



4 March 2021

Dear Year 5 and 6 Parents and Carers,

The Doing da Vinci Day (an Academic Gala Day) for Knox Prep is planned for Friday 19th March 2021, in preparation for the NSW da Vinci Decathlon, which is held in May. The Doing da Vinci Day is an important element of the process that we undertake to select our Year 5 and 6 teams for the actual NSW da Vinci Decathlon.

The boys will participate in 10 disciplines, which include English, Creative Producers (drama), Engineering Challenge, Science, Ideation (forming solutions to solve a worldwide problem), Art and Poetry, Cartography, Mathematics, Code Breaking and Legacy (icon recognition). It will be a rigorous and challenging academic program of activities.

All boys in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to OPT IN if they wish to participate. Please discuss this with your son and, if he does wish to participate, please email the relevant Team Leader:

Year 5 - Jared Rastall rastallj@knox.nsw.edu.au

Year 6 - Nicola Sharp sharpn@knox.nsw.edu.au

It is very important that you discuss this decision with your son before submitting his name.

Please be aware that selection into the teams to compete at the da Vinci Decathlon in May is highly competitive, with only 10 places possible in Year 5 and Year 6. Boys will be chosen based on their talents as well as how well they demonstrate their ability to work as a member of a team. We are pleased to offer the boys the opportunity to experience the Doing da Vinci Day so that they can experience a similar day to the actual competition experience.

Yours sincerely,

Tammy Paterson
Director of Learning K-6