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**Term 1 2017
Commences**
**Monday 30 January
Year 7, 11 and 12**
**Tuesday 31 January
Whole school returns**
**Summer Uniform is to be
worn**

2016 in Review

2016 has continued the Killara High School tradition of busy excellence.

1633 students were educated at Killara High School this year. 287 Year 12 students graduated, and achieved some wonderful HSC results in 43 courses, which will be the front page story in the first newsletter of 2017.

These are the statistics that we all remember. However, it isn't the full picture of our year.

In 2016:

- students had their work chosen for the highly competitive InTech and ARTEXPRESS shows
- students travelled to Menindee and students from Menindee Central School visited us
- 24 students travelled to Cambodia and Vietnam to work with local communities, 8 students made our first trip to our newest sister school in Shanghai and 8 travelled to Germany as part of our longest sister school partnership
- Year 7 journeyed to Vision Valley, Year 9 to Stanwell Tops and Year 11 to Jindabyne on our much-loved annual camps
- well over 200 students performed as part of our Performing Arts Ensembles in venues ranging from our local public schools, to Sydney Town Hall, Port Macquarie and Olympic Park
- many students completed a stage of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, with 14 achieving the prestigious Gold Award so far this year
- 275 students served the community in a week of service learning
- hundreds of students achieved High Distinction and Distinction Awards in academic competitions, with first places in NSW achieved in ICAS Writing, the United Nations Youth Voice competition and the national Mathematics Olympiad; students also represented NSW in the National Schools' Constitutional Convention, athletics, gymnastics,
- two students gained medals at the World Mathematics Olympiad
- students participated in the Youth Review Forum on Books of the Year, a pre-election debate with Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, the Balmoral Burn, the Model United Nations Assembly, the inaugural North Shore 5 Symposium, the Premier's Debating Challenge, the Deli in the Park Art Competition and met with Dr Brendan Nelson to advocate for indigenous rights
- students placed first in the Ku-ring-gai Council Writing Competition and second in the NSW Boccia knockout
- over \$10 000 was raised for charity
- the whole school worked hard to reinforce our values of inclusivity, celebration of diversity and social justice through R U OK? Day, White Ribbon Day, Wear It Purple Day and others
- our school took first place in zone swimming, second place in zone cross country, and third place in zone athletics
- many teams were sporting premiers across the zone, and some across the region

Calendar

DECEMBER 2016

16	Last day of Term 4 for students
19	School Development Day
20	School Development Day

JANUARY 2017

27	School Development Day
30	Years 7, 11 and 12 Return to school
31	Whole school returns

FEBRUARY 2017

6	Swimming Carnival Whole School
11	Music Camp (2 days)
20	Year 7 Camp (2 days)
21	Chinese and Korean Parent Information Night
22	School Photos
27	Zone Swimming Carnival
28	O Day

MARCH 2017

3	Morrisby Careers Test
5	Year 11 Jindabyne Camp (6 Days)
17	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
21	Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Evening 6.00pm
28	Athletics Carnival
29	Year 7 and 11 SPRM

2016 in Review (continued)

- our school placed first in the North Shore Music Spectacular, performed in both the Ryde and the NSW Schools Spectacular, and we were highly commended at the Sydney Eisteddfod
- over 200 students nominated for leadership councils
- hundreds of students participated in clubs: coding, drawing, chess, dance, textiles, knitting, drama and many more

This isn't a complete list. It can't be, and I hope no-one is offended by any omissions. I have tried to take a snapshot of our year, which as is customary, is characterised by exceptional participation in academic, sporting, cultural and leadership pursuits. I want to take a moment to commend our exceptional staff, whose initiative, energy and care make these things happen. On that note, four permanent members of staff leave us next week.

Mrs Jenny Leslie, Head Teacher Science, retires at the end of the summer vacation. Mrs Leslie has devoted herself to the provision of the highest quality education in Science at our school for many years. Originally appointed to Killara as a classroom teacher, Mrs Leslie gained the Head Teacher position in 2002. In this role she has led the faculty with great skill, inducting and mentoring many beginning teachers to the school as well as supporting more experienced staff. Mrs Leslie's expertise has benefitted countless students and staff. We will all miss Jenny's work ethic and business-like approach to any task, as well as her dry sense of humour and unwavering friendship. The whole school wishes her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Ms Milena Mijakovac, Science teacher, is moving to Pittwater High School. Ms Mijakovac was appointed to Killara in 2001 and has served our students as a wonderful teacher of junior Science and Chemistry, as Year Adviser and as a relieving Head Teacher. Ms Mijakovac will reduce her commute significantly by this move, and we wish her and her family the very best.

Pittwater High School is also gaining an outstanding Mathematics teacher, Dr Christine McClean. Dr McClean has taught Mathematics at Killara High School for three years, and has involved herself in curriculum enrichment such as student camps and the KSP gifted and talented program. Dr Mc Clean has improved the school by carrying out gardening in the E block courtyard, and I will miss her Christmas decorations filling the trees!

Ms Gillian O'Connor has supported our school for a number of years as a temporary employee, teaching Visual Arts. In this role she has guided many students through their courses, providing important mentoring with their Body of Work. She has also served as Producer on our most recent musical, *High School Musical*. Ms O'Connor has gained a permanent teaching position through merit selection at Newtown School of Performing Arts.

I wish all students and families a safe, peaceful and happy summer vacation. I look forward to welcoming you to another wonderful year of learning in 2017.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Interschool Chess Competition

Four Killara High School chess teams have completed the Metropolitan Secondary Schools Competition that ran during the second term. Around 90 schools entered 300 teams and the competition was split into groups of teams in the same area that play each other.

At the junior level (Year 7 and 8) we had three teams:

- Junior A team: Tim Fikh, Theo Kloosterman, Dion Aryana and Saarthak Sinha (Year 8). Tim and Theo scored well; the photo shows Saarthak, Theo and Dion
- Junior B team: David Zhou, Ian Hui, Liam Lynch and Nicholas Tuppini (Year 7); David scored well; the photo shows Nicholas, Liam and David

- Junior C team: Zain Jassem, Adam Huxtable, Angus Ferguson and Ayush Puri (Year 7)

At the senior level (Year 11 and 12) we had one team:

- Benjamin Seeto, Johnny Benstead, Michael Boreham, Vincent Ngai and (reserve) Matthew Tee (Year 11); Johnny and Michael scored well; the team finished second in their division and went as far as the first round in the finals.

Thanks to all the players and the parents who drove them.

Kym Haines
Chess Coordinator



Student Success

Congratulations to Year 10 student, James Fantham, who scored a goal of the match, playing for Brighton and Hove Albion vs Crystal Palace, in an annual

charity match held at Kings School playing with several ex international and professional players.

Uniform Shop

The Killara High School Uniform Shop has all your child's uniform needs to commence 2017. We will be open on several dates prior to the first day of school. These dates and times are:

Wednesday 25 January	9.00am to 11.00am
Friday 27 January	9.00am to 11.00am
Saturday 28 January 2017	8.00am to 1.00pm

At the commencement of 2017, we will also be open for general purchases on Monday 30 January, Tuesday 31 January and Friday 3 February. On each of these days we will be open from 8.00am to 10.30am.

Don't forget that the Uniform Shop operates from E Block each Tuesday and Friday morning during school terms from 8.00am to 10.30am. Use Gate 5 on Koola Avenue, go down the stairs, turn left and follow the signs. This gate will be open and signposted on the dates provided during the school holidays.

Accepted payments are cheque (payable to KHSCP), cash, Visa, MasterCard or EFTPOS

Barbara Liebenberg
Uniform Shop Manager

Year 9 Swim and Survive Program

In Week 8, Year 9 attended the Swim and Survive Program at Lane Cove Pool. Throughout the week, students were able to develop the skills and knowledge to be safe in and around the water. Students of all swimming abilities participated in swimming practice, rescue skills and a theory component. This year we also offered a rescue award to students who were unable to swim. Thank

you to everyone involved in this program, including the 30 teachers who assisted in running lessons.

Click here to view the Year 9 video:
<https://youtu.be/mOgjKT4z114>

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Athletics Australian All Schools Championships

The 2016 Australian All Schools Championships were held at the Canberra AIS Athletics Track on Friday 2 - Sunday 4 December. This event welcomed the best school-aged track and field competitors as they duelled for the coveted title of national champion.

This year we had two Killara High School students attend, Martin Leerburg (Year 8) and Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (Year 10). Martin came 4th in the 3km walk, an outstanding achievement. Tamara competed in Long Jump and Triple Jump. In Long Jump, she jumped 5.13m, and in Triple Jump 10.99m. The NSW team also finished first overall. Congratulations to both Martin and Tamara for qualifying and competing in this prestigious event.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Food Tech. Excursion Report

Last Monday the senior Food Technology and Hospitality students visited the acclaimed Brasserie Bread (in Banksmeadow) to get BREDUCATED!

The students took part in the company's 'Breducation' program, where they were banqueted, left to indulge in freshly baked croissants, oozing with melted chocolate and warm gargantuan loaves of crusty sourdough. As much as I'd love to say that we spent our day feasting like royalty, eating a year's worth of carbs, the Breducation program encompasses so much more...

Touring the company's manufacturing area, we discovered the various processing and cooking techniques used by the company's bakers, when creating artisanal bread. Amongst this, they participated in a bread-making workshop, making scrolls and bread plaits.

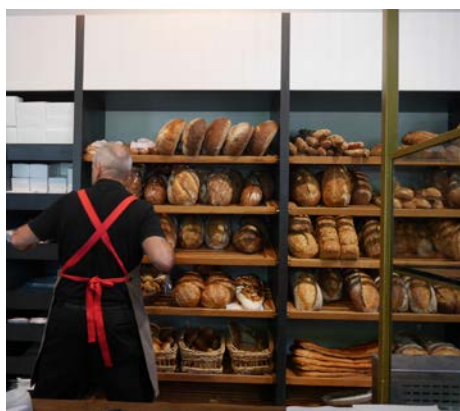
When owner, Michael, was asked to comment on what he hopes to achieve with Breducation, he declared that the sole purpose was to 'revolutionise the way in which Australians eat bread (shifting the current 'bread culture') as part of a healthy,

balanced diet. It's about the 'quality and not quantity' of the bread. Artisanal bread is dearer, however, upon investigation, the quality (taste, texture, process and quality of the ingredients) of artisanal bread and its health benefits fulfil the extra cost.

For example, on comparison, a retail bought sourdough (purchased from a supermarket) may not guarantee you all the health benefits it claims to have, due to its manufacturing process. An artisanal sourdough can take 3 - 4 days to make, whilst a retail-designed sourdough could take 1 - 2 hours.

Overall, it was a great day for both students and teachers, exploring the art of artisanal bread making in a 21st century-style production scene. To all future Hospitality and Food Technology students, I strongly recommend you to come along, it's scone to be a lot of fun, wheat loaf for you to come!

Ruslana Ahrens
Senior Food Technology Student



Performing Arts

For the latest Performing Arts Calendar, please visit the school's website at:

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/performing-arts-ensembles/pae-news-events/calendar>

Careers Corner

School Information

Visit our School Careers Facebook page for the latest information. Search Facebook for 'Killara High School's Careers Page'.

Job Jump: The school is subscribed to Job Jump, a careers website which provides a wide range of information and resources. All parents, staff and students have free access. The password is kh and you can register with your personal email address.
<https://jobjump.com.au/myCareer>

Year 9:

Work Experience and Service Learning: The dates for Year 10 2017 Work Experience and Service Learning have been confirmed.

Work Experience November 20 – 24 and Service Learning 27 November – 1 December

Surnames: Abroon – Le Moenic

Work Experience 27 November – 1 December and Service Learning November 20 – 24

Surnames: Lee – Zorian

Students will be fully briefed at the beginning of Term 1 2017 however some companies are open now for registration if students want to organise it early. Students have been informed about this and can speak to Ms Allen for more information.

Year 10:

TAFE 2017: Students who applied for a TAFE course as part of their subject selection for 2017 must see Ms Allen in the careers staffroom to complete the paperwork in order to officially accept an offer.

Successful Seniors: Congratulations to all students for your participation in the Successful Seniors program. Students undertook intensive resume writing and interview workshops in preparation for the Year 11 Mock Interview Program that will take place in Term 1 2017.

Macquarie University: Gifted and Talented Program

Applications close: 16 December. The Gifted and Talented program allows high achieving students the opportunity to enroll at Macquarie University while still at high school. Students will study Macquarie's first year Critical Thinking unit in Year 11 and then pursue their passion with another Macquarie first year study unit to be undertake in Year 11 or Year 12. Students who successfully complete their units with the necessary GPA will gain an early offer for a Macquarie University degree.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/getting-into-university/entry-schemes-and-pathways/gifted-and-talented-entry-program>

Year 11:

Careers Interview: All students are encouraged to see Ms Allen for a careers interview. You can make your appointment by emailing

careers@khs.nsw.edu.au or visiting the careers staffroom.

Understanding the ATAR:

To help students and parents understand the ATAR system, the University of Sydney (USYD), along with the Sydney Morning Herald, produced a video where Professor Jacqui Ramagge, Head of the School of Mathematics and Statistics, explains how scaling works and answers if it's possible to play the ATAR game. You can view the link USYD's ATAR explained webpage or on the Sydney Morning Herald's website.

[http://sydney.edu.au/news-](http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2016/12/12/why-all-of-your-uac-preferences-matter.html)

[opinion/news/2016/12/12/why-all-of-your-uac-preferences-matter.html](http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2016/12/12/why-all-of-your-uac-preferences-matter.html)

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Universities

Top five ATAR questions answered

<http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Top-five-ATAR-questions-answered>

ATAR Q&A: What next?

<http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/ATAR-Q-A-What-next>

Western Sydney University Course Decision Day

18 December, 10.00am to 2.00pm, Parramatta Campus

Academics from all areas of study will give presentations on courses and be available to speak to attendees one-on-one in the course advising rooms. Information will also be available on admissions, career opportunities, scholarships, and student services.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/future_students_home/events/course-decision-day

Deakin: Year 12 Videos

Deakin is following a group of six Year 12 students during their exams and the results release. If you want to see what other people are going through during this time, check out the videos.

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/project-12-how-six-year-12s-feel-after-final-exams>

UNSW HSCyalater

17 December 2016, 11.00am to 7.00pm, UNSW Kensington Campus

UNSW is running an event to celebrate the end of the HSC with food, music and a chance to visit campus.

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/hscyalater-0>

UNSW Info Day

17 December 2016, 11.00am to 4.00pm, UNSW Kensington Campus

An opportunity to speak with current students, academics and UNSW staff before close of UAC preferences.

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/unsw-info-day>

5 Things to think about when choosing a university course

<http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2015/08/24/five-things-to-think-about-when-choosing-a-university-course.html>

UTS ATAR Online Q and A

16 December, 9.00am

The UTS Future Students Team will be online to answer any questions as students receive their ATARs.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/328788340824436/>

University of Sydney Arts Degree Planner

This resource is designed to help students entering into an undergraduate degree at USYD's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences to select the correct units for their major.

http://sydney.edu.au/arts/course_planner/undergrad/degrees/index.shtml

TAFE & Apprenticeships

Northern Sydney Institute TAFE Scholarships

The Northern Sydney Institute has a range of scholarships available for students who plan to begin their studies in Semester 1, 2017. To check which courses have merit scholarships available follow the link below. There are also a range of overall TAFE scholarships and Smart and Skilled scholarships available.

<http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/Courses/EnrollingAndRegistering/scholarships.aspx>

Sydney TAFE Career Development Sessions

Thursday 15 December, 12:30pm - 13:30pm, Ultimo TAFE Marcus Clark Building, Level 1, Room W1.19, 827-837 George Street, Haymarket

Tuesday 20 December, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ultimo TAFE Building D, Level 4, Room D4.13

Thursday 12 January 2017, 11:00am - 12:00am, Ultimo TAFE Building D, Level 4, Room D4.13

Wednesday 18 January 2017, 14:00 - 15:00am, Ultimo TAFE Building D, Level 4, Room D4.13

Friday 27 January, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ultimo TAFE Marcus Clark Building, Level 1, Room W1.19

These seminars will provide information about studying and various career opportunities.

<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/planning-tafe-and-your-career>

TAFE Credit Transfer

This website is helpful for those who plan on obtaining credit from TAFE studies at a different institution.

<https://credittransfer.tafensw.edu.au/>

Private Colleges

AFTRS Short Courses

AFTRS offer a range of short courses, which vary in length. The areas offered include film, television, radio and digital.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses>

William Blue Options Day

16 December 2016, 10.00am to 4.00pm, 1 Hickson Road, The Rocks

The day will provide prospective students with the opportunity to speak with careers advisors, academic staff and current students to help decide what and where they want to study.

<http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/options-day>

ACNT Options Day

16 December 2016, 10.00am to 4.00pm, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

The day will provide prospective students with the opportunity to speak with careers advisors, academic staff and current students to help decide what and where they want to study.

<http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/sydney-options-day-1>

Endeavour Webinars

What you need to know about enrolling with Endeavour:

Thu 19th January

Thu 2nd February

Thu 16th February

Thu 23rd February

<https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events>

Torrens University Options Day – Design

16 December 2016, 10.00am to 4.00pm, 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo

The day will provide prospective students with the opportunity to speak with careers advisors, academic staff and current students to help decide what and where they want to study.

<http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/sydney-options-day-design>

Australian College of Applied Psychology Short Courses

ACAP offers short courses, which are held over two Saturdays, at the end of which students will obtain a statement of attainment. To book a course, follow the link below.

<http://study.navitas.com/NVT-PEP-ACAP-ShortCourses.html>

AIE Information Evening

Wednesday 18 January 2017

Find out about game development, 3D animation and visual effects courses starting at AIE in 2017 and 2018.

<http://www.aie.edu.au/information-evening>

Other News

What to say when the hiring manager asks, 'Why should we hire you?'

<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/what-to-say-when-the-hiring-manager-asks-why-should-we-hire-you-2015-4>

Camp Leaders America Applications for Summer 2017 Season

Applications are now open for Camp Leaders for the Summer season in the USA. For further information or to complete an application refer to the website below.

<http://www.campleaders.com/au/summer-season/>

Young Citizen of the Year Award

The young citizen of the year award is open for nominations which can be made through local council's websites in NSW or their service centres.

<http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Council/About-The-Hills-Shire-Council/Forms-Fact-Sheets/Application-Forms/Australia-Day-Award-Nominations>

Scholarships Database

This website has a list of external university scholarships offered for study in 2017.

<https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/help-with-costs/scholarships/external>

TSFX HSC Survival Guide

The School for Excellence (TSFX) have put together a guide to help Year 12 students achieve the best possible marks in end of school exams. The guide has advice about goal setting, managing stress and procrastination, time management skills, effective learning techniques, planning study timetables and more.

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/HSC-Survival-Guide-Dec-2016-FINAL.pdf?utm>

You can't judge a course by its entry score

<https://myfuture.edu.au/career-insight/you-cant-judge-a-course-by-its-entry-score>

Figuring out what to do with your life

If you're feeling overwhelmed by choice or trapped by a decision you've made, here are some tips that can help you on your way to satisfaction in your career.

<http://knowing.swinburne.edu.au/post/153288307324/four-steps-for-figuring-out-what-to-do-with-your>

Insights into career change

These articles from Deakin University highlight the careers of two people who made significant changes.

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/this/one-students-journey-from-podiatrist-to-policy-reformer>

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/one-students-career-change-from-paramedic-to-engineer>

National Institute of Fitness Career Profiles

Ideal for anyone interested in a career in the fitness industry, this webpage contains a number of profiles on how to become a fitness professional and what attributes fitness and health organisations are looking for in potential employees.

<http://fitness.edu.au/your-career/>

How to organise your study sessions

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-organise-your-study-sessions>

Australian Jobs

The Australian Jobs publication provides an overview of the Australian employment market and highlights which industries and occupations have experienced change.

<http://australianjobs.employment.gov.au/>

UN Youth State Conferences

17 to 19 March 2017

The Conference is for students in Years 9 to 12 and will help students learn about international relations, public speaking and diplomacy skills. The focus in 2016 will be gender and how the gender roles intersect. For further information:

<https://unyouth.org.au/programs/#local-programs>

Meet an Early Childhood Teacher

<https://www.training.com.au/education-courses/early-childhood-pre-primary-school-teachers/meet-a-early-childhood-pre-primary-schoolteacher/>

Alternative pathways to higher education

<https://myfuture.edu.au/career-insight/alternative-pathways-to-higher-education>

Please be aware that the information listed is subject to change.

For further information on any of the above or for general inquiries please contact the careers faculty. Email careers@khs.nsw.edu.au

Sophie Allen and Chloe Raines
Careers Advisers

Local Website Links

Ku-ring-gai Council
Skate & Scooter Skills Workshop
www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/skateandscoot