



# KELSO HIGH CAMPUS



"Supporting achievement in adynamic learning community"

## Principal's Message

As part of a broad strategy to improve communication with our community, we have re-introduced our newsletter, which will be emailed to families at the start of each term. This is the first one.

Our term started well on Thursday last week, with a moving ANZAC assembly led by our student leaders. Since then, it has been extremely busy with lots of sport and of course our Year 7 camp at Yarramundi, which started today.

At the start of term I we sent home invoices for subject contributions and fees. Thanks to everyone who has made these payments, the monies are used to purchase consumable materials and allow us to pay for extra items that are not allocated to us through the department. We have a few projects in the pipeline this term, including

- A Wellbeing Hub
- A 3D printer that is used in the STEM area which we purchased in term 1
- 30 more laptops for TAS and 90 IPADs to support our maths pathways program in years 7 and 8.
- 12 Mountain bikes for a new sport and wellbeing program that will be running from term 3.
- A large shed for our ever-growing automotive program
- An automated pedestrian gate at the bus bay and security cameras
- The beautification of our school grounds with a new handball court, shade sails and artificial turf in the support areas, to add to the new gardens that were finished last term
- Over the holidays interactive screens were installed in all of our classrooms. These were items that the Department has implemented in all public schools, We look forward to being able to use them to their full capabilities in your child's learning space.

Mick Sloan

## Wellbeing Hub

We have just been given final approval for the installation of a \$700,000 modular building at the top of the roundabout near our Support/Art /Industrial art area. This important building will house learning areas and spaces for visiting consultants to enhance students' learning and wellbeing needs. Over the course of this year, you may notice a few structural changes happening.

#### Canteen

Our new canteen online ordering system (Quick Click) started on Monday 2 May 2022. The main reason for introducing this system is to cut down on waiting time. Please consider using the online system if ordering from the canteen.



#### **COVID** update

**Isolation Requirements:** Last week NSW Health announced changes to **close contact isolation** requirements which mean that students and staff who are identified as close contacts may return to school provided they take daily RATs, and wear masks. People who have had COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks do not have to comply with this guidance if they become a close contact.

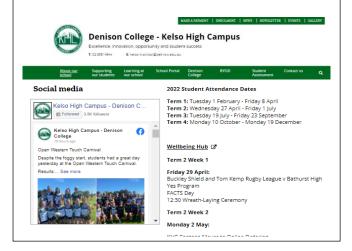
**Confirmed covid cases** There are no changes to the isolation requirements for confirmed cases of COVID-19, who must isolate at home for 7 days. Anyone **showing symptoms** should get tested and isolate until they receive a negative test and symptoms subside.

More **RAT kits** will arrive in the coming weeks. These will be distributed to use as needed for symptomatic testing.

Visitors on school grounds: Schools and early childhood education can invite visitors – including parents, carers and families – to their sites regardless of their vaccination status, in line with settings in the broader community. Workers and volunteers must meet mandatory vaccination requirements.

#### What's on

Information about what our students are up to is available on our Facebook page and on our website Homepage. On our web page you can access all the information from our Facebook feed without having to be connected to Facebook.



# **Parent Focus Group**

We have a Parent Focus Group (rather than a P&C), which meets twice per term, Thursday week 5 and Thursday week 9 5:30-6:30 to talk about, our school priorities, staffing and any issues. Parents can join from home via Microsoft Teams or in person. Let us know if you are interested. kelso-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

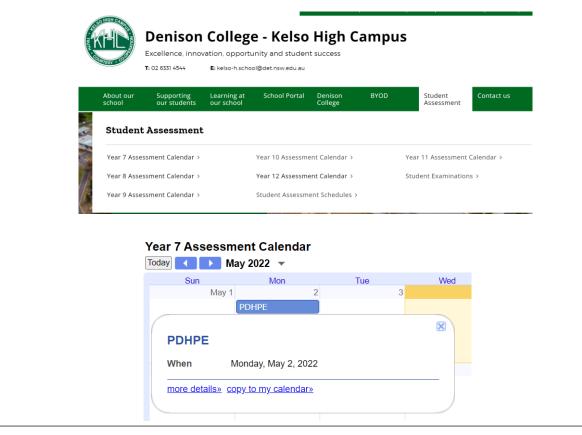
## **Pedestrian Crossing**

We are forming a focus group in consultation with the Department of Roads, Council, and community members for a pedestrian crossing to be placed outside the Boyd Street gates. This will hopefully slow traffic and ensure the continued safety of our students. Please contact the front office of you would like to be involved.

#### **Assessment Calendar**

All our assessment tasks for all year groups are published on our website when students receive their tasks form the teachers. At least 2 weeks' notice is provided. You can access the website at <a href="https://kelso-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/">https://kelso-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/</a>

- Click on student assessment from the headings on the first page
- Then select the year group.
- A calendar will appear. If there is a task due, the name of the subject will appear in the calendar, on the day the task is due. Click on the subject.
- Click on the "more details" link to bring up a copy of the task.



# Term 1 Highlights

