

Killara



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From the Principal

Changes to the HSC Minimum Standard

You will probably be aware that the Department of Education has decided to uncouple NAPLAN and the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020.

From now, student performance in NAPLAN will not be used as a way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard.

Students will demonstrate that they meet the HSC minimum standard by achievement in online tests, which are available for them to sit when they are ready in Year 10, 11 or 12, or after the HSC.

It is important to note that current Year 10 students who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests have met the minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s. There are details of the online tests on page 5, should students need to sit on or more tests.

Link to the NESA announcement:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/media-releases/media-release-detail/changes-to-the-hsc-minimum-standard>

Welcome new staff

A number of teachers have joined Killara High School on a permanent basis this term. We welcome:

English – Ms Ayesha Ghazzawy

Mathematics – Ms Michelle Yuen

Science – Mr Jonathon Manley

HSIE Green – Ms Janet Eagle

TAS – Ms Tonia Bell

Teacher-librarian – Ms Samira Chami

Careers Adviser – Ms Elif Macpherson

Counsellor – Ms Madeleine Dunn

Michael Carr-Gregg

Don't forget – renowned psychologist and author Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be presenting here at school on Thursday 1 March, commencing 6.30pm. You will not want to miss this. Dr Carr-Gregg leads the way in helping parents navigate adolescence, and is a highly engaging speaker.

Supervision of students

Formal supervision of students commences ten minutes before Home Group, and concludes at the dismissal bell. It is important that students leave the school grounds directly after the final bell, unless they are involved in a formal extra-curricular activity. Please ensure that your child makes their way directly home after school, in the interests of their safety.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Term 1 key dates

February 2018

23	World's Biggest Beep Test Lunchtime
26	Zone Swimming Carnival
27	School Photos
28	Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Session – 6.00pm

March 2018

1	New Building Information Booth – 5.00pm – 6.30pm
1	KSP Parent Evening with Michael Carr-Gregg, in the Kerrabee Hall 6.30pm – 8.00pm
2	Leadership and catch up School Photos
5	Year 7 Vaccinations Safe on Social Parent Seminar 6.30pm – 7.30pm
6	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Session – 6.00pm Chinese and Korean Parent Information Evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the A Block Common Room
7	Year 7 Parent Breakfast 7.30am – 8.30am Year 12 Parent Information Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm Kerrabee Theatre
11	Year 11 Jindabyne (6 days)
23	Year 11 Geography Excursion
24	Music Camp (2 days) Years 7-12
26	KSP Public Speaking Symposium
28	National Band Championships, Melbourne Tour (5 days) - Return on Sunday 1 April

April 2018

5	Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Session – 6.00pm
9	Years 7 and 12 Student Progress Report Meetings (SPRM)

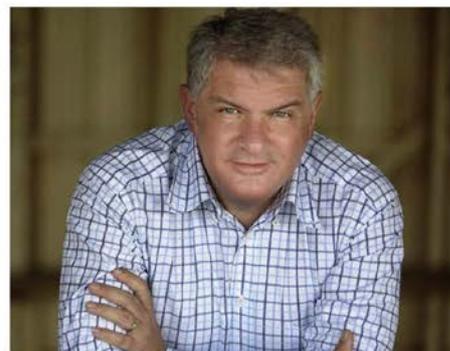
BUSES

Please ensure that you tap on and off when travelling on school buses.

We want the company to have an accurate picture of the number of students who travel by bus.

MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

The five greatest challenges
for parents



THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2018

6.30 – 8.00pm

Killara High School
Koola Avenue, Killara

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, author of 11 books, broadcaster and a specialist in parenting.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear what every parent needs to know about millennial parenting.

This is a free event, and no RSVP is necessary. Tea and coffee will be served from 5.30pm.

Enquiries to ann.dixon@det.nsw.edu.au

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New Building

Blue Visions, the project managers for our new building, is operating information booths on:

Thursday 1 March, 4.30pm – 6.30pm: prior to the Michael Carr-Gregg presentation
Monday 9 April, 4.00pm – 6.00pm: Years 7 and 12 Student Progress Report Meetings (SPRM)

Come along and give your feedback, and ask any questions.

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All Parents - Save the Date

Safe on Social Seminar

Monday 5 March
6.30pm
In the Kerrabee Hall

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Year 7 Parents – Save the Date

Meet the Teachers Parent Breakfast

Wednesday 7 March
7.30am to 8.30am
In the Kerrabee Hall

Year 7 Camp

Early Monday morning on 19 February, Year 7 students arrived at school, eager to start the trip to Vision Valley. We all excitedly checked the lists to see who would be sharing rooms and to check which bus we would be travelling on. The bus trip was filled with chatter, and before we knew it, we were there! We all dropped our bags off and commenced our first activity. Some of us went to the water-slide, others swam in the pool, while another group did archery. Some other activities included the dual flying fox, the Giant's ladder, canoeing, crate stacking, the lily pads and more.

The water slide was one of my favourite activities. You had to climb up five flights of stairs and at the top, lie down on a mat, push off and speed down the long winding slide. It was very fun, although on the second day it was cool and windy, so some of us were shivering our legs off while waiting! Another good one was the dual flying fox. Together with a partner you were strapped into a full body harness and put on helmets. After walking up a

long narrow path you had to click onto the wire at the top then push off and start flying down the wire. If you stopped before the end, like I did, you would have to drop down a special rope and someone below would pull you to the end. The experience was amazing! The disco was also a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed dressing up in Hawaiian tops, skirts and flower garlands and we all danced to our favourite songs.

We all got better at teamwork during the Giant's ladder, canoeing, lily pads, crate stacking and the flying fox. We learnt to help other people achieve their best while relying on others to help you. We learnt that it's important to keep safe, to have the best time on camp and that teamwork is an important skill to have. We also learnt how to put on a harness! We all had a great time and it all seemed to fly by so quickly. The experience was incredible.

Isabella Heriot
Year 7



Computer Coding Program 2018

Killara High School and ScopeIT Education are teaming up again to continue our successful coding club - CIY.Club. Permission notes are available from Mr Chand.

Students have the opportunity to be self-directed and motivated to work independently, with guidance from expert coaches. The program runs like a Karate Class, where kids of all ages and skill levels come together to learn, train and improve. We also use a levelling system similar to the belt system, where students complete a certain number of achievements before they can 'Level Up' to reach their next level. We provide the kids coloured armbands to denote their level instead of a belt.

This program matches Killara High School's key strategic direction that aims to develop successful learners. Macbook Air laptops will be provided for use during the program.

The program will run throughout the year. This Term we are trialling a new format, once the permission slip is returned parents will be emailed registration instructions. We are looking at having 6 x 90 minute sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

- Venue:** Block A Demountable 01
- Dates:** From February to December 2018 - registration a term at a time
Term 1 is 6 sessions starting from 6 and 7 March to 10 and 11 April
- Times:** Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.00pm or
Wednesday 2.45pm - 4.15pm
- Cost:** \$149.00 (same as 9 x 1hr sessions). You will be emailed payment instructions once a permission note is returned to Mr Chand
- Transport:** Students should be accompanied by an adult to and from the venue
- Uniform:** School uniform or appropriate attire with closed shoes
- Notes:** Available from Mr Chand and to be returned by Tuesday 27th February to Mr Chand

Make-up days can be organised as required.

Students must return the consent form prior to attending the coding club.

Robin Chand
Deputy Principal

Performing Arts Ensemble – Rehearsal Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.30 – 8.30am	DANCE SENIOR Hall	VOCAL EXTENSION G03 DANCE JNR B Hall WIND ENSEMBLE G03	CB2 Studio 1	SB1 Studio 1 GUITAR DP04	CB2 Studio 1
Lunch		DANCE JNR C Hall			
3.15 – 4.15pm	YEAR 7 BAND Hall PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE DP04 CB1 Studio 1	ORCHESTRA/STRINGS Studio 1 VOCAL ENSEMBLE G03		SB2 Studio 1	
4.15 – 5.15pm	CB1 Studio 1	STRINGS Studio 1			

Online Literacy and Numeracy Testing: HSC Minimum Standards: Year 10

NESA has established dates for online tests each term for students who have **not** met the HSC minimum standards in Year 9 NAPLAN 2017. Therefore, if your child has met the minimum standards last year, they **will not** need to register for an online test.

Registration process and test administration

Use the link attached within this message to register for one or more online tests. Students will have two opportunities per year to attempt each test.

Students should register online and express their interest in completing the relevant online test/s for Term 1. These tests will be writing, reading and numeracy and each test will be 45 minutes in length. Please note that your child may elect to sit more than one test during each testing period, should that be necessary.

Registrations for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will open up closer to each testing period. At this stage, only students interested in attempting the online test in Term 1, 2018 are required to register. Registrations for tests in Terms 2 - 4 will open up in their respective terms.

- Term 1 Week 8 (Testing period Monday 19 March – Friday 23 March). Online registrations close Sunday 11 March 2018
- Term 2 Week 8 (Testing period Monday 18 June – Friday 22 June). Online registrations close Sunday 10 June 2018
- Term 3 Week 7 (Testing period Monday 3 September – Friday 7 September) Online registrations close Sunday 26 August 2018

- Term 4 Week 8 (Testing period Monday 3 December – Friday 7 December). Online registrations close Sunday 25 November 2018

Students will be notified about the specific date and location of these tests closer to the testing period.

Parents and students are welcome to speak to classroom teachers to seek advice about readiness to attempt the online tests.

How do I register for an online test in Term 1?

Here is the link to register for the Term 1, 2018 NESA Online Test:

<https://goo.gl/forms/n0Af28KMQW127r5c2>

Other Helpful resources

- NESA Minimum Standards:
<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/port al/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests>
- **Practice tests.** Practice tests are available in reading, writing and numeracy. Schools must enrol students in these tests, and these tests must be completed at school. Students are encouraged to speak to the Stage 5 head teacher if they would like to try one of the practice tests.
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/port al/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests/what-to-expect-in-the-tests/sample-test-questions>

Adam Bruckshaw
Stage 5 Head Teacher (Rel)

Robin Chand
Deputy Principal

Year 8 Honour Badge recipients

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who have been presented with their Honour Badges, for their achievements last year.

Megan Ambor	Maxim Buryak
Elaina Chao	Jessie Cheung
David Cooper	Boyu Cui
Mandy Curci	Lucinda Evatt
Saskia Geraghty	Woojin Hyun
Clare Kim	Gloria Kim
Ryan Leahy	Elizabeth Lee
Jessica Lee	Mavis Lee

Eran Liyanage
Ethan Melnick
Eiliya Nasser
Emma Quaintance
Catherine Song
Katie Sutherland
Brianna Worsfold

Maya Manojlovic
Alice Moyes
Alexandra Parsons
Lior Shacham
Kate Springer
Sho Watanabe

Georgina Andrews
Year 8 Adviser

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools. You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible

- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

Robin Chand
Deputy Principal

Peer Tutoring Program for 2018

Killara High School has recommenced our peer tutoring program. This is a voluntary program, where other students at Killara High School - primarily Years 10 and 12 students, will be chosen to assist other students with their school work.

This program runs two days per week after school on a Tuesday and Friday, from 3.10pm - 4.10pm in the Lion Library. There is also a lunchtime session in E12 on Tuesdays, with a Mathematics Teacher present.

Students can choose which dates suit on these days. For example, a student can choose to come every Tuesday afternoon when the sessions are scheduled.

The types of issues that our student tutors would cover in these sessions include:

- homework support
- any particular issues that some students may be struggling with in their subjects
- cross curriculum support e.g. writing, reading and numeracy.

I am looking for permission from you as parents/caregivers, to allow your child/children to participate in this program as 'tutees'.

Please feel free to contact me about the program on Tuesdays and/or Fridays at school, or alternatively, email me at: francie.campbell1@det.nsw.edu.au

I will require you to sign a consent form for your child/children to participate.

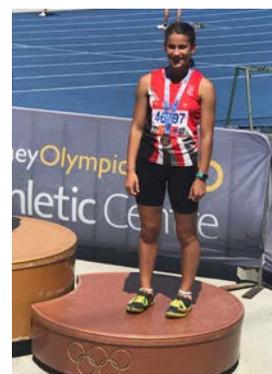
The program finishes at 4.10pm, so alternative travel arrangements for your child/children to get home will need to be organised.

We are excited about this venture for our students, and hope many students will benefit from this program.

Francie Campbell
Tutoring Coordinator

Student Success

On 9 - 11 February, Brianna Worsfold (Year 8), competed in the 2018 NSW Junior Track & Field Championships at Homebush. Brianna was awarded a Gold medal for the 13 years Shotput and a Bronze medal in the 200m Sprint. She has now qualified for the 2018 National Australian Junior Championships to be held again at Homebush Sydney Olympic Stadium from 14 - 18 March. She has qualified to compete in the 400m sprint as well as the Shotput and 200m sprint events as part of the NSW team. Congratulations, Brianna.



Student Success

Congratulations to Tamara Kowcz Rosinke who attended the Sydney North Schools Tennis Competition on 16 February. The competition was held in Gosford, and Tamara won 5 strong matches in a row, including the 1st seed in the finals. In an outstanding effort, she won the Opens competition. Well done, Tamara.

Christina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Peer Support Program

What is the Peer Support Program?

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address social issues. Modules are designed to equip them with skills to deal proactively with life experiences. The Peer Support Program promotes wellbeing, which encourages positive relationships, connectedness and a sense of responsibility.

Modules focus on:

- Transition
- Resilience

Week 5, Term 1

The focus of this week's session is Wellbeing. Students discuss the need to enhance their wellbeing so they are mentally and emotionally fit to face obstacles and setbacks they encounter.

They consider the positive effects of elements such as eating well, getting sufficient sleep and regular exercise.

Achievements are redefined as the skills and attitudes learned in reaching a set goal rather than the final product.

Students are encouraged to identify their strengths. These strengths could be their achievements, activities they enjoy, their aspirations and the opportunities and people they have to support them.

Encourage your child by praising effort rather than results. You could say something like "I'm really proud of you, you worked hard to practise for this test. You even asked your teacher for help."

Week 6, Term 1

Up until this point in Peer Support, students have been encouraged to respond with open thoughts to challenges and be optimistic about pursuing positive outcomes. This kind of thinking allows them to believe that new skills and strategies are beneficial and can make a difference to the outcome.

Over the next few weeks students will discuss and practise a range of skills and strategies they can adopt when inevitable setbacks occur.

This week we discuss reflection as a way of taking responsibility for our actions and considering how we might alter them in the future.

We redefine failure as the absence of effort, recognising that results simply inform us of the next steps to take.

Students are reminded that perseverance is not a case of doing the same thing over and over. Persevering in any situation requires much effort, constant reflection and sometimes a number of strategies.

Regine Berghofer
Peer Support Coordinator

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is currently out-of-stock of senior boys' ties. The manufacturer of the ties has been delayed due to Chinese New Year. We will notify you through the newsletter once they have arrived.

The shop would like to hold a second hand sale prior to the end of term. We are keen to take off your hands any items of uniform which are in a reasonable condition. Please wash items and bring

along to the Uniform Shop during opening hours – there is no need to iron them. The shop is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8.00am and 10.30am. Profits from second hand sales go back to the school through the P&C.

Barbara Liebenberg
Uniform Shop Manager

Invitation - Parent Information Night for Chinese and Korean Parents

Please join us for this useful information night.
Chinese and Korean interpreters will be present on the night.

Tuesday 6 March 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Killara High School – A Block Common Room

Topics for the night include:

What the school expects of your child and how you can best support your child, how you can become involved in the life of the school, parent and teacher meetings, school attendance matters, clubs, extra-curricular activities and sport opportunities, camps, subject choices and the HSC.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please take this opportunity to meet and make new friends over tea and cake.

RSVP: For planning purposes, please let us know the number of people attending

Email: Ms Jenny Newell (ESL Program Coordinator) jennifer.newell@det.nsw.edu.au

Invitation - Parent Information Night for Korean Parents

2018 킬라라 중고등학교 학부모 설명회의 밤 한국 학부모를 위한 초대장

유용한 정보를 위한 밤에 오시기 바랍니다.

영어-한국어 통역사가 참석하오니 학교에 관한 궁금한 사항을 문의하실 수 있습니다.

3월 6일 화요일 오후 5.30pm – 7.00pm
킬라라 중고등학교 – staff common room in **A Block**

설명회의 밤에서 다루는 사안들

- 학교가 학생들에게 바라는 것이 무엇인지,
 - 어떻게 학부모가 자녀를 최대한 지원해 줄 수 있는지,
 - 어떻게 학부모가 자녀의 학교생활에 참여할 수 있는지 와
- 학부모와 교사간 만남, 학교 출석사항, 클럽활동, 추가 교과활동과 스포츠 활동, 캠프, 학과목 선택과 그리고
HSC(Higher School Certificate- 일명 대입수능시험)
♣ 다과가 제공됩니다.

부디 참석하셔서 다과와 함께 새롭게 교류할 학부모들을 만날 기회를 가지시기 바랍니다

답장 바랍니다: 준비를 위해 참석하시는 분의 수를 알려 주시면 감사하겠습니다.
전자메일: MS Jenny Newell (EAL<English as an Additional Language> 프로그램 담당자)
jennifer.newell@det.nsw.edu.au

Invitation - Parent Information Night for Chinese Parents

KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 2018

KILLARA 高中家长信息分享夜 2018

邀请华人家长

请加入我们这个有价值的信息分享夜
当晚将会有中文翻译

3月6日 星期二 晚上 5.30 -7:00

KILLARA 高中 - 员工办公室

当晚的议题包括

学校对您的孩子有哪些期望以及您如何最好地支持您的孩子。您应该怎样参与到学校生活以及参加学校家长会。了解学校出勤情况，课外活动和运动机会，露营，学习科目的选和HSC的考试有关情况。

我们将提供茶点
在茶点轻松的氛围中，请把握这个机会去认识和交往新的朋友。

请您回复: 为了更好的组织, 请告诉我们有多少人参加。

Email: Jenny Newell 女士 (EAL项目调解员) jennifer.newell@det.nsw.edu.au

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>

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

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/careers>

Alternatively please visit the new Careers website at: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

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 Elif Macpherson
Careers Advisers

Library

For up to date book recommendations from the Library, please visit the school website at:

<https://killara-h-nsw.compass.education/Services/FileAssets.svc/DownloadFile?sessionstate=readonly&id=1287e19c-1681-441f-ab5d-ced1fd15e228&originalFileName=New%20Library%20Books.pdf&nodeId=3210>