

Principal's Column

Communication from Your School

This will be our first full week of online learning, with teachers working towards consistent engagement with their students through Google Classroom and Zoom. As far as possible, I have asked teachers and students to stick to their usual timetable – this will ensure we don't have "clashes" when trying to run Zoom sessions for students. I would also like to remind our families that, while I will continue to communicate through our usual fortnightly editions of Kingy Spirit, I will also continue to provide additional updates through both Facebook and direct email to parents and carers. I strongly encourage all of our families to keep their eye on this ongoing communication.

Like everything else it seems, teaching and learning for everyone, including Kingscliff High School, has changed dramatically over the past few weeks and, no doubt, there will continue to be changes as we "fine tune" our approach to online learning.

Learning from Home Support Material

Today, 99.1% of our students were absent from school, indicating that our families have well and truly embraced the call to support their young people and their engagement with learning at home. The following links may prove useful in this regard:

Remote learning guidelines for students and parents:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/media/documents/Remote_Learning_Guidelines.pdf

Reminders about Online Etiquette:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/online-etiquette-or-netiquette-the-dos-and-donts-of-online-communication->

The materials in the Department's [Learning from Home](#) webpage (which I have already sent out) provides advice to parents on setting up home learning schedules to support students to engage with work sent home.

This link from the [Red Cross](#) may also be useful.

Ongoing Support for Students

We will be endeavouring to keep an eye on student engagement with Google Classroom and Zoom sessions. Where teachers can see a pattern of students not engaging, our intention is to make a phone call to families as a "check in" in order to find out if there is any further support we can provide in order to ensure continuity in the student's engagement with learning.

Alternately, and not necessarily related to any specific concerns, all of our families will, at some point, receive a phone call from one of our friendly School Learning and Support Officers - Natasha Ramsey, Eliza Cowell, Mitch Bandeira, Kylie Lambert, Maree Prichard, Jackson Hickey, Louise McGee and John Imbrogno. I have asked them to check in around student access to technology and online learning, and their general wellbeing. I have also asked our Aboriginal Education Officer, Midge Beam, to check in on our Aboriginal students.

Counsellor Availability

On a related note, our school will continue to have a Counsellor on site and observing social distancing. Students can make contact with our Counsellor through their Year Adviser, a Learning Support Teacher they might be in contact with, or by simply contacting the school.

Year 12 Zoom Meeting

Year 12 remain foremost in our minds, and we are doing all that we can to ensure they feel supported and connected. With this in mind we will be attempting a Zoom Year Meeting for Year 12 tomorrow at 10:15am. I will be updating them in relation to developments from NESA, and I have asked Head Teachers, our Careers and Transition Advisers, their Year Advisor and others to spend some Zoom time with Year 12.

Capital Works

Progress has slowed a little on our planned upgrades, and, it would be fair to say, overall awareness of the coming works may well have "dropped off the radar". Having said that, a contractor has been appointed and, bearing in mind the world may well continue to change, there is currently an expectation that works on our new PE and CAPA facilities will commence starting from next term. My sincere best wishes to all members of our school community during these unprecedented times.



Michael Hensley
Principal



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<https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffhighschool>

TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONTH - MARCH/APRIL	Week 10	
Monday 30 March	Day: 2	
Tuesday 31 March	Day: 3	
Wednesday 1 April	Day: 4	
Thursday 2 April	Day: 5	
Friday 3 April	Day: 6	
MONTH - APRIL	Week 11	
Monday 6 April	Day: 7	
Tuesday 7 April	Day: 1	
Wednesday 8 April	Day: 2	
Thursday 9 April	Day: 3	
End of Term 1 for all students		
MONTH - APRIL /MAY	TERM 2	Week 1
All activities have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19		
Monday 27 April		
Staff Development Day - no students at school		
Tuesday 28 April		Day: 4
First day of Term 2 for all students		
Wednesday 29 April		Day: 5
NC RL Finals Day		
Thursday 30 April		Day: 6
CHS Basketball		
Friday 1 May		Day: 7
MONTH - MAY	Week 2	
All activities have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19		
Monday 4 May		Day: 1
Greater Northern Girls AFL Trials Coffs Harbour		
Tuesday 5 May		Day: 2
Parent Teacher night (Years 8,9 and 10)		
CHS Boys AFL - Coffs Harbour		
Greater Rugby League - 15s & Opens Coffs Harbour		
CHS Rugby - Kiama		
CHS Boys Hockey - Kurnell		
CHS Girls Netball - Orange		
Wednesday 6 May		Day: 3
Thursday 7 May		Day: 4
Friday 8 May		Day: 5
KHS Cross Country		
All Schools Swimming - SOPAC		

Tweed Valley Hospital

The Tweed Valley Hospital project site remains open and we will continue working in line with the latest advice from the NSW Government.

We will respect all measures put in place by the NSW Government and NSW Health, and work to ensure the safety of all our people and communities.

Please see the information provided below about the on-going work on-site from **Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April, 2020**, dependent on weather and construction conditions.

Work activity and location

1. Vegetation improvement work.

Residents may experience some localised noise and vibration when machinery is in use. Please refer to the [community notification](#) and [vegetation improvement fact sheet](#) for more information about this work.

As part of this work, traffic management will be in place on Cudgen Road and Turnock Street. The work is expected to continue for another two weeks, weather and construction conditions permitting, with minor short delays expected.

2. Survey and services location works.

We do not expect any impacts to residents during this work.

3. Earthworks and civil work.

Residents and road users can expect construction vehicles on Cudgen Road including heavy vehicles transporting materials and equipment.

4. Bored piling work.

We do not expect any increase in noise and vibration emanating from the site as a result of the piling work.

5. In-ground infrastructure installation.

We do not expect any impacts to residents during this work

Additional information for community members

Managing construction activities

All construction activities are planned, controlled and documented as required under the [Conditions of Consent for the Stage 1 works](#).