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YEAR 11 PARENT/SON INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY, 2017

THE HSC JOURNEY

Watch the [Year 11 Information Session](#) for Parents and Students, held in the KSSA Seniors' Hall at 6:30pm on Monday 13 February, 2017. This included presentations from Mr Andrew Weeding (Introduction to the KSSA), Mr Matt Cavallaro (Mentor Program), Mr David Schofield (HSC Wellbeing) and Mr Greg Nunan (Academic Program).

COMING UP

Tuesday 21 February

- Yr 11 & 12 Industry Information Breakfast, KSSA, 7.00am

Monday 27 February

- Parent Seminar - *Developing Student Motivation*, Thistle Room, 7.20 - 8.15am

Wednesday 1 March

- International Women's Day Breakfast, Thistle Room, 7.00am - 8.00am

Thursday 30 March - Friday 7 April

- Annual Cadet Camp

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

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[Year 11 page on the Portal](#)



FROM THE TEAM LEADER

"The only way out is through." ~ Robert Frost

This week Mr Andrew Weeding, Mr Greg Nunan, Mr David Schofield, and I had the opportunity to speak to parents and boys about Stage 6 and the unique demands of this final stage of our boys' final seven terms of high school. A key theme that cut across the talks is autonomy for our boys. The next three terms are not the HSC. They are the Preliminary HSC. This is an important distinction. And what is most crucial to the successful navigation of Year 12 (academically and personally), is

finding an internal drive to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The quote from the American poet Robert Frost connects to this sentiment. Let me explain. There are many parts to what lies ahead that aren't necessarily going to make our boys jump out of bed. There will be lots of internal wrestling with doing what needs to be done and to a high standard. There will be procrastination, rationalisation and straight up avoidance, (suddenly chores look more attractive than that English reading). The result is a circuitous HSC path. However, with an honest internal dialogue about the challenges that lie ahead that will originate from within, there can be a direct route through the HSC with a momentum that will push our boys on to great things well beyond high school. This way through can only be found within our boys. Their internal, autonomous drive is what will lead each student through. The next three terms is all about finding that internal drive and manifesting it in outward habits of success.

MATT CAVALLARO
YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER



FROM THE CAREERS ADVISOR

The Year 11 Knox Careers Education Program extends from the career assessment students completed last year. Based on positive psychology principles, the career profile provided students with a real sense of who they are, their strengths and their areas of interest. As Careers Advisor, my role is to assist students to make informed decisions for future study and potential career pathways. Working with mentors and teachers across all departments to deliver career education is an integral component for students to develop the understanding and skills

to manage their pathways from learning to work.

Throughout the next 2 years, students will have the opportunity to attend a series of lunchtime seminars, presented by employers and various universities, and receive in-depth information regarding various careers and tertiary courses. Students will be invited to attend information sessions on Co-Op Scholarships, Cadetships, and early entry schemes to broaden their understanding of the association between further education and careers.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS:

- **Business Industry Breakfast 21 February 2017** - located in the Senior's Hall of the KSSA, this event will focus on the business industry and the opportunities for Cadetships and vacation work. Bookings are essential. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **University of NSW 13 March 2017** - lunch time seminar in the KSSA Lecture Theatre
- **Careers Mentoring Evening 17 May 2017** - in conjunction with the OKGA, this networking event will provide students with the opportunity to establish connections with our Alumni, receive practical advice and information about various professions and career paths.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

[Sport Fixtures](#)

[Make a Payment](#)

[Knox Website](#)

[Illness & Misadventure Form](#)

[Student Leave Form](#)

[Student Driver Form](#)

[Vehicle Driving Policy Form](#)

[Careers Page](#)

[Assessment Schedule](#)



Knox fundraising for the Bush Fire Appeal will operate across the Senior School next Wednesday 22 February in conjunction with the following organisations where families can donate on line in the following ways:

[The Country Women's Association of NSW Disaster Relief Fund](#) – marked **Sir Ivan Fire**.

- Select Disaster Relief Fund
- All donations given by the Knox Community at this time will be used to support those affected by the Sir Ivan fire.
- A tax deductible receipt will be emailed to you.

Knox will also work with [The Rural Bush Fire Brigade](#) and donations can be made on line on the following way.

NSW Rural Fire Service - Donations

- Select 'Make a donation to a Local Brigade'.
- Search 'Mudgee'.
- Continue to complete the donation.

FROM THE CAREERS ADVISOR..../2

- **Knox Ravenswood Careers Night 29 May 2017** – representatives from over 60 organisations including universities, tertiary institutions, colleges and academies will be available to provide information on various degrees, courses and pathways available.

The Careers Program has a dedicated page in the Knox Portal. Check for regular updates and information such as:

- Weekly career newsletters
 - Career updates
 - Knox Career Seminars/presentations
 - Applying for university
 - Information on studying in the US
 - Interstate Universities
 - Work skills (such as resume writing, interview skills)
 - Job Board
 - Useful links
- In Week 5, I will be attending the Year 12 year meeting to present on UAC and ATAR information. This presentation will be made available on the [Careers Page](#) after the presentation
 - Career resources, such as university undergraduate books and UAC Guides, are available in the KSSA Library.
 - Careers is also available on Skoolbag so I would encourage parents and students to add Careers when setting up push notifications.
 - Knox has purchased the subscription to [JobJump](#), a careers website where parents, students and teachers can access career information and resources. I encourage all senior students and their parents to register.

Students are most welcome to [email me](#) to make an appointment. I look forward to working with Year 12 to assist them in their exploration of exciting career options and pathways.

LINDA GOMEZ

CAREERS ADVISOR / PSYCHOLOGIST

YEAR 11 ASSESSMENTS TERM 1 2017 - WEEK 4

Friday 24 February

Sports, Leisure and Recreation, (In Class Task)

[Illness & Misadventure Appeal form](#)

[Year 11 2017 Assessment Schedule](#)

Absence from school prior to assessment tasks

A student should not be absent from any period on the day or the day prior to submission of, or sitting of, an assessment task. If the task is on or due on a Monday, the student shall not be absent on the Friday immediately prior. If he is ill he will be required to provide a written explanation from his parents and he may be asked to provide a medical certificate from a qualified doctor. If a student does not submit this documentation, he may incur a mark penalty of 30%

The Knox International Women's Day Breakfast 1 March



You are invited to attend the inaugural mother and son:

- ▶ International Women's Day Breakfast at Knox Grammar School.
- ▶ Date Wednesday 1 March.
- ▶ In the Thistle and Portrait Rooms.
- ▶ Commences 7am - 8:00am
- ▶ A light breakfast will be served \$15 pp.

Speaker : Ms Deborah Harrigan from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter

Lucky door prize in support of the HK Women's Shelter

RSVP to Mrs. Helen Clarke or Ms Jennifer Tran.

Dear Year 11 students, please go to this [link](#) to make your Winter Sports Choice. by **Friday 24 February**. If you are unsure of what Sport to choose, or you need more information, please check Sport on the [Portal](#), or come to the KSA office. Please note that every student must select a sport from the list, and all Sports to be played are dependent on numbers.

No student is automatically exempt- if you had an exemption for Summer sport, it does not follow through to winter. A request for an exemption can only be made by your parents to [Mr Martin Haywood](#) for consideration.

