

## YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

In Year Meeting this week we had a fantastic presentation from Will Degotardi, Ernest Lam, a handful of Year 11 students and prefects from Pymble Ladies' College. The presentation/discussion was on Positive Relationships. It was a two way dialogue between boys and girls in the context of the upcoming formal. The group touched on different topics and areas relevant to relationships, with examples to help provide a clear appropriate way to communicate with each other, which was well received from the Year 12 cohort. This has been something that students from both Knox and PLC have been preparing for weeks under the leadership of Will Degotardi. We want to say thank you for showing the courage to stand up and presenting such difficult conversations to a big group but also compassion towards your cohort to take the time to help them with their peer relationships.

The last Formal for the cohort of 2019 is on Thursday 27 June and it is an occasion enjoyed by students and staff. We look forward to seeing the boys dressed up and with their dates enjoying themselves after a busy three terms of Year 12. Just a friendly reminder with being a gentleman, if you have asked someone along as your partner please make sure you treat them with the upmost respect and make sure they are having a good time. If you have not communicated with them already your pick up and drop off time, do so as soon as possible. Ladies love to know plans and timings! We ask you all to make smart decisions leading into the night and a reminder that Friday 28 June is a normal school day. With only a few weeks left until Trial exams, all classes matter! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a great weekend.

ANDREA WIFFIN



### 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](#)
- [HSC Trial Timetable](#)

## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Congratulations to Mitchell Roberts and Ewan Shingler who have both qualified for the NSW All Schools Cross Country.

On Saturday 15 June, Knox once again acted as a host venue for the annual NSW Schools' Titration Competition. Eight Knox teams of three boys each (from Year 11 and 12 Chemistry) competed against six teams from Mount St Benedict College, three teams from Ravenswood School for Girls and two teams from Pymble Ladies' College. Congratulations to the following teams who were placed second and third respectively. Finn Prince, Angus Hindmarsh and Borty Oung; Craig Xu, Jackson Lee and Edward Yu. Both teams will be awarded a certificate of excellence for the level of accuracy attained in the competition. From all reports the Cadet Dining In Night was a great success.



On Wednesday 26 June, it is House Sport Day [Click here](#) for details. Please remember to bring sun screen, water bottles and, of course, your House t-shirts. As this is the last House event for you, it would be great to have a fantastic support with lots of dress up costumes on display

The Pipes and Drums Annual Dinner last Saturday was a huge success and for many of the boys who have been part of the Pipe Band since the Prep School, it was a wonderful way to complete their journey with fellow students and family.

The Cadet Passing Out Parade is on Monday 24 June and is a spectacular and emotional evening for those who are taking part in their final parade of their cadet time at Knox. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this event.

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK 9119 0885

*Good friends are like stars,  
you don't always see them,  
but you know they are there.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday 24 June

- UNSW Co-op Scholarships  
Lecture Theatre 12.50 - 1.30pm
- Cadet Passing Out Parade and Chapel Service

#### Thursday 27 June

- Careers Industry Breakfast  
Thistle Room 7am-8.20am  
[RSVP](#)

#### Thursday 27 June

- Year 12 Formal, Le Montage

### TERM 3

#### Wednesday 7 August

- Pathway into US Universities and Colleges -Lecture Theatre 12.50 - 1.30pm

### HSC Trials

- 19-20 August (Study Days)
- 21 August - 5 September
- See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

## STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

Together we have attended the Year 11 and 12 formals for many years and we always look forward to seeing the boys in a very different context. They are always dignified occasions and an ideal way to finish a very busy term.

The lead up to the formal provides an opportunity to look at interpersonal relationships. Last week the boys heard from Commander Rob Critchlow from NSW Police. He spoke about the responsibilities all citizens have in the community and in particular focussed on some aspects of being a good man. Throughout the term a group of students from Years 11 and 12 have been working with students from Pymble Ladies' College to put together a presentation on Positive Relationships. After a number of meetings between all students and many online collaboration sessions, the entire group presented to both Year 11 and 12 this week. Their presentation was heartfelt and informative. The key messages they provided included; show courtesy to each other, think twice before posting on social media, develop mutual respect for differences and stick to your personal morals and beliefs. The group showed courage and the staff from both schools were so proud of the way they conveyed their messages. Our hope is that if the boys wear a white ribbon to the formal, and on their blazer following the formal, they have taken a moment to think about the symbolism of the ribbon and how it can inform their actions in everyday life.

We would like to acknowledge the incredible work done by William Degotardi in leading this group, working in tandem with Head Pymble Prefect Onyi Nwamadi. The rest of the group included fellow Year 12 student Ernest Lam and Year 11 students William Candrick, Jeremy Dunn, James Gray, Oliver Penn, and Richard Xue. The boys really enjoyed working with Pymble and it is important to recognise the girls involved, including; Naveesha Aratchige, Grace Collins, Isabelle Croudace, Lucy Glendinning, Simonie Jenkins, Abbey Lowe, Jessica Luo, Isolde Mamo, Sophie Mo, Annabelle Richens, Sophie Roe, Isabel Ryan and Libby Woodhill. Finally a special mention to the Pymble staff involved including Mrs Nikki Wyse, Mrs Andrea Pryor and Ms Patricia Gallardo. The boys and girls are looking forward to reconvening as a group next term and presenting to the girls at Pymble at a relevant time.

Despite assessments concluding and the formal, quite rightly, becoming a priority for many over the coming days, it is important the boys plan now for their upcoming Study Break. Recharging for next term is essential, but it is also important the boys don't lose the momentum they have. In previous years, students who demonstrated significant improvements through to the HSC reported that they usually averaged a minimum of six hours of school work a day for five to six days a week during the break. Their study was complemented with a good balance of sleep (an essential study skill), recreation and social activities. We believe a good habit to develop on non-school days is to commit to starting work at the same time each day and develop a consistent routine. Many exams in both the Trial and HSC will be in the morning so a solid three-hour block from 9:00am each day will not only reinforce good habits but will simulate the time frame of these examinations. Modelling of a three hour study technique is provided in an outstanding [video](#) made by the Academic Portfolio Team last term. [A3 planners](#) for the Study Break are available from the foyer of the WSA Management Centre. Seniors' Hall will be open 8am– 4pm during the holiday period for individual and group study and sessions provided by some faculties are in a separate attachment to this newsletter.

The break will also provide an opportunity to continue doing research to complete the University Admission Centre (UAC) applications next term. All relevant information is posted on the Careers portal as soon as it becomes available. This page is being updated regularly by Mrs Gomez so it is important to consult it weekly.

We wish everyone a safe and productive break.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN



## KNOX CADET UNIT INVITATION

The Commanding Officer warmly invites you to farewell the Old Guard of 2019 at the Annual Cadet Chapel Service and Passing-Out Parade.

**Date:** Monday 24 June 2019

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** The William McIlrath War Memorial Chapel followed by Knox 1

Proceeds collected during the Offering to be donated to *Soldier On*



## WEEKLY YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTER SURVEY

We warmly invite Senior School parents and guardians to provide feedback on our Weekly Year Group Newsletters by completing our two minute survey. Your feedback will help us ensure our newsletters are best meeting your needs. Please complete the survey by Friday 28 June. [Click here to participate.](#)





**KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

## YEAR 12 SHOWCASE 2019

**SAVE THE DATE**

**When:** Friday 16 August 2019, 6.30pm-9pm  
**Where:** Great Hall and Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre, Senior School

We warmly invite all Year 12 boys and their parents to an evening showcasing and celebrating the work of our Year 12, 2019 students in the fields of Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Drama, Music, Stage 6 Visual Arts, English, Science and History.

More information will be announced closer to the date.

Image: Angus Mitchell, Year 12



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## BUSINESS INDUSTRY CAREERS BREAKFAST

**When:** Thursday 27 June 2019, 7am-8.20am  
**Where:** Theatre and Portrait Room, K61 Building, Senior School  
**Who:** Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents  
**RSVP:** By Wednesday 26 June at [www.okga.com.au/businessbreakfast](http://www.okga.com.au/businessbreakfast)  
**Contact:** Linda Gomez, Careers Advisor [gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au)

**Complimentary breakfast provided courtesy of the OKGA**

If you are considering studying and working in the Business industry this will be an important event to learn more about the many possibilities on offer.

Our guest speaker is James Hunter, KPMG Partner. James will talk about the expectations of employers and how to ensure you are work ready during your tertiary studies.

You will have direct access to industry experts including Lucas Clayton (OKG66) from Morgan Stanley and Rob Spring (OKG91), partner at PwC Australia.

This event will provide you with opportunities to discuss the industry, cadetships, vacation work and graduate roles.



Will Degotardi addressing the Year Meeting on Positive Relationships

## YEAR 12 BBQ



## PIPE AND DRUMS ANNUAL DINNER

