



KARIONG MOUNTAINS  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Unity ✨ Knowledge ✨ Respect

Week 10

Term 4

20 December, 2024

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## SCHOOL NEWS:



## Seasons Greetings

WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES  
A HAPPY & SAFE  
HOLIDAY

Back to SCHOOL:

6 Feb 2025

Years 7 - 12

**KMHS  
STAR  
ATTENDER**

Congratulations!

WINNER of a \$10 Coffee Voucher

Danyelle - Year 8

Sponsored by the P&C

Let's Celebrate:  
FESTIVE SEASON WITH COAST SHELTER APPEAL



Coast Shelter

## Christmas Appeal

A heartfelt thank you for  
making Christmas  
brighter for Coasties in  
need this year!



## CALENDAR

**MONDAY**

3 February

School  
Development  
Day

10 February

**TUESDAY**

4 February

School  
Development  
Day

11 February

**WEDNESDAY**

5 February

School  
Development  
Day

12 February

**THURSDAY**

6 February

FIRST DAY of TERM 1 for  
STUDENTS - ALL Years

13 February

**FRIDAY**

7 February

14 February



Thank you, to KMHS students, staff  
and families for a great 2024!





## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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

2024 has been a year to remember! A special congratulations to our students, staff and families, for your resilience, support and commitment to making the most of our exceptional school this year. As principal, I am truly grateful for the ongoing support from our school community in having our students achieve their best. **We have so much to celebrate from this year and much to look forward to in 2025.**

### PRESENTATION NIGHT 2024



Monday was a celebration for students, families and staff of the achievements of many of our students. These ceremonies are so important on the school calendar and encapsulate the essence of our school. It was a privilege for me to present to our students and to meet with families.



Let me extend my heartfelt gratitude to the parents and families, who have been the unwavering support behind our students. Your encouragement, and understanding of the importance of resilience, education and teamwork have played an indispensable role in nurturing the talents we celebrated this week.

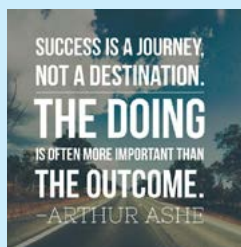
### YEAR 12 2024 - CONGRATULATIONS!

With the HSC results released on *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*, we welcomed our 2024 Year 12 cohort to a breakfast BBQ at KMHS to celebrate their achievements with staff.

***Congratulations, Year 12, on completing this valuable credential. Special thanks, to parents/carers, staff and Ms Milne, for your support of our students in reaching this milestone.***

Whether moving on to further study or commencing a job pathway, KMHS extends best wishes to you all as you navigate your new learning journey ahead.

***Please remember that success is a journey, not a destination.***



## YEAR 7 2025

**Welcome to the Kariong Mountains High School family!** Orientation Day was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December for our incoming Year 7 group. Students participated in a wonderful day meeting their new teachers and learning about their new school.



Leading up to this day, a great deal of work has been completed between Kariong Mountains HS and the partner schools, to build learning profiles for incoming students. ***Thank you, to our partner schools, the student wellbeing team and the office staff, for supporting a successful transition for our new students to KMHS.***

### SUPPORT UNIT WELCOME

As announced previously, KMHS is welcoming a new support Unit in 2025. Establishing a support unit is a large undertaking, and I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff at the school and regional office for making this happen. We will welcome new staff to the unit, Mr Chamberlain (*Head Teacher*), Ms Shore (*Teacher*) and Mrs Devetak (*Support Officer*). Additionally, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Stallman and Mrs Dwyer will be joining the unit as staff. ***We look forward to welcoming our new students and families next year.***

### COAST SHELTER CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I had the absolute pleasure of visiting Coast Shelter last week, to deliver the generous gifts and donations from our **KMHS Giving Tree**.

Coast Shelter have asked me to pass on their immense thanks to everyone who contributed.

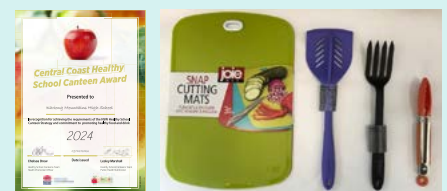


I also want to take this moment to recognise the efforts of our **Year 8 students**, who raised over **\$600** in the annual **Boss Challenge** and donated the proceeds to gift cards for the appeal.

### CENTRAL COAST HEALTHY CANTEN AWARD

Congratulations, to Carolyn Brierley, our Canteen Supervisor, on achieving the **Central Coast Healthy Canteen Award** from the Central Coast Local Health District and passing the **menu check** with the Healthy Food Information Service in 2024.

***We are fortunate to have such a great facility for our students and staff!***



## 2025 - SCHOOL RETURN INFORMATION:

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

There are four staff (school) development days for Term 1: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to Wednesday 5<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.

**The uniform shop, located on the student side of the front office, is open from 8-9am on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

### SPECIAL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS IN THE HOLIDAYS:

★ 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

On behalf of myself and Mr White, thank you, to our fabulous school community for your support in 2024.

***I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas with your families and friends and look forward to health and happiness in learning with our Kariong Mountains community in 2025.***

Mrs Donna James  
Principal



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



In this newsletter you will find starting dates for 2025 and equipment lists (*click on parent resources link below*). Please take particular note of the **Uniform Shop** opening times, we expect all students to be in full school uniform on the first day back and throughout the year.

Thank you, to students, families and staff, for a great 2024 school year. In particular, I would like to thank students for continued improvements in behaviour, attendance and uniform compliance. Following our values of Unity, Knowledge and Respect have been instrumental in our successes.

### Holiday Greetings

I wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to an even better 2025.

Mr Scott White  
Deputy Principal



### RESOURCES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

**PARENT RESOURCES** ▶

**ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES** ▶

**SCHOOL POLICIES** ▶





# HSIE FACULTY NEWS

## HSIE in Term 4

The HSIE faculty has been buzzing with creativity and hands-on learning this term! Our students have dived into history and culture with activities that **brought the past to life!**

**Year 7** have been studying *'Aboriginal Contact and Colonisation'*.

**Year 8** Students embraced Polynesian culture by crafting stunning replica canoes and designing **intricate traditional tattoos**, learning about the rich traditions of these seafaring societies.



**Students explored** the medieval period by building models of swords, houses and catapults.

These projects helped students connect with history in a tangible way, making their studies engaging and memorable.



## Year 9

have been studying *Global Human Wellbeing* and

## Year 10

have been engaging in their *'Taster Lessons'* for their Stage 6 studies in Ancient History, Modern History, Business Studies and Society and Culture.

## Senior Students

in Business Studies, Ancient History, Modern History, and Legal Studies have embarked on their HSC journeys. They've delved into topics ranging from historical civilizations to contemporary legal systems and business strategies. These courses are equipping our seniors with critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of society.

## The HSIE team

is proud of the enthusiasm and dedication consistently displayed by the students. Their efforts reflect the value of exploring **history**, **geography** and **society** through creative projects and academic rigor. We look forward to seeing how they apply their knowledge in the coming months!

*Mr Derryn Tagg*  
HT HSIE





**Mrs Dwyer's group** celebrated the end of the year with a picnic party and walk along the beach.

Throughout this year, students have shown respect, kindness and interest in exploring a wide range of community activities. Well done, to these fabulous students!

Thank you, to all the community groups and businesses for your support and time in making these activities possible. Thank you also, to Mrs Dwyer and Brooke, for creating such wonderful experiences for our students.

**So very grateful!**



## What a great Music Tour!

Our music students braved both hot and cold weather, to put on quality performances at the local primary schools.

Students and teachers in the crowd were in awe of their skills.

A special shout out to the students from Somersby Public, who got up on stage and sang, danced and played the drums, **all in the space of an hour show!** The energy at Kulnura was also **electric** with students asking for **'One More Song'** every time a tune finished.

On Day 2 of the Tour, the shredding continued at Central Mangrove and Kariong Public schools, with engaged crowds and lots of singing and dancing.


Thank you, to Mr Hutchinson, for organising such an amazing event!




















# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Visit Central Coast/What's On for a wide selection of activities on offer during the school holidays:



 <p><b>KIDS</b> Christmas card making at Woy Woy Library →</p> <p>📍 Woy Woy Library Cnr Blackwall Rd and Oval Ave Woy Woy NSW 2256</p> <p>🕒 Wed, 18 Dec 2024, 10am - 1pm</p>	 <p><b>CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST</b> Christmas crafts for adults at Lake Haven Library →</p> <p>📍 Lake Haven Shopping Centre Goobarabah Ave Lake Haven NSW 2263</p> <p>🕒 Wed, 18 Dec 2024, 10 - 11:30am</p>	 <p><b>KIDS</b> Christmas Lego at Kincumber Library →</p> <p>📍 Kincumber Library 3 Bungoona Rd Kincumber NSW 2251</p> <p>🕒 Wed, 18 Dec 2024, 3:15 - 4:15pm</p>
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 <p><b>WORKSHOP</b> School holiday workshops - Japanese Zen Terrarium →</p> <p>📍 36 Webb street East Gosford NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Tue, 7 Jan 2025, 10am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 \$30</p>	 <p><b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> School holiday workshops - Weaving with Raffia →</p> <p>📍 36 Webb Street East Gosford NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Wed, 8 Jan 2025, 10am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 \$30</p>	 <p><b>FAMILY</b> School holiday program: Wings and Things! Bird and Nature Adventure →</p> <p>📍 33 Gugandi Rd Narara NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Thu, 9 Jan 2025, 8:30 - 10:30am</p>
 <p><b>CHILDREN</b> School holiday program: Crafternoon at Gosford Library →</p> <p>📍 Gosford Library 118 Donnison Street Gosford NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Thu, 9 Jan 2025, 2:30 - 3:30pm</p>	 <p><b>FAMILIES</b> School holiday program: Turtle Time →</p> <p>📍 Robinia Parade Springfield NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Fri, 10 Jan 2025, 9am - Sat, 11 Jan 2025, 11am</p> <p>📍 FREE</p>	 <p><b>GALLERIES</b> School holiday series - Nature Printing and Painting →</p> <p>📍 36 Webb Street East Gosford NSW 2250</p> <p>🕒 Fri, 10 Jan 2025, 1 - 3pm</p> <p>📍 \$30</p>
 <p><b>LIBRARIES</b> School holiday program: Back to school pencil cases at Lake Munmorah →</p> <p>📍 Colongra Bay Community Centre 1 Colongra Bay Rd Lake Munmorah NSW 2259</p> <p>🕒 Mon, 13 Jan 2025, 12 - 1pm</p> <p>📍 \$5.50</p>	 <p><b>COMMUNITY</b> School holiday program: Un-bee-lievable bees, bugs and insect hotels! →</p> <p>📍 Bateau Bay Community Hall NSW</p> <p>🕒 Tue, 14 Jan 2025, 9:30 - 10:30am</p> <p>📍 \$0.00</p>	 <p><b>CHILDREN</b> School holiday program: Magic Door Writing Workshop with author Jess Black at Kincumber Library (tween friendly) →</p> <p>📍 Kincumber Library 3 Bungoona Road Kincumber NSW 2251</p> <p>🕒 Tue, 14 Jan 2025, 10am - 12pm</p> <p>📍 \$5.50</p>