



# KHS Newsletter

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## August

- 19th August Katoomba High School P&C Zoom 7:30pm.
- September 7th-18th Year 11 Preliminary Exams.

## New Horizons for Katoomba High Deputy Principal

Emma Le Marquand has been appointed as the new Principal at Blaxland High School. Emma has been a Deputy Principal at Katoomba High School since 2014. We are delighted for Emma and for the Blaxland community.



their cohort and to bond through problem solving and competitions. There were lots of laughs, enthusiastic rivalry and maybe even a few more friendships.

Ms Janelle Van Capelle (Year Advisor Year 7)



## Year 7 Gala Day

Last day of term was all fun and games for year 7 after a difficult semester due to the COVID disruptions. The focus of the day was for the students to have fun, meet students from



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## Mock Trial Success

The Mock Trial is an inter-school competition coordinated by the Law Society of New South Wales. It requires students to learn complex courtroom rules and procedures for conducting a simulated criminal Trial. Students must learn sophisticated skills such as making legal submissions to the judge, using legal precedents, rules of admissibility of evidence and conducting and withstanding cross-examinations. A Mock Trial team consists of barristers, a solicitor, witnesses and Court Officers. The Trial is conducted based on a hypothetical scenario developed by the Law Society and is presided over and scored by a qualified barrister. For this Trial we were extremely grateful to have the generous donation of time and expertise of senior barrister Amy Douglas-Baker who provided great words of support and encouragement for the students at the conclusion of the Trial.

After the competition was postponed in March due to Covid-19 restrictions it was a great relief for students to finally be able to participate in the first round of the competition on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July. North Sydney Girls High School (the Defence) made a wonderful commitment to make the long trip to Katoomba High School

(the Prosecution) for the trial to be conducted in person rather than remotely through video technology. It was clear that students and observers from both schools relished the opportunity to interact with each other in person and perform their Trial roles.

The quality of the Trial was exceptional, with all participants showing fine qualities and performing their roles skilfully for three and half hours of tense engagement. The acting magistrate was glowing in her praise of all students. The result of the Trial was extremely close. With the total scores equal, the magistrate decided in favour of the Katoomba High Team as the winner of the Trial.

High praise is deserved for all the participating students. The Katoomba high team consisted of:

Barristers – Gabrielle Hamlett and Nadia Paige

Instructing Solicitor - Gabriel Crowe

Witnesses – Will Darragh and Jack Roth

Magistrates' Clerk - Theo Walsh

Katoomba High will be competing in round 2 of the Mock Trial competition against Denison College of Secondary

Education at Bathurst in two weeks time.

Mr Tony Gasparre,

Head Teacher HSIE (and exceptionally proud coach)







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## Support Unit Grant success

Thanks to the Katoomba High School P&C, the Support Unit has been successful in a grant from Sydney Water to improve the Sensory Garden. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to update the garden to best provide sensory, living skills and creative opportunities for our students. The new space will increase accessibility for the growing diverse needs of the students and will allow for more capacity for classes to use the garden for cooking in life skills programs.

Although a basic plan is underway, I would love to hear from any parents/carers as to suggestions for design elements that they believe would benefit their child. There will also be opportunities for you to be involved if you have sensory garden design experience or if you would like to assist in any working bees that arise.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be involved in some way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Stahl - Head Teacher Support Unit



## Year 11 Preliminary Exams

The exams will be held in Weeks 8 & 9. (September 7th to 18th). Timetables will be issued soon.

Mrs Tully - Examination Coordinator

## Year 12 plans

Year 12 students have been busy making their plans for when they leave school. A wide range of options are available. Our students are busy exploring options in work, TAFE and university.

Western Sydney University is currently making university offers to our students based on their Year 11 results. We have had several students receive offers and many more will receive offers in the August round. There are so many options for students at the moment.

Year 12 students are encouraged to make an appointment with Mrs Tully to talk about options for their future.

Mrs Tully- Careers Advisor



*Three of our Year 12 students who are currently exploring their options for next year.*

## Lost Property.

We have a selection of prescription glasses, jewellery and jackets at the front office in our lost property collection. Eventually these will be donated to a local op-shop if they are not collected by their rightful owner.



## Study TAFE courses as part of the Higher School Certificate

As part of subject selection, some of our Year 10 students are considering studying a TAFE course as part of their HSC studies.

There is a wide variety of courses available. Examples include nursing, aviation, animal studies, beauty therapy, information technology, design fundamentals, real estate, sport and recreation plus many more. Applications are now open. Any student who might want to study



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these courses need to see Mrs Tully as soon as possible.

## Opportunities for School Leaders

This week provided Year 11 with the opportunity to nominate themselves as a School Leader from Term 3 2020 to Term 2 2021. As a school leader they are expected to embody the values of Katoomba High School and always endeavour to help others. We look forward to announcing our new Leadership Team soon.



## A Whole world of Geography

Students in 70 have recently started their studies of Geography and where possible will be able to learn about their environment in the amazing natural setting of Katoomba High School. The school is surrounded by national park and this gives our students the opportunity to learn about Geography in its real context. Students began their outdoor learning around a campfire, next to our outdoor learning area called Birriban The importance of land, fire and water

management were talked about and many marshmallows were eaten. Hopefully, in the future, post COVID we will be able to travel more widely outside the school.



## Enrichment, Opportunity and Inspiration

The ancient philosopher Socrates is said to have claimed that 'To find yourself, think for yourself' This philosophy is just one part of our enrichment focus at Katoomba High School . The Enrichment Team is working hard to generate new opportunities for students that will both empower and enrich their lives. On Thursdays after school in the library we offer students the chance to develop their skills in HSIE. For junior students this might be a time to gain extra assistance or to extend their interest and skills in an area. For seniors, there is time available for revision or the completion of practice exams. The Maths faculty continue to offer tutoring on thursday mornings and tuesday afternoons. We have a new way of supporting and developing students' learning through a

Student Personal Development Plan. This can be completed in conjunction with a parent or teacher and helps students identify their goals and their academic needs.

## White Card Training

Congratulations to all the students that successfully completed their White Card in the occupational health and safety requirements for working in the construction industry. The white card training covers the unit of competency "Work Safely in the Construction Industry". This has been developed to meet the requirements stated by the Mutual Recognition of the Construction Induction Cards by the National Health and Safety Laws.



## Celebrating Education Week (3-7 August)

What a year 2020 has been. Staff and students have 'pivoted' from face-to-face to online learning then to a mixture of both and back to face-to-face again. Families have also 'pivoted' to support their child through the various challenges to come their way. To Celebrate





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Education Week we need to celebrate the resilience, flexibility and courage shown by our young people, our staff and our community to adapt in these unusual times.

These photos represent a "Week in the Life of Katoomba High School".



*Year 7 Writing film scripts in the sun*



*Students from the Support Unit doing Visual Arts in Birriban*



*Year 7 Music*



*Mrs Draper- Year 7 Mandatory Technology*



*Senior Science in the Library*



*Ms Daley- Year 8 English*



*Mrs Wilson - Year 9 Maths*



*Melinda Mungai in the ILC (Independent Learning Centre)*



*Mrs Bower Head Teacher English - Year 12 English*



*Ms Mah- Year 9 HSIE*



*Mr Simone - Year 9 PE*





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*Ms Holder - Year 12 Hospitality*



*Ms Paulley - Senior Art.*



*Mr Byrne -Year 9 HSIE*



*Learning in the Hub - SLSO Sarah and Ms Abrahams.*



*Year 11 Outdoor Recreation walk to Lockleys Pylon.*



*Archery in PDHPE*



*Ms Prazak - senior science.*



*Year 11 Outdoor Recreation walk to Lockleys Pylon*



*Scarlett in year 7 with Support Worker Colleen - enjoying Sama's mural.*



*Lunchtime Gaming group with Mr Reagan*





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*Our hard working cleaners*



*Mr O'Keeffe - Year 7 Art*



*Mr McLaurin Industrial Technology - with Jasper in Year 12.*



*Ms Gibson Head Teacher Teaching and Learning -Year 7 French*



*Ms Fletcher (student teacher)- year 7 Art.*



*Mrs Draper with year 10 Food Technology*



*Ms Grahovac Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts- Year 7 art*



*SLSO Tom with Scarlett and SLSO Colleen with Wade in the Support Unit.*



*Ms Hillsley (Year 12 Year Advisor)*



*Mrs Tully Careers Advisor with senior students.*





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Year 9 - Woodwork



Ms Colebrook's baby shower at the end of term 2



Ms Van Capelle (Year 7 Year Advisor), Imelda and Sally.



Year 9 - Woodwork



Mrs Jeffery (Head Teacher Mathematics) and Mrs Meville (DP)



Mrs Boyall - Principal.



Wellbeing Team Meki, Julia and Will.



Ms Wilson. Wellbeing.



Ms Van Capelle (Year 7 Year Advisor)



Rob Mendham (Acting DP) and Mr Huxley PDHPE



Ms Paterson, Ms Hanlon, Ms O'Neill. Front Office Staff



Mrs Draper