



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EDITION 2

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EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

It is great to be back at school! It has been a fantastic week.

I am extremely impressed by the way our students have settled into the school routine.

As we reach the end of week three, our teaching and learning programs are now in full swing. I encourage all students and parents to contact the school year level coordinators if you are having issues or problems with anything KMG related. Leaving the issue unresolved increases the chance of students not being able to meet the KMGWay.

At KMG.....

We Believe in: Knowledge & Culture

We Value: Respect

Our targets have been set for 2022 and are aspirational and of course achievable:

- 93% attendance
- 90% A – C achievement across all subjects
- 100% QCE

Over the past week, I met with the CEO from Headspace. Apparently 😊, KMG is doing innovative work with disengaged or at-risk of disengaging youth in the Mackay region and has a unique perspective on youth supports and services.

This meeting was to discuss a partnership that allows headspace locally to work with KMG in creating an innovative model that 'ACTUALLY' enables our young people to access the service.

I have also met with Nigel Dalton from Queensland Police Service who is eager to be adopted by KMG as KMG's adopt a cop KMG style. Nigel and I have also expressed that KMG and Queensland

Police Services should come together in the KMGWay to celebrate a long overdue start to reconciliation by partnering for a true 'reconciliation' event in 2022.

Could we see KMG students taking on the Queensland Police Service in a friendly game of IDA?
WATCH THIS SPACE.....

In closing, a huge thank you to all staff for their organisation, participation and hard work.

A big congratulations to all the students who for their tremendous behaviour, positive attitude to learning and genuine respect.

With only seven weeks (not that I am counting 😊) until the end of term one, the year is off to a great start, and I look forward to the continuation of this.

Regards,

Justin Giblett
Executive School Director

CURRICULUM NEWS

Our Cert II Engineering students kicked off on Thursday. The CQU VETiS program provides students with the opportunity to achieve job readiness and gain:

1. practical hands-on training
2. valuable skills for greater employability
3. credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
4. real trade skills and qualifications while completing high school
5. a competitive edge in the employment marketplace
6. credit towards further study

Check out Gavin in his new Cert II Engineering Pathways kit.



YEAR 7/8 CLASSROOM NEWS

I would like to extend the warmest welcome to all the students especially the 7/8 class. We have had a fantastic few days here at KMG, and some super exciting things to come in the near future. We also have a new class mascot, Dorrie is our pet Fighting Fish who keeps a good eye on us all.

We have done some exciting experiments with food colouring, milk and dish washing detergent and some cool stuff with balloons in our Science sector with Pete. Eleanor did some experiments with food colouring in hot and cold-water experiments in our Technology sessions.

It's great to see our students are very focused on their studies and encourage them to keep up the good work.



YEAR 9 CLASSROOM NEWS

First WELCOME, I would like to start with saying what a deadly first week for our year 9 students. We are all slowly getting the hang of things here at KMG for 2022 with having a lot of new year 9 students and myself also being new. We started the school week off with a great HPE class that was blended in with the year 7/8s and 10 class -activities included dodgeball, high and a school favourite Ida. Our new HPE teacher Amy did a fantastic job keeping them going for the whole lesson 😊

In Science the kids seem to enjoy learning about energy, making electrical circuits and making electricity with the resources given in class with the batteries and wires and little lights. Pete did a fantastic job by keeping them amused and learning new things 😊. Looking forward to next week and the rest of term with our deadly year 9s. We have a great class that are all doing a great job being present and smashing out their work 😊 Hoping you all had a great week as much as I have! Thank you all for a great official first week back in the classroom.



YEAR 10 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome!! To our wonderful Year 10 students, it has been exciting to see familiar faces and am looking forward to guiding this class through to the end of the year.

It is awesome to see our students eager to learn about new things and wanting to engage more in our sessions here at KMG.

YEAR 11 CLASSROOM NEWS

All parents and carers will hear from Cassy in the coming week. We know *'wonderful things happen when great relationships are formed.'*

YEAR 12 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome back students and families

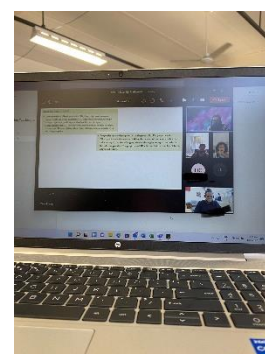
Our year 12's started their final year participating in online lessons. We have been having constant conversations about some difficulties the students might be presented with during the period they are attending online classes and how they can limit those distractions around them during a class session. And I must say, apart from a couple of minor technical issues the students got off to a flying start. Well done year 12's!

The year 12's are in a bigger room this year so I aim to make the space a common area for the year 11 and 12's alike to enjoy while they are having some downtime. This will be accessible to them when there is staff supervision.

I am looking forward to great year and graduating our year 12 cohort.

Simone Mooney

Year 12 – Learning Support Officer



R SPACE NEWS

Our Breakfast, Morning Tea and Lunch program will continue in 2022. There will be some changes to the program though. 2 representatives from a class each week, will report to the year level coordinator and/or youth support coordinator 15 minutes prior to each break and be given instructions on what needs to be organised for the break times. At assembly each week, the specific class will be updated. Students will be directed to undergo these duties during their respective check-in session.

All parents and carers will hear from Andrew, Dayna, and Helen in the coming weeks. These phone calls will just be an introduction. *Wonderful things happen when great relationships are formed.*

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE

The Department of National Indigenous Australians Agency have again agreed to fund another 12 months for the Alternative Learning Centre.

The Alternative Learning Centre is the space where intensive wrap around supports occur for students who require it.

Kutta Mulla Gorinna School thanks the NIAA for their continued support and hope to carry on a partnership into the future 😊

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

We have so many students at KMG achieving remarkable things and we want to highlight them all. We share student achievements on our social media platforms and our school newsletter.

We want to celebrate our students' achievements, so if you are aware of any that we should celebrate (big or small), please advise us all via email – office@kmg.qld.edu.au.

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. YIRS One Stop Youth Shop are hosting the Learner License Program on February 17th, March 17th, and April 28th. If you would like you to participate in the program and are between 16 – 18 years of age, please see Helen. **You must supply your Birth Certificate, Student ID (Signed), Bank Statement, Current Health Care Card and Medicare Card.**

KMG STUDENT NOTICES

1. School Uniforms are available to purchase. KMG now has school shorts which form part of the uniform. As part of your school levy, you do get a school shirt and a pair of shorts. Parent/Carer just need to pay the first term at the minimum to receive the uniform pack. Uniform days are still Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. **If you have financial difficulty, please see Helen or Dayna.**
2. The student transport assistance program will commence when safe to do so. Please be advised, that you will need to complete an application and have it returned. The ESD will process the applications asap to ensure that all students requiring transport assistance are catered to. **Please see Helen or Dayna for an application.**
3. School ID cards will then be distributed on Wednesday 15th February. *If you were absent for on the day if school photos please see Tavis in admin.*

COVID19 NEWS

As you may well be aware there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 detected in our school. We ask that you monitor yourself and your family members for any symptoms. If you are displaying any symptoms or not feeling please stay at home and we ask that you please get yourself or your child tested in a nearby Queensland Health testing clinic.

Masks are to be worn at all times during school hours.

At KMG we are advising all students, staff, parents, carers, and visitors that we will be collecting specific information to ensure fast and efficient contact tracing. Any student or staff member that feels COVID19 symptoms, whilst at school are encouraged to head to the office and advise the team.

Be COVID safe



Wear a mask when you're required to



Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)



Maintain good hygiene



Get tested and stay at home when sick



Get vaccinated



Use the Check in Qld app for effective contact tracing



Rapidly responding to outbreaks



Travel restrictions from hotspots

SCHOOL PHOTO BOARD

