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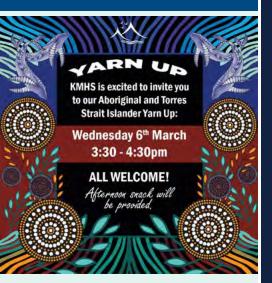
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2024 SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS - PAGE 7





Well done, to all staff and students, for fabulous organisation, running and participation in the 2024 KMHS Swimming Carnival!

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MONDAY 19 February

26 February 27 February

TUESDAY

20 February Open Boys Touch Football Connecting Cultural Pathways

WEDNESDAY 21 February

Mudgee later this year. Well done!

Year 7 Life Changer

YEAR 7 PARENTS: MEET & GREET BBQ YEAR 11 INFO EVENING

28 February

Year 12 Legal Studies Year 7 Life Changer

THURSDAY

22 February

Congratulations, to our Year 9 boys Austen and Noah, on their selection into the Sydney North 15s Touch Football team. The boys will compete in the NSWCHS tournament in

Open Boys Touch Football

29 February

FRIDAY

23 February Rock and Water

CATCH UP PHOTO DAY

Rock and Water



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND KMHS STUDENTS

As we begin Term 1 2024, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our families, both new and existing. We have had a great start to the term and I look forward to meeting with our families in the weeks ahead.

2023 ENDED ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE:

KMHS had some outstanding results in the HSC, which is a great source of pride for the school. In addition, I want to congratulate all students, who completed their high school journey last year, whether moving onto further education, commencing employment or entering into a trade qualification.

I truly believe the best outcomes for all students are achieved through a team approach based on clear communication between families and the school.

I want to encourage you to contact the school with any queries you may have in respect to your child's educational journey.

STAFF CHANGES IN 2024

- CONGRATULATIONS, TO JANETTE
 MILLER, appointed substantively
 to the SASS support position
 advertised at the end of
 last year. Janette will be a
 welcome asset to our school.
- OUTGOING TAS TEACHERS: Last year we farewelled Mr Klempert to a new position, Ms Johnstone and Mr Brasting, who have taken leave to teach overseas and in Western Australia.
- INCOMING (RELIEVING) TAS
 TEACHERS: We are fortunate
 to welcome three new staff
 members in the TAS faculty:
 Mr Pike, Ms Pugsley and Ms
 Alegre. I am sure you will
 be excited to get to know
 them in the year ahead.

KEY DATES AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Attendance Matters:

In 2023, the school refined attendance procedures and I communicated this regularly with families, where the main points are outlined below:

- FOR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL the expectation is for students to attend at least 95% of the year
- PARENTS/CARERS ARE REQUIRED TO communicate any student absence to the school in a timely manner. Please ensure you provide the reason for your child's absence and contact the school should you need support with your child's attendance.
- RESEARCH HAS SHOWN that students who miss two days of school a month (WHICH LONG-TERM EQUATES TO FOUR WEEKS OF A SCHOOL YEAK), will be educationally at risk of not completing optimum learning.
- ATTENDANCE is a **TEAM EFFORT** between the school and families.

 Please be mindful of having your child arrive on time to school, as even partial absences can contribute to long-term attendance concerns.

Below is a link to the Department's Attendance policy for further clarification: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02.pdf

Mobile Phone Policy:

MOBILE PHONES ARE BANNED IN ALL NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS (introduced in Term 4 2023). Students in public high schools across NSW must have their mobile phones turned off and out of sight, unless needed for a medical reason. There have been positive improvements at KMHS since the policy was implemented.

- There has been a noticeable increase in social interactions between students.
- Learning concentration has significantly improved with the ban on phones.

Mobile phone pouches are issued to all students. Please ensure your child has their phone in the pouch as they arrive at school. Staff are regularly positioned on the front gate to welcome students and check their phones are in pouches.

Please contact Mr White, the Deputy Principal, if you have any questions regarding this policy. **Your support of this policy is greatly appreciated.**

Uniform:

Kariong Mountains High School prides itself on being a uniform school. It is a requirement of students to wear the uniform appropriately and every day. *A school uniform:*

- Provides a platform for a student to feel included and have a sense of belonging with the school.
- Provides safety for students as they are readily identifiable in the school setting.
- Economically supports parents and carers as additional clothing is not required through the week.
- Prepares students for expectations of employers for future pathways in respect to professional dress.
- Contributes to the development of our core value Unity.

Hooded jumpers, except for the school hooded jumper, and tights/leggings are not to be worn as part of the uniform.

In addition, students are required to wear black leather or suede upper shoes, in line with the Department's WHS policy:

Thank you, to all families, for your support in this area!







• BLACK ENCLOSED LEATHER SHOES • WHITE SOCKS







Wear our school uniform with pride

WELCOMING OUR FAMILIES PERIODICALLY THROUGH KMHS GATES:

KMHS provides several opportunities for families to engage with the school, including information nights, a meet and greet BBQ, performance nights and more.

My aim this year, is to encourage our new and younger families to visit our school and experience the great things we have to offer in curriculum, welfare support and diverse educational pathways. Our first event for the year is a Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ and Year 11 Assessment Information night on Wednesday 21st February.





Please watch the KMHS website calendar for updates or follow our socials on Instagram and Facebook. We look forward to seeing our community in the times ahead.

NEW SCHOOL PLAN FOR KMHS AND DEPARTMENT:

2024 is an exciting time for KMHS, as we will be embarking on a new school plan for 2024-2027, alongside the new NSW Public Education plan that has been released. Below is a link to the DoE plan:

Our Plan for NSW Public Education

A draft of the KMHS plan will be completed by the end of Term 1.



Our Plan for NSW Public Education

NSW Department of Education

		,	Consultable and	DITTI I		
Together we will	Advance equitable outcomes, opportunities and experiences	Strengthen trust and respect for the teaching profession and school support staff	Give children the best start in learning	Deliver outstanding leadership, teaching and learning	Strengthen student wellbeing and development	Provide meaningful post-school pathways
With actions that	- Foster a culture that values diversity by advancing reconcilation and eliminating barriers - Finanze schools have access to the - Finanze schools have access to the - Protriction resources where they are needed most - Develop targeted, differentiated, evidence-informed inflatives and supports - Brown of the Company o	- Address staffing shortages - Attacts and return more high-quality teachers, especially in high need locations and specialist subject trees - Ensure mittel teacher education is the subject of the subj	- Increase errofment and participation in preschool for all children in preschool for all children in Bull of mer public preschools con concein delin public primary schools - Create better transitions between Concein continuous preschools - Create better transitions between Concein Co	Support schools to deliver school excellence through continuous improvement Deliver effective tracching practices deliver the school of the school	- Implament evidence-informed, whole-school wellberg approaches: - Create positive school cultures that value studient vace - Build partnerships with students the support they need - Provide equitable access to exvice by building partnerships across agencies - Provide equitable access to exvice by building partnerships across agencies - Expend coursing the school of the support they are accessed to the school of the support they are accessed to the school of the support to the school of the school o	- Cinhance access to high-quality occasional education and training (VET) in schools, school-based (VET) in schools, school-based and HOS pathways of the property of the pro
So	Every learner receives a high-quality education that enables them to excel	Our teachers and staff feel valued, included and supported to perform at their best	All children have the best start in life	Every student achieves ambitious learning goals every year	Every student is known, valued and cared for	Every student finishes school ready to succeed in their chosen pathway as an informed, responsible citizen
And we'll measure success by	Reducing gaps in student outcomes, due to structural inequities Increasing community confidence in public education	Increasing the number of school staff so supply meets demand Increasing the proportion of teachers and school staff who feel valued, trusted and respected in their profession	Increasing the proportion of children enrolled in preschool Increasing the proportion of children who are developmentally on track	Improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students Increasing the proportion of students completing Year 12 in public schools	Increasing the proportion of students reporting a sense of belonging Increasing attendance rates	Increasing the proportion of students who take up university, training or work in the year after school
Enabled by	Support	services that are efficient, effective and	easy to access	School infrastructure that me	ets the needs of a growing population and	supports improved student outcomes

Click on preview image above to download the poster: 'Our Plan for NSW Public Education'.

AA Equity

REVIEW OF KMHS REPORTING PROCEDURES:

I am seeking feedback from our parent community in regards to student reports and community satisfaction of them. Please use the link below to access the feedback form - information will be used to inform directions in this area, for the new school plan: https://forms.gle/9R6AWux8P559HdpZ6

Your input is valued and appreciated.

Kariong Mountains High School is a great school, with many initiatives available for students to achieve success to the best of their ability. Navigating the adolescent years is often a challenging path, and it is my firm belief that the partnership between school and our families is critical to achieving success for our students. Clear and positive communication is a fundamental need and one that I will continue to foster with our school community. I welcome your input for our school, and the positive relationships we can build in the future.

2023 SCHOOL DUX

It is my great pleasure to announce that Olivia Cartwright is the school Dux for 2023.



Olivia's committed application and effort is reflected in her outstanding results of four band 5's and one band 6, culminating in an ATAR achievement of 85.9.

On behalf of the school, I would like to congratulate Olivia on this achievement and wish her all the best for her journey ahead.

I am looking forward to sharing more student successes with you in the year ahead.

Mrs Donna James **Principal**





Welcome back to all students. I hope all families had a safe and happy break. As always, the new scholastic year is shaping up to be as busy as ever with quality learning and many other extracurricula opportunities. Let's make this a positive year by setting goals and focussing on achieving these high expectations.

Following are a few short organisational reminders:

WE ARE A UNIFORM SCHOOL, which sits within our value of UNITY. All students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. On rare occasions, where this is not possible, students need to see me or Hub teacher before 8:50am Check-in to get a uniform pass. A note from home is also required. Detentions will be issued to students who do not comply.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:50AM EACH DAY and students are expected to be on time. When a lateness is expected, a note or phone call to the front office is required.

ATTENDANCE IS KEY TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. When students are absent from school a notification from parents / caregivers is required on or before the day of return. This can be done via a note, email or phone call.

PARENT/CARER NEEDS TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, whenever a student has a legitimate reason to leave early. Arrangements can then be made to have your child ready to be collected and we can update our attendance records.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMPASS INFORMATION to ensure all contact details are accurate. This is essential if we need to make contact with families, sometimes during emergency circumstances.

THE MOBILE PHONE BAN IN SCHOOLS REMAINS. I have been impressed with the compliance and expect this will continue. Teaching staff have commented on how much more engaged students have been in the classroom.



The Swimming Carnival held last week was a great success. The atmosphere and participation were excellent as always. Well done, to Mr Flakus and his team, for their hard work to ensure it was a great day for all.

Years 10 and 11 students have had an opportunity to change their elective subjects. Any further changes will only occur under extenuating circumstances. Assessment policy and schedule booklets will be issued to students in the near future.

An updated Student Behaviour Policy has been implemented due to recent Department of Education policy changes. These will be explained to students on assemblies and be featured in upcoming newsletters. The school's policy is now available on our website:

https://kariongmtn-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/k/kariongmtn-h/policies/KMHS-Student-Behaviour-Policy 2024.pdf

School Organisation:

Equipment lists for students in Years 7 - 10 can be accessed in the links below:

Download Year 7 Equipment List [PDF]

Download Year 8 Equipment List [PDF]

Download Year 9 Equipment List [PDF]

Download Year 10 Equipment List [PDF]

I am looking forward to another positive year at our fine school. With students embracing our school values 'Unity Knowledge Respect', great outcomes can be had by all.

Mr Scott White Deputy Principal



ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

Keep track of tasks and

submit on time!						
Year 11 DUE:		Subject				
\Box \Box	Week 5	Construction				
LERM I	Week 7	Modern History Physics				
- CALE	Week 8	Mathematics Advanced Mathematics Standard Investigating Science Ancient History CaFS SLR				
SSESSMENT	Week 9	English Advanced English Standard English Studies Legal Studies Music 1				
YSSES	Week 10	Business Studies Food Technology PDHPE Music Industry				
	Week 11	Biology Exploring Early Childhood PVDI Numeracy Mathematics Extension English Extension				
		English Extension				
Year 12	DUE:	Subject				
Year 12	DUE: Week 4	Subject History Extension SLR				
		History Extension				
LERM 1	Week 4	History Extension SLR Food Technology				
TERM 1 CALENDAR	Week 4 Week 5	History Extension SLR Food Technology Engineering				
TERM 1 CALENDAR	Week 4 Week 5 Week 6	History Extension SLR Food Technology Engineering Physics Geography IT - Timber Mathematics Numeracy				
LERM 1	Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7	History Extension SLR Food Technology Engineering Physics Geography IT - Timber Mathematics Numeracy Music 1 Biology CaFS Legal Studies Modern History				

KMHS CANTEEN

NEW ON THE 2024 MENU:

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN	\$3
CINNAMON & APPLE MUFFIN	.\$3
MACARONI CHEESE	\$5
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REMINDER

MAKE SURE TO BRING MONEY TO PAY FOR YOUR ORDER (IF NOT USING FLEXISCHOOLS) - NO IOUS

2024 CANTEEN MENU

Ham & cheese roll SNACKS Fresh Fruit Cup v / oF. -ruit salad, oranges, watermelon (Seasonal) Piece of fresh fruit - seasonal V/GF. Yoghurt v / GF. Yoghurt & muesli v	\$2.50 \$5.00
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Yoghurt v / GF Yoghurt & muesli v	\$1.00
Yoghurt & muesli v	\$2.50
•	\$2.80
	\$3.00
Yoghurt, muesli & fruit ∨ Hommus, carrot & celery ∨	\$3.00
Red Rock Deli Chips	\$3.00
Chicken honey soy or sea salt	42.00
ICE CREAMS - V GF	
Sour Snap Stix	\$1.00
•	\$2.00
Moosie (low fat chocolate ice cream)	
	\$2.00
Juicies frozen fruit juice tube - lemonade	\$2.00
Frozen Icy Cups - orange, ABC	\$1.00
Quelch tubes	\$0.50
DRINKS - V GF	
Small flavoured milk - 300ml	\$3.00
Small Nippy's flavoured milk - 250ml	\$3.00
Up & Go - 250ml	
Large flavoured milk - 500ml	\$4.00
Small Juice bottle - 250ml	\$3.00
Orange / Apple / Apple Blackcurrant / Pineapple	
Glee - sparkling fruit juice	\$3.00
Watermelon / Bubblegum / Raspberry / Tropical	
Water: small bottle - 350ml	\$2.00
Water: medium bottle - 600ml	\$2.50
Water: large bottle - 1 litre	\$3.00
PAYMENT	
Cash & Eftnos cards accepted. NO CREDIT	

SALAD BOWLS	MUST ORDER
Garden salad bowl vg gf	\$6.00
Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, celery & shallots	
Lean meat & garden salad bowl	\$8.00
Garden salad + chicken breast, ham, tuna, salmon or egg	
Mixed salad bowl v/GF	\$7.00
Lettuce,tomato,carrot,cucumber,cheese,beetroot,celery,sha	llots
Lean meat & mixed salad bowl	\$8.00
Mixed salad + chicken breast, ham, tuna, salmon or egg	
Caesar salad bowl	\$7.00
Lettuce, cheese, ham, boiled egg, croutons, caesar dressing	
Chicken caesar salad bowl	\$8.00
SANDWICH / ROLL / WRAP	
All sandwiches & wraps can be toasted - no extra ch	ıarge
Buttered v	\$2.50
Vegemite v	\$3.00
Cheese v	\$3.00
Egg (plain or curried) V	
Egg & lettuce (plain or curried) V	
Ham, cheese & tomato	
Lean Meat -chicken, ham, tuna or salmon	\$5.00
Salad - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot & carrot	\$5.00
Salad & cheese v	\$6.00
Salad & lean meat	\$6.00
Extras - lettuce, beetroot, egg, tomato, cheese	\$0.50
GF bread & wraps available	
PLUS	
Sushi - Must order	\$4.00
Chicken teriyaki / tuna / tofu & vegetable	
Cheese & vegemite toasted pizza wrap V	\$3.00
Cheese & sweet chilli toasted pizza wrap V	\$3.00
Sauces	\$0.20
tomato, BBQ, sweet & sour. sweet chilli	
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME ANYTIME!	
\$10 lunch voucher for volunteers (excluding students)	



FOOD ALLERGIES?
TALK TO THE CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

PARENTS, CARERS & GRANDPARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP OUT IN THE CANTEEN!



If you can spare a day a week, fortnight or month, we'd love to have your help! Contact the school and Carolyn, our canteen supervisor, will be in touch to arrange times.

ENGLISH FACULTY N E W S

Welcome back to English and Drama in 2024.

The English team this year is made up of Lisa Bell (HT), Courtney Thompson, Danielle Hunt, Stephanie Richmond and Roberta Von Heupt. We look forward to an exciting year of learning.





Year 7 – are studying a collection of poetry and non-fiction texts that explore a range of cultural, social and gender perspectives in the unit "We are the Voice." The assessment task is a piece of writing and reflection as part of the class anthology.

Year 8 – are studying a range of Dreamtime, bush and contemporary texts about our Australian identity in "Stories that Shape Australia." The assessment task will be short answer questions based on a text.

Year 9 – are studying a range of perspectives through short prose texts from popular and youth culture in the unit "Who are we? Who am I?". The assessment will be an imaginative and reflectve writing task.

Year 10 – are reading a novel for the unit "Challenging Identity" as we develop an understanding of ourselves and our place in the world. The assessment task will be an imaginative writing task based on their novel.

Year 11 – are understanding what it means to be a senior student and navigate their school, work and personal life balance in their "Reading to Write" or "English and the Workplace" units. The assessment task will be due in Week 9.

Year 12 – are into their second term of their HSC with Advanced, Standard and Studies studying a range of texts including plays, novels, poems, films, song lyrics and visual texts in the units Textual Conversations; "Language, Identity and Culture" and "MiTunes and English". The assessment task will be due in Week 9.

Drama Group - Mrs Hunt will be offering her time to develop students' drama skills. More will come out for this soon.

Poetry Incursion Term 2

The **English** Faculty organised a poetry incursion on 2/7/24. We are very aware of the minimal opportunities available for our students to participate in and this group enables us to facilitate a learning event within our school to show our students new ideas. Poetry In Action is an innovative touring theatre company dedicated to unlocking the power of words for everyone. Every student from 7-10, studies poetry texts throughout the year, and this performance could inspire and challenge our students, and assist them in developing their understanding of the language of poems.

Reading and Literacy

As always, reading is a key part of our students' success and we encourage parents to listen to and read with their children on a regular basis. Studies show that parent involvement can support students to be more proactive with their reading which in turn builds vocabulary, assists with spelling and promotes better sentence structure in their own writing.

Following are a few articles that support the research.

10 Ways to Encourage your High Schooler to Read

Why is Reading Important?

Teaching Teens who
Struggle with Reading

How Reading Builds
Vocabulary at Every Age

PDHPE FACULTY N E W S

What a hugely rewarding and successful day we had at our 15th KMHS **Swimming Carnival last** Thursday.

Student participation, performance level and sportsmanship was absolutely outstanding throughout the day!

Congratulations, to Mikayla and Travis, for breaking long standing records!





Mikayla (Year 9) and Travis (Year 7) have entered the KMHS record books.

Mikayla smashed the Girls 14 yrs **50m butterfly** record by 6 seconds. Travis broke the record held for 14 years in the Boys 13 yrs 50m freestyle. We cannot wait to follow their achievements in coming carnivals. Well done, Mikayla and Travis!

CONGRATULATIONS, to all our **BOUDDI** representatives, for being **THE WINNING HOUSE at our 2024** SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

We finished the day with the immensely popular Teacher vs Student relay, with the teachers still managing to remain undefeated after all these years!

Well done, to all our staff and students on a fun sporting day, and thank you, to Mr Flakus, for all the hard work in organisation. We wish our first and second place holders all the best for their next level of representative school swimming.





























SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS























Around THE SCHOOL START OF TERM 1



Our new Year 7 cohort have had a great few weeks settling in at KMHS!



Years 7 and 8 had their first science prac with Mrs Peters and showed great levels of engagement and enthusiasm.



Well done, Year 12 on a great **Bunnings fundraiser BBQ!**

Thank you, to all our students and staff, who gave up their time to raise money for our Year 12 students. Thank you, to our community for coming out and supporting our students!

Disability Provisions for the Higher School Certificate Examinations 2024

Disability provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam room.

Students are eligible to access disability provisions under the following categories:

- **LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**
- **MEDICAL DISABILITIES**
- **HEARING AND VISION DISABILITIES**

The provisions granted, are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected. Eligible students must apply to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) through the school.

Students who wish to apply for disability provisions should see Mrs Doyle.

If you are concerned about whether disability provisions apply for your child, you should contact the Learning and Support Team as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS





YOUR GUIDE TO DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

- · Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- · Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- · Always park and turn legally around the school.
- · Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- · Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- · Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.















ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

SCHOOL ZONE

930 AM SCHOOL DAYS



Obey 40km speed limit within school zones.





2 minute Drop-off Pick-up ONLY: Remain within

3m of

vehicle.



Obey 40km speed limit when lights flash.





BUSES ONLY only stop or park outside restricted times.



NO Stopping at any time!