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## From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. This is always a busy time, and it is a delight to begin the term with the school's production of *The Addams Family Musical*. This is a first class show from beginning to end, and I congratulate everyone involved in its presentation. I also thank the cast and crew for contributing their talent, commitment and energy to give us all such an enjoyable experience. The list of people who brought this show to life can be found on Page 2.

As a school we have been "taking our temperature" over the last few months. The 2016 Learning Review, which sought the views of Stage 4 and 5 students and staff, and our *Tell Them From Me* survey this year, provide interesting reading. All families will be emailed the survey report in Week 3. The Learning Review asked students to explain why learning is important to them personally, avoiding the words 'HSC' or 'career'. Overwhelmingly, students reported that the purpose was life skills, and that the areas where they learned the most were the ones in which they had an interest, were varied, and were useful in preparing them for Stage 6 and beyond.

Engaging students in their learning is a critical aspect of success and happiness at school. There are many aspects of contemporary education and employment that reinforce the need for continuous improvement and change in the way we deliver curriculum. The recent HSC reforms, which focus strongly on the application of skills, mean a greater emphasis on explicitly teaching critical thinking and problem solving. As a school we are exploring ways in which the Stage 5 curriculum can engage students personally in their learning while preparing them for success in the senior school and a digital world. There is a concise summary of the new syllabuses, and an indication of the different focus on depth studies and digital skills available here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-21/what-are-the-changes-to-the-nsw-hsc-year-12-syllabus/8288090>

In Week 3 Year 7 and Year 9 will sit the NAPLAN examinations. While there is increased interest in Year 9 NAPLAN this year, students should remember that this is only the first opportunity they have to meet the minimum standards in literacy and numeracy required for the award of an HSC. I hope that all students give their best effort, and know that no matter what their results, they will be able to commence the HSC here in 2019.

On Thursday, 18 May Glen Poole, of the *Stop Male Suicide* project, will present a one-hour seminar in the Kerrabee Centre, commencing at 6.30pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend. This free presentation has been made possible by the Jack Luck Foundation. Jack was a member of our class of 2007, and was sadly lost to suicide last year. This is an issue that affects us all, and we are grateful to have this opportunity to learn more about prevention strategies.

**Jane Dennett**  
Principal

## Term 2 key dates

### May 2017

5	Addams Family Musical – Theatre 7.00pm
6	Addams Family Musical – Theatre 2.00pm and 7.00pm
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Urban Odyssey Practice (4 days)
9	NAPLAN (9 – 11 May)
12	Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Bronze Preliminary Training & Practice Hike (3 days)
15	School Tour – 9.00am
	Year 11 Biology and Earth & Environmental Science Field Excursion
	Year 9 and Year 12 Student Progress Review Meetings (SPRM)
17	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
18	Stop Male Suicide Seminar – 6.30pm in the Theatre
19	Year 11 Biology and Earth & Environmental Science Field Excursion
20	Years 9-12 North Shore Schools Spectacular
24	Years 11 & 12 Music Night – 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Theatre
	Zone Cross Country at St Ives Showground
25	Years 11 & 12 Music Night – 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Theatre
29	Years 8 and 10 Subject Selection Student Information Sessions
30	Years 8 and 10 Subject Selection Student Information Sessions
	Year 8 Subject Selection – Parent Information Evening at 6.00pm and Year 10 Subject Selection Parent Information Evening at 6.45pm

### June 2017

5	Hospitality Work Placement (5 days)
9	Sydney North Cross Country
12	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
13	Year 8 and Year 10 Student Progress Review Meetings (SPRM)
14	Year 12 Geography Ecosystems at Risk Fieldtrip
	Year 8 NAIDOC Day
	Zone Athletics Carnival

## The Addams Family Musical

### The Addams Family

**Gomez** - Sean Cartwright  
**Morticia** - Anna Chandler  
**Wednesday** - Leah Berry  
**Pugsly**- Angus Kent  
**Uncle Fester** - Will Hay  
**Lurch** - Lindsay Donovan  
**Grandma** - Josie Segal

### The Ancestors

Julia Anderson Gingold  
 Ashley Blyumin  
 Lily Bogeff  
 Sara Ebina  
 Sarah Helman  
 Charlotte Kell  
 Amy Levinson

### Band

Elise Bergersen  
 Angus Burgmann  
 Noah Djordjevic  
 Hannah Ebina  
 Lachlan Frost  
 Edward Giles  
 Bryony Hobson  
 Nick Juraszek  
 Timothy Morrison  
 Alex Nightingale  
 Eleanor Riley  
 Joan Sanchez Bisquerra  
 Will Springer  
 Peter Wu  
 Justin Yeo

### Light & Sound

Nathan Wilson  
 Lily Hemsworth  
 Gabby Whalland  
 Nick Layson

### Staff

Jacki Berry  
 Alexander Brattoni  
 Sophie Bromley  
 Heather Byrne  
 Danni Costa

### The Beineke Family

**Alice** - Hannah Mackay  
**Mal** - Oliver Akayan  
**Lucas** - Mikey Nastov

Ava McGee  
 Hannah Nouri  
 Emesha Reeves  
 Jeremy Segal  
 Irene Sornichai  
 Lily Tindale  
 Daisy Willow

### Hair & Make-up

Sarah Bottomley  
 Genna Cohen  
 Rebecca Docherty  
 Jennifer Hart  
 Maisie James  
 Manon Lake  
 Maya Manojlovic  
 Virginia Nieva  
 Lauren O'Loughlin  
 Molly Vaughn

### Assistant Choreographers

Julia Anderson-Gingold  
 Emma Ramsey

### Photography

Grace Maloney  
 Tom Donohoe  
 Amelia Thorne  
 Yoanna Kim

### Dance

Irene Sornichai  
 Emma Ramsey  
 Julia Anderson-Gingold  
 Sarah Helman

Brendan Francis  
 Kathy Grahame  
 Jola Jablonwska  
 Darren Jones  
 Sunnie Kim

Lauren McKinnon  
 Alicia O'Donnell  
 Caitlin Whitby



## The closest Athletics Carnival ever

The 2017 Killara High School's Athletics Carnival was one to savour for a number of reasons. Participation numbers were up, we had some innovations and the overall results between the houses were closer than ever.

The venue was The NSW Academy of Sport, Narrabeen on Tuesday 29 March. Somehow, once again we dodged the wet weather in a month which recorded a ridiculous amount of rain... that had to be a good sign.

With the help of the Sports Council, for the first time we had 'time gates' at our Athletics Carnival, which gave the track events that professional feel and the students responded with high levels of participation and many school records were broken.

The day consisted of track and field events for those who were keen, with the Prefects putting on some awesome novelty events which kept some of our less competitive students interested and active.

Many school records were broken on the day and special mention must go to Brianna Worsfold who broke seven individual records on the day. Well done Brianna. Other record breakers were Tamara Kowcz Rosinke, Klaer Digby, Ethan Burgess, Jayden Burgess, Anna Chandler and Thomas Jobling.

The Age Champions were as follows:

Age Group	Girls	Boys
12	Brianna Worsfold	Finn Trekofski
13	Phoebe Fitton	Luke Fisher
14	Sophie Haliday	Martin Leerberg
15	Klaer Digby	Luke Klusman
16	Tamara Kowcz Rosinke	Matin Abroon and Yonathan Ferdman
17+	Renee Butler	Alexander Olivier

Another feature of the day was how close the overall results between the houses were. Doongara ended up claiming glory on the day with 1291, however there were only 21 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> from 4<sup>th</sup>. Mundara finished second on 1285 with Caringa and Kimba tied 3<sup>rd</sup> on 1270.

The Killara High School Athletics Team of 2017 will once again be well equipped to deliver outstanding results when the Zone Athletics Carnival takes place towards the end of Term 2.

Special thanks go out to the parents who assisted in the running of the carnival on the day, in particular Richard Nott who took on the role of Field Throwing Marshall.

**Adam Bruckshaw**  
Carnivals Organiser



## CHS Swimming

The CHS Swimming Carnival was held on Sunday 2 April - Tuesday 4 April. This year Lewis Dobson (Year 11), Jono Shaw (Year 11), Maya Murphy (Year 10), Matthew Thorne (Year 9), Dennis Hui (Year 9), Ned Waddington (Year 8), Asher Klass (Year 8) and David Zhang (Year 8) qualified for this event.

The team produced some outstanding results. Dennis came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 Individual Medley, 400m Individual Medley, and 100m Breaststroke. Dennis also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m Butterfly, and 6<sup>th</sup> in

200m Freestyle and 400m Freestyle. Ned came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m Backstroke, and Matthew came 10<sup>th</sup> in 100m Breaststroke and 12<sup>th</sup> in the 400IM. Maya came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50m Freestyle and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly. Our elite swimmers will be competing in upcoming events including The Australian Age Championships in April, and the NSW All Schools Championships in May. We wish them all the best in these competitions.

**Tina Shapiro**  
Teacher PDHPE

## Student Progress Review Meetings – Year 9 and 12

Each year Killara High School schedules three student progress review meetings when parents can speak with teachers about their child's learning progress before too much of the year has passed.

We have scheduled the second Student Progress Review meeting session for Years 9 and 12 on **Monday 15 May – Term 2 Week 4.**

Booking codes and information regarding the meetings were emailed on Thursday 4 May.

We hope parents can take advantage of this opportunity to discuss with teachers their children's progress to date.

### Interview Bookings

Interviews between parents and the nominated teachers will then be scheduled between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.00pm taking into account parent and teacher availability.

The schedule of interviews will be open for parent access at 12.00pm on 11 May so that parents may print out their schedule. Some limited adjustments of appointments may be possible depending on the availability of teachers. This access will close again on 14 May at noon.

### **PLEASE NOTE –**

- The system does not notify you of your appointment schedule. You must log on between 11 - 15 May to download your interview appointments.
- The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will indicate course/faculty locations and signs

on tables will indicate locations of individual teachers.

- **Interviews are of five minutes duration. Parents and teachers are asked to restrict their discussion to that time in fairness to all families seeking interviews. If teachers and/or parents feel the need to discuss matters further, another mutually convenient time should be arranged.**

- Interviews must be prearranged. To drop in on the off chance of speaking to a teacher can prove very frustrating to those with appointments and such requests may not be able to be accommodated. Please give consideration to the needs of other parents and the staff during these evenings.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet with the school staff to discuss your child's progress. Year Advisers, Career Adviser and a School Counsellor will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school. Please notify the office by email at [killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if you require this service. You will need to indicate your child's language required and approximate times of interviews.

The final Student Progress Review Meeting scheduled for Term 2 is:

**Years 8 and 10 – Tuesday 13 June (Week 8)**

**Robin Chand, Alison Gambino  
and Carla Marchesin  
Deputy Principals**

## Student Safety

Please note that Department of Education policy requires supervision of students to commence 30 minutes before the start of the school day. Consequently, the school is not open to students before 8.10am, except for those attending lessons or practices under the supervision of a teacher.

Students arriving before Home Group are expected to remain within the school grounds where they are supervised informally by the large numbers of teachers arriving or present at that time. Students may not leave the school grounds after their arrival at school without written authority of the school and knowledge of parents/carers.

At the conclusion of the day the large numbers of students leaving school by bus are supervised by rostered staff until all buses have departed. All other students must leave the school premises following the 3.05pm bell. **There is no formal supervision provided in the school grounds after school.**

Thank you for your assistance.

# Ekuba 2017

## Year 12 - Save the date

**Monday 18 September**  
**6.30pm for a 7.00pm start**

**Killara High School's Farewell Dinner for Year 12 Students and Parents**



'Ekuba' means 'farewell' or 'goodbye' in the ancient Aboriginal language of Kutthung. The annual Ekuba dinner, held since 1992 in the Kerrabee Hall, is now a long-held tradition at Killara High School and a much anticipated event for Year 12 students and their families. Families of Year 11 students organise and volunteer their time to deliver a memorable evening for all.

This year, it will be held on Monday 18 September when Killara High will officially say 'Ekuba' to our 2017 Year 12 class before the final rigours of study and exams.

All Year 12 students and their parents/carers are invited to a delicious, professionally catered sit-down dinner, which will be part of a memorable evening of celebrations, presentations and reflections from staff, parents and students.

More information about ticket sales will follow soon.



Ekuba 是什么

Ekuba 是“送别”的意思，是Killara High School给12年级同学们和家长们准备的饯别宴会。从1992年开始，该宴会就由11年级的同学及家长们作为志愿者组织安排在Kerrabee Hall举办。Ekuba邀请12年级的所有同学及家长一同庆祝。

宴会将于9月18日晚以晚宴形式举行，届时将会有照片及介绍让大家一起分享同学们在Killara High School的日子。

## Australian Age Swimming Championships

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This year we had two Killara High School students compete in The Australian Age Swimming Championships. This competition was held at Brisbane Aquatic Centre in Queensland from 16 April – 23 April.

Dennis Hui (Year 9) competed in the 200m Individual Medley, 400m Individual Medley, 100m Breaststroke and the 200m Breaststroke. Maya Murphy (Year 10) competed in the 100m Backstroke and finished 8<sup>th</sup>. Maya also placed an outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay.

The NSW All Schools Swimming Championships are being held on 12 May at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Ned Waddington (Year 8) will be competing in the 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke. Dennis Hui will be competing in the 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly, 200m IM, 400m IM and 200m Breaststroke. Maya Murphy will be competing in the 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke. We wish these students all the best in their events.

**Christina Shapiro**  
PDHPE Teacher

## Extension Music student from 2016 makes Killara High School proud

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Rain Liu, a highly accomplished Extension Music student from 2016, was one of the 20 outstanding musicians and composers from 19 NSW schools invited to take part at the Opera House Stage for the 2016 HSC showcase performance of Encore.

NSW Education Standards Authority chief executive David de Carvalho said the Encore performers were chosen for their exemplary works from more than 5000 who studied music for this HSC last year.

Encore showcases the depth of talent and high standard of achievement among 2016 HSC music students and is a testament to the dedication of students and the teachers.

Congratulations to Rain on this achievement.



**Sunnie Kim**  
Music Teacher

## NSW Gymnastics

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Congratulations Phoebe Sinclair, Year 7, has been selected to represent and join the NSW Gymnastics Team. They are competing in a

National Competition being held in Melbourne at the beginning of June. We wish Phoebe and the NSW Gymnastics Team good luck.

## Performing Arts

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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

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### 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>

For up to date careers information, please visit the school website at:

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years>

select Year 10, 11 or 12 and careers news

For further information on any of the above or for general inquires please contact the careers faculty.

Email [careers@khs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:careers@khs.nsw.edu.au)

**Sophie Allen and Elif Macpherson**  
Careers Adviser

## Compass School Management

Compass School Management is being used at Killara High School and it aims to empower parents with information about student learning.

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports and Progress Reports
- Provide consent for events

### Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store.

Every parent contact receives a separate login to Compass, which was emailed to the family email on

the 20 March 2017. Killara High School's Compass Web address is:

<http://killara-h-nsw.compass.education>.

### Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can recover your details by clicking the 'Can't access your account?' link on the front page, if you have updated your email address in Compass. Otherwise contact the school, and an administration staff member can reset your password for you.

### Homepage

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

## Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 Course Information Meeting For Parents of Years 8 and 10 Students

The time for Year 8 and Year 10 course selections for 2018 is upon us.

Information sessions for parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

**Tuesday 30 May 2017 in the Kerrabee Theatre  
Year 8 at 6.00pm and Year 10 at 6.45pm**

In order to provide students and parents with comprehensive information to assist in making decisions about programs of study for Year 9 and Year 11 2018, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to students prior to the information evening.

These booklets contain a wealth of general information about Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 course requirements as well as a range of programs of study and details about all subjects on offer to students. Killara High School is able to offer students a very broad range of courses for both the Higher School Certificate and Stage 5.

The meetings on Tuesday 30 May will provide parents and students with further details about the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirement for the awards of the Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate.

All faculties will have representatives available at the evening meeting to provide additional information about courses and answers to questions you might have.

Students are asked to choose their courses carefully in consultation with parents and teachers. **Year 8 students choose three electives to study in Year 9. Year 10 students choose 10 units (most subjects are equal to 2 units) in addition to the compulsory 2 units of English.** Students are always advised to make their choices based on their interests and talents.

For Year 10, all students will be interviewed by their Year Advisers prior to finalising their course selections for their senior program of study in June. Killara High School provides a supportive consultation process to ensure all students make choices that will best suit their individual needs.

Both Year 8 and Year 10 students will be required to return their selection forms before the end of Term 2.

**Alison Gambino (Year 11 2018)  
Robin Chand (Year 9 and 10 2018)  
Deputy Principals**

Friday 28 April 2017

Our reference: D2017/34639

## **HSC minimum standard: Message from NESAs CEO to Year 9 parents**

I have written a [letter](#) to each and every Year 9 student in NSW to assure them that they will have the opportunity to sit their HSC exams in 2020 regardless of their NAPLAN results this year. However, they will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of reading, writing and numeracy to be awarded their HSC certificate.

### **New online reading, writing and numeracy tests**

There will be multiple opportunities for your child to do this, by taking short online tests that specifically assess these skills. Your child will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test. Once they pass a test they do not have to sit it again.

### **What does Year 9 have to do with the HSC minimum standard?**

We know students learn at different rates. The Year 9 NAPLAN tests are designed to provide you, your child and their teachers with valuable information about how your child's learning is progressing and if you need support.

If your child happens to achieve Band 8 or above NAPLAN results in all three areas this year, they have shown they are already achieving the standard required to receive their HSC in 2020. So, they won't have to do the online tests.

But, to be clear the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) expects that the majority of students will be sitting at least one of the online tests starting in Year 10.

### **Why has the HSC minimum standard been introduced?**

The HSC minimum standard is being introduced to help ensure that students leave school with basic literacy and numeracy skills for success in life, and the ability to communicate their ideas effectively in all their HCS exams.

I encourage you to read the [letter](#) I wrote to Year 9 students and discuss it with your child.

More information, a short video and flyers (in 14 community languages) are also on the NESA website: [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)

**David de Carvalho**  
**NESA Chief Executive Officer**

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