



KARIONG MOUNTAINS  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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**Week 6**  
**Term 4**  
22 November, 2024

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## SCHOOL NEWS:

**Congratulations!**

**WINNER of a \$10** Carphone Voucher

**Nate - Year 9**  
**Lachlan - Year 9**

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## GOLD COAST 2024



## PBL AWARDS TERM 4

**WEAR YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE!** **UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUES & FRI 8-9AM**



To Ms Jessica Milne, for her outstanding support of Year 12 in 2024 - and to all our PBL award recipients for Term 4!

## CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

BOUDDI	DHARUG	GIRRAKOOL	POPAN
15631	14866	15496	14041

Let's Celebrate:  
KMHS PRACTISING 'CATCH AND RELEASE' FISHING



## CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November	29 November
	Aboriginal Camp Wollombi Cultural Excursion Elephant Ed	Aboriginal Camp Wollombi Cultural Excursion Outdoor Rec Fishing	Aqua Splash 2024	Support Unit Transition
2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December
Year 10 Work Experience	Year 10 Work Experience Outdoor Rec Fishing 6-7 Orientation Day	Year 10 Work Experience Outdoor Rec Fishing	Year 10 Work Experience \$20 Boss Challenge	Industry Breakfast 7am Taronga Zoo Excursion



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### HELLO, TO OUR WONDERFUL KARIONG MOUNTAINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

A busy term is evolving with transition and celebrations high on the KMHS agenda.

#### YEAR 7 2025 TRANSITION

The KMHS transition team has been working extremely hard with our partner primary schools, preparing Year 6 students for **Year 7 2025**. I would like to recognise the amazing efforts by Student Wellbeing, our Year 7 Advisor for 2024, Mrs Doyle, our transition and LAST teacher and the Support Unit, led by Mr Chamberlain. **We look forward to meeting all students at Orientation Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

#### STAGE 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Kariong Mountains High School is committed to preparing students for success throughout their learning journey. This year, the school is trialling a preparation program to assist Year 10 students with their move to senior study.

All Year 10 students will participate in a three-week alternative curriculum, starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, with a focus on **wellbeing, skills for senior study, work experience** and trialling their **chosen subject pattern**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hipwell, Ms Richmond and the student services team, for all their work in this area.

#### PBL AWARDS CEREMONY TERM 4

A significant highlight for me, was attending the Term 4 PBL awards assembly today. It was a privilege to see the students receive recognition for their hard work and application to learning. Congratulations, to **Niamh** and **Arnika**, on achieving the **Director's Award**, which is the highest PBL award level. It was wonderful to see all the parents/carers and KMHS community members, who came to support and celebrate our students and their achievements!

#### TERM 4 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS + IMPORTANT CHANGES IN 2025

Below is the latest information on **school development days** and special opening hours for the **uniform shop**:

**School Development Days in Term 4, 2024 will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Last day for students in 2024 will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Term 1, 2025 will have FOUR School Development Days: from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**

**ALL STUDENTS 7-12 WILL COMMENCE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

#### 2025 SCHOOL TERM DATES:

**Term 1:** Thursday 6 February - Friday 11 April

**Term 2:** Wednesday 30 April - Friday 4 July  
(school development days: 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April)

**Term 3:** Tuesday 22 July - Friday 26 September  
(school development day 21<sup>st</sup> July)

**Term 4:** Tuesday 14 October - Friday 19 December, 2025  
(school development day 15<sup>th</sup> October)

#### UNIFORM SHOP

Kariong Mountains High School is a uniform school and the expectation is for all students to wear the correct uniform. As parents look to outfit students for the year ahead, please be aware of the following:

- ▶ **Black leather upper or suede shoes are required** – not white or canvas. This is a health and safety requirement for students in practical areas and the playground.
- ▶ **Girls have a choice of school skirt and/or shorts** and shirt for their uniform. Leggings are not a uniform item and are not to be worn.
- ▶ **School hooded jumpers and jackets are available from the uniform shop.** Families may purchase a plain blue hooded jumper (no logo) if affordability is a concern.
- ▶ **Track pants are also available from the uniform shop** for cooler months.

Normal uniform shop opening hours are **8-9am on Tuesdays and Fridays**. Additional opening hours for the remainder of this term and January are as follows:

★ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: 8am - 3pm

★ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: 9am - 12 pm

★ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: 8am - 11am

★ Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: 1pm - 4pm

★ Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February: 8am - 11am

★ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 2pm - 5pm

Online ordering is also available – please visit the school website for details.

#### Thank you

Mrs Donna James  
Principal



# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## Week 6 Report

As the year winds down, it is important to remember that our expectations of student behaviour and work ethic do not diminish. Teachers remain focused on preparing meaningful lessons and students are expected to engage in all learning activities. A focus on class work can also help prevent any negative behaviours.

## Mobile Phone Policy

A friendly reminder that our mobile phone policy continues to apply. Students are expected to put their phones on silent and in their pouch as they enter school. Failure to comply, will result in student having to submit the phone to the office for safe-keeping until the end of the school day. Repeat offenders can expect a parent being required to collect the phone. Students, who leave their phone at home, may be asked to show their pouch at school during our periodic pouch inspections.

Our students are to be congratulated for the positive way in which they have responded to the ban. Personally, I am not surprised, as we have such a compliant student body. Teachers have also noticed continued improvement in class work completion and concentration.

## End-of-Year Reports

Staff are busy writing the end-of-year student reports. Despite encountering a few technical issues (*which would normally be rectified quickly by Mr Riley, who is currently on leave*), we are doing our very best to have the reports published on time. Upon receipt of their report, students are strongly encouraged to read it thoroughly and act on the feedback provided by their teachers, in order to maximise their learning.

Any subject changes for Year 11 will only occur after an interview with a mentor teacher. This is to ensure that a valid pattern of study remains and students do not reduce their future opportunities.

Mr Scott White  
Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our Canteen Voucher winners:

**Mohammed - Year 9**  
**Melissa - Year 10**

KMHS Positive Behaviour for PBL AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS, TO ALL PBL AWARD RECIPIENTS. WELL DONE AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

# PBL FOCUS



WEEKS 6 & 7

## RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME

### DESCRIPTION OF BEHAVIOUR



Check Compass for the locations of your lessons.



Be organised. Know where you are going and leave enough time to get there.



Be where you need to be, on time.

### RATIONALE OF BEHAVIOUR



UNITY: We all take responsibility for being at class on time.



KNOWLEDGE: This allows us to understand Learning Intentions and Success Criteria so we know what we are learning and why.



RESPECT: Being on time shows self-respect and respect for others.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES ►

SCHOOL POLICIES ►

PARENT RESOURCES ►

# KMHS GIVING TREE 2024



Kariong Mountains High School  
**will have a 'Giving Tree'**  
to collect **donations** for  
**Coast Shelter** in Gosford.

**KMHS families and community members are warmly invited to donate what they can afford to help families on the Coast, who are doing it tough.**

*Suggested donations for the Giving Tree:*

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

GIFT CARDS

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

AGE-APPROPRIATE GIFTS

The KMHS Giving Tree will be set up in the front office next week. Thank you, for your support, no matter how **big or small**, your donations will bring cheer to those in our community, who are doing it tough.

# DISABILITY PROVISIONS

*Disability Provisions* for the  
**Higher School Certificate  
Examinations 2025** are now open!

Disability provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements, designed to help students, who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam room.

**Students are eligible to access disability provisions under the following categories:**

- ▶ Learning difficulties
- ▶ Medical disabilities
- ▶ Hearing and Vision disabilities

The provisions granted, are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected. Eligible students must apply to the **NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)** through the school.

**Students who wish to apply for disability provisions should see Mr Treece.**

If you are concerned about whether disability provisions apply to your child, you should contact the Learning and Support Team as soon as possible.



# SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

As the Science faculty plans for 2025 it is a great pleasure to reflect on the last two terms.

## SCIENCE WEEK

It was fantastic to see so many families from the Kariong Mountains community attend the **Science Week EXPO** evening in Week 1 this term. Students from the *selective program* (Years 7–10) and students from the local primary schools contributed with awesome displays. The EXPO showcased **Young Scientist Award** projects and displays from **outreach programs** conducted at the primary schools.



Earlier in the day the primary school students engaged in **science activities** and **investigations** led and demonstrated by our year 9 students. The 2024 Science Week theme is **Survival: More than just sustainability**. Next year's theme will be *Decoding the Universe – Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language*.

## TARONGA ZOO

Unfortunately, extreme weather forced the postponement of the annual Taronga Zoo excursion in Term 2. Year 7 students will have the opportunity to attend the zoo on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Peters will be sending revised communications and details about the day shortly.



## SCIENCE VALID

Years 8 and Year 10 have now completed their VALID Science diagnostic tests. VALID gives us a wonderful opportunity to see how our Year 8 students have progressed in science knowledge and skills in their foundation high school years. It also gives insight to Year 10 students' development of vital life skills. We look forward to receiving the reports and using the information to refine the teaching programs for next year.

## SEA LIFE SYDNEY AQUARIUM + IRUKANDJI SHARK & RAY ENCOUNTERS



# MORE SCIENCE NEWS

## NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2026

The science team have been working on developing new programs for implementation in 2026. The team are quite excited by the content and focus areas and are anticipating good learning outcomes for students.

## MR CARTNER ON LEAVE DURING 2025



I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will be taking leave for all of 2025. Mrs Peters will be stepping up to lead the faculty through exciting changes and challenges ahead, such as new curriculum development across all stages. I am also pleased to announce that Mr Sutton will be joining Mr Baumgart and Mrs Dunn in the faculty, bringing his fresh ideas and youthful energy.

## THE FUTURE

Science and technology are moving forward a very fast pace. I only just purchased a new computer, which I was told will be obsolete in five years. Now more than ever it is important to foster an inquiring mindset in our young scientists, actively encouraging them to explore the world they live in, ask questions and engage in discussions.

Encourage and participate in discussions that explore the six questions **What? When? Where? How? If...? and Why?** With this mindset, our young citizens and future innovators can be on the path to limitless opportunities which may be presented ahead.

**Enjoy the end-of-year activities, looking forward to 2025.**

Mr Jamie Cartner  
Head Teacher Science

# MATHEMATICS NEWS

The Year 11 Mathematics Standard students have made a seamless transition from the preliminary course into their HSC studies, building on the solid foundation of skills and knowledge they developed over the past year. The students' dedication to creating good study habits and their consistent effort during Year 11 have set them up for success in Year 12.

Throughout the preliminary course, students achieved excellent results due to their commitment to completing homework, active participation in class discussions and perseverance through challenging concepts. These strong habits have not only equipped them with a deep understanding of the fundamentals, but have also fostered a disciplined approach to their studies—an invaluable asset as they tackle the more rigorous demands of the HSC course.



*The two photos above capture the students in action! The top photo shows students completing independent work from the first HSC topic, followed by students collecting biometrics data for analysis during their next topic.*

Our teaching staff is immensely proud of the growth shown by each student and their seamless transition into Year 12. As they build on last year's achievements, we are excited to see how they will continue to excel and apply their skills to reach new heights in their final year of high school. We are confident that the habits and resilience they have shown will drive them toward success, and we look forward to celebrating their accomplishments throughout the year!

Ms Jodie Lincoln  
Teacher - Mathematics & Technology

# CALCULATORS

Most of the yearly exams and the HSC are now completed. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the **importance of students bringing their own calculator to school**. Unfortunately, the Mathematics Faculty is not equipped with enough calculators to lend to all students. In addition, a borrowed calculator may be unfamiliar to the student, meaning it is more hindrance than help.

When planning back-to-school next year, please make sure your child has their own **scientific calculator**. We recommend the Casio fx-82AU PLUS II, which you can purchase from most office supply retailers. These will be included in the **2025 Year 7 Book Pack**, which is available for purchase from the office. Any questions, please contact the Mathematics Faculty.



# TAS

## FACULTY

# NEWS



The **TAS** faculty at **Kariong Mountains High School** has been enjoying another **BIG** semester.

Senior students have submitted their **Major Projects**. The **HSC Exams** have been completed. **Excursions** have been entertained... and let's not forget the regular enjoyment of **learning** that happens each and every day in our classrooms, workshops and kitchens.

We are lucky to have a team of passionate teachers and support staff, who always go above and beyond to ensure your children receive the best possible educational experience. When engaged learning support is matched by student participation and positive application, the results are amazing.

Mr Scott Bath  
Head Teacher TAS



# MRS DWYER'S GROUP



**Mrs Dwyer's group** had an amazing day helping out with shore clean-up on the Central Coast. Decked out in safety vests, life jackets, gloves and water booties the students enthusiastically embarked on collecting rubbish and filling collection bags. **Well done!** A huge thanks to the team at **Clean 4 Shore**, who provided the protective clothing amazing guidance and a fabulous lunch!

# AROUND THE SCHOOL



*A successful fishing adventure for Outdoor Recreation students in Years 9 and 10, with bonus points going to Missy for being the first to 'not catch a cat fish'.*



**Visiting KPS** - KMHS students organised activities with Kindy classes and talked about what high school is like. They also created paper planes and had flying competitions.



**Day 2** of the Illuminate Challenge held at the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus.



**Years 7 and 8** working together to create delicious pancakes in food technology.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES



Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

## MOTORISED BICYCLES



**'E-Bikes'**

Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.



There are only two types of **permitted e-bikes**:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electric power-assisted cycles

BUT they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They **cannot** be propelled exclusively by the motor and **cannot** exceed 25km/h.

Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind, NOT to be the primary source of propulsion.

Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions **cannot** be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

Further information is available at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)



## AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS

**LIVE** *on stage* **SUNDAY 24 NOV**

9AM SOPHIE STEELE	10AM TOM HUTCHIN	11AM WILDHARMONY	MIDDAY MITCH TIMBRELL	1PM HAYDEN DANIEL

**FAIRPLAY** ENTERTAINMENT

## AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS

**SAT 7TH DEC** **TWILIGHT MARKET**

## 2025 DATES

JANUARY 19TH	JULY 27TH
FEBRUARY 23RD	AUGUST 24TH
MARCH 23RD	SEPTEMBER 28TH
APRIL 27TH	OCTOBER 26TH
MAY 25TH	NOVEMBER 23RD
JUNE 22ND	DECEMBER 6TH TWILIGHT

**HEAZLETT PARK FORESHORE**  
**9AM - 2PM**

**FAIRPLAY** ENTERTAINMENT **STAR104.5** **CLOUR BOMB DECOR**

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