



NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

As I reflect on the past 4 weeks, I am delighted to share with you the many educational opportunities and learning experiences our students have participated in.

We are working hard to ensure that we follow our 8 Way Pedagogical Method of Learning or in short, our KMG Way.

The KMG Way is a unique delivery, character, excellence in teaching and welfare support and the talent of our incredible staff group continues to make KMG an exceptional and Culturally safe learning environment.

We want our students to have equal opportunities to those in mainstream school as much as possible and I am excited to share with you that KMG has introduced the opportunity for selected students to become School Captains.

Year 11 and 12 students will serve for 12 months and will make up the student leadership group. The selection criteria is listed below and students will be chosen based upon a demonstration of these characteristics and attributes.

- A character that is consistent with the KMG vision
- Ability to be assertive and relate effectively with school staff and students
- Experiences in networking and liaising outside of the classroom or year level
- Well organised
- Open-mindedness
- Approachable
- Ability to liaise
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to develop a team
- Ability to network
- Capacity to listen
- Exemplary behaviour
- Good communication skills
- Willingness to embrace extra commitment
- Commitment to academic studies
- Commitment to the school (demonstrated by attendance at school functions, carnivals, etc)
- Good attendance record
- Commitment to the position
- Enthusiasm and respect for school activities
- Passionate about the improvement of the school.

EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR Continued

School Routine Expectation – 'KMG CHECK IN'

Students are expected to be in their check in class from 8:45am. Year Level Coordinators are marking the roll from 8:45am until 9:00am. Here at KMG we like to start everyday by 'Checking In' by asking all our of our students 4 simple questions.

1. How was their afternoon or evening?
2. What time did you manage to go to sleep?
3. Is there anything on your mind that you would like to talk about with someone?
4. Are you ready to learn today?

Our KMG Way is to encourage our students to 'Check in' so that we can better support the individual student as each student engages in school in a different way. Our ultimate goal is ensure that students start the day off right and to eliminate any barriers that will hinder their daily routine. This will in turn enable students to focus on their studies. All KMG Staff are dedicated to nurturing and encouraging student success as well as supporting responsible future leaders.

Breakfast Club

Eating breakfast before starts school helps with concentration and increased energy. This is commonly known globally. Here at KMG we believe that all students deserve to start each day knowing that food is available should they want it. Many students look forward to sharing a meal together and by providing 'Breakfast Club' we believe it helps our students achieve their best in the classroom.

School Uniform Expectation

Thank you all for supporting the school to ensure our uniform is being worn on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are very proud of our school uniform and will continue to encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride on the allocated days.

2021 Student Laptop Agreement Form

This week, students will be provided with the Student Laptop Agreement Form. This document needed to be returned by Friday 19th February 2021. If this has not been completed, please contact your Year Level Coordinator or the KMG Office.

EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR Continued

Behaviour Watch

We are starting to see a few different behaviours around the school. Please remember that whilst we all have our own story to tell, we must adhere to the 'Code of Conduct'.

1. At KMG we treat people and their culture with respect and courtesy.
2. We treat our environment with respect.
3. We follow instructions appropriately.
4. We care for each other and make everyone feel safe and valued.
5. Everyone strives to do their best.

Every now and then I get to take my ESD hat off and cover classes where needed. Below are a few pictures of a whole school HPE session that focussed on basketball skills and drills.



The girls keeping it deadly, showing the boys their B-ball Skills



The boys working on their washboard Abs. Here we have A'keeleez James-Hankin 'Pups' still going after 5 minutes! He needed a bit of help with his core stability so did it the 'KMG Way' and got some help from a friend 'Wilson' the basketball. Innovation at it's finest!

CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 7/8 had an amazing day out at the reef last Wednesday. They drove to Airlie beach early in the morning and got the Cruise Whitsunday boat out to the reef where they snorkeled and got to see coral, lots of different fish and a turtle!



Year 9/10's have been learning about chemical reactions in Science. Last week they tested various metals in acid solutions to see if a reaction occurred. Hydrogen gas was produced and was seen as bubbles of gas. The students tested that this gas was hydrogen through the pop test. They lit the gas which was coming out of the test tube during the chemical reaction and a large pop noise was heard!!



K	Potassium	Most reactive
Na	Sodium	
Ca	Calcium	
Mg	Magnesium	
Al	Aluminium	
Zn	Zinc	
Fe	Iron	
Pb	Lead	
H	Hydrogen	
Cu	Copper	
Hg	Mercury	
Ag	Silver	
Au	Gold	Least reactive

Reactivity decreases

Year 11's have been learning skills of measuring accurately with science equipment including pipettes and burettes.



Two of these students are not complying with workplace health and safety standards. Can you pick which two?

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

Salon Assist Cert with Ceah, Haley and Courtney

Students have commenced their first practical application of theory they have been learning about the last few weeks in the Cert II for Salon Assist with CQU. The students in these pictures were required to demonstrate the entire process of ASSESSING A CLIENTS HAIR



Haylee and Ceah



Courtney



Ceah

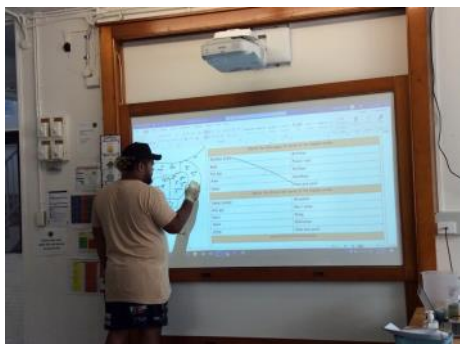
2021 QCIA Unit Overview—VETiS



Here we have a picture of 3 Year 11 students Braden Poli, Jacob Barba and Kiah Giddings on their first day attending their Certificate 2 in Engineering Pathways. Future Boiler makers in the making, all the best!

YEAR 7/8 NEWS

The students were privileged to have their YLC Selwyn Burkhardt share some of his Torres Strait Islands culture. They learnt about the geography of the TSI group of islands as well as the language of different regions, animals and performance instruments. What an amazing learning experience. Can you see the Gor or Rattle type instrument? Too Deadly!



On Wednesday of week 3 the, the student's spent the morning at ARC to practice their snorkelling skills. For some students (and staff), this was their first attempt /experience with snorkelling

A good time was had by all, and culminated in good preparation to using their new skills during their excursion to the Great Barrier Reef (covered above on page 4).



YEAR 11 NEWS

The Year 11 students have been very busy and are still getting into a regular routine. Year 11 Students are spending whole days on Tuesday's and Thursday's out at the Trade Centre at the Ooralea Campus as well as our online students who study Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The students also spend Friday mornings out at the Science Labs at Ooralea and will soon be visiting other places that relate to their applied sciences subject such as the water treatment centre and the Mackay Community gardens. Some Year 11 students will be doing a number of practical assessments throughout the year so stay tuned for more updates.



Holly and Tawera concentrating.



Kiah and Jack getting it done!

YEAR 12 NEWS

The Year 12 students have been very busy with their studies. Some days they are at school and other days they are attending classes over at CQUni.

Below you can see two of our students working hard on their math exercises. They have been working on scale drawings all week with Miss Elise.



Melitta Hankin has been busy with her studies at CQUni and is enjoying working towards completing her Certificate 2 in Hospitality.

Melitta said that she really enjoys her course and has made a few new friends. She enjoys the enthusiasm that her tutor has when teaching them but most of all she likes the opportunities to do a lot of practical tasks.

Last week they learnt how to make Lemon Lime & Bitters, how to pour beverages and make mocktails. Next week she gets to start her Barista Skills which means she will learn how to make coffees and navigate her way around a commercial coffee making machine. Melitta said she would also like to get her Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA).

YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

The past few weeks have been really busy here at KMG. There is never a dull moment and I sometimes amaze myself at how well I can actually be in so many different places in such a short space of time! On one hand I am really happy that I can help support our students, but sometimes I just need a good 5 minutes or so to gather my thoughts and plan my next move.

This past fortnight we have seen 20 of our senior students (Year's 11 and 12's) attend their various VETiS courses held either at CQUni City or Ooralea Campuses. This means that they need rides to and from course, some need to be fed, others need their PPE gear, its all in a days work.

Our year 12 students have also been keeping themselves busy on a Friday when they do Sport and Rec with CQUni. These students have taken up the challenge to starting a committee which will coordinate, learn, plan and organize a sporting competition on campus in the coming weeks so please stay tuned for more news about that soon.

One of our senior girls Courtney Pilcher trialed out for the u18 rugby league team but with stiff competition and 34 girls trialing for 15 positions. Courtney put up a fierce fight but was unsuccessful in her efforts.

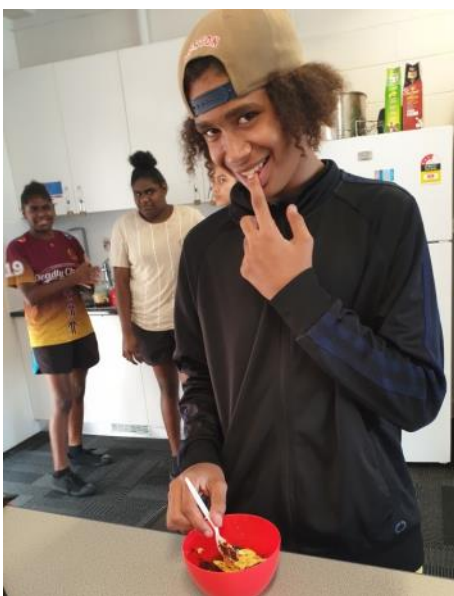
Our daily lunches have changed from our initial KMG lunch packs. Now we try to give our students a more substantial meal to help get them through the day. Some of the meals the students have enjoyed over the past fortnight include chicken rolls, ham and cheese toasties, Mongolian, roast meals, and curry and rice.

LIFE SKILLS

Boxing on a Monday Afternoon



Cooking on a Tuesday afternoon, Rocky Road never tasted so good!



Other News



This is one of our new year 7 student's Ryan. He wanted to go out and play basketball but there were only senior boys out there and he was too shy and too afraid to ask to play.

Ryan built up the courage to ask if he was able to have a shot with the big boys to which they all agreed. There was one problem, he actually had never played basketball before. So the group of year 11 students were patient with him, they showed him how to stand, how to hold the ball and how to do a jump shot.

The photo on the left is when he held the ball for the very first time, the picture on the right is taken after his 5 minute lesson. Look at the difference! - and YES he did make the shot.

This is our interpretation of the KMG Way—Deconstruct—Reconstruct. The older students broke it down and showed him, they helped him until he was confident to make a shot. We can all learn a little something from Ryan about setting goals, overcoming our fears and taking challenges on and following through to give it our best shot.