



Denison College of Secondary Education

KELSO HIGH CAMPUS

"Supporting achievement in a dynamic learning community"



Principal's Message

Term 2 has been a fun filled term full of amazing opportunities for our staff and students.

A special mention must go to our Campus Principal, Mr Sloan who was selected to take part in a one-week scholarship program at the prestigious Harvard University.

Students were kept busy throughout the term participating in a range of extracurricular activities which included:

- BMX excursions
- Open boys and girls volleyball
- Bill Turner Cup – soccer
- Debating
- Buckley Shield – rugby league
- Tom Kemp Cup – rugby league
- Da Vinci Decathlon
- Year 7 camp
- Opens touch football
- Science and Engineering Challenge
- Staff vs Students Challenge
- Open Girls Hockey
- YES TAFE Program
- Gamechanger Challenge
- Opens table tennis
- RYDA
- Barista course
- Job Expo
- University visits
- Girls on Track
- Year 12 Wellbeing Excursion
- Pyjama Day
- WRAS Indigenous Talent ID
- Bathurst Show
- Boys to the Bush
- RAISE Mentoring
- Kelso Code Reward Excursion
- CSU Engfest

Congratulations and well done to the staff and students who have emerged themselves into our school community and have taken on the wonderful opportunities that Kelso High Campus has to offer.

I am looking forward to another successful term ahead.

Karah Logan

Harvard Visit

The school holidays marked a period of well-earned rest for both students and staff. However, for our school principal, Michael Sloan, it marked the start of a new adventure into education. Mick embarked on a trip to the illustrious Harvard University to undertake a course based on 'Leadership and Evolving Vision'. The course, run by high performing principals, allowed Mick to continue to build his skillset when it comes to leadership with a particular focus on topics such as: strategic leadership, equity in education and effective school-family partnerships. Whilst the workshop was invaluable in upskilling Mick, one of his favourite parts was the opportunity he had to work with other principals and leaders from around the world, saying "they were all amazing, and I loved spending time with them, and also learnt a lot from them." Although Mick was extremely thankful for the opportunity presented by the Public Education Foundation, and also the Harvard Club of Australia, his biggest takeaway from the experience is how fortunate he is to live in Australia, working in a strong public school system, at a great school, with great people.



Kelso Code

Googar House were victorious in Term 2 as the overall house point winners. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a pizza party early in Term 3.

Students receive points for Blitz tickets, attendance, classwork application, engagement and representing the school.

8517 GOANNA - GOOGAR

2,562

8517 EMU/DINAWAN

2,023

8517 PLATYPUS/BILADURUNG

2,006

8517 KANGAROO/WAMBUWUNY

1,839

World's Greatest Shave

Students Rosemary Butler, Georgia Elbourne, and Ava Burns participated in the World's Greatest Shave, looking to raise money, and awareness for families affected by blood cancer. The inspiring trio raised an impressive \$5525. Not only this, but the girls donated their excess hair to the Daffodil College, and the World's Greatest Shave. Jude Murphy will also face the clippers during term 3. Fantastic effort girls.



Push Up Challenge

Biceps were burning across Kelso High Campus as our school attempted the push-up challenge to raise awareness for mental health. Our school team raised \$1495 for various mental health organisations and charities. Jared Bignell led from the front as an ambassador for the push-up challenge, completing 3139 push-ups in just 24 days. That's about 130 push-ups a day. Well done Jared, and all involved.

Wellbeing HUB

Construction of our Wellbeing and Cultural HUB has started and is due to be on site this term. The long awaited facility will provide a much needed space for our students to access a range of services and programs to improve their overall Wellbeing and Cultural connections.



New Bus

We have finally secured a 12 seater bus which will arrive in Week 1. This bus will create a lot of opportunity for various groups within the school to attend external activities.

COVID Update

This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.

Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home and take a COVID test.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and the flu are the best way of protecting yourself, your family and the community.
- All eligible staff and students are strongly encouraged to keep up their vaccinations to protect their health.

Close contacts

- Students identified as a close contact can still attend school providing the school is informed, they return a negative test result and wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days and they do not attend high risk settings.

Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, or daily if they are attending school as a close contact.
- If your child tests positive to COVID-19, they must not attend school until their isolation period finishes and they are symptom free.
- If your child tests negative but is still showing symptoms they should not attend school until symptom free.
- Staff and students will be provided 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits early this term.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high touch areas.

Ventilation

- All learning spaces have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.

Masks

- Mask wearing is strongly encouraged for all staff, students and visitors.
- Mask wearing is strongly encouraged for all students for 3 days following their recovery from COVID-19.

Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who attend school as a close contact are required to inform the school and follow certain guidelines, including wearing a mask.

Activities

- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.

