

YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

Monday evening's Student Led Interviews was another coming of age moment for the Class of 2019. To see our young men carry themselves so well and to reflect on their learning experience throughout this final HSC year so far made the staff, and I'm sure the parents, very proud indeed. The maturity shown by the students as they highlighted strengths, weaknesses and areas for development demonstrated an approach to their own education that will stand them in good stead in the years to come. By taking ownership of their approach, each boy will enjoy the end result and their final farewells to Knox that much more.



To that end, it was fantastic to see so many familiar faces at the Year 12 Parent Morning Tea on Monday. Having been to each of these events since Year 7, it was, once again, so nice to be able to look back with pride and a sense of fulfilment on the journey thus far.

As one chapter ends, another begins and the Year 12 Team are very confident in the futures of our young men. Staying focused, helping one another and striving to do their best will continue to be the mantra over the next two terms as we move towards the final Formal, round of Sport, Assembly, Speech Day, Valedictory Dinner, Chapel Service and HSC Exams as students of Knox Grammar School.

Finally, congratulations to James Price and Eugene Bakker on their selection in the NSW Debating Squad. This puts them in the top 13 Debaters in New South Wales with the potential to make the final cut of six in a few weeks' time. Well done!

SAM WHITE AND ANDREA WIFFEN

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

It was a delight to speak to so many parents at the morning tea on Monday, our last one as a Year 12 cohort. Scott James spoke about how proud he was of Year 12 cohort and their attitude towards the School and their co-curricular activities and in particular, their attendance at the CAS Swimming and Diving Championships.



Boys who have or wish to have GAP placements for 2020, please see the notice on page 3 of the newsletter for important information.

We are currently looking for donations for the always popular Second-hand Book Stall and the Bargain Bazaar Stall. We need you to clean out your bookcases, cupboards and garages for items no longer wanted that will become someone else's treasure on Gala Day. Drop off is Saturday 6 April. Some suggestions are books (no magazines or text books, please), toys, sporting goods, videos, DVDs, CDs, music systems, clocks, cameras, working computers, TVs, Game boys, Nintendo, Xbox, PlayStation, kitchen wares, jewellery and tools. Donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the donations of Easter eggs and noodles. It is wonderful to see so many families contributing to this wonderful cause. We are still collecting and would appreciate more donations.

The English Department is excited to take the English (Advanced) classes to see the play studied this term, Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' next term. This is a compulsory excursion and we need you to grant permission via the Parent Lounge by Monday 1 April 2019.

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall. Confucius.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK

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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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday April 4

- [Track and Field Championships](#)
Narrabeen

Friday April 5 - 12

- AFX Camp

Friday 12 April

- Term 1 concludes

Tuesday 30 April

- School resumes

Saturday 4 May

- Gala Day - 10am - 4pm

Friday 24 May 4pm - 9pm

- Opening Junior Knox Academy and Performing Arts Centre

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See full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

Thank you to all parents who attend the Student Led Conference last Monday. It was wonderful to see so many of the boys taking a leading role in the discussions and responding to the questions on the student reflection sheets. It is certainly a model that helps the boys identify their strengths and weaknesses and ensures they can move forward in a productive and positive way.



As we move towards the end of term with Cadets leaving on AFX next week, we have provided an update on a number of key issues. Please note classes will run as normal while cadets are away, although no new work will be covered. All non-cadets are expected to be in class through to the last day of term.

Half Yearly Reports: With the reports being published last Friday, we have now had the opportunity to refresh reports that now include additional marks for recently completed assessment tasks in some subjects. Colours are also included. Please note that all Knox reports are now electronic. The electronic version will be formatted to ensure ease of printing by each student if a hard copy is required.

Knox Academic Indicator (KAI) Interviews: The next KAI interviews (round 2) will start Monday 6 May and run through to Friday 10 May. As was the case with the KAI interviews last year, a 15-minute booking can be made around the availability of your son's Academic Mentor. The online booking system for this interview will open Term 2 Week 1.

Study Break Planner: Next week all boys will receive a hard copy A3 template to make a study plan over the break. This will ensure the boys will feel prepared for their return in Term 2 while ensuring they have some down time and recharge their batteries. An electronic version will be available shortly and hardcopies will be available from Mrs Billington in the WSA Management Centre.

If you have any questions about these arrangements please contact Mr Weeding or Mr Nunan.

[ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN](#)

KNOX FLIX 2019

The opportunity is here to enter our annual Short Film Festival - *Knox Flix*.

TEAMS Your team can comprise any number and combination of students, from any year group.

LENGTH Junior: 2 - 4 Minutes, Senior: 2 - 4.5 Minutes

CRITERIA The film must be an original work and produced specifically for the 2019 Knox Flix competition. The majority of your film must be student originated content. Films must clearly relate to the theme - Courage. The film specifications require a frame rate of 25 frames per second and that is in 16:9 PAL format

COPYRIGHT Your film should not include copyright music and/or material (e.g. the latest Rihanna song *I* film clip). If your film does include copyright material, your film cannot be shown outside of the School (or online) for legal reasons. Royalty free music is preferred and can be sourced online - try this [link](#)

TOOLS You may use whatever equipment and software you are able to access. The library has video cameras and tripods available for you to borrow, but if you have a mobile phone camera and know how to use iMovie on your MacBook to edit, you're ready to roll. However, make sure you film in landscape not portrait if using an iPhone!

ACTOR CONSENT All actors appearing in your film must sign the consent form giving their permission to be filmed and shown on film in public. Forms must be handed in with your film when it is submitted.

APPROPRIATENESS Films must be appropriate in content: violence and the use of vulgarity or explicit themes are not accepted (if you have doubts here, you should seek advice). Films deemed inappropriate will have the opportunity to alter their film before being automatically disqualified from the competition.

KEY DATES Friday 28th May, Week 5, Term 2: FILMS DUE

Thursday 8th June, Week 6, Term 2: 'KnOscars' Premiere and Judging Assembly

JUDGING Knox Staff will undertake initial judging to determine Finalists. Industry experts will judge the winners at the 'KnOscars' in both Junior and Senior categories.

Judging will be based on how well you use your chosen aspect, the story/plot and quality of overall production (film/sound/lighting/effects etc).

PRIZES Senior 1st \$450, Senior 2nd \$150, Junior 1st \$350, Best Cinematography \$150, Best Story/Writing \$150, Best Actor \$150
these prizes will be awarded in the form of JB Hi-Fi Gift Cards split between members of the winning team.

ENTRANCE To enter *Knox Flix*, please complete the attached registration form and hand it to the KAPA Office as soon as possible!

QUESTIONS If you have any questions (whether they are about the competition or technical), please contact [Mr Fisher](#) via email.

REGISTRATION Pre-production registration due the last Friday of term 1 Enter [Here](#)

CONCLUSION You have to be in it to win it. The scope of this project is as unlimited as your imagination and creativity. Have fun with it!



PLANNING A GAP YEAR IN THE UK OR IRELAND?

JOIN ESCORTED GAP YEAR DEPARTING FROM SYDNEY BOUND FOR LONDON ON 2ND JANUARY 2020

Escorted Gap Year provides expert travel advice and escorted travel to see students safely overseas, giving them freedom and independence, with parental peace of mind.

SPECIAL GAP MEETING
RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
7 MAY AT 6:30PM
AUDITORIUM
Entry via Henry Street Gates
ALL WELCOME!

SPECIAL GAP MEETING
SHORE SCHOOL
14 MAY AT 6:30PM
PLAYFAIR HALL
Inside Front Gates William Street
ALL WELCOME!

INCLUSIONS:

- Escorted group departure with Singapore Airlines.
- 30kg luggage allowance.
- Two experienced escorts for the group departure, remaining in London for 5 days.
- Alternate flight arrangements for students with school placements in Ireland, with direct flights to Dublin if preferred.
- Free arrival transfer & orientation tour.
- 24/7 assistance during the gap year.

OPTIONS:

- London stay at the beginning of the year.
- Optional tours on 4th January 2020.
- Topdeck tour mid-year including one night pre tour in London. Early Booking Discount!
- Independent arrangements if required.
- Excess luggage (additional cost).
- Assistance with visa application.
- Gap Group Travel Insurance at reduced rate.

For further details please contact:
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CAREERS INFORMATION

Friday 29 March - UAC - [live Facebook](#) demonstration of an undergraduate application - 12.30pm – 1pm

Tuesday 3 April – BAAcc Co-op Scholarship presentation - WSA Lecture Theatre
12.50pm – 1.30pm

Wednesday 14 May - Engineering Industry Breakfast - WSA Seniors Hall
7am – 8.20am (registrations opening soon)

Tuesday 21 May - Knox Careers Night - Great Hall - 5.30pm – 8pm



TERM 1 COLOURS BLAZER SUBMISSION



Year 12 Students will be able to submit their blazers for summer colours for embroidery during the Term 1 holidays. A member of staff from the Uniform Shop will be in the KSA during the last two weeks of Term 1 at recess and lunchtime to confirm colours received from the latest list and to complete paperwork.

All students must check the list, which will be located on the outside of the KSA Administration office.

Each student submitting a blazer must do the following:-

- Complete the [attached form](#) and ensure it is signed by a parent
- Insert the form in the top pocket of the blazer when handed in.
- All badges and personal possessions must be removed from the blazer pockets.
- The blazer must be clearly named with a laundry marker so it can be identified.
- For Colours from previous years that have been not added, the student must supply evidence of the award either by sight by a Uniform Shop staff member or copies of the certificate.

Any blazer received without the completed paperwork will not be embroidered.

Blazers must be handed in by 5.30pm on Thursday 11 April.

For students going on the Cadet Camp, their blazer must be handed in on their last day of attendance the week they leave.

The Blazers will be available for collection from 8am on Tuesday 30 April from the Uniform

Shop. If they are ready earlier, there will be a notification on the Skoolbag App and the Uniform Shop Facebook Page.

Due to the public holidays of both Easter and ANZAC, please ensure you follow the deadlines for dates of handing in your blazer.

If this deadline is missed, the next opportunity to receive colours is Term 3.



Above: Boys performing titration to determine the percentage of citric acid in orange juice



Tim Barrie on 22 March was a part of a magnificent performance from the Knox Dance Ensemble in the Francis Auditorium, acting as the Narrator for each performance whilst also performing his own tap-dance work of Frank Sinatra's 'I get a kick out of you'. A stunning and exuberant routine that was well received by the audience with its humorous retelling of a love between a man and a chair.



PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

By the end of the year we are hoping to get a collection of footage and photos of our time at Knox to show at the Valedictory Dinner. We now have a [Dropbox](#) where photos can be collected. Please click on this link to add the photos.

MESSAGE FROM MR JAMES, HEADMASTER

New work at the Senior School campus

As we near completion of the Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre (in time for the start of Term 2), we are now commencing work on a number of other projects at the Senior School campus which will better meet the needs of the boys and staff in the years ahead.

Over the last week, work has commenced on the redevelopment of the space outside the boarding precinct.

This project will provide a new undercover basketball court, an upgraded and improved locker area and administration facility for Years 7-10 and an outdoor garden and recreation space for our boarders to enjoy.

The final façade for the new works will be reflective of the Great Hall and other recent buildings.

The building works for this project will continue until approximately September 2019, subject to weather.

MR SCOTT JAMES, HEADMASTER

