



Above: Luke Routledge visiting the KSSA Administration Office.



FROM THE ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

The boys have settled into the Senior Secondary Academy. Some recognise that stress levels will increase this year and have started planning and implementing a study regime. It is pleasing to see that many are utilising the KSSA facilities after school to complete homework. In order to help the boys obtain the best results they can, our Mentor Program this term focuses on Time Management, Procrastination, Effective Studying Habits, Memory Recall, Stress Reduction and Sleep.

The boys are building on last year's outstanding display of leadership by guiding the Year 7 students in the Peer Support Program and volunteering at 'Knox at Home'. Some have expressed interest in the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman which Year 11 will vote on next week. For the students who are keen to take on a role of responsibility, I encourage them to explore the Knox Student Leadership [link](#). The boys should consider how they would like to contribute to the Portfolio Leadership Teams, weekly Year Meetings, sporting and co-curricular areas. There are also opportunities to get involved in the Tech Crew and Macquarie University Leadership Program. The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award is also a wonderful way to develop and fine tune an array of leadership skills. Congratulations to Angus Williams, Andrew Uen and Cory Aitchison for being the first Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award graduates for 2017!

I look forward to walking alongside the boys as they work towards achieving their goals. I can't think of a better group of young men to be working with.

JENNIFER TRAN
YEAR 11 ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

COMING UP

Monday 13 February

- Parent and Student Information Evening - Seniors' Hall, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Address by Mr Matt Cavallaro and Mr Andrew Weeding. Click [here](#) to see the agenda

Monday 13 February

- [Parent Seminar](#) - Helping your Son with Handwriting, Thistle Room, 7.30 - 8.15am

Friday 17 February

- [Knox At Home Parent Function](#)

Monday 27 February

- [Parent Seminar](#) - Developing Student Motivation, Thistle Room, 7.20-8.15am

Thursday 30 March - Friday 7 April

- Cadet Camp

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FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Yet another very busy school week has passed us by.

For the benefit of our new parents, I hope you have all had the opportunity to access the "Parent Lounge". You can login using your parent code (username) and BPay reference number (password) from your School fees invoice. There are some amazing features on there including student timetables, assessment and attendance details to mention a few. If you have any technical issues, please contact the [Knox IT Helpdesk](#) or call 9473 9706. If you haven't already done so, I would encourage parents to register to receive the School Newsletter, 'The Knoxonian'. To register, go to the School Website under Knox Community and then Email Subscription. The Knoxonian covers the whole of Knox and provides easy access to the Sports Bulletin.

I am delighted to hear from some of the boys that they have obtained their driving licences recently, congratulations! If they intend to drive to and from School and/or sport, please ensure that a [Student Drivers Form](#) is completed. In addition to this, those students who are using the KSSA car park (after 4.00pm) are required to have a Student Authorised Parking Card displayed on their dashboard. These are available from the KSSA Administration Office.

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

On Monday afternoon in the sweltering heat and after 'slugging' it out on the tennis court, the following Year 11 boys have been selected into the CAS Open Tennis Representative team - Charlie Wong and Hugo La Hei.

Congratulations to you both.

Business Industry Breakfast

If you are considering studying and working in the Business Industry this will be an important event to learn more about the variety of possibilities on offer. For further details, click [here](#).

EXCHANGE UPDATE

During the recent December holidays, Max Zagorski, Ryan Chan and Harrison Mendes visited Paris and France on exchange. Hoping to learn about French culture and increasing their fluency in the language. They went for four weeks to the Lycée Blanche de Castille in Le Chesnay, west of Paris near Versailles. At the beginning of the six weeks, they found speaking challenging - this was expected. However, with the help of their exchange buddies and class mates they were able to manage well in class and follow the life of a French student. On the weekends, the boys went to many sport and school events and discovered the lesser known parts of Paris and surrounding areas in France. With the many things they did and people they met, it was a great experience and one they can highly recommend to other students. Max, Ryan and Harrison would like to thank Mrs Blanche de Castille and Mrs Charlton in the Languages Department for helping to organize the Exchange Program.



**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY**

The boys continue to settle into their life as members of the Knox Senior Secondary Academy (KSSA). They should be very pleased with the levels of maturity and focus they have shown in the initial stage of their Preliminary HSC studies. The vacation work set at the end of Year 10 was designed to ensure boys have the necessary terminology and basic concepts for their chosen subjects. Those boys who completed the tasks as expected should be congratulated on their efforts and rest assured their efforts will be rewarded later in the course.

Evening Study (ES) has commenced with great enthusiasm. Many boys are making the most of their time and are able to model the behaviours of the Year 12 boys around them. They have the option to study individually in the quiet surrounds of the library, or they can opt for the collaborative space of Seniors' Hall. We have a range of experienced and talented staff who are available during ES supervision to help with both study skills and subject specific content.

I encourage boys to ask for assistance and tap into the range of strategies available to maximise their efforts and lift their performance.

I continue to discuss subject options with the boys and encourage them to make well informed decisions. Advice can come in many forms such as their current teacher, peers (11 and 12), parents and the Careers Advisor (Ms Gomez). The boys still have two weeks to make any subject changes but we would expect most have been made.

Lastly, I look forward to meeting you at the Parent Breakfast (Handwriting) and Information Evening on Monday 13 February. Venue and times have been issued.

GREG NUNAN

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

KSSA Evening Study Roster Semester 1 2017			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Fiona Doube (History & Legal studies)	Jessica Martin (History)	Rhys Fenton (History)	Chris Leggo (History)
Angus McVey (PDHPE)	Carolyn Fairjones (English)	Jo George (Drama)	Ian Bradford (Maths)



Above: Max Zagorski, Ryan Chan and Harrison Mendes with their host students

YEAR 11 IN THE KSSA

