

YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

With Week 4 now complete, the boys have started to find their feet around the Knox campus. They have settled into the structure and pace of Senior School and already it feels like they have always been here. It has been a joy getting to know the boys and putting names to faces.

We continue to build strong rapports with the Year 7 cohort and are very much looking forward to the Year 7 Camp in a few weeks. When I asked my Year 8 classes what their favourite memory from Year 7 was, almost all of them smiled and said, "Year 7 Camp!" This will be an excellent opportunity for the boys in Year 7, the Team Leaders and Mentors to further cement bonds and get to know each other outside of the classroom. Parents please get in touch should you want to make us aware of anything before the big event. There will be a Parent Information Evening on Monday 25 February at 6.30pm; please come along and meet the staff who will be running this action-packed week!



During Year Meeting on Monday, two of our Boarders, Harry Cluff and Kasper Mole, presented on living in the Boarding House and living away from home. Not only these two gentlemen, but all of our 19 Year 7 Boarders, display such courage every day. They really do make me so proud. Since walking through those gates on Day 1 all your boys, in one way or another have displayed courage. Change is not easy, some take longer than others to adjust, but courage is what allows that change to take place. Michelle Obama said, "You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once, but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take a life of its own."

So, my message to Year 7: be courageous, because courage really is contagious!

CARLY ROBINSON

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Thank you to those who have already returned the vaccination forms to me in Room 19. For those of you who have not done so, please complete the form this weekend and return it to me no later than Friday 1 March.



School photographs are now available. To download your son's portrait and Year Group photo, please click [here](#), select: school orders, password: KNOX. You will need your son's student ID number which is located on his student ID card. This is privacy protected so only you can view your son's portrait. At this time, not only can you have his high resolution image sent to you via *We Transfer*, you can also order discounted printed copies. Your school account will be charged \$20.00 which covers the Student ID Card plus electronic Year Group photo and your son's portrait photo portrait for your record of his time at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melba Studios on: 02 9438 4566.

Boys who registered for Doing da Vinci Day, should have received an email this week advising them of their team number, program and requirements for the day. For any further details please contact [Ms Sherry Bieman](#).

We are trialling a new system where lost property will be collected at the end of each day and taken to Room 19 where it will be sorted. For all items that have names on them, an email will be sent to the student advising that the items are available for collection from their respective SAO. Items left behind at Gillespie and Curagul will take longer to reach Room 19. Items that are not collected, named or not, will be auctioned off for charity or given to charities halfway through and at the end of each term.

Please note correction to last week's newsletter calendar. The Year 7 Camp Parent Information evening on Monday 25 February does commence at 6.30pm. The undercover car park in Borambil will be open to parents from 6.00pm. As parking around the School can be a challenge at the best of times please ensure you get here early as the session will start promptly at 6.30pm

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USEFUL LINKS

[Sport fixtures](#)

[Make a payment](#)

[Knox website](#)

[Careers](#)

[Year 7 page on the portal](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 25 February

- Year 7 Camp Information Night, 6.30pm - 8pm, KCC

Thursday 28 February

- Doing da Vinci Day

Monday 11 March

- [Parent Morning Tea](#), Great Hall Foyer, 10.30am - 12 noon
- Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall, 3.30pm - 9pm

Thursday 14 March

- CAS Swimming and Diving Championships

Monday 25 - Friday 29 March

- Year 7 Camp

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

HEAD OF JUNIOR ACADEMY

I have been so impressed over the past month at the level of agility and adaptability demonstrated by our Year 7 students as they transition into the Senior School. Observing the boys navigate their timetable, locate classrooms, engage in classroom learning as well as taking up other Co-curricular opportunities, indicates to me that a 'connection' to Knox at the Senior School level is well and truly underway.



During Week 9 of this term the Year 7 Camp, which is a very important and mandatory component of the Year 7 program, will provide boys with a unique environment and set of experiences to further foster and strengthen peer and Mentor relationships. On Monday 25 February Mr John Starreveld (Head of Knox Outdoor Education) along with camp providers from Southbound will present an information session to boys and then to parents. The student information session will be delivered on Monday afternoon in lieu of usual Period 7 lessons. The parent information session will commence at 6.30pm in the Knox Cultural Centre Auditorium. Parents who have pre-ordered their son's backpack will be able to collect them from this venue at the conclusion of the presentation.

I strongly encourage all parents to attend this information evening; however, for boarding parents we will provide a link via the Week 5 newsletter to all information covered.

WAYNE INWOOD



PUFFERS EPIPENS AND MEDICATIONS

Please remind your sons that if they have an EIPEN or a VENTOLIN puffer, they should have it with them at all times, and take it with them to sport, training, Saturday games and excursions.

All medications should be kept at the clinic, not in lockers, pencil cases etc. Please ask your sons to bring medications to the clinic, and they can come and collect them to take when needed.

BOARDING



Over the past few weeks, we have organised opportunities for the boarders to invite a day school friend to experience boarding life. The day boys experienced what living on campus is like and engaged with the staff and boys of Gilmore House. Many of our boarders come from rural, regional and international regions and it's important that whilst they live on campus, the boys have a chance to make friends with local boys/families and experience what living in Sydney is really like. Further information on how you could organise for a boarder to spend a day or weekend at your house may be [here](#).

JAMES NORMAN




KNOX V BARKER

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Volleyball: 1st - 5pm

Tennis: 1sts and 2nds - 5pm

Basketball: 2nds - 6pm, 1sts - 7.15pm

**Come and support our teams
as they take on Barker!**