



Above: Dux of Year 10 2016 - Cory Aitchison.



FROM THE TEAM LEADER

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer holiday spent with loved ones – there is only one more summer holiday left in high school!

Certainly coming back to school this year many of the boys are very excited to gain access to Seniors' Hall and Boater Café. It is amazing how this simple change from last year leads to a clear uptick in maturity and focus in our boys. Being welcomed back by the Headmaster in the Chapel and invited over to the Hall by the Deputy Headmaster is an excellent way to signify that the boys are now well and truly members of the Senior Academy.

In my message to the boys on Tuesday I encouraged them to really embrace this time as a new beginning. The way in which the school year works is powerful. The cyclical nature allows for staff and students alike to begin afresh. Specifically, I want the boys to consider the habits, that they want to embody this year. Starting the year with a clear focus on these new resolutions, before the onslaught of assessments, is the best time to formulate new habits. If these aren't solidified in these initial periods, when challenged, many boys will default back to less successful strategies of previous years. It is important for them to identify areas to improve and make them central to their work at school.

Here's to successful start to the 2017 school year!

MATT CAVALLARO
YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

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Monday 13 February

- **Parent and Student Information Night - Seniors' Hall, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.** Address by Mr Matt Cavallaro and Mr Andrew Weeding. Further details to follow.

Friday 17 February

- [Knox at Home Parent Function](#)

Thursday 30 March - Friday 7 April

- Cadet Camp

Friday 7 April

- Term concludes

EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK

Wednesday 26 April

- Term 2 commences

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

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FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Welcome to 2017. 'Our' boys are in Year 11 - I can't quite believe it!

The boys have already been making the most of their KSSA facilities especially the The Boater Cafe. There may be different routines to adapt to, new rules and regulations, different classrooms etc., we encourage the boys to seek assistance in the KSSA offices and the KSSA Library should they require help in any way.

The Seniors Hall and Library in the KSSA will be open for individual and group study throughout the evening. For further details, click [here](#).

We welcome a number of new students this year. The Year group has been fantastic in assisting our new boys, helping them find classes, introducing them to me in the KSSA and so on. Well done!

It is going to be a very busy and exciting year ahead. Boys are encouraged to read the weekly newsletter as it will be a great source of relevant information for them.

I hope the boys have enjoyed their first week as Seniors.

RENEE WILLSON
YEAR 11 ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



IMPORTANT LINKS

Sport Fixtures

Make a Payment

Knox Website

Illness & Misadventure Form

Student Leave Form

Student Driver Form

Vehicle Driving Policy Form

Swimming Trial Information

After school mathematics runs from 3:30pm to 5:30pm for students to join, for the length of time they wish, and receive help with set class work from the Mathematics Teacher on duty.

For Years 11 and 12, this will commence Week 2 on Monday afternoons in the Seniors' Hall with Mr Ian Mulray.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE NEW TO YEAR 11:

Stuart Baker
 Kye Haslam
 Ben Wood
 Ben Buchanan
 Cameron Baker
 Alexander Chapman
 Dylan Glassie
 Charles Jackson
 Max Towns
 Aaron Tsang
 Bryan Chang
 Shawn Dong
 Calvin Su
 Billy Fan
 Andrew Tse

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL



FROM THE HEAD OF KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 11 into the Knox Senior Secondary Academy (KSSA). The boys appear to be thoroughly enjoying their new environment and are utilising the facilities very well. A special welcome to the fifteen new students and their parents who have joined us for their senior years.

As outlined in my newsletter piece at the end of last year, I am the Head of the Knox Senior Secondary Academy (KSSA). My role is to manage the operation of the KSSA so all students in Years 11 and 12 are able to thrive in the pursuit of their goals. Mr Greg Nunan joins the KSSA this year as Director of Studies. He is a highly experienced ex-Head of Department and Stage 6 teacher. He is passionate about mentoring boys to achieve their best.

Now that classes have been running for over a week, the boys should be settling into a routine and understanding the demands of each subject. Some students have made enquiries regarding changing subjects. This is still possible as there is time to catch up on the work missed but any change must be done before the end of Week 4. Any boy considering a subject change should start seeking advice now.

Please be aware that Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) have changed their name to NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA). An overview of this change is on their [website](#). The guidelines we are bound by in administering all areas of Stage 6 compliance, including the HSC, will not change. I am informing you of this because as a School we must now use the NESA acronym in our communications.

ANDREW WEEDING

HEAD OF KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

Parents are invited to attend our next round of [Parent Seminars](#) commencing Monday 13 February 2017. The seminars will be held in the Thistle Room from 7:30-8:15am.

13 February : Helping your son with Handwriting:

The Head of Student and Teaching Excellence, The Head of Senior Academy, Senior and Junior Academy Director of Studies will present a range of strategies and ideas that you can use to help improve your son's hand writing.

27 February: Developing Student Motivation:

Mr Phil Harmer will focus on using positive psychology theory to develop student motivation.

PARENT DIRECTORY

Parents and guardians are reminded of the 'opt-in' [Parent Directory](#) in the [Knox Parent Lounge](#). The Parent Directory (accessed via Parent Lounge), is designed for parents and guardians to optionally share contact details with other parents or guardians. It is an 'opt-in' system and requires that you select which contact details (if any), you wish to share with other parents or guardians. For more information, please see the user guide below: [Parent Lounge - User Guide](#). Please note that if you have previously 'opted-in', you do not need to do so again. Your details will automatically roll over to your son's new Year group. For any queries please contact the [Knox Communications Office](#).

YEAR 11 MAKING THEMSELVES AT HOME IN THE KSSA

