



NEWSLETTER

TERM: 2 WEEKS: 1-2 YEAR: 2021

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Welcome back to term 2, 2021!

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank our ancestors for the struggles they endured for country, belief systems, language and culture. Without them fighting for what they believed in and lighting the pathway for us to continue for our future generations we would have no 'Why'. We do what we do here because we are living the life that they could only dream of, so it is imperative that we continue to carve out future pathways for future generations to come so that they can all realise their potential and thrive.

I believe from speaking to our students we have created a safe meeting space where all who have joined us finally feel a sense of belonging where they can take down their barriers, fears and historic traumas and confidently walk together with us on their educational pathways.

Here at KMG we can support and nurture up to 60 students from years 7-12. We are in a prime central location as it works better for our students and families.

Our KMG family consists primarily of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, many of whom have not had positive experiences and or disengaged from mainstream institutions.

Here we believe that it is essential to feature Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, especially our spiritual and cultural connection to our environment, namely the land and sea and our commitment to family, community, and maintaining our indigenous integrity. Our KMG Way provides multiple learning environments that uphold our school motto of Knowledge, Culture and Respect.

The KMG way: At KMG successes are routinely celebrated whether academic or social, large or small. The focus is on developing confident young people with a high sense of self-worth. Challenges are redirected as opportunities for learning and teaching, giving feedback and implementing alternative strategies. The desire to attend KMG grows from a sense of belonging to family; the KMG family, a sense of feeling safe and being supported no matter what the day throws at you. Each day is treated as a new day.

High expectations for academic success, tailored to the individual.

At KMG students are immersed in an educational program that reflects a student's individual learning journey. Units reflect the Australian Curriculum content and skills and incorporate the Aboriginal 8 ways of learning methodology. This embraces the cultural heart of the school. Teaching and Learning experiences are developed to include and emphasise the identity of our ATSI students and how their cultural knowledge and experiences enhance the classroom learning. Students celebrate passing subjects that they previously failed to succeed in. Life skills and our Alternate Learning Centre (ALC), together with a sense of identity and belonging, support and enhance these successful achievements.

KMG Parent Voice

"my children were disengaged from mainstream school and I wanted them to stay at school and have an education (because I didn't have one). If I had been offered a KMG school when I was a child – then I would have gone further with my education. It is a great opportunity. Look at my daughter – she's in Year 12 and doing great- I never thought she would get this far; she's ahead with her work and even through our personal struggles she is hitting her goals".

2021 QCIA Unit Overview—VETiS



Students as part of their numeracy studies were required to complete an assessment task that involved reading a series of directions and construct a plane made from paper.

Introducing Hunter Milikins one of our Year 11 students. Hunter started with KMG this year and has been trying his best to stay on track. He enjoys coming to school but also admits that he doesn't like doing school work all day long.

Whilst this task was full of complexities Hunter persisted and completed the task with a high level of success. He even took upon himself to make a few prototypes prior to constructing the final product which you see in the photo

This picture of Hunter also shows a few 'Wins' for us here in the ALC.

- Hunter showed up to class ready to learn
- Hunter engaged and participated in the class exercise
- Hunter didn't complain once!
- Hunter 'kind of' cracked a smile, and was happy to have his picture taken for the newsletter

Well done Hunter, we look forward to more engagement over the next 8 weeks.

2021 QCIA Unit Overview—VETiS



At KMG there are several students participating in a Vocational Educational program of their choice.

This student is currently enrolled in Cert II Salon assist and has completed a large percentage of her first major piece of assessment which was to greet a client and then provide with them a shampoo service.

This achievement has been attained due to the students diligence to the requirements of the program and also due to the individual support provided to her by various KMG staff.

Each week in the program the students are shown a different practical skill and then provided the opportunity to master these skills whilst interacting and performing these task on clients that come to the CQU Hairdressing salon seeking a hair service.

The interaction between the students and clients is a positive process to exposing KMG students to real-life working situations and mixing more with members of the community

YEAR 7/8 NEWS

The Year 7/8 class has had an exciting start to Term 2!! We were excited to welcome Miss Renae who will teach us HPE, Alun who will teach us Science, and Justin, who will be our Maths teacher this Term.

CODING: For Technology this Term, the Year 7/8 class will be studying Robotics.

This week we have become familiar with various coding programs and have been investigating coding using an EV3 block.

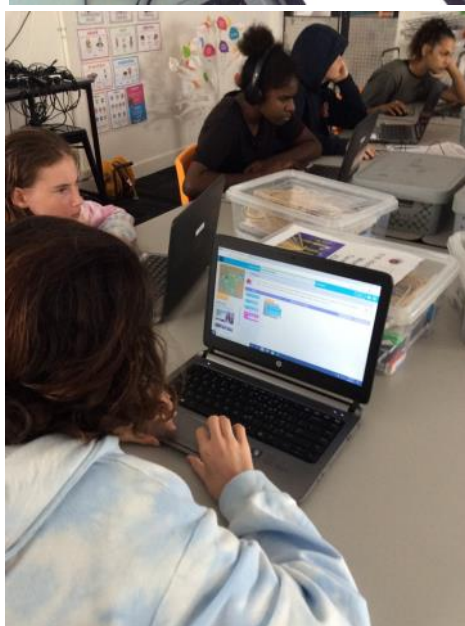
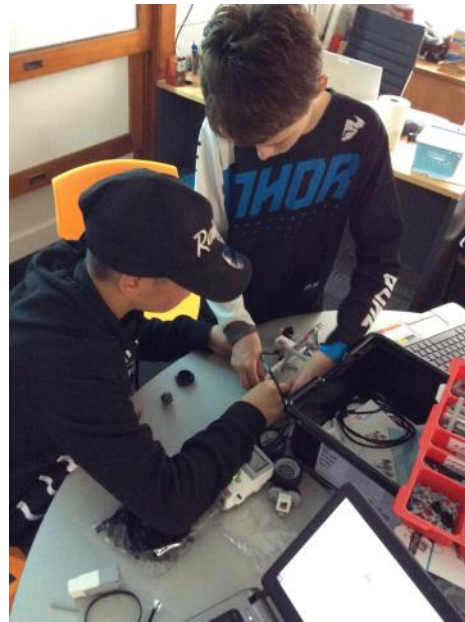
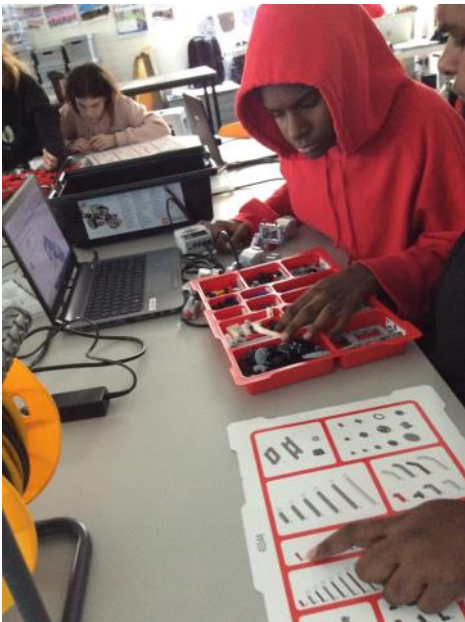
We are also happy to welcome to the school, Mrs Sandra Bayliss from Mercy College Mackay, who is assisting us with robotic navigation and coding.

A big thank you to Mercy College for releasing Mrs Bayliss and assisting us with this new learning area.

I'm sure you'll agree from the photos, that this is an amazing experience and that the students are very engaged in the challenge

STEM: As part of our Ancient History Unit this term, Year 7/8 will be including some STEM activities.

These activities are a combination of the Science, Technology, English and Mathematics curriculum that involve a lot of analysis, planning and problem solving. Our photos are of the students trying to build a Medieval Battering Ram. Construction "to be continued".



YEAR 9/10 NEWS

Welcome back to my students. You have all been great and settled in really well this term. I am very proud of your efforts especially the way that you have all been actively engaging and participating in all of your classes. It's really good to see how well you have worked with our new Math and Science teacher Mr Alun Tunnah, and soaked up all of the new learnings so well. Well done, I can't wait to see how much you will all grow over the next 8 weeks.

Kristi Giblett (YLC)

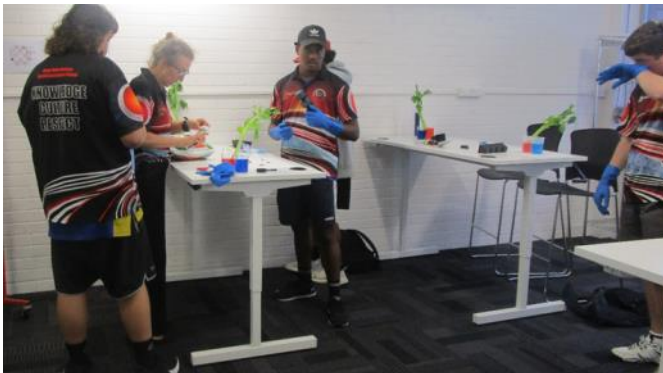
The following pictures were taken on Alun's first day here at KMG. The students were on their weekly science excursion out at CQUniversity Ooralea Campus and had just started their Water Treatment module. Here they are collecting and analysing their water samples in the science labs.



YEAR 11 NEWS

Welcome back to my Year 11 students. I am very happy with the progress that is being made by all of you so far this term. You have all been working really hard on your short courses (numeracy and literacy) Applied Sciences, Math and English. You have also been showing enthusiasm during this terms life skill sessions as well as working hard to succeed on your Tafe courses. Well done Year 11 keep up the great work.

Below are pictures of the students and their experiments for Applied Sciences. They will be learning to grow a vegetable garden over the next 8 weeks as well as research that needs to be done in regards to what can ideally be grown here in Mackay at this time of year. Stay tuned as we will be following the students and their growing successes. During Week one, some students planted dwarf bean seeds. We checked on them one week later and they have already sprouted. So far all is going as planned. They also did an experiment with celery, we will capture the outcome next newsletter.



Year 11 Student Profile: - LUKUS WILLIS

Lukus is one of our Year 11 students. He enjoys coming to KMG, attending Tafe and is hoping to get an apprenticeship. He was also successful in getting his Learner License!

Well done Lukus, keep up the great work!

YEAR 12 NEWS

Welcome back to our Year 12 students. You have all worked really well so far and have settled in really well from the 2 week school holidays.

Thank you all for settling in and just getting your work done in all of your subjects, Life skills sessions and Tafe courses.

I really look forward to see you all succeed over the next 8 weeks.

Well done seniors.

Aisha Barba (YLC)



YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

Welcome back to school everyone, I hope you all had a well deserved break.

We have a couple of short weeks with Anzac Day and Labour Day and as much as its always great to have time off I just wanted to remind students and parents that it also means that students lose a couple of days in regards to their studies.

Catching up on work can be a bit of a chore for some of our students so if at any point you feel stressed out, or need someone to talk to please remember to speak with your YLC so that they can make an appointment to come and see me, or if need be I can work with you to get extra support from one of our many community organisations.

I'm here to ensure that you always have someone to talk to when you need to.

It's been a great start to term 2 and I have to say students are in high spirits. Let's continue to be Deadly, and work hard to achieve your educational goals.

Andrew Malayta.

LIFE SKILLS

Our Creative Arts program started off with great enthusiasm from students. The class was full to capacity. Check out the students masterpieces. Thank you Ms Mel for your passion and patience, we cant wait to see the next project.



LIFE SKILLS

Strength Program with Uncle Norm and Phil.

This term students were able to start a new life skill program called strength. Students get an opportunity to work with a master craftsman. They will be making a wooden box from scratch. They will learn how to measure up, use hand tools and chisels to create an original piece to take home. In week 1 students had to learn the names of all of the tools they will be using at some point and do an inventory. They also got to choose their piece of wood too.



Group effort sorting out what tools there were.



What do you think these tools are used for?

In week 2 students were able to start measuring their wood and learnt a lot about measurements, marking lines and using an unusual tool that marked out their lines. They are ready to get started on using chisels next week.



↑ What's this called? ↑



Other News

This year KMG is selling raffle tickets for the annual 'Great Community Fundraiser'

Prize: new 2021 Nissan Qashqai ST Auto – donated by North Jacklin Motor Group (prize is not redeemable for cash)

Raffle Sales Start: 1st April \$2 per ticket, 10 tickets per book = \$20 per book

Ticket sales open to all staff and parents/carers

Raffle Sales End: 6th August

Raffle Drawn: 16th August

Winner will be notified by phone and published on The Daily Mercury website, Wednesday 18th August 2021.

If you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing tickets or books, please contact our school administrator when you are in next or call the school office to find out more details.

Alternatively contact Lisa Johnston on 07 4829 4302.

Please note that no ticket will be given without payment up front.

All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to KMG 😊 **GOTTA BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!!**

Kutta Mulla Gorinna and North Queensland Primary Health Network Mackay Partnership

Health, Wellbeing and KMG Community

Student health, wellbeing and engagement are not only important in their own right, but also have a positive impact on learning outcomes, and as such underpin several of the North Queensland Primary Health Network Initiatives.

We know that a supportive environment that combines a focus on wellbeing with a focus on learning is optimal — without one, the other will not happen.

With this partnership our school enables us to provide further inclusive environments that nurture the wellbeing of all KMG family members, so they become resilient lifelong learners who respond positively to their changing world and pursue their passions with confidence.



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Formal Event

*FREE ENTRY includes 3 COURSE MEAL
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DATE: WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2021

TIME: 6:30PM - 10:00PM

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