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## FROM THE TEAM LEADERS

This week I've had the opportunity to complete my latest round of Academic Tutoring for the group of Year 12s that I'm working with. It is a positive experience to see this group of boys really take responsibility for their learning. I'd be remiss if I didn't take my experiences talking to these boys and their parents and share them with the Year 11 cohort. I think that what I see being the most important component of the

boys who are successful in working towards the marks and experience that they desire in their HSC is the ability to have an honest look at their approach and to hold themselves accountable. Admittedly, the boys in my group are quite good with the former. They can sometimes be harder on themselves than me when it comes to making some necessary changes to their approaches. The latter is where the issues lie. (I dare say this isn't an issue only experienced by those in their final years of high school. I know I could use some work in this department.) The biggest step these boys need to make to see the greatest positive leap in the right direction is accountability.

This is best illustrated with an example: Going to evening study is certainly a step in the right direction to improve one's studies. But, all too often, many boys get caught up in the act of going to evening study as a success without having an honest look at how they've used the time. Maybe this is the result of participation trophies where simply showing up to do the right thing warrants congratulations. When I dig into boys' efficiency and effectiveness at these sessions, the value of the experience hardly warrants praise. This is just one such example of how the reality of effort isn't in step with the perception. I share this now because I am coaching boys in the 2nd half of their HSC. How valuable would it have been if they realised this in the 2nd half of Year 11?

MATT CAVALLARO YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday 31 May

- Meningococcal Vaccinations, Portrait and Thistle Rooms, 8am - 4pm

### Monday 5 June

- Parent Morning Tea, Great Hall Foyer, 10.30am - 12.00pm

### Monday 19 June

- Cadet Passing Out Parade

### Wednesday 21 June

- Year 11 Formal

### Friday 23 June

- Term 2 concludes, 3.15pm

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

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## FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



I've always said that the Class of 2018 are the best year group. A group of students that always step up to the challenge no matter what is asked of them. This was once again clearly evident at the Knox ANZAC Service and Parade. The ceremonial parade of the Cadet Unit was outstanding and our Year 11 boys made us all very proud once again.

Boys are to be reminded to return their completed 'Consent for Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination' forms to me by Monday 29 May. Please note that **only the original forms** will be accepted by the NSW Health Department (not a scanned copy). If your son misses out on the opportunity to have the vaccination done at school he can have the vaccination done by his family doctor.

Applications are now open for the ABBOX of Fun Holiday Camp for children with a disability. The four day residential camp will take place from Saturday 9 to Tuesday 12 December 2017 at Abbotsleigh. Twenty places are available. The camp is sponsored by the Sony Foundation Australia and runs with assistance from Knox and Abbotsleigh student volunteers. Click [here](#) for further details.

Finally, a very happy Mother's Day to all the mums, step mums and grandmothers. Wishing you a day full of surprises and unforgettable memories.

RENEE WILLSON YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



Above: Zac Wyatt and guest Reviewing Officer the Governor General of Australia, His Excellency General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

### CAREER UPDATE

During the UAC School Presentation on Tuesday 30 May, UAC will be speaking about the ATAR and applying to University. Students are encouraged to click on the link in the [table](#) to register their attendance.

### PSYCHOLOGIST TEAM UPDATE

It gives us great pleasure to introduce the Knox Psychologist Team in the Senior School. Please click [here](#) for all the details.

### 2017 SCIENCE SUMMIT

PLC Sydney invites Knox Grammar Science students/staff to the 2017 inaugural Science Summit

**Saturday 3 June 2017, 1.30pm - 5.30pm**

PLC Sydney are incredibly fortunate to have secured some of Australia's top scientists for the event, which will include keynote presentations, dynamic discussion, stimulating debate and breakout workshops on the theme 'Being a Human Being'. Afternoon tea will be provided during informal small group chats with scientists. A range of lucky door and participation prizes will be on offer to add interest and variety.

Please click [here](#) for further details.



Above : Reuben Dunn received a House Manager's Award in Boarding. Congratulations Reuben!