

Killara High School Newsletter

WEEK 2 | TERM 2 2024



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Killara Families,

Mobile Phone Policy Update

We are strengthening our mobile phone policy and procedures. Parents will be asked to collect their child's mobile phone from the 2nd infringement. We thank parents for your ongoing support for our strong policy, and your flexibility and responsiveness in those instances where we have asked you to come to school to collect your child's phone. The phone pouch system applies to all activities within the school gates and within the school day. Students can unlock their pouches and access their phone as they leave the school grounds for school sports, carnivals, school excursions and camps. We have strong, clear and reasonable settings that are enforced consistently - including with whole class spot checks. We know that our phone pouch system has had a significant, measurable, transformative positive impact on student learning - there are no phone distractions in classrooms. If your child talks to you about other students not doing the right thing, then I would encourage you to talk to your child about mobile phone dependence and the intentionally addictive designs by big tech companies, discuss your own values and expectations, discuss your own phone use habits and routines, and encourage your own child to be personally responsible for their own actions to avoid getting distracted by others. I want to emphasise the power of parental conversations around safe and responsible use of mobile phones. Please

continue to speak openly and frequently to your child at home and take measures that work for your family to ensure your child's online activity is safe and responsible.

Koola Avenue Traffic Congestion

Traffic is heavy on Koola Avenue during pick-up and drop-off times. I strongly encourage parents to find a safe location to park that is located a short distance away from Koola Avenue to collectively help reduce the traffic congestion on Koola Avenue. During pick-up times on Koola Avenue we experience significant issues when vehicles are parked at the entrance driveway to the council carpark across from the school. Cars blocking the driveway cause a build-up of traffic which causes delays to school bus operations.

COLA Refurbishment

Thank you, parents, for funding the construction of our amazing new Covered Outdoor Learning Area. Our students have made significant use of our new COLA since it opened late last term. The World's Greatest Shave, O-day, Fun Fridays, University showcase stalls, end of term music performances and our ANZAC day commemoration assembly were all held in and around this new space. We have physical education classes enjoying their practical lessons regardless of the weather conditions, on a daily basis. This COLA includes lighting and a speaker system. We have also had our canteen COLA refurbished recently with updated lighting and underlining. These enhancements will benefit our school for many generations. Thank you, parents, for your support of our school. Your contributions to our P&C make a significant difference to our school's operations.

Mondays Academic Study, Homework and Assessment Hub

Killara High School offers free after school professional tutoring for our students on Monday afternoons. From 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Students in Years 10-12 can come along and work through assessments, homework or any other learning activity with our three professional tutors. We

have teamed up with The Art of Smart to provide this service. Bookings are not required, so students can simply turn up and enjoy a wonderful learning atmosphere. I thank our P&C for their generous support of this program.

Cross Country

Our cross-country carnival successfully took place on Wednesday May 1st. Due to the adverse weather conditions, our carnival took place for competitors only. Students enjoyed their run and the Sports Council, alongside our marvellous PDHPE faculty provided a fun atmosphere that encouraged all participants to strive towards their personal best.

ANZAC Commemoration

Our ANZAC commemoration assembly was held on Thursday 2nd of May. Leo and Claire, our school captains, chaired this significant event. Atilla delivered a speech that honoured the ANZACS and highlighted the significant impact of World War One on both Australia and Turkey, and the peaceful and respectful relations between the nations. Atilla outlined how the war contributed towards his own family's journey to Australia. The speech was moving and captured the significant inter-generational impact of war on entire nations. Atilla's speech included the quote from Atatürk that appears on the Kemal Atatürk Memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra. The quote states: "Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well." After this, Kourosh from Year 11 performed Sarabanda by Bach, and Will from Year 12 played the Last Post.

Barista Training Micro-credential

Our partnership with Ultimo TAFE NSW is moving from strength to strength. Every time we offer dates for our popular basic barista course, it fills up within hours. I thank our families for their support of this program. Students who complete this basic barista course receive a Statement of Completion from TAFE. This can be used when seeking employment at local cafes and restaurants. Our school's Facebook page contains more information about this course. New dates will be released soon.

Women in TESLA Work Experience Program

During the holidays Natalia, Cecile and Sejal were selected to participate in a prestigious work experience program with TESLA. Each student has shared a recount of their wonderful experiences.

Cecile Year 10

In the holidays, myself and two other students from KHS attended five days of work experience at TESLA as part of the Women in TESLA program. Each of the days focused on a different area of TESLA - sales, servicing, management, marketing and energy. Throughout the week we completed a variety of activities, including shadowing employees as they undertook day-to-day tasks such as handling administration or calling clients, receiving insightful talks about the running of the business, getting hands-on while helping technicians to service the cars and experiencing some of the cars' characteristics in test-drives. It was extremely informative, and I gained valuable insight into what different careers entail. Very rarely do opportunities arise to see behind-the-scenes of such a large international company, and I am so grateful to have had this chance to learn and experience so much.

Sejal Year 12

In April, as part of the Women in Tesla work experience program, I spent a week working at TESLA and learning more about the different parts of their business. On day 1, I went to TESLA Chatswood, where I got to sit in on sales appointments with current and potential customers. Being in a real-life sales environment taught me the importance of curating a brand's image and customer experience. I also got to participate in a test drive of a cherry red Model Y TESLA, one of my favourite parts of the day. On day 2, I visited the TESLA service centre in Alexandria where I learned more about TESLA's unique virtual service appointment system. Thanks to Stephen, who is a service technician at TESLA, I was able to see the inner workings of a TESLA Model 3 car and also learn about the steering column and suspension system of the car. On days 3-5, I was at TESLA HQ in North Sydney, shadowing teams such as sales, delivery and TESLA energy, in order to learn more about the various sectors that makeup TESLA. I also chatted with some recruiters about working in a corporate environment and they gave me valuable insights regarding resume writing, work experience, and job search. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at TESLA and would highly recommend this work experience program to other female students interested in STEM.

Natalia Year 10

I was lucky enough to be offered the opportunity to participate in 5 days of work experience with TESLA. During my time at TESLA, I gained a valuable sense of what it can be like to work within a tech company. By shadowing various employees at work, I learned about the importance of working collaboratively, learning on the go and quickly, always putting in 100% effort, and networking. Since I haven't worked in a professional environment yet, it was incredibly exciting to gain insight into the reality of working adeptly. Before completing work experience with TESLA, I had little interest in working at a tech company, however, since gaining experience of what work can actually look like, I am interested in working as part of a tech company. Through this opportunity with TESLA, I gained important understanding into the reality of tech careers and have developed a greater appreciation for hard work within careers.

Kind Regards,

**Robin Chand
Principal**

TERM DATES 2024

Thursday 1 February	First Day of Term 1
Friday 12 April	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 30 April	First Day of Term 2
Friday 5 July	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 23 July	First Day of Term 3
Friday 27 September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 October	First Day of Term 4
Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term 4

TERM 2 DATES 2024

Wednesday 8 May	SPRM's Year 8 and 10
Thurs 16 - Fri 17 May	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 22 May	Zone Cross Country
Carnival	
Wednesday 22 May	KHS Open Day
Wed 29 - Fri 31 May	Duke of Edinburgh Camp
Saturday 15 June	KHS Food Festival
Wednesday 19 June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 26 June	Wellbeing Expo
Wednesday 3 July	Zone Athletics Carnival

Faculty Focus – Languages

What languages can you study at Killara High School?

Students can explore a range of diverse European and Asian languages such as Japanese, German, French, Chinese and Hebrew. Be it rhythmic French tones or intricate characters of Chinese that interest you, the Languages faculty strives to foster a deep love of languages in our students by unlocking their linguistic potential.

Other Opportunities:

✚ School Visits

During Term 1 we had the pleasure of hosting 30 students from Kansai High School. Our Year 9 and 10 students acted as wonderful ambassadors for the school. They were proud to use their Japanese skills and participated in a range of activities with the visiting Japanese students, such as speed dating and trivia. There was much laughter throughout the activities from students and teachers. Both school groups gained a greater appreciation for each other's culture, forging connections that transcend borders and enrich the lives of all involved.



In Term 3 we will host another 33 students and 3 teachers from our new sister school in Japan Tokushima Bunri High School. This is especially significant given that our Year 9, 10 and 11 students studying Japanese will visit Tokushima Bunri High School during the September holidays. Students will have an opportunity to practice their Japanese skills with our visitors and learn more about the Japanese school system in preparation for our study tour.

✚ Study Tours

In 2023 students studying German in Years 10 and 11 visited Germany on a study tour. They attended the Johannes-Brahms-Schule in Pinneberg, where they had the opportunity to attend regular classes in German, practise their German with their host families and explore a new and unfamiliar way of life half-way across the world. Travelling by high-speed rail, students also had a chance to visit major and historical cities, such as Frankfurt, Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin. Students explored the cities like locals, ate at famous restaurants and deepened their understanding of German culture and history.



Faculty Focus – Languages

In 2024, students studying Japanese in Years 9,10 and 11 will visit Japan and attend Tokushima Bunri HS. From bustling metropolises to serene countryside, the itinerary will include the diversity and richness of Japan's landscape and heritage. Students are eagerly waiting to explore iconic landmarks such as Tokyo Tower and Kyoto's historic temples. Currently our Year 10 students are studying a unit of work on school rules and homestay in preparation for the tour.

✚ Excursions

When studying a language students of all year groups will have the opportunity to participate in various interactive language learning experiences while exploring the cultural elements embedded within the language through the excursions organised by the language teachers.

Last year our students learnt to make sushi, caught eggs thrown at them by the chef during a Teppanyaki excursion, sang Japanese songs at Karaoke, did a French drama performance, did a treasure hunt in Japanese, visited the local Chinese restaurants and ordered food from a German food truck. The Language faculty teachers are once again preparing a range of exciting incursions including the above for our students this year.



Amali Ranaweera
Head Teacher Languages



As we start the second term of the academic year, we're excited to share updates and insights into various career-oriented activities that our students have been participating in this year. From exciting excursions to insightful programs, our aim remains to equip our students with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate their future career pathways successfully.

SEDA and Sydney FC Excursion:

In late April, a group of Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in an excursion organised by SEDA and Sydney FC. This excursion provided students with a unique insight into the world of sports management and the various career pathways available within the sports industry. From engaging workshops to behind-the-scenes tours of Sydney FC facilities, students gained valuable knowledge about the diverse roles and responsibilities involved in running a successful sports organisation. We're thrilled to see our students exploring their interests beyond the classroom and gaining practical exposure to potential career paths.



Morrisby Test for Year 10:

In preparation for their future career planning, our Year 10 students recently participated in the Morrisby Test. This is a comprehensive assessment tool designed to help students explore their strengths, interests, and aptitudes, providing valuable insights into potential career pathways that align with their individual profiles. Following the test, students will receive personalised reports and guidance from our career counsellors to help them make informed decisions regarding their subject selections and future career aspirations. We're committed to supporting our students every step of the way as they navigate their educational and career journeys.

White Card Course

At the end of last Term our Year 10, 11 and 12 students were given the opportunity to complete their white card by an external provider here at school. The white card is a Work Health and Safety requirement for anyone who works in the construction industry. Therefore, students who are hoping to work in the construction industry for work experience will require a white card. Our students who work in the entertainment industry in sound and lighting backstage will also require a white card to be compliant with the industry standards. We had 20 students successfully complete their White Card course last term.



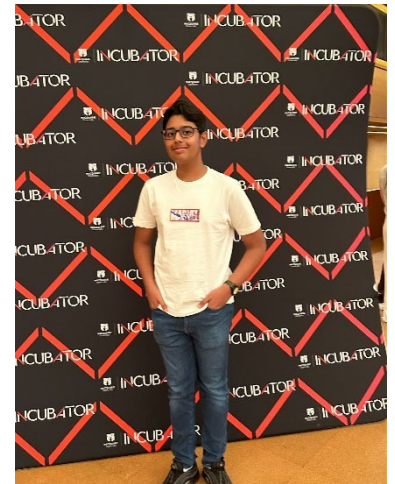
Year 12 Term 2 Lunch and Learn Sessions:

Our Year 12 students have been actively engaged in our Term 2 Lunch and Learn sessions, which aim to provide them with valuable information and resources as they prepare for life after high school. So far, we've hosted sessions in collaboration with various universities, including UNSW and Charles Sturt University. These sessions have covered a range of topics, including course offerings, application processes, scholarship opportunities, and student life experiences. By bringing representatives from different institutions directly to our students, we're ensuring that they have access to firsthand knowledge and guidance to help them make informed decisions about their tertiary education options. We look forward to continuing these sessions every Wednesday at lunch time throughout Term 2. We also have Skills Road, The Australian Defence Force and the Master Builders Association presenting to our students at these 'Lunch and Learn' sessions.

Macquarie Incubator Entrepreneurship Program:

At Killara High School, we believe in nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit within our students. That's why we're excited to announce the Macquarie Incubator Entrepreneurship Program. This program offers students the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills through hands-on workshops, mentorship, and access to resources to launch their own business ventures. Throughout the program, students will learn about ideation, market research, business planning, and pitching their ideas. This program will inspire our students to become innovative leaders and change-makers in their respective fields.

Last Term, one of our students Joshua Z participated in the afterschool Zoom Incubator Program and was invited to present his pitch at the end of term Pitch Night. Students in Years 7 to 12 can join the after-school free zoom sessions using [THIS LINK](#). Next session is Tuesday 14th May at 5pm.



MQ Incubator Program by Joshua Z - Year 10

Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, and Elon Musk – what do they all have in common? Beyond their billions in net worth, they share a common trait: they dared to dream, to innovate, and to challenge the status quo. These visionaries exemplify the spirit of entrepreneurship, blazing trails in the realms of technology, business, and beyond. But entrepreneurship isn't just reserved for the elite few. It's a mindset, a way of approaching challenges with creativity and resilience. It's about seeing problems as opportunities, failures as stepping stones, and success as a journey rather than a destination.

I had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Macquarie University Incubator program, an experience that has been both enlightening and inspiring. The program provided a platform for students like me to explore entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership. I presented my pitch; 'The Lazy Student', a software offering a one-stop solution for Australian students seeking academic support to access notes, past papers, quizzes, and expert help, all tailored to the 'lazy' student mindset.

From this experience, I learned the importance of entrepreneurship in the modern business landscape, and the skills necessary to succeed with any ventures I may have in the future. All participating teams will also receive ongoing support from the Macquarie University Incubator x Young Wisdom Secondary Schools Program as they continue to develop, launch and scale their startup ventures.

Thank you to Ms Urquhart for allowing me this opportunity, and to the team at Macquarie University for their support.

Eve Kiernan and Helen Urquhart
Careers Teachers

Careers

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Careers Team.

We can be found in room D21 for students to access us or on email: careers@khs.nsw.edu.au

Helen Urquhart and Eve Kiernan – KHS Careers Team

Canteen

[Click here for School Canteen Menu](#)

Students are asked to exercise patience and show courtesy to the parents serving them, to refrain from making purchases for friends and to stand back in line while waiting to be served. Students must move out of the canteen as soon as they have completed their purchases. No games are to be played in the canteen during recess or lunch breaks.

Uniform Shop

Tuesday:	8:00am to 10:30am
Friday:	11:30am to 2:00pm

Check the website for additional opening times.

If you have any queries, please contact: killara.uniform@gmail.com

Wellbeing – Shannon Olivey

2024 Year Advisers

Year 7	Shannon Bryant and Catherine Latham
Year 8	Lynda Lake and Sunnie Kim
Year 9	Anna Wall and Ben Costantini
Year 10	Katie Sainsbury and Hannah Zhang
Year 11	Ayesha Ghazzawy and Arash Atah
Year 12	Jen Downes, Jack Currie and Jasmine Bonnici

Stage Head Teachers

Stage 4 (Years 7-8)	Ruth Charles
Stage 5 (Years 9-10)	Jonathan Manley
Stage 6 (Years 11-12)	Alex Kammer

Student Support Officer -Lucy Dahill (along with Ava and Max our wellbeing dogs)

School Psychologists- Kate Cullen, Eunjee Hong and Julie Yoon

Head Teacher Wellbeing- Shannon Olivey shannon.olivey2@det.nsw.edu.au

Deputy Principals

Craig Date (Years 7-8)

Clair-Louise Schofield (Years 9-10)

David Browne (Years 11-12)

Students have settled into the year and Term 2 and last term was busy right through to the end. Year 11 attended Jindabyne and made lifetime memories on this popular camp. The hike up Mt Kosciusko is always a highlight, standing on the top of Australia's highest point. The famous basketball game between students and teachers also made an impact with our own Principal Mr Chand winning the game with his goal at the last moment. Year 11 were respectful and enjoyed their camp which hopefully has cemented some firm bonds and friendships to help them get through their senior years.

Year 7 students will set off on their camp next Thursday and Friday (16-17th May) to Narrabeen Fitness centre. They will participate in some outdoor activities, games and sports to build connections with people they may not have met yet and develop some new friendships. I will be attending this camp and I look forward to the adventures we will have with our newest Killara students.

The brand new COLA is fantastic and now that it is finished our much anticipated Fun Fridays is back in action. We had the arts council set up an opportunity for students to perform in front of their fellow students and everything from country western music to rock was performed. The talent of our school amazes me, but the KHS team spirit is what makes me smile, watching fellow students support their peers as they sing, play and dance their hearts out. Today the sports council are running a mass handball competition in the covered quad with a BBQ for lunch, so all students are encouraged and invited to join us each Friday for lunch for some fun and games and maybe meet some new friends. Each week a council group hosts a Fun Friday, so come along and join in.

Term 2 has taken off and with assessments being handed out, and some being handed back, this can cause stress for some students. Please encourage your children to track when tasks are due by putting them on a calendar or in their KHS school diary, set up a study timetable to work on different tasks and to work a little bit on each task consistently until the job is done. If more help is needed doing this then all students can see their year adviser for additional support.



Wellbeing

This term we have our second annual Community Connect Wellbeing Expo, coming up on Wednesday 26th June from 5.00pm to 7.30pm in the school hall and theatre. All parents are welcome to join us so please save the date on your calendar and come along to meet and speak with a variety of community services that can help your child and your family. It may also be an opportunity to ask questions and find out about the services available in the local community. Printed information will be available in several languages.

Every Day Matters, so make it count.

Shannon Olivey
Head Teacher Wellbeing



COMMUNITY CONNECT WELLBEING EXPO

26 June 5pm - 7.30pm

Parents are busy, families are complex, and our kids face a vastly different world to the one we (their parents) grew up in. Technology, society, communication and expectations have all changed. That's why we created the Community Connect: Wellbeing Expo. This event brings the experts to you, sharing their skills about the most common challenges faced by families in our area at the moment - dozens of services all in one place.

- Service providers
- Guest speakers
 - Q&A
- Information

All families are different and this event is for everyone, regardless of your circumstances. All services will have printed information in multiple languages.



Kerrabee Hall, Killara High School,
Koola Avenue, East Killara

