

## YEAR 10 TEAM LEADERS

As the boys returned to Knox this week, I am very excited to be back working directly with the Class of 2021 as the Team Leader! I enjoyed my experience as Acting Head of Middle Academy, however, it is fantastic to be back and be able to focus on our brilliant year group!

Year 10 is a time when the boys get many opportunities to expand their horizons. There are opportunities to get engaged in co-curricular activities, exchanges, service learning and numerous leadership opportunities. All boys have been asked to rise to the challenge of being everyday leaders as the most senior group of non-HSC students. The Class of 2021 have an opportunity to set the bar across Years 7 to 10, and I have no doubt that they will rise to the occasion.

Our Mentor Program this year will incorporate discussions and these themes relevant to the boys' development and education- men of integrity, career testing, invisible pressure and mental health and support. To further support this program, the boys will have a number of guest speakers and seminars throughout the year to promote discussion and give insight to our boys. It is truly going to be a fantastic year!

Please feel free to contact your son's teachers, mentors or Team Leaders if you have any questions or concerns about your son's progress. If you are unsure of who to contact, please use your son's mentor as the first port of contact.

TOM WATERHOUSE AND JAMES STUBBS-MILLS



## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Along with all the other staff I warmly welcome you back to our second year in the Middle Academy. I have really missed seeing all the boys and at the year meeting on Wednesday as I looked across the cohort, I realised they have all grown a few inches taller and I need to start wearing higher heels!

Firstly, I ask you ensure ALL items and belongings are clearly labelled and in good condition. The cohort should be congratulated on their tremendous start to the year and for setting the mark for the KMA with hair and uniform all to Knox standard.

I would also ask you continue to watch the 'Upcoming Events' (see right), as there are some very exciting and important events for Year 10, one of which is the much anticipated formal in Term 3.

Please note that we have both the AFX camp and the Snowy Mountains Expedition camp (Outdoor Education camp) in the last week of this term. This means all students will be required to attend either camp. Dates and detailed information will follow in the next few weeks. The information night will be on Monday 18 February.

Following on from details sent last year in Term 4, boys have their [Careers Profile Testing](#) taking place next Tuesday 5 February. Please diarise in your calendar and avoid making appointments on this date. Assessments will commence promptly at 8.30am, so students need to be at the Great Hall by 8.20am. Students are not required to bring anything but please be reminded that the assessment will be undertaken under exam conditions and is facilitated by an external company, Career Avenues.

Year 10 have their individual school photos scheduled for next Tuesday 5 February.

Here we go!

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*Have the courage to act  
insetad of react - Earlene  
Larson Jenks*

### USEFUL LINKS

[Sport fixtures](#)

[Make a payment](#)

[Knox website](#)

[Careers](#)

[Year 10 page on the portal](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday 5 February

- Individual school photos.
- Careers Profile Testing.

Great Hall. 8.30am - 12.50pm.

#### Friday 15 February

- Knox at Home. WSA 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Click [here](#) for details.

#### Monday 18 February

- Camp Information Evening.

KCC Auditorium. 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

#### Tuesday 19 February

- Career Avenue Info Session. Great Hall. 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

#### Thursday 28 February

- 2019 [da Vinci Decathlon](#).

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

## HEAD OF KNOX MIDDLE ACADEMY



Welcome back to school and the Knox Middle Academy! I hope that all of our Knox families have had a wonderful summer and festive season shared with family and friends. I am very pleased to report a very smooth start to the year. The boys arrived on Wednesday looking very smart and there was a real buzz about the place as everyone reunited. I hope that each and every student has had a 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.

On Thursday and Friday next week, we will begin the new laptop roll out for Year 10 students. We can only issue the laptop to students who have a hard copy of their completed [Laptop Program Acknowledgement Form](#) with them. Specific details about the time and location students may collect their laptops will be communicated to them next week.

Mr Jake Plaskett joins us this year as the Director of Studies for the Knox Middle Academy. Mr Plaskett and I are very much looking forward to working with the Year 10 students as well as their dedicated and talented mentor team. It is our hope that your sons flourish in Year 10 as it is a time of great opportunity and exploration.

In the Middle Academy, we want to develop the character of the boys through the values of the Knox Total Fitness program, enabling their 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 Academy and beyond. As the Head of Middle Academy, I am both looking forward and feel privileged to work with the young men of Year 10 as they continue on their educational journey through Knox Grammar School.

ELIZABETH RUFF



## KNOX AT HOME 2019

The Knox Parents' Association (KPA) warmly invites all Knox Prep, Wahroonga Prep and Senior School parents to this special community event. Held at the beginning of the new school year, *Knox at Home* provides a relaxed opportunity for parents to meet with each other, members of staff and the School Council. It is a great way to meet other parents from your child's year group.

**When:** Friday 15 February 2019, 7.30pm-9.30pm  
**Where:** Seniors' Hall, Weeks Senior Academy, Senior School  
**Cost:** \$42 per person - includes drinks and savouries

Please note, this is an adults only event.

**RSVP and payment instructions:** To RSVP, please purchase your tickets via Humanix by Friday 8 February at [bit.ly/knoxathome](http://bit.ly/knoxathome).

**Enquiries:** [events@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:events@knox.nsw.edu.au)

## SENIOR SCHOOL TUCKSHOPS - VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR 2019

The Senior School Tuckshops have a number of vacant spots which we are desperate to fill. If you are a new parent or an existing parent, helping out in the tuckshop is very rewarding experience and a great way to meet and socialise with new friends. If you would like to help out, please email [Caron Suleyman](mailto:Caron.Suleyman) (Tuckshop Convenor). Thank you.

## BOX OF BOOKS - BOOKS ON BACK ORDER

A small number of items are on back order with Box of Books/LJ Harper. To check which books are on backorder and the reasons, please see the [waitlist](#).

There are three main reasons we're waiting on some physical textbooks:

- The book is not published yet, or in the process of being printed by the publisher
- The publishers' stock levels are low (since orders were placed in October/November) and they require a reprint. These textbooks are being shipped out from the UK or other countries which can cause delays.
- Your order was placed after the cut-off date and stock is being replenished and shipped out ASAP.

In most cases these textbooks will be available digitally for students in their Box of Books school portal.

## FROM THE HEAD OF KNOX SPORTS & AQUATIC ACADEMY



**Years 8-12 Knox swim trials Saturday 2 February.**

Boys register near the pool from 9am and warm up commences from 9.30am. We want as many boys to attend as possible.

Period 7 and regular training and games will commence from Monday 4 February.

**Period 7 and regular training and games will continue in week 2 for ALL sports.**

Training schedule and fixtures can be found on the Knox Senior School Skoolbag App.

MARTIN HAYWOOD