



**KAPA in Concert 2016**

Top: Nathan Lui

Bottom: Peter Koch

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday 3 February**

Sports trials

**Monday 6 February**

Swimming Trials

**Wednesday 8 February**

School Photos

**Monday 13 February**

[Parent Seminar](#)

**Monday 27 February**

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## FROM THE TEAM LEADER

'Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.' – Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Year 10 Team sincerely hope that you all had a fantastic holiday break. It has been great to see the boys return to school looking refreshed and ready for what will be a busy and exciting year.

As I read the above quote from one of the 20th century's most inspiring individuals, I was quickly reminded that even the brave have to put themselves out there in order to achieve and thrive. With Careers Testing commencing next Tuesday, we are encouraging Year 10 to start thinking some more about their futures and about potential careers post Knox.

Whilst it is truly difficult at their age, to be definitive about the way forward, engaging with the process of self-reflection and discovery now will help them no end in three years' time. Having a goal to work towards makes all the difference in terms of finding intrinsic motivation. Ms Linda Gomez is the Careers Advisor at Knox and will be leading this testing and the follow up interviews in the coming weeks.

2017 promises to be a year full of incredible opportunities and experiences. We are here to ensure that each young man makes their first step a stride.

Have a wonderful weekend!

SAM WHITE  
YEAR 10 TEAM LEADER



## FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Its lovely to see the boys relaxed and happy. A very warm welcome to all of our new boys and families. I hope that all our new comers will be very happy at Knox.

Swimming Trials for 50m Freestyle, compulsory for all Year 7 – 10 students, (50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle are optional), will be held on Monday 6 February from 1.15pm at the Aquatic Centre.

School ID photos will be taken on 8 February commencing at 1.35pm. Could you please make sure your son's hair is cut to Knox standards and in full School uniform. Blazers are required for the photo.

If your son is late to School, they must report to Room 19 before going to class. Boys are being marked absent from class when they are, in fact, at School.

Ewan Shingler has been chosen to compete in New Zealand in April at the Oceania Orienteering Championships. Congratulations.

A reminder the Knox reception and office have relocated to 2 Borambil Street, Wahroonga and the Uniform Shop is at 10 Borambil Street.

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK  
YEAR 10 ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



## FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SECONDARY ACADEMY

Welcome to the Knox Middle Secondary Academy! Even though I know that it may have been hard to come back to School with this hot weather, I hope that each and every student has had successful week and is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I would especially like to welcome all the new students and their families to Knox, who come to us from all over the state, country and world! Ms Elizabeth Ruff, the Middle Secondary Academy Director of Studies, and I are very much looking forward to getting to know and working with the Year 9 and 10 cohorts as well as the dedicated and talented Mentor Teams.

It is our hope that your sons flourish in Years 9 and 10 as it is are a great time of opportunity and exploration. In the Middle Secondary Academy, we want to develop the character of the boys through the values of the Knox Total Fitness program, enabling the transition to independent and self-understanding young adults. We aim to provide the boys with the tools to become passionate learners, who possess the skills, habits and rigours that will enable them to achieve success in the Senior Secondary Academy and beyond.

As the Head of the Middle Secondary Academy, I am both looking forward and feel privileged to work with Years 9 and 10 as they continue on their educational journey through Knox Grammar School.

GEMMA GRANOZIO  
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY



## CAREERS ADVISOR

The focus of Careers Education at Knox is to broaden the students' understanding of the association between subject choices, further education and careers. It allows students to make decisions with regards to post-school options and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes they will need to make future career decisions and prepare them for the world of work. Year 10 is an important year to beginning this process.

In the final newsletter for 2016, Mr Bookallil introduced the Careers Avenues Program, a career assessment which includes aptitude, career interests and personality profiling. This career assessment, which will occur on Tuesday, 7 February in the Great Hall, will provide Year 10 students with a real sense of who they are, their strengths and their interests. The assessment will commence promptly at 8.30am, so all students will need to be at the Great Hall by 8.20am. Later in Term 1, students will participate in individual feedback interviews to discuss career profiles compatible with their personality style and aptitude strengths.

The Careers Program has a [dedicated page in the Knox Portal](#). This is where you will find information such as:

- Weekly career newsletters
- Career updates
- Knox Career Seminars / presentations
- Applying for university
- Information on studying in the US
- Work skills (such as resume writing, interview skills)
- Job Board
- Useful links



LINDA GOMEZ, CAREERS ADVISOR