

## Coming Up

**Thu 13 Nov** - Year 12 Formal

**Wed 26 Nov** – KHS MenKIND  
Breakfast 7:30-9:00am

**Thu 4 Dec** - Year 9 Raging  
Waters Excursion

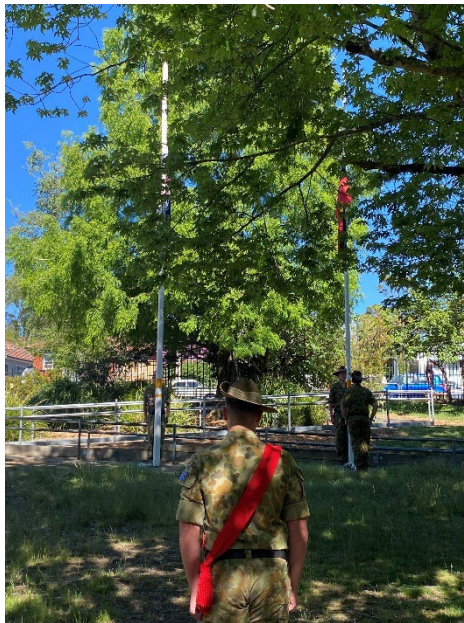
**Mon 8 Dec** - Yr 10 Dinner Dance

**Tue 9 Dec** - Presentation Night

*We are very happy to share our first school newsletter for Term 4. We hope you enjoy reading about what our students and staff have been up to over the last few weeks!*

## Commemorating Remembrance Day

On Tuesday we held a very special Remembrance Day ceremony. Four of our Army Cadet students, Michael Reeves, Harry Osterberg, Thomas Dillinger and Max Haynes, conducted the official ceremony at our newly repaired flagpoles. The flag ceremony was filmed by Dylan Koch, our Technical Support Officer, then played at our whole school assembly afterwards. Special thanks to our Cadets for making this such a respectful and meaningful tribute.





## Well Done to Year 12!

Year 12 finished their HSC examinations last week. Our students were amazing and attended to their examinations with diligence. On to your next adventure Year 12!



I would like to thank and publicly acknowledge Mrs Charmaine Tully for all her hard work with the exams. The students were extremely well-trained and knew what to expect in terms of how the exams are run thanks to Charmaine's efforts.

Having that one person there every day to settle and line the students up, check attendance and chase up late or absent students, support misadventures and disability provisions, and to just generally ensure the efficient running of the exams makes such a huge difference.

I'd also like to thank our classroom teachers. All of the students I spoke to either before or after the exams reported feeling well-prepared. Many acknowledged the hard work of their teachers in ensuring they were ready to tackle the exams and, dare I say it, some were even excited to go in and

show off their knowledge. There was often a lovely energy as students exited the exams and went to debrief with their teachers.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge Mrs Janelle van Capelle as Year Advisor for the Class of 2025. This beautiful group of young people are a testament to her years of quiet support and encouragement.

*Ms Belinda Bower*  
Head Teacher, Secondary Studies

Thanks also to Ms Bower who does so much great work with our senior students.

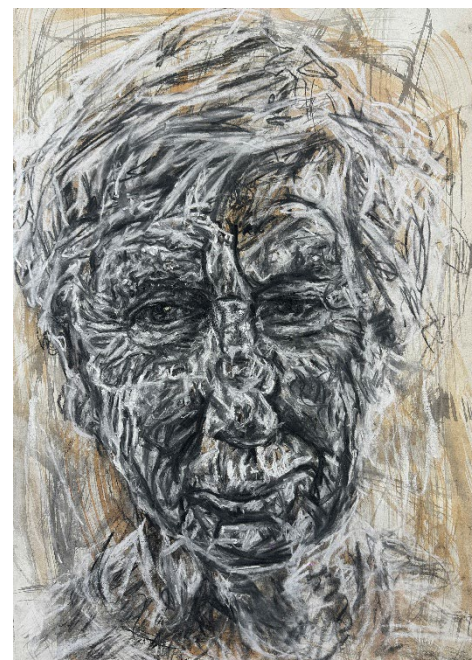
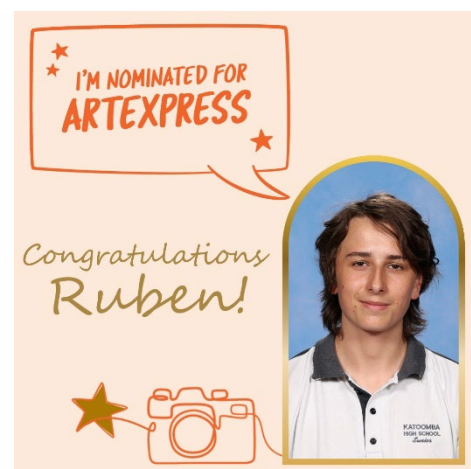
We would also like to add a very special thank you to our parents, carers and family members who do so much to support our HSC students through what can be a very intense time for everyone! Your care and effort may not always be recognised at the time, but we hope you know how much you are appreciated. 💖

## Art Express Nomination for Ruben Saunders!

We are thrilled to announce that Year 12 student Ruben Saunders has received an ArtExpress nomination for his HSC Visual Arts Body of Work 'Etched Perceptions'.

ArtExpress is a highly prestigious exhibition showcasing exemplary Visual Art works from HSC students across NSW. This nomination recognises Ruben's outstanding creativity, technical skill and dedication to his artmaking practice.

We are incredibly proud of Ruben's achievements and extend our congratulations to his Visual Arts teacher Julie Hiam and Mentor Melissa Grahovac.





## Around the Grounds

### Year 7 STEM Day

On the last day of Term 3, our Year 7 students participated in an exciting STEM Day challenge where they had to design, build, and test floating houses capable of holding the most golf balls. Working collaboratively in small groups, the students applied key scientific skills by planning, investigating, and evaluating their designs. They also managed a budget by collaborating with the "Bank" to purchase their building materials. Using recycled items such as real estate signs, cans, bottles, and cardboard, they constructed some truly impressive floating houses that demonstrated creativity and problem-solving abilities.

We are incredibly proud of the Year 7 students for their outstanding efforts and enthusiasm throughout the day. A big thank you goes to our Peer Support Leaders for their guidance and assistance, as well as to Mrs Kovari, Mr Liu, Mrs Wilson and Mr Catterson for their support, with special recognition to Ms Glasscock who developed this innovative STEM project.

We also extend our gratitude to Raine and Horne Wentworth Falls-Leura for their generous donation of recycled real estate signs, which helped bring this hands-on learning experience to life.





## Blue Mountains Writers & Illustrators Visit KHS

On Wednesday 29 October, we welcomed the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival to Katoomba High School for a series of author and illustrator panels.

Visiting authors and illustrators included: Emilie Zoey Baker, Vivian Pham, Nick Solo, Jumaana Abdu, Yasmin McGaughey, Nevo Zisin, Bill Hope and Teagan Bennett Daylight.

Students attending the sessions learnt about the writing process, the importance of representation in storytelling and were able to ask questions about careers in writing. Students enjoyed the sessions and the chance to meet the authors after the sessions. It was a fantastic day and a great introduction to the always wonderful Blue Mountains Writers' Festival.

A big thank you from Katoomba High School to Varuna House, Blue Mountains City Council, the Whitlam Institute and the Blue Mountains Writers' Festival for supporting the event and providing such a valuable opportunity to the students.



## Agriculture Students Learn about Livestock Care

Last week, our Agriculture students rolled up their sleeves and got involved in a range of practical farm management activities as part of their ongoing livestock care studies.

Students were busy maintaining and improving animal facilities, from tending to the chicken coop and checking nesting boxes to improving stock water access by digging trenches for new plumbing lines and caring for the sheep. The group demonstrated excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills as they mustered sheep, yarded them, cleaned enclosures, collected eggs and ensured the animals' wellbeing.

One highlight of the session was a hands-on demonstration of sheep shearing, giving students valuable

experience in animal handling and care. Others took charge of inspecting the poultry area, ensuring clean nesting spaces and collecting our delicious free-range eggs from the hens. These practical lessons give students a real taste of agricultural life, helping them develop essential skills in animal husbandry, responsibility, and sustainable farming practices.

Our Agriculture team continues to be impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication shown by students in keeping our school farm running smoothly.

Mr McLaurin, Ag Teacher.





## Students Build and Sell Flat-Pack Chicken Coop

Over the past six months, students from the Construction course have been hard at work building a flat pack chicken coop. The project combined practical construction skills with teamwork, and problem-solving. All aimed at producing a functional, high-quality structure suitable for a local family.

Working collaboratively, the students planned, fabricated, and assembled the coop, ensuring that every detail met both durability and safety standards for the hens that will soon call it home. The coop features a fully enclosed run, corrugated metal cladding, and easy to assemble modular panels that allow for simple transport and setup, true to the flat-pack concept.

Once complete, the structure was loaded onto a trailer and delivered to its new owners, who were delighted with the craftsmanship and attention to detail.

The sale marks a rewarding end to months of learning and hands on effort, giving students valuable experience in taking a project from concept to completion and sale.

Projects like this one provide authentic learning opportunities that link classroom theory with real-world application and demonstrate the impressive skill, teamwork, and pride our students bring to their work.



Photos: The completed chicken coop following installation, and some of the student team with their project prior to delivery.

Mr McLaurin.

## Term 4 with Farm it Forward

Farm it Forward have been busy planting and harvesting spring veggies this term and running weekly programs with students. Students have been busy making the most out of the sunshine with plenty of hands-on learning, creativity, and good food.

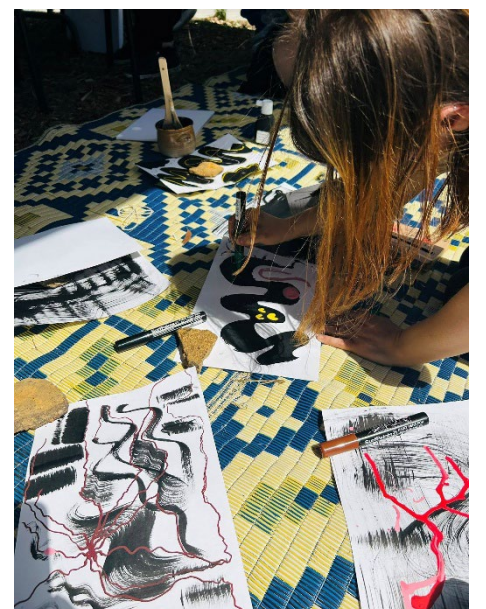
Manu demonstrated how to use the comfrey growing around the greenhouse to make a natural poultice and even placed it on a student's swollen ankle to help reduce the swelling. Nature's healing in action!

Students then created bright, colourful artworks that popped against black ink backgrounds using acrylic markers under the shady pergola.

We cooled off with some delicious lemonades, packed boxes of fresh produce for our community, fed the sheep with leftover veggie scraps, and finished by making some cashew cream cheese, a blend of cashews,

nutritional yeast, ACV, garlic powder, and salt and pepper. Delish!

Delicious Farm it Forward organic veggie boxes are available every week for pick up from the KHS back gate on Friday afternoons. Order can be placed early each week on the farm it Forward website [here](#)





## KHS Out and About

### Year 6 Transition Day at Blackheath Public School

TAS teachers, Mr Murray, Mr Moulder and Mr McLaurin recently visited Blackheath Public School for a fun and engaging Year 6 Transition Day. The event provided an opportunity for students to connect with their future teachers, learn more about high school life, and take part in hands-on activities designed to build confidence and excitement for the next stage of their education journey.

One of the highlights of the day was the chance for students to interact with KHS lambs and chickens and learn about responsibility and care through practical experiences. Teachers also talked about the Technology Mandatory course and demonstrated 3D printing. Students showed great enthusiasm as they shared stories, laughter, and curiosity throughout the day.

Events like these help make the move to high school a smooth and positive experience. It helps students feel supported and prepared while giving teachers valuable insight into their future learners. We'd like to thank Blackheath Public School for hosting such a welcoming and engaging event and a big congratulations to all the Year 6 students for their enthusiasm and participation. We look forward to seeing you in high school next year!

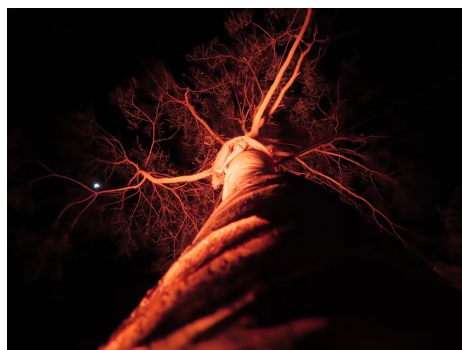


### Blue Fringe Photography & Poetry Win!

Huge congratulation to Year 7 student James Pollock who was announced the winner of both the Youth Poetry and Youth Photography categories in the Blue Fringe Art & Literature Festival Awards at Wentworth Falls TAFE in October.

Blue Fringe is a long running Art & Literature Festival that celebrates the creativity of our community and our young people.

Fantastic effort James! Well done!



'Brain Tree' - Photograph by James Pollock

### Blue Fringe Performers

Thank you and well done to Year 10 students Ada Blaxland, Fenella Hely, Melody McKee and Sophie-Kate Wilds who performed at Wentworth Falls TAFE as part of the Blue Fringe Art & Literature Festival event. It wonderful to see our students out and about in the community at special events like these.





## Girls in STEM Day

The Girls In STEM Day in 2025 was a big success. This year, 33 Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students travelled to WSU in Kingswood.

Students completed workshops building model towers that could support their phones, flying drones, and building a piano in Arduino. The food was incredible again as well as the transport on the university shuttle bus and the brand new Maryung trains.

The highlight of the day was probably the lectures in the morning where female engineers told the girls: "Nothing is impossible" for them. They can be whoever they want to be.

And what is usually considered impossible is usually made by an engineer. It was powerful stuff and a really great day.

Thank you to Ms Glasscock in Science for assisting during the day and to the Science and TAS staff who took extra lessons to make the day possible.

See you again next year at the brand new Engineering building at Macquarie University. Another 40 lucky Year 7 to 10 students will get to enjoy this amazing experience.

Mr Liu - Engineering Teacher



## Sculptures by the Sea

On Monday 3rd November, Silver and Gold classes had a community access excursion to visit the Sculptures by the Sea exhibition.

We walked from Bondi to Tamarama looking at the art installations along the way. Students thought that their favourite sculpture was either the dolphins jumping out of a giant red toaster or the enormous lizard.

Special thanks go to Dan for his amazing bus driving skills.





## Outstanding Opportunity for Jack Forbes

Over the past year, Year 10 student Jack Forbes has made impressive progress through his involvement with Amaroo Equine's Ranch Hand program.

Recognising his talent and dedication, they recommended he spend time in Victoria participating in the Waterwheel Classic, a prestigious event in the performance horse industry.

Jack's work ethic, eagerness to learn, and polite, social manner won the admiration of the horse show community. His journey began in May at Sliding Lodge, where several horse trainers, including Kate from BreakODay, noticed his commitment and passion for horse training.

On September 26th, Jack was accepted into a week-long internship in Victoria, flying down independently to seize this opportunity.

After just two days, his internship was extended due to his exceptional performance. They noted that "He is positive, self-motivated and eager to learn all aspects of the equine industry, from agriculture to equine care, management and training."

Additionally, he was offered a unique apprenticeship with the National Reining Horse Association in the United States, where he will gain hands-on experience breeding, breaking, training, and competing horses.



This incredible opportunity brings Jack closer to achieving his dream career. We wish Jack every success and look forward to hearing more about his journey in years to come.



## Special Guests at Rotary

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, some of our staff and students were invited as special guests for the Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise Rotary Club breakfast meeting.

Ms Devine and Mr Liu spoke about the importance of community and opportunities for students to connect and experience new things.

Year 10 students Zoe and Astrid were invited to speak about their experiences at the RYPEN leadership camp, which the club sponsored earlier this year. Both had a fantastic time, learning leadership and teamwork skills, as well as making new friends from around the state.

Year 12 students Malia and Emeisha also shared their experiences in the Model United Nations competition. Malia and Emeisha have been invited by the World Federation of Model United Nations program to participate in the international event in

New York next February. This is an exciting opportunity, and it is wonderful that Rotary, in partnership with the Blue Mountains Bendigo Bank, is supporting them in this venture. We are very grateful for the ongoing support Rotary and Bendigo Bank provide for our students and our community.





## HSC Engineering Studies Soak Up Sydney Sights

Year 11 HSC Engineering Studies students enjoyed a great day on Sydney Harbour in week 5.

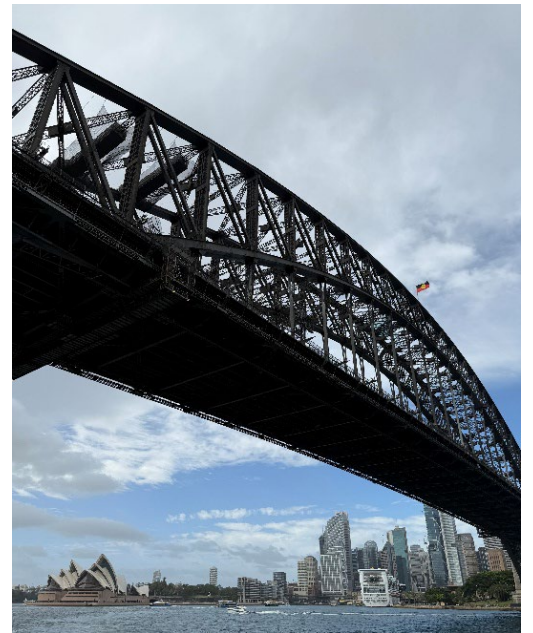
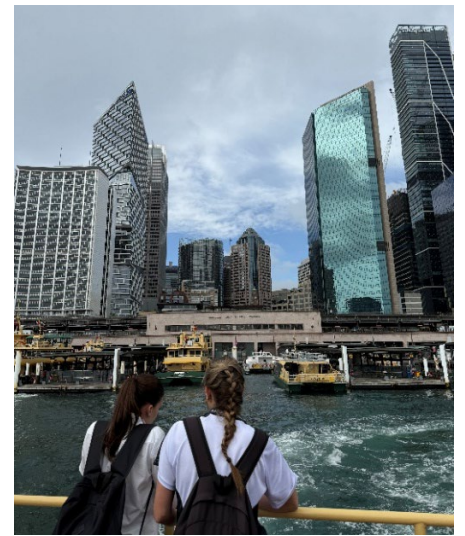
Students caught the new Mariyung trains studying their new features for the Personal and Public Transport unit. Students then caught a ferry under the Sydney Harbour Bridge then walked back across it on a peerless day in Sydney.

Students studied in detail the pin joints and signs of corrosion for the Civil Structures unit. Back in The Rocks students saw ancient engineering, fish hooks made out of ground shells made by First Australian peoples at The Rocks Discovery Centre.

Students enjoyed an extended lunch in Circular Quay. Finn Cousins made the most of the opportunity to have both McDonalds and KFC for lunch. Students studied bus shelters and the Sydney Light Rail before returning home.

It was a great day out for our Senior Engineers.

Mr Liu





## The Sports Page

### Fantastic Futsal Reps

Congratulations Aila Gulson and Miley Elwell who played in the Nepean Zone Futsal team at the recent Sydney West Futsal Day. Both students played out of their skin, representing Nepean and Katoomba High School admirably. We are so proud of their performance and can't wait to see their development over the next few years.

Congratulations on your fantastic achievements.

Mr Boothroyd



### KHS Soccer Star turns Pro!

Year 11 student Allyssa Ng Saad had a fantastic professional debut with the Wanderers recently. From all reports Allyssa's performance was a stand-out! The Wanderer's match report read...

"....Allyssa Ng Saad registered the first shot on target of the season in the 12th minute with a well-struck effort on her left foot... ....In stoppage time, Ng Saad had another opportunity to cap off a strong personal display but

fired just over the bar as the Wanderers finished the match on the front foot. While the result did not go their way, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, including the debut showings of several new faces and the team's attacking energy that promises plenty for the season ahead."

An amazing professional debut Allyssa! We are all very proud of you!



Allyssa has also recently been selected for the Australian All School team! This is a fantastic achievement

after many levels of competition amongst public, private and catholic schools.



The National team will now travel to England and Wales in January 2026 to compete against school teams and professional clubs. Players are required to self-fund the UK trip, so Allyssa and some fellow students are getting busy fundraising.

If you'd like to help Allyssa get to the UK to represent Australia and Katoomba High, you can make a tax deductible donation via her Australian Sports Foundation fundraising page [here](#).

KHS teacher and soccer coach Ms Marsh and her children, Penny and Matilda, were thrilled to cheer Allyssa on at a game at Wanderers Park.

It's a huge accomplishment to reach the professional level, and we couldn't be prouder of her.

Congratulations on this amazing milestone Allyssa — you're an inspiration to our school community and all our young players!





## KHS Being Kind

### Student Recognised for Good Deed

Last week we received a lovely hand-written letter from a grateful community member who wanted to thank and acknowledge Year 11 Prefect Josh Crabtree.

Josh went out of his way to help two senior community members who were having some difficulty at Katoomba train station. He not only helped them, but also took the time to have a conversation with them while he made sure they were OK.



They were very grateful and wanted to acknowledge Josh as 'an excellent ambassador' for our school who showed great 'initiative and kindness'.

### Festive Food Donations for Community



The SRC are collecting food to support the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre create Christmas Hampers for local families and individuals who could use a little extra cheer this coming festive season and we would love your help.

We are collecting donations of tinned ham, puddings, shortbread, chocolate, lollies, fancy biscuits, mince pies, nuts, fruitcake, tinned fruit, juice and other festive goodies. Any donation you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Can all donated goodies please be taken to the Maths Staffroom. The last date for goods to be brought in is 24 November.

The SRC and BANC thank you for supporting our local community.



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### Call for Christmas Shoe Box Donations

Our School Prefect Team are organising donations again this term for the Youth Shoebox Project.

This time they are aiming to pack shoeboxes with gifts for 76 children and teenagers from local refugee families.

KHS students and families are invited to donate shoe boxes filled with gifts or donate individual items for children from ages 0 to 14.

Please see more information and suggestions for what to donate below.

Donations can be brought to the school office from now until Friday 28 November.



#### 'HOW TO' INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Start with a shoebox
- 2 Label your shoebox and decide who your gift is for
- 3 Cut out the template, complete it and stick it to the top of your box
- 4 Pack your shoebox so it can be opened and checked

#### WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

- ✓ **SOMETHING TO LOVE**  
Teddy bear, soft toy
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**  
Tennis ball, bouncy ball, toy car, skipping rope, wind up torch, finger puppets
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO WEAR**  
T-shirt, beanie, cap, thongs, socks, scarf, football socks
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**  
Soap, face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, shampoo, hand cream, nail varnish
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**  
Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, colour pencils, textas, sharpener and eraser, book to read
- ✓ **SOMETHING SPECIAL**  
Carry bag, sunglasses, bracelets, jewelry, craft kit, Christmas decoration, stickers, hair accessories
- ✓ **AND FINALLY... A PERSONAL NOTE**  
Christmas card or post card from your hometown or area, the note can be as simple as "Happy Christmas from a friend in Australia"

#### DROP OFF LOCATION

KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL  
FRONT OFFICE  
Closing date 28/11/2025

#### PLEASE DON'T PUT IN

- ✗ Your contact details
- ✗ Things that are perishable or could melt
- ✗ Things that can spill easily, make sure the lids are tightly on or put in a plastic ziplock
- ✗ Used or damaged items including worn clothes or used toys  
Breakable items like glass, porcelain or mirrors
- ✗ Items that can scare a child like war or pirate related items, toy guns, knives or skull and crossbones
- ✗ Religious, racial or political items
- ✗ Medicines or vitamins
- ✗ Money

**Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group** visit children, single men and families in the community in Western Sydney. No matter how they arrive, we provide a welcome and caring face to those who have faced the trauma of leaving home, country and family, persecution, war and displacement.



## What's On at School

### KHS MenKIND 2025 Community Event!

Following the success of our annual WomenKIND and ParentKIND community events, we are very excited to announce that our MenKIND community event will be on this term!

All KHS men-kind students, parents, carers, staff, and community members, including those who identify as men, are invited to join us for KHS MenKIND 2025 Breakfast on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7:30-9:00am** in Yanguu (entry via Raymond Road).

Our special guest speaker will be Josh Katz, two-time Olympian and Commonwealth Games Bronze Medallist in Judo and past ambassador for the Black Dog Institute Mental Fitness Program.

Josh will talk about his experiences as an athlete, his work in helping others reach their potential, and his insights around mental fitness.

He'll then join our Q&A with Brogan Mulhall and Players from Penrith Panthers, along with other special guests from our community to discuss the topic of what it means to be 'masculine' in the world today.

We'll have hot brekky on offer thanks to our awesome Hospitality students and staff, then relax, have a chat and enjoy some good company.

**Please register [here](#)** or by calling the school.

We're looking forward to another great KHS community event and hope to see lots of students there!

Men and Young Men of the Katoomba High School community are invited to

## THE KHS MENKIND 2025 BREAKFAST

WITH GUEST SPEAKER  
**JOSH KATZ** JUDO OLYMPIAN  
+ MENTAL FITNESS AMBASSADOR BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

**+ PANEL Q&A**  
WITH BROGAN MULHALL & PLAYERS FROM THE PENRITH PANTHERS

**+ FREE HOT BREKKIE**

**7:30-9:00AM WEDNESDAY 26 NOV**  
YANGU, KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL, RAYMOND RD ENTRY  
REGISTER: [bit.ly/KHSMenKind2025](https://bit.ly/KHSMenKind2025)

### Year 6 Orientation

Our Orientation Day for Year 6 students coming to KHS next year will be on Tuesday 2 Dec.

Year 6 Students will come through the day to meet teachers and experience High School for a few hours. Buses will be organised with schools.

Parents and Carers are then invited to an Information Session in the evening to meet staff and find out more about what Year 7 will involve.

Students, parents and carers not currently attending local schools are also welcome. Please contact us to organise your attendance.



### YEAR 7 2026 Tuesday 2 December 2025 Orientation Day 10am-1pm

An invitation to Orientation Day is extended to all Year 6 students attending Katoomba High School in 2026.

The day will be a great opportunity for you to:

- Meet your year group
- Tour the school
- Ask questions about next year and feel a little bit more relaxed about starting high school
- Participate in a mini lesson

Transport will be provided. Students will be picked up and returned to their Primary Schools. Students are asked to bring a pencil case and recess. A barbeque lunch will be provided.

**NOTE – If students have a medical condition and / or require medication on the day please contact the school as soon as possible to obtain the necessary medication forms for completion.**

### Parent Information Evening Tuesday 2 December 2025 6:30-8pm

An invitation to an information evening is extended to parents / caregivers of Year 6 students attending Katoomba High School in 2026. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Katoomba High School.

The evening will be a great opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parents / caregivers of Year 7 2026 students
- Meet our: Principal, Deputy Principal and Year 7 Adviser
- Learn more about the subject areas in Year 7
- Find out more about school policies and procedures
- Ask questions



## Community Invited to Farewell Mrs Tully

Mrs Charmaine Tully, also known to many as Ms Carrington, has been a teacher and Careers Adviser at Katoomba High School for more than 35 years and has recently announced her retirement.

Mrs Tully has taught several generations of students at our school, and her extensive knowledge of the Career's curriculum, NESA and HSC operations, as well as her connections to community, businesses and other educational providers, will be greatly missed.

A farewell afternoon tea will be held at school in Burrundee on Monday 15th Dec at 3:30 pm. Community members as well as current and former staff and students are warmly invited to attend.

## Make a lasting mark at KHS with a Personal Paver!



The KHS P&C have launched a wonderful new fundraising campaign for our school.

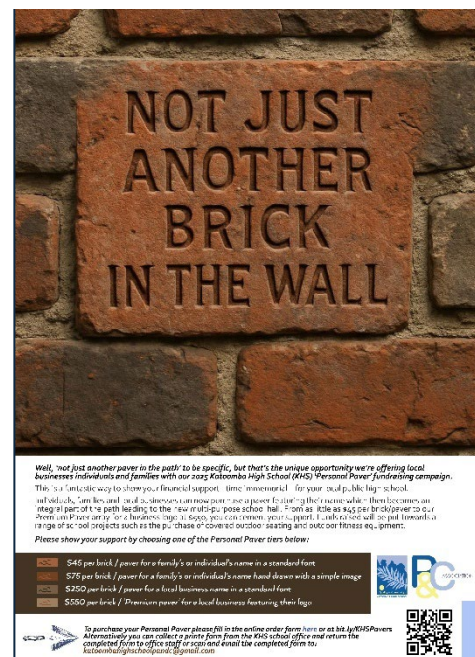
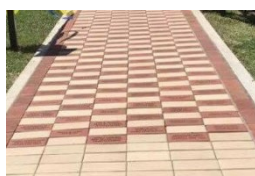
They are offering students, families, friends and local businesses the opportunity to have their name engraved on a 'personal paver' that will become permanent part of a path built by students leading to our new multi-purpose hall.

This is a fantastic way to show your support and leave your mark forever at our school. You can purchase a paver featuring your individual, family or business name from as little as \$45 per paver.

Funds raised will be put towards a range of school projects such as the purchase of covered outdoor seating and outdoor fitness equipment.

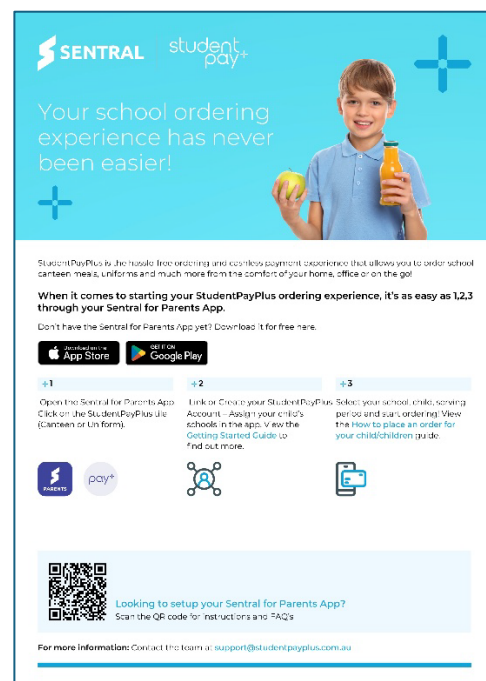
You can collect an order form from the front office or ask for one to be emailed. You can also order your paver online at [bit.ly/KHSPavers](http://bit.ly/KHSPavers)

We can't wait to see our students create a beautiful new path that will become a lasting tribute to our school community.



## Uniform Orders now through Sentral PayPlus

We have now launched Sentral Student Pay Plus where families will be able to buy uniforms through the Sentral app. Next year we will also open Pay Plus to enable online canteen orders too. We are very excited to offer this convenient way to pay and hopefully make things a little more streamlined!



**SENTRAL student pay+**

Your school ordering experience has never been easier!

StudentPayPlus is the hassle-free ordering and payment experience that allows you to order school canteen, meals, uniforms and much more from the comfort of your home, office or on the go!

When it comes to starting your StudentPayPlus ordering experience, it's as easy as 1,2,3 through your Sentral for Parents App.

Don't have the Sentral for Parents App yet? Download it for free here:

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google Play

1. Open the Sentral for Parents App. Click on the StudentPayPlus tile (Canteen or Uniform).

2. Link or Create your StudentPayPlus Account. Add your child's school in the app. View the Getting Started Guide to find out more.

3. Select your school, canteen, serving period and start ordering. View the how to place an order for your child/children guide.

Looking to setup your Sentral for Parents App? Scan the QR code for instructions and FAQs.

For more information: Contact the team at [support@studentpayplus.com.au](mailto:support@studentpayplus.com.au)



**Retirement Afternoon Tea for Charmaine Tully**

We hope you can join us as we honour Charmaine's years of dedication and service to the Katoomba community

Date: Monday, 15th December 2025  
Time: 3:30 PM  
Venue: Burrundee (Old Hall)  
Katoomba High School

Please RSVP to Katoomba High School by phone: 4782 2622 or email: [katoomba-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:katoomba-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) before November 30th



## Community Noticeboard



**AROUND the Mountains**

FIND OUT ABOUT FREE COUNCIL & COMMUNITY EVENTS & SERVICES

### AFTER SCHOOL DROP INS

**Mon - Fri - Creative Workshops**  
12 - 7pm | Katoomba (The Street Uni)

**Mon - Hangout Hub**  
3 - 4.30pm | Springwood Library (headspace)

**Tue - Crafternoons for neurodivergent 10-14s**  
3.30 - 5.00pm | Springwood (MOCS)

**Tue - Art Space & Under 25s Drop In clinic**  
3 - 5pm | Katoomba (BMWHR)

**Alternate Thu - Neuro-Space Hangout Hub**  
3.30 - 5.30pm | Katoomba (headspace & Katoomba Neurodiversity Hub)

**Pick N Mix (Belong Blue Mountains)**  
Wed 2.45 - 4.45pm | Blaxland  
Thu 3.30 - 5.30pm | Katoomba

**Youth Centre (MYST)**  
Thu 3 - 6pm | Katoomba  
Fri 3 - 6pm | Springwood

**Fri - Church Youth Groups**  
Various

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Music in the Park**  
18 Oct | Medlow Bath (Residents Assoc.)

**Blue Mountains Food Security Fair**  
18 Oct | Katoomba (Planetary Health Initiative)

**Small Japan Festival**  
19 Oct | Lawson Public School

**SEEN Teen Portrait Photography Exhibition**  
30 Oct - 10 Nov | Gallery ONE88 Katoomba

**Halloween Movie Night**  
31 Oct | Buckland Park, Springwood

**Blue Mountains Writers Festival**  
31 Oct - 2 Nov | Katoomba

**Mtns Zine Club Amped Up**  
2 Nov | Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

**Reclaim the Night**  
7 Nov | Springwood Hub

**ECHO - Youth Music & Film event**  
15 Nov | Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

**Blue Mountains Youth Facebook**



**Stronger Families Alliance Calendar**



**MORE INFO:**  
strongerfamilies.net.au  
Blue Mountains Youth



### Blue Mountains Youth Council Applications Open

Applications for Youth Council 2026 are open until the end of November. We have had many KHS students become Youth Councillors over the years. This is an opportunity for young people to learn how local government works, to champion the voice of young folk, and to learn about project and event management. It involves attending a Youth Council once a month, contributing to consultations and getting involved in various types of projects when you can. It would be fantastic to keep representing our student voice within our local government. You can find more info on their [Facebook](#) and [website](#).




**HOW TO VOTE!**

OR, THE REPERCUSSIONS OF POLITICAL AMBITION AND PERSONAL RIVALRIES WITHIN STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND MEDIA ORGANISATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE POST-COVID-19 NEOLIBERAL UNIVERSITY INSTITUTION

**FILL THE HOLE**

**NOV 28 AND 29**

7:00PM  
KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
USE MARTIN ST ENTRANCE  
\$15 ADULT  
\$8 STUDENTS

**Ridge Line**  
Youth Theatre Company



**BOOK HERE!**



**SAFE to BE**  
IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Council's program of free activities helping our community keep each other safe**

**JOIN TO:**

- Learn about safety in public spaces with Right to Be's Bystander Intervention workshops
- Discover Right To Be's SD's of Bystander Intervention and how you can use these to safely assist others
- Share your stories with Creative Writing Workshops at local schools and the Blue Mountains Writer's Festival
- Celebrate new public art murals

**FIND OUT MORE:**  
bmcc.nsw.gov.au/safe-to-be

**EVERYBODY HAS THE RIGHT TO SAFETY, INCLUDING IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND ALL OF US CAN HELP BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

**RIGHT TO BE**

**NSW**

**Blue Mountains City Council**

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government through the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government.



## Community Noticeboard



### TAEKWONDO

at  
**MYST - Katoomba**

31 Waratah St, Katoomba

**FREE CLASSES**

for ages 12 - 18

Thursday afternoons - 3:30 - 4:30 PM



Registration: 0494 191 786



#### What you will learn:

- Improved balance - physically and mentally
- How to stay calm in stressful situations
- Basic movements of Taekwon-Do
- Basic Korean terminology
- Improved fine and gross motor skills
- Skills to help stay focused in school
- Effective self defense techniques
- The basics of staying safe in a potentially dangerous environment

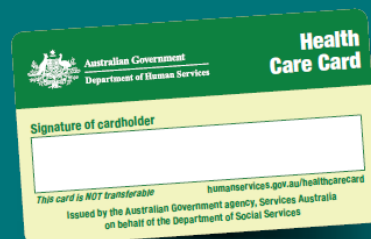


\*You will gain higher self-confidence and a fuller state of awareness\*

#### What I need from you:

- Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. If you have a uniform and belt, feel free to wear it to class
- We train barefoot - please have clean feet with toenails trimmed short
- Long hair should be tied back
- Please do not wear hanging jewelry
- Bring water
- Please come on time

Show up with an open mind and an open heart!



## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops


saverplus

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au






## Community Noticeboard



**Rotary**  
Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise

**A STORY OF  
PURPOSE &  
MENTAL HEALTH**



**PETER JOSEPH AM**  
Chair of the Black Dog Institute


**SPECIAL GUEST**

Join us for a powerful and inspiring community event hosted by the **Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise** and the **Planetary Health Initiative**.

This will be a thought-provoking afternoon as Rotary Scholar, **Peter Joseph AM** shares his deeply personal journey, reflecting on leadership, community service, ethical decision-making, and mental health advocacy.

**Free event – all welcome**  
**Afternoon tea provided**

**REGISTER NOW!**





BLUE MOUNTAINS  
PLANETARY HEALTH  
INITIATIVE



blue mountains  
City Council

**DATE** SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER  
**TIME** 2:00PM – 4:00PM  
**VENUE** PLANETARY HEALTH INITIATIVE  
(formerly Katoomba Golf Club)

**Peter Joseph AM** has led an extraordinary life across business, philanthropy, and community service. As Chair of the Black Dog Institute, he is a passionate advocate for improving mental health outcomes in Australia.

Peter will reflect on how Rotary helped shape his values and purpose as a young man – and how those early lessons continue to guide his work today.

This event also marks the 22nd year of the Black Dog Institute, founded in memory of Peter and his wife Nettie's son, **Michael**, who tragically died by suicide in 2006. Michael's legacy lives on through the Institute's mission to deliver **"better mental health for all."**

**Emma Rossi**, with nearly two decades in national television journalism, will guide this intimate and moving conversation.

**Come along to be informed, inspired, and part of a vital community discussion on mental health, leadership, and living with purpose.**

**REGISTER NOW!**



**FREE EVENT**