

Principal's Column

Welcome Back

I hope all of our families had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. While keeping an eye on events in Sydney, nationally and around the world, we very much hope that this year will see students and teachers working and learning together every school day.

It was great to have Years 11 and 12 back on Friday, along with welcoming our new Year 7 group. They have been joined this week by Years 8 to 10, along with the bulk of our new enrolments for all years joining us from Tuesday this week.

Year 7

Many thanks to **Mrs Mann**, our Year 7 Adviser, and **Mrs Williamson**, our Head Teacher in charge of Transition, for the 'K Days' Orientation Program for our new Year 7 group. Year 7 families should also keep their eye out for information about our upcoming Year 7 BBQ on Thursday next week, along with the Year 7 camp at Kindilan from Monday 8 March to Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Year 11

Thanks to **Mrs Levi**, our Year 11 Adviser, for her organisation of the 'O Day' for Year 11 on Wednesday this week. Students will have the opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of the scope of the challenge ahead of them as they begin their journey in senior study.

Swimming Carnival

Thanks also to **Mr Ella** for his organisation of our annual Swimming Carnival this Friday. Fingers crossed for great weather and a fantastic day of competition in the pool, along with the usual more light-hearted aspects of the day, particularly for Year 12. Payment is made directly to the pool for entry \$4.00 and \$6.00 is collected as they board the bus. No online payments accepted.

Mobile Phones

At the end of last term I shared with our school community our new approach to mobile phone

management. After initial proposals to introduce Yondr pouches to our school in Term 1 last year, our School Captains and Student Representative Council responded with some strong advice that this initiative should be put on hold to allow for school community consultation in which our student leaders played a key role. As a result, the trial which will come into effect from Monday 8 February 2021 until the end of Term 1 will be:

- The trial will apply to all students from Year 7 to Year 12.
- Mobile phones are to be switched off and out of sight during class time and breaks between class.
- Students will be able to access their phones during Recess and Lunch.
- If a student has their phone 'on and out' during or between classes, the first instance will result in a suspension warning with notification to parents / carers via text. The second instance will result in a two day suspension, followed by placement on a Mobile Phone Monitoring Card.
- Suspensions will escalate if the above pattern continues.

I would like to reiterate a couple of points that I raised last year, that should be noted by our parents and carers as we really do need everyone's support on this:

- Mobile phone misuse has become the most significant source of disruption to learning in our school.
- Students, teachers and parents worked together on the above proposal as an alternative to the implementation of Yondr pouches.
- The above process is used by schools who are using the pouches – we will be trying to achieve the same thing through student ownership of their actions.

The above trial will be evaluated at the end of this term. I sincerely hope that students do take this opportunity and step up into responsibility for the ways in which they use their phones / digital devices while at school. This would be a tremendous step forward for stable learning time in our school as well as student voice and

shared ownership of the way in which we work together as a learning community.

Alternately, there should be a clear understanding that, if this trial is not successful, Kingscliff High School will move to the use of Yondr pouches.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting of the year will be held on Monday 15 February at 6.30pm at the school with the option to zoom in. Contact the P&C Secretary for the zoom link information.

Wishing all of our school community a great week.



Michael Hensley
Principal



Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Kingscliff High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.

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

Uniform Shop



The Uniform shop regular hours are now Wednesdays 7.45am – 9.00am and Fridays 7.45am to 9.30am. The price list can be found here:

<https://www.kingscliff.nsw.edu.au/uniform-shop/>

Keeping Our School and Our Kids Safe

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONTH – FEBRUARY	Week 2
Monday 1 February	Day: 3
Years 8, 9 and 10 students return*	
Year 7 'K-Days'*	
Tuesday 2 February	Day: 4
All new enrolments (Years 8-12) *	
Year 7 'K-Days'*	
Year 12 University Tour	
Wednesday 3 February	Day: 5
Year 12 University Tour	
Year 11 O-Day	
Thursday 4 February	Day: 6
Sports Selection	
SRC Meeting	
Friday 5 February	Day: 7
KHS Swimming Carnival (Oasis Pools)	
MONTH – FEBRUARY	Week 2
Monday 8 February	Day: 1
Tuesday 9 February	Day: 2
Wednesday 10 February	Day: 3
Sport commences	
Thursday 11 February	Day: 4
Year 7 Parent BBQ	
SRC Meeting	
Friday 12 February	Day: 5
NC Secondary Volleyball - Ballina	
National Apology Day (13 Feb)	
Year 12, 2020 Academic Recognition Ceremony	
MONTH – FEBRUARY	Week 3
Monday 15 February	Day: 6
Year 7 Best Start	
P&C Meeting 6.30pm	
Safe on Social – Year 8	
Tuesday 16 February	Day: 7
Year 7 Best Start	
FNC Swimming Carnival - Murwillumbah	
Wednesday 17 February	Day: 1
Thursday 18 February	Day: 2
School Photo	
SRC Meeting	
Friday 19 February	Day: 3
FNC Boys/Girls Opens Hockey	
Safe on Social Year 7	
University Showcase	

Does the Department have Accident Insurance for students?

The NSW Department of Education does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

The department is insured so that it can meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities.

For example, if the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department's insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school and it is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department's insurance does not cover the student.

The NSW Treasury Managed Fund provides cover for the department's day-to-day activities. The public liability component covers breaches by the department in its duty of care to students that result in claims for compensation.

Supplementary sporting injuries benefits scheme

The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme. The Supplementary Scheme covers all students should they be permanently injured or die while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities such as school lessons, training and competitions. The Supplementary Scheme provides a capital benefit for particular permanent injuries meeting the minimum disability threshold or death. Benefits are paid regardless of pre-existing conditions or negligence. You do not need legal representation in order to make a claim for benefit.

The Supplementary Scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs.

For more information on the benefits paid and how to make a claim please visit the website for sporting injuries insurance scheme at <https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/treatment-and-care/what-we-do/sporting-injuries/External-link> or call 13 14 22.

In addition, there are various forms of insurance for parents wishing to insure their child against accident. These include:

- **student accident insurance**

A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to government schools through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW. Parents are unable to insure children individually. Each school (either through the principal or the school's parents and citizens association) is able to participate on a whole-school basis with the cost calculated on a set fee per student.

The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts. Importantly, the policy partially covers injuries (such as neck, pelvic and back injuries) that are not covered by the sporting injury benefit scheme mentioned above although the levels of compensation are limited.

While the Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme is limited to injuries that occurred during defined sporting activities, Student Accident Insurance typically covers a broader range of possible injuries. For example, where a student is injured falling down stairs, accident insurance coverage would be relevant, but sporting injuries insurance would not.

- **private health insurance**

Parents have the option of taking out private health coverage for their children. This is usually limited to the reimbursement of medical expenses and will not generally provide the breadth of cover provided by a specific student accident insurance policy.

Excerpt from 'Inside the Department', Legal Services <https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/legal-services/legal-topics/governance-and-commercial/accidents#People1>

Kingscliff High School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Thursday 18 February 2021 and Monday
22 February 2021**

advancedlife
photography & print specialists

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
1CB XJX RR1**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

HOCKEY SIGN ONS 2021

Use your Active Kids Vouchers

Casuarina Hockey Club have been supporting the local Community both on and off the field for 20 years. The values of the school and club run deep in our culture.

With students past and present playing Hockey for Casuarina Hockey Club we are truly a family club.

We offer a range of fun, learning training environments and games for all levels of Players.

With many club members going on to Representative levels for Hockey Tweed, Hockey Queensland, Australia School and National Junior and Senior Teams.

Come and give Hockey a go!



Sunday 7 & 14 February 2021 3pm - 5pm

Casuarina Hockey Club, 1 Barclay Drive, Casuarina

For more details contact our club via

email: info@casuarinahockey.com or Facebook: [hockeycasuarina](https://www.facebook.com/hockeycasuarina)

www.casuarinahockey.com Mob: 0401652190

Junior Teams we are running

U16, U13, U11 Girls, U16, U13, U11 Boys

U7 min age 5. U9 teams are mix boys and girls

Game Schedule Game Days will be confirmed at sign-on

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March 19 -21 /2021

A BYRON SHIRE
COMMUNITY BASED
RITE OF PASSAGE
THAT SUPPORTS
TEENAGE BOYS
TRANSITIONING INTO
YOUNG MEN
THROUGH RITUAL &
EXPERIENTIAL
CHALLENGES.

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