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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 28 August to Wednesday 13 September

- Year 11 [Final Examinations](#)

Friday 1 September

- Jersey Day. Wear a sports jersey to school and support organ donation. Click [here](#) for further details.

Friday 8 September

- [Knox Spring Festival](#), 9.30am - 2.00pm, Gillespie Field, Bangalla Street, Warrawee

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FROM THE HEAD

KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

Today is the last teaching day prior to the start of the Preliminary Examinations. Routines over the next fortnight will be very different to what the boys have experienced before and the following is provided to help answer common questions that have been asked this week.

- Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August are timetabled as study days. The boys don't have to come to school if they opt to study from

home. The teachers will be in their classroom when they normally teach Year 11 on these two days to answer questions and to provide assistance.

- The boys do not have to come to school on the days they don't have an examination.
- Throughout the examination period (28 August to 13 September) the boys are welcome to study at school in Seniors' Hall. If the boys don't have an exam that day they can wear smart casuals.
- Evening study will operate as usual through the exam period. The sign-in process for ordering a dinner will also operate as normal.
- Classes resume on Thursday 14 September.

At Year Meeting this week, the examination Presiding Officer spoke to the boys about exam processes to ensure they were familiar with expectations in advance. The [Stage 6 Examination Code of Conduct](#) was explained and all boys have received a copy through email.

All the very best to the boys for the fortnight ahead.

ANDREW WEEDING HEAD OF KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY



FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Next week our cohort begin their final Year 11 exams. It is important that students are aware of the requirements for exams, otherwise they may jeopardise their performance. There is a clear [Stage 6 Examination Code of Conduct](#) that must be upheld by all students. Ensure that you read, understand and follow all the regulations throughout the examination period. Please note that these are official exam rules

set out by NESA. Students are required to enter each examination centre 20 minutes prior to the exam. Please ensure you factor this into your journey to school. Read your exam timetable carefully and if you are unable to attend an exam due to illness or misadventure, parents must contact me **before** 8.00am on the day of the examination. A completed [Illness/Misadventure Form](#) must be submitted within 48 hours of the exam.

Year 12 2018 text books are now available to order via [Campion](#). When ordering online please use the Knox code, **CRN2 (not case sensitive)**. Paper copies of the order form are also available from me in the KSSA Management Centre.

Ever wanted to have VIP access into NASA, train to be an Astronaut or experience awesome technology? Click [here](#) for further information regarding the Space School International STEM Program at NASA 2018.

Wishing all the boys the very best for the upcoming final Year 11 examinations.

Have a great weekend everyone.

RENEE WILLSON YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



FROM THE TEAM LEADERS

'Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.' Abraham Lincoln

The end of Year 11 is upon us with the Yearly Exams just beyond the upcoming weekend. This week I've had the opportunity to chat to a few boys and all the boarders about some strategies for the Yearly Exams.

I include the above quote because I've found many a boy already ploughing ahead in what he considers revision only to look at me with a blank face when I ask them what their plan is. For quite a few, their plan is simply knowing when their exams are and attempting to cram in as much information in the short period of time before. For others, they can show me a calendar with blocks of time dedicated to certain subjects on what they call a study planner. While the latter is certainly an improvement on the former, there is still quite a bit of 'sharpening of the axe' that many of our boys could do before they dive into their revision.

What is problematic in the boys' approach to study is that often they see pushing through all the content in every subject as an ideal study tact. They simply plan to start at the beginning and work their way to the end of the course. This linear revision plan is an attempt to ensure no information is missed. But it is highly inefficient. What I've been imploring boys to do before they start to revise is to consider the content of the course in terms of that which will be most essential to meet the criteria of the task and that which they are least able/familiar with. Instead of weighing all the content of a course equally, boys should be looking at their own strengths and weaknesses along with the essential information which must be mastered for success in their exams. For example, in Modern History many of the boys have identified that they need to have a good grasp of key events in the Vietnam war for an extended response. These will be the framework around which they craft their response. So, I ask them if they have mastered these dates. Many gave me a garbled reply about writing drafts as priority with these dates secondary. But when pressed, it becomes apparent that you can write a very successful response from the dates and key events but you can't generate the dates and key events from a successful response. The boys need to commit the dates and events to memory. This then should become a priority of revision.

This is the 'sharpening of the axe' that I have been pressing upon the boys this week. They need to put in the time closely considering how to most effectively and efficiently use the time that lies ahead for preparation. From this focus will grow an awareness that will prove essential in their trials and HSC exams next year.

MATT CAVALLARO YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Registration for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/Silver/Gold Qualifying camp is now open.

Dates are as follows:

Bronze: 23 - 24 Sept

Silver: 24 - 26 Sept

Gold: 23 - 26 Sept

Please register your son via the Skoolbag app or [click here](#).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Sports, Music, Houses and Co-Curricular photos are now available to order online. Please [click here](#). Select School Orders. The Password is WOODVILLE

The 2017 CUO, Senior Leader and Junior Leader Promotion Courses are underway. Some 350 candidates are participating in the skill development of leadership, management, pastoral care, training delivery, and Unit operations to prepare for the incoming Recruits and the 2018 Cadet year.



Above Damon Reynolds and Alistair Nicholls.



Above Cory Aitchison, Zachary Wyatt and Samuel Nethercott