

YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

It has been another great week with the graduating class of 2019. The level of maturity and cohesiveness the boys are displaying always leaves me feeling proud and impressed at the same time. I never thought I would miss the conversations with the boys over the Christmas break, but it has been inspiring to hear their goals for the term or how far along their major work has come. It is always nice to hear from the Year 12 teachers how well the boys have settled back into the year and the motivation they have. So before we all get run down with assessments, work and stress, thank you Year 12 for making returning to work for the year enjoyable!



Our summer sporting teams are going well, with Cricket currently on top. It would be great to see our cohort leading from the front with support at the weekend sporting events. One of the many advantages and special experiences of attending Knox is the strong sense of community that runs through the School. I strongly encourage the boys to make the most of that experience while they are still a student as their time is quickly coming to an end. Take the time to attend a sporting event over the weekend and support your mates.

With the first Chemistry assessments completed this week and English next week, it is important that the boys are proactive with seeking teacher feedback and support. This is something that I know they have heard time and again over the past 5 years but one more time cannot hurt. I would also encourage the boys to ensure they are balancing their school work, sleep, exercise and social time evenly to ensure they are keeping on top of their work and not exhausting themselves.

SAM WHITE AND ANDREA WIFFEN

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Congratulations to Antonia Matruglio and Nic Trobec who won silver at the U18 Water Polo during the holidays.

The Senior (Years 9-12) Social Justice Club meets each Friday at lunch time in room KCC101 and nearby classrooms (the numbers are growing!). This will continue on Friday throughout the term. The Club is both social and proactive for all boys who want to serve others and make a difference. There are opportunities to participate in outback and overseas Immersions as well as many school and community based activities.

With assessments starting this week, it is great to see so many boys using Seniors' Hall for study in the morning and after School.

Linda Gomez, our Careers Advisor, spoke to the boys on Thursday, about [changes to University Entrance](#) and when and how they should apply and the bonus points . If they have any queries, they should see Mrs Gomez.

If you have been granted study leave by Mr Weeding, you must sign in with me in the morning when you arrive at School, and with me before leaving School grounds in the afternoon.

If your son missed getting his school photo taken this week there will be a catch up session during lunch on Thursday 14 Feb (Portrait/Thistle Rooms). Please ensure your son is in full Summer School uniform with his blazer and his hair is cut to Knox standard.

It is with great sadness that I advise that Rev. Peter Robinson's wife, Vivienne, passed away earlier this week. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Have a great weekend.

[PAMELA HITCHCOCK](#)
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***'What sculpture is
to a block of marble,
education is to the soul'***
Joseph Addison

USEFUL LINKS

- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [Make a payment](#)
- [Knox website](#)
- [Illness & Misadventure form](#)
- [Student leave form](#)
- [Student driver form](#)
- [Vehicle driving policy form](#)
- [Careers](#)
- [Assessment booklet](#)
- [Assessment chart](#)
- [Permission slip for study leave](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 14 February**
 - Individual Photo catch up day
1pm Portrait Room
- Friday 15 February**
 - Knox at Home
WSA Seniors' Hall
7.30pm to 9.30pm
- Friday 12 April**
 - Term 1 concludes
See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

This week in year meeting the boys had the privilege of hearing from Ed Curtis (Class of 2018). Ed was one of the biggest improvers from Year 12 (using KAI data) through to the HSC, receiving an ATAR of 90.3. Some of the messages he gave the boys included:

- Stay consistent with your study and work to a timetable
- Act on feedback and make sure you are submitting work consistently in order to get feedback
- Embrace the opportunities to collaborate with everyone in the subject and use the energy from the year group to keep motivated
- Enjoy the year and make the most of all the opportunities

Ed provided some great insights and demonstrated what can be achieved with perseverance and determination. We keep reminding the boys that the HSC year is a long journey and it might not always be a smooth passage. Ed certainly had his ups and downs, especially with assessments, but he remained true to himself and achieved an end result that rewarded his commitment. Next week the boys will have the opportunity to hear from more of the Class of 2018. Cory Aitchison has coordinated a number of his cohort who did well in the HSC to return to run subject specific seminars. Over the next three mentor periods throughout Weeks 3 and 4 these Old Boys will provide some insights into what they believe gave them success in the HSC last year. We do appreciate their time and we look forward to welcoming them back to Knox.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN



SAVE THE DATE - JUNIOR ACADEMY AND PERFORMING ARTS - CENTRE OPENING FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019

A special community celebration to showcase and celebrate the opening of the Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre will take place on the afternoon and evening of Friday 24 May 2019. Please save the date. More detailed information about this event will be announced towards the end of the term.



KNOX STUDENT ART AND DESIGN COMPETITION

To celebrate the opening of the new Knox Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre, students from Knox Prep, Wahroonga Prep and Knox Senior School are invited to create an artwork on the theme of 'performing arts' and go in the running to win great prizes. The entry judged best from each of the three campus will receive the following (Westfield vouchers): 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25.

SWIM TRIALS

Year 8-12 Swim Trial make up heats – Monday (11 February) and Wednesday (13 February) morning 7.30-8 am Knox Pool.

Last chance for those that had sport commitments or were unwell to trial for the Knox Swim Championships.





Yr 12 BBQ
WEDNESDAY
13 FEB

♥ Original \$2 each
 ♥ Hearts \$3 each

Happy Valentine's Day

MATHS TUTORING 2019

2019 Afterschool Mathematics Help is now available from Week 2 Term 1 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm to drop-in for any length of time on:

Thursdays (All Students) with Ms Soonju Yun in room M0306




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 Humanitix by Friday 8 February at bit.ly/knoxathome.

Enquiries: events@knox.nsw.edu.au

AROUND THE GROUNDS

