opportunities for students to develop their passion and understanding of their academic work and these are as follows (new programs may come on line at different times and years and depending on interest may be offered on a limited basis).

- Business and Finance Club
- Commercial Studies
- EALD Tutorials
- Intensive Writing Group
- Junior Academy Study Hub
- Language Group
- Maths Competitions
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- NAPLAN New High Standards Workshop (NNHSW)
- Science Group
- Studies of Religion (SOR)
- Titration Competition

Information regarding these programs will be sent out by the Academic departments responsible as they occur.

### Clubs

Knox offers a range of innovative and interest-specific co-curricular opportunities for students that allows them to explore and develop specific skill sets and enrich their development in areas outside of the classroom.

- Ag Shows – Knox Agriculture students attend various Ag Shows throughout the school year. Contact Mr Ian Fawbert at [fawberti@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fawberti@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) – This program is run in the new iHub Centre. Mr Michael Beilharz can be contacted at [beilharzm@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:beilharzm@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Cadet Tech - Affords students the opportunity to build electronic and STEM style projects that are implemented with Cadet activities, such as AFX. Contact Ms Melinda Valent at [valentm@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:valentm@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Chess Club - Trains on Thursday afternoons and takes part in CAS and State Competitions Term 1, 2 & 3, plus three "one day" tournaments in Terms 3 and 4. Contact Mr Michael Vuletic at [vuleticm@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vuleticm@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Computer and Coding Club – details to be advised in Week 3 of Term 1
- Crusaders - Provides further opportunities for students to explore and celebrate their faith through chapel services, bible study sessions and student groups with Ms Keir and the School Chaplains. Contact Ms Amy Keir at [keira@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:keira@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- da Vinci Program - An academic competition for students in Years 5-11. Contact Ms Sherry Bieman at [biemans@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:biemans@knox.nsw.edu.au).

- Life Skills – Offers students opportunities throughout the year to develop everyday life skills – banking, changing a tyre etc.
- Robotics Club – Affords the opportunity to be a part of the Knox Robotic VEX Team and compete in State and National Competitions. Contact Ms Margie Raymond at [raymondma@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:raymondma@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- TAS Club - Allows further opportunity, to work on individual technology based-projects or to obtain some support or advice from the Technology teachers. Contact Ms Tara Hodgins at [hodginst@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hodginst@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Tech Crew - Allows students interested in Audio Visual Technology the opportunity to develop technical skills and work collaboratively on internal school projects. Contact Mr Warren Fisher at [fisherw@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fisherw@knox.nsw.edu.au).

## Service Learning / Social Justice

Knox offers many opportunities for students to be challenged and develop an awareness of the world, while, learning to be advocates, action-focused and aware of issues of equity, health, sustainability, diversity and justice. Students have the opportunity to be involved in club meetings, local projects, cultural events, workshops with other schools and local organisations, as well as, a number of field trips and immersions to facilitate first-hand experiences. Contact Mrs Helen Clarke (Head of Diversity, Justice and Sustainability) at [clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au).

- ABBOX Camp – This Sony Camp activity is usually conducted at the end of Term 4 for disabled children 9 – 14 years and supported by Year 11 students and staff.
- Boarding Interact Club – A club run in partnership with Wahroonga Rotary for Boarders in Yr 10. Contact Mrs Helen Clarke at [clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Cambodia / Vietnam Immersion – a 2022 program
- The Indigenous Program - Consists of many opportunities including; the Mini Camp to Enngonia, Enngonia Transition Visit Week, Goodooga Games and the Far West Camp. Contact Mrs Helen Clarke [clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Kokoda Trek – a 2022 program
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) – contact Mrs Helen Clarke at [clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Special Olympics – Knox supports the local community at their Special Olympic Fun Run each year with student runners/helpers, performers and equipment. Contact Mr Aaron Nolan at [diamondj@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:diamondj@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Yr 7 – Y10 Service Learning Program – Supports community help programs throughout each year. Contact Mr Tom Waterhouse at [waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au).

## Sport

All students are required to commit to two sports per year (Summer and Winter), those sports on offer include; AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Diving, Fencing, Football, Golf, Karate, Knox Fitness, Mountain Biking, Orienteering, Rugby, Sailing, Snow Sports, Strength & Conditioning, Surf Life Saving, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Target Shooting, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball and Water polo. For more information, contact:

- Head of Sports, Mr Martin Haywood at [haywoodm@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:haywoodm@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Sports master, Mr Ian Butler at [butleri@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:butleri@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- PA to the Head of Sport, Mrs Felicity Taubman at [taubmanf@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:taubmanf@knox.nsw.edu.au).

## The Creative

Knox offers many opportunities for students with an interest in music, as well as, the dramatic and creative arts, to explore and develop their passion in these areas, and their confidence in interacting with and in front of their peers and others, both at, and outside of Knox.

- Art Classes – Includes; Ceramics, Photography & Digital Media and Young Curators. Contact Mr Tim Owers at [owerst@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:owerst@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Academy of Performing Arts (KAPA) – offer an extensive list of opportunities in class, group or private. Contact Mr James Brice at [bricej@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bricej@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Drama – Includes; Drama Club, Drama Production, Musical and Theatre Sports. Contact Mr Michael Griffiths at [griffithsm@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:griffithsm@knox.nsw.edu.au).

## The Traditional

Knox celebrates the traditional aspects of its Co-Curricular program and continues to provide opportunities for students to experience the same program that students have been offered at Knox since its founding.

- Cadets - For more information, please see the Cadet page on the Knox Portal or School App.
- Duke of Edinburgh - For more information and contacts, please see the School App or contact Mr Ben Moss at [mossbe@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mossbe@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Exchanges (International) – (on hold in 2021) offers students in Yr 9 & Y10 the unique opportunity to do an exchange with students from other schools from around the world, including; Argentina, Canada, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America. Contact Mr Tom Waterhouse at [waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Exchanges (Language) program – (on hold in 2021) Contact Mrs Sharon Beckett (Language Exchange Co-ordinator) at [becketts@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:becketts@knox.nsw.edu.au).

- Future Problem Solving (FPS) – Offers a rigorous Academic Program for students in Years 7 – 11, who compete to qualify nationally and internationally in junior, middle and senior divisions. Contact Mrs Jane Day at [dayj@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dayj@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Grammarian Committee – A committee inclusive of students from Years 10-12, who assist the School's Publications Manager, in compiling, editing and producing the school Yearbook. Contact Mrs Eileen Aroyan at [aroyane@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:aroyane@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- House Program – involves the 12 Senior School houses in competitions across varied activities such as sport, academic and cultural. Students are informed of the activities. Contact Mr James Whiley at [whileyj@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:whileyj@knox.nsw.edu.au).

- Leadership – Knox has a multitude of leadership opportunities and development programs for students in all year groups. Contact the Head of Student Leadership, Mr Sam White at [whitesa@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:whitesa@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Oratory - Knox provides many activities with the aim of providing another outlet in which, students can develop their communication skills, including; debating, mock trial, mooting, public speaking and toastmasters. Contact Ms Leah Mercier (Oratory Co-ordinator) at [mercierl@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mercierl@knox.nsw.edu.au).
- Outdoor Education - Knox facilitates an Outdoor Education Program for students in Years 7, 8, 10 & 11. Contact Mr Tom Waterhouse at [waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:waterhouset@knox.nsw.edu.au)
- Pipes & Drums - Open to students at both the Prep and the Senior School and provides both group and private lessons. Students have the opportunity to perform locally, and tour interstate and overseas. Contact Mr Ainsley Hart at [harta@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:harta@knox.nsw.edu.au).

New options will be advised by the end of Week 3 in Term 1 each year.

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