

## YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

Welcome back to everyone for another engaging and exciting term at Knox. We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday with family and friends and managed to take advantage of the amazing weather over the past three weeks.

This term is shaping up as another very busy one for our boys, both inside and outside the classroom. The Term 3 Assessment Tasks have already begun and it was very pleasing to see the boys working collaboratively on the English Shakespeare Task in Week 1.

Outside the classroom, we have the final three rounds of winter sport kicking off this weekend against Trinity Grammar School. Following the conclusion of the winter season, the boys will all be required to complete the Aquathon during Period 7 Sport on Friday Week 4. This is a compulsory event for all boys and will form part of their PDHPE Assessment Mark for Term 3. More details will be provided to the boys by their PDHPE Teachers and Team Leaders closer to the date.

Term 3 will also see those boys who are involved in the Track and Field program begin their summer sport trials in Week 5. Please note that boys involved in Track and Field will not be disadvantaged in regards to selections during this time. I ask that all parents remind their sons to complete their summer sport choices by Friday 2 August which was emailed to them so that we can ensure a seamless and accurate trials process.

Finally, on Thursday 19 September, all Year 7 boys are required to attend the annual CAS Track and Field Championships use official at Sydney Olympic Park as part of the Black n' Blue Army cheering our athletes as they strive for success. This evening is one of the highlights of the year and we look forward to all our boys joining the larger Knox community to cheer our team towards another victory!

Please don't hesitate to contact Carly or I should you have any questions or queries. We look forward to catching up at the various events this term.

JULIEN MANUEL - TEAM LEADER



## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

A very busy week has marked the beginning of Term 3. The boys arrived on Tuesday looking very sharp indeed! There were new haircuts, polished shoes and pressed shirts as far as the eye could see and we trust that this lasts for more than the first week! It was great to see the boys return to school with such enthusiasm. They were eager to catch up with their mates, share stories of their holidays and get into some new subjects for the semester.



One of the best tools the boys have to help them with organisation and time management is their **school diary**. As someone once said, 'Don't leave home without it'. Students should have their diary with them at school every day, for every lesson. The diary has an extremely useful section for parents too, with information on sporting venues, rules and school policy, staff contact details, uniform requirements and positive education, just to mention a few.

A reminder that Years 7 to 10 are expected to have their mobile device in their locker throughout the course of the day. If a parent has an urgent need to pass a message onto their son, he can briefly access his phone at his locker; during recess, lunch or the conclusion of the school day. Laptops will continue to be used in the classroom and can be used by the boys for school work. Boys who use their phones in class or don't follow the policy for their Year Group will have their phones confiscated and can collect their phone from their Student Administration Officer at the end of the day. If phone use continues, we will contact home and additional sanctions will be instituted. We continue to investigate tools and strategies that support students to make positive decisions in managing their online footprint. These tools are shared with the students during Mentor, Class and Year Meetings. I encourage you to take the opportunity to speak to your son about appropriate and balanced use of their mobile devices. Thank you for your ongoing support of the School as we work to instil good habits for life.

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### USEFUL LINKS

- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [Make a payment](#)
- [Knox website](#)
- [Careers](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Saturday, 27 July

- CAS Round 8 vs Trinity (Away)

#### Tuesday, 30 July

- KAPA Ensemble Photos

#### Saturday 3 August

- Year 7 Parent Supper. [Click here](#) for further details

#### Friday 9 August

- Friday Night Football vs Barker (Home)

#### Thursday 19 September

- CAS Track & Field Championships, SOPAC
- Compulsory attendance for all Year 7 students**

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

## HEAD OF JUNIOR ACADEMY

A warm welcome to all Year 7 students for the second semester of 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as I take over the reigns as Acting Head of Academy while Mr Wayne Inwood is on long-service leave. I am a Maths Teacher and the former Year 8 Team Leader so I feel I have some fresh and up-to-date intel on what life is like at Knox for a Year 7 student, having walked alongside the current Year 8 cohort, this time last year.



On the wall in my office, I have a quote which embodies my vision for this role over the next six months; and it's this: "A ship is safe in harbour, but that's not what ships are for." (William GT Shedd) The novelty and wide-eyed wonder of high-school has faded somewhat and students should be knuckling down to business as usual. As this quote suggests, I would like to see each Year 7 student find his place at this School and begin exiting the harbour, trying new activities, forming new friendships, and ultimately to see him grow in his independence and confidence. This is primarily an academic institution and boys should keep their academics front and centre. That being said, a ship needs a crew, so boys will see greater success, working collaboratively with their friends and peers. I would like to wish you all a fantastic term ahead and look forward to seeing you around the school grounds in due course.

CRAIG MILLIGAN

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Learning a language in Year 8 is mandatory at Knox. Students can choose from French, German, Japanese or Chinese. Information about selecting Year 8 languages will be emailed out to students next Monday.



All Year 8 courses are designed as beginner courses and aimed at students with little or no knowledge of the language. For example, they may have studied it in primary school. If students have a background in the language, it is usually best for them to choose a new language in Year 8. At HSC level, there are separate courses for background and heritage speakers of Japanese and Chinese.

There are many reasons to learn a language and it is a very rewarding experience; however, it is important that students choose the right language. Rather than selecting the language based on what friends are choosing or other external factors, we encourage students to choose the language that they most enjoy or connect with in some way, and so reflecting on their experiences during Languages Day in Term 2 would be beneficial. Finding some intrinsic motivation to learn the language is more likely to make it an enjoyable and successful experience that they may choose to continue with in Stages 5 and 6.

ANDREW JEPPESEN



Above: A number of Year 7 students travelled to Houston to visit NASA Space Centre. The Space Center is a leading science and space exploration learning center. Their goal is to fuel the STEM pathway and be a gateway for space exploration, science and engineering learning and innovation.



Above: This term we welcome four new students to the Class of 2024, Harry Browne, Zachary Williams, Jack Humphries and Ruoya Ni

## KAPA ENSEMBLE PHOTOS

Date: Tuesday 30 July 2019  
Time: 7am – 10.30am (approximate finish time)

To view the full schedule, please click [here](#)

### Important information:

- All students are to wear full winter school uniform. No boaters or jumpers.
- All students are to have their instruments, unpacked and in hand upon arrival.
- Please refer to the attached schedule for ensemble order and timings.
- All students are to report to the Great Hall at their advised time, as per the attached schedule, 20 minutes prior to their photo.
- After the photo, all students will return to class unless required for another ensemble.