



# KBCHS Newsletter Term 1

## Principal Letter

The start of the school year is always an exciting time and this year has been no exception. We welcomed over 200 Year 7's to our school and they have all settled in well and adjusted to life at high school. KBCHS welcomed almost 20 new teachers to the school and they have also had a busy start to the year planning their lessons and building relationships with our students and families. Currently we have over 900 students across Year 7-10 and we are growing each week with new families continuing to come to town.

It was great to see so many families attend our recent Interim Report Night on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Interim reports were emailed out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and these reports facilitated many positive conversations between students, teachers and parents. Any parents who missed the chance to catch up with their child's teachers can contact the school and the relevant teachers can arrange a time to meet.

Over the last few weeks our Year 10's have been doing their Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA). Once results of these assessments become available we will share them with families. Students will get further opportunities to pass if unsuccessful as passing OLNA is an important part of Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) attainment. Next term our Year 7's and Year 9's will sit their National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments with practice test to occur late this term. Upgrades to our infrastructure and network capabilities will help ensure the smooth rollout of these assessments.

We will finish this term with a whole school assembly, recognising some students for excellent achievement across the learning areas. Next term will resume on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and will run for 11 weeks. Please ensure that you keep your contact details updated with the front office as we will continue to use email and phone calls as our preferred method of communication.

Jon Attwell | Principal

## Term 2 Events

NAPLAN	11 May – 21 May
Public Holidays	26 April (ANZAC Day) 7 June (WA Day)
Winter Carnival	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June
NAIDOC Week	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Country Week	28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Reports home	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Last day of Term 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> July



## TERM 1 IN HASS

### Term 1 in HASS – Kirstin Lahaye, Head of Department

KBCHS students have started the year with a bang in the HASS Department, with each year group studying Economics and Business. Year 7 students have been introduced to the world of work, looking at different types of contract and the job application process. Some of our Year 8 students have engaged in the \$20 Boss program with Miss Hart, and are well underway in starting their own businesses. Our Year 9s have been getting street smart and investigating how to avoid some common financial scams. Finally, our Year 10s have been looking at our economic system as a whole and how it compares to other countries'. We are also all looking forward to celebrating HASS Week in Week 9, which will include a Geography Lego challenge, staff historical dress up, scavenger hunt and more.



## Term 1 in Technologies- Ruth Zahwe, Head of Department

Welcome back to all students in Technologies subjects this term in 2021.

A warm welcome to the staff in Technologies for 2021, thank you for all you have done in Term 1 so far to get Technologies off to a smooth start. Without these people my role would be impossible.

Home Economics

Mrs Maia Martin

Mrs Katrina Tedge

Miss Emma Storm

Miss Brooke Harland

Mrs Margaret Gray

Design & Technology

Mr Washington Bepete

Mr Martin Skeffington

Students in Year 7 are involved in taster programs and will finish their subject with us in Week 9 and move to another choice rotation next term. Many thanks to the Year 7 students for all the items they have produced during the term and I do hope that they have enjoyed their first taste of our subjects at secondary school.

To all other students in Years 8,9 & 10 thank you for all the success you have had this term in producing your best work.

Our learning area will gladly accept a donation of any old magazines from the community for use in our classrooms.

Thank you to those members of the community that have donated items to our Automotive, Engineering and Woodwork programs, these are greatly appreciated by our staff and students.

Have a happy term one break.

Enjoy some of these photos from the term 1 Year 10 Food Assessments.

# Every Day Counts

At school, many concepts are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend regularly, generally do better at school and in life.

**For all absences please let the school know as soon as possible by calling the office on 9092 0300 or texting 0407 384 502**

## 1 or 2 days a week does not seem much but...

If you miss...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
4 days per week	160 days per year	32 weeks per year	Nearly 10 years

## How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that will not affect my attendance

I only miss...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 mins per day	1hr 40mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per month	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years

**If you want to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter.**