

## COMING UP

- **Mon 22 Jul** Term 3 Staff Development Day
- **Tue 23 Jul** Term 3 First Day back for all Students
- **Tue 23 Jul** Year 12 Outdoor Education Climbing Day
- **Mon 29 Jul** Free NSW Dental Health Vans until Mon 5 Aug
- **Mon 5 Aug** HSC Trial Exams
- **Mon 9 Sep** School Vaccinations

We are very pleased to share the highlights and happenings at Katoomba High over the last few weeks of Term 2. We hope you enjoy it! Wishing everyone a safe and warm school holiday break. 🌨️

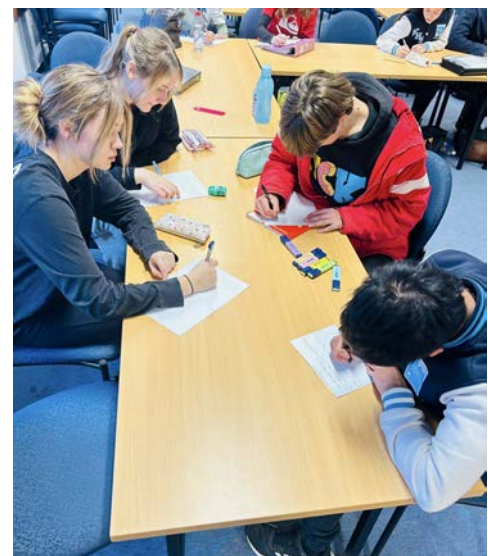
## Consultation with the 2024 United Nations Youth Rep

We were thrilled to host the 2024 Australian Youth Representative to the UN, [Gavin Choong](#), at our school yesterday for an interactive consultation with a group of our students on crucial issues facing our generation. Together, they delved into topics like climate change, mental health, and the cost of living, aligning their discussions with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Our students passionately assessed the most critical issues to be addressed and collaborated effectively as a group. Gavin will now take their valuable insights and perspectives and share them with government bodies, business leaders, and the UN General Assembly in New York.



To wrap up the session, Gavin generously provided our students with an opportunity to write a letter to our Prime Minister, expressing their concerns and hopes for the future. We are incredibly proud of our students for engaging in such meaningful discussions and taking steps towards positive change!





## Scenic World Mentoring Kick Off!

The KHS Scenic World Mentoring Program kicked off with a fantastic intro session and morning tea for interested students and some of the students who participated in the program in 2023. The morning was catered for by our amazing senior hospitality students and staff who did a fantastic job, as always.

Scenic World team members volunteer to be part of the program to spend time with students in a weekly mentoring session that centres around conversations, shared interests and fun activities. The 2024 mentoring program will run every Thursday morning during Term 3.

Students and Mentors who have participated in the program in previous years have found it enormously valuable. We are very lucky to have such an amazing partnership with Scenic World.

Thank you Scenic World for your generous support of our school and our students.





## U15 Girls Basketball Win

The Katoomba High School Girls Under 15s Basketball team had a strong win against Arthur Phillip High School. Our girls were very impressed with the skyscraper high school, but our shooting and defence left a lasting impression on our opponents with a final score of 77-0.

Congratulations on your fantastic performance girls!

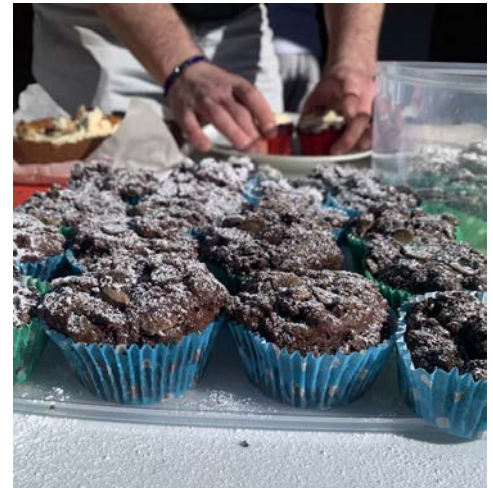


## SRC Bake up a Storm

On Monday, Katoomba High School SRC held a bake sale to raise funds for improved school infrastructure. This was their first fundraiser and was very successful making a grand total of \$559! All cakes were made by the members of the SRC and everyone enjoyed their sweet treats.

*Words by Miette Hoekstra & photos by Chloe Flugge.*

*The KHS Student Media Club*





## Outdoor Ed Indoor Climbing

Year 9 and 11 Outdoor Recreation students practiced their climbing skills at Villawood & Penrith Climbing Gyms this term. It was an awesome effort by everyone!







## RAAF Special Guests

We had 3 members of the RAAF join Year 9 and 10 Fit 4 Life students for the Commando Rope Challenge. Along with the Police Youth Command mentors, the students and RAAF successfully completed the challenge.

A magnificent display of teamwork and dedication. Well done everyone.



## White Card Training Complete!

The 19 students pictured below are now jobsite ready after completing their White Card worksite training this term. Great work everyone!

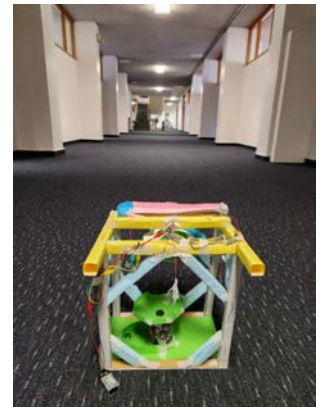
Another course will be running during Term 3.

Students can see Mr Daniels for info.



## New KHS Marble Run Record!

Charlie Cousins, Olin Reed-Watres and Owynn Hannah have set a new record for the Year 8 Marble Run STEAM challenge with a score of 176489.15. They achieved this score by designing a centrifuge in the marble run that would keep the marble spinning so long as the motor supplied a voltage. Mr Liu was unable to score the project without staying overnight at school so the team used the mAh of a 9V battery and recording the current drawn by the motor to estimate the time the marble run would operate for in seconds. As the scoring is 1 point per second the team were able to achieve a score of over 178,000 points. Very clever boys and well done on achieving the highest possible score in the assignment of 100%.







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## Outdoor Ed Adventures

KHS Year 9 Outdoor Education students enjoyed their expeditions last week. Some students hiked part of The Great North Walk with Mr Huxley. Others joined Mr E and TAFE students in Blue Gum Forest.



## Thank you Cate!

Cate Paterson, our long standing KHS P&C President has stepped down this year after many years actively supporting our school. As a thank you the P&C organised a bountiful bucket full of plants and goodies to feed Cate's passion for gardening. The gift was accompanied by the following message...

*"We wanted to express our appreciation for all you have done for the school during your time as President of the P&C, Your commitment to the role has given us the opportunity to build on your wonderful work. We will miss you and wish you all the best for the future.*

*Yours in learning for life!*

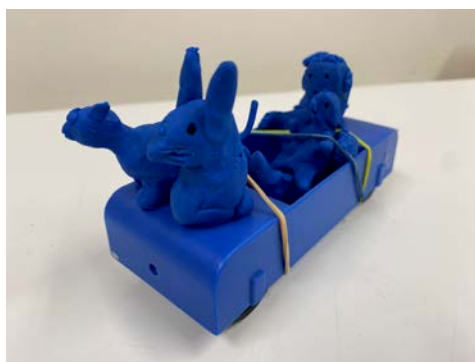
*The 2024 KHS P&C."*





## Creative Science in Year 10!

Year 10 has been completing a Car Safety assessment task this term. They had to research the history of car safety features, how they relate to Newton's Laws and design a first-hand investigation to test one safety feature using our collusion trollies. The students (and staff) in Wingara researched and tested seatbelts. They constructed some figurines to use as crash test dummies to test the effectiveness of seatbelts. Year 10 students now have a good understanding of car safety features and how they relate to Newton's Laws of Motion.

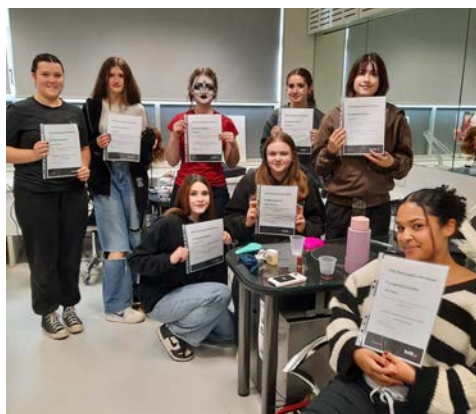


## Beauty Therapy Graduates

On Wednesday we celebrated the successful completion of the first YES Introduction to Beauty Therapy course for the year. This course was hosted by TAFE NSW - Blue Mountains at their Katoomba campus.

Every Wednesday for 8 weeks students learned the basics of working with make up for fashion and stage. This included nails and Mr Daniels was particularly pleased with how his nails turned out! Everyone had a fabulous time.

There will be another course running next term. If you are interested and you are at least 15, please see Mr Daniels for a permission note.



## Celebrating IDAHOBIT

Students and staff headed out early to attend the IDAHOBIT Blue Mountains 2024 event at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. We had a lovely walk up to the cultural centre and were greeted by a buzz of activity as we entered the forecourt; a number of stalls were offering activities and students from schools across the Blue Mountains were in attendance.

We had the pleasure of hearing a number of speakers share their story and inspire everyone for the future. Of note, Mayor Mark Greenhill, spoke passionately about his support for the LGBTQIA+ community and Trish Doyle spoke about her advocacy work in Parliament for the LGBTQIA+ community. Nearing the end of the event, our own HSC student Tessa McKay spoke, sharing about her family and her place in our community.

Directly after the speeches the attendees gathered and spread a large pride flag for a photo of the event. Students then finished up some activities and we returned to school. Ms Devine welcomed a number of the students to her office to share their experience and celebrate the end of the day with them.

Mr Baker.





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## Year 7 Rocks Geology

In Science this term we have been learning about the rock cycle and all the different kinds of rocks such as igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks and metamorphic rocks.

Three years ago, my family and I went on a holiday to the Gold Coast, Queensland, and we went to Thunderbird Park and dug up thunderbird eggs at Mt Tamborine and took them home with us. They are formed in a volcano from bubbles of gas.

I brought them into class as an example of an igneous rock. In class we also made our own fossils using plaster of paris, leaves and shells to show how they form.

Written by Talara Blackburn & Stella Wade (Year 7).



## 2024 Experience Engineering

On Friday, the 21st of June, 23 Year 8 and 9 students with Year Advisers Mrs Glasscock and Mr Liu, went to the 'Experience Engineering' Girls In STEM day at UTS. The day involved an epic 4 hours on the train but excellent food, prizes and fun activities. The most important part of the day was that students got to experience a day as a university student and everything that goes

with it: Train travel, lectures, tutorials, workshops, wearing mufti, boba/acai smoothies/Maccas, even the vending machine on campus that dispensed noodles opposite the hot water tap. The staff at UTS and Engineers Australia went over and above to make the day special with excellent food, showbags and even a special rooftop tour with a spectacular view west back towards ANZAC Bridge and the Blue Mountains. Here is what students said about the day...

"We liked the practical part of the excursion and learning about how we can branch out in our engineering career." Rory Fleischmann and Cadence Berthon

"I won at the challenges and know I want to do more STEM! 😊" Zoe Keep

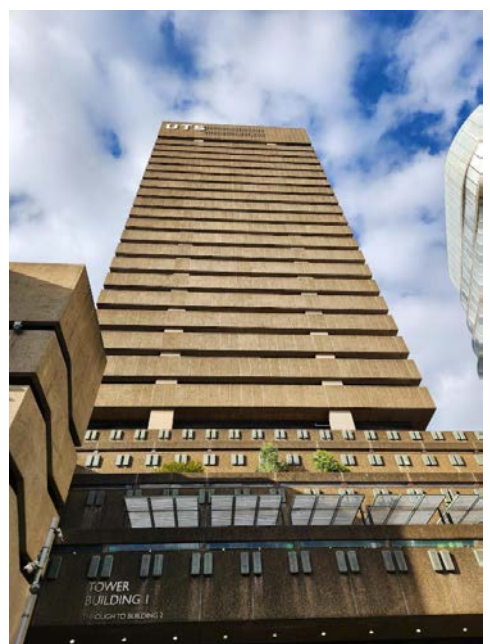
"The excursion was great, the buildings were awesome and the challenges were really fun! UTS was really interesting and the activities were fun to do, the food was great as well." Zoe Braat and Natalya Kelly

"UTS was a really great excursion, the activities were really tops and interactive. We learnt all about different types of engineering, and how it can be applied to everyday life." Grace Hogan, Ida Tuason, Monique Macri-Etienne and Frankie Leach.

"UTS was a really nice university and had great activities. The people were really nice and the Maccas was even better, we had a great time and would definitely do it again. It showed what engineering is about and how important it is for girls to be a part of it." Alyssa Dannatt, Georgina Touhill and Evie Schembri

"It was a very empowering experience and really broadened my view on engineering. Amen." Rosie Woodburn

"Would recommend. 10/10 experience." Gabby Bones and Anna Houlihan





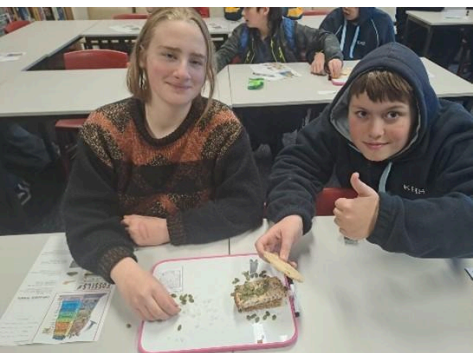
## Year 7 HSIE Stratigraphists

Year 7 HSIE K engaged in a lesson about stratigraphy, the layering of the earth. Students were issued a fish skeleton, a Weet-bix, a piece of grainy bread, two dinosaur teeth, a corn wafer, sea salt and pumpkin seeds. While one student created the strata layers, their archaeological partner assembled a plastic model to place on the top to represent modern times.



Above Each student commenced with a tray of objects and a strata worksheet. Thawin and Marshall cross referencing their strata layer requirements whilst constructing their model.

Below, Laila and Lugh looking happy with their stratigraphy model.



A final model showing the various layers of strata, although the top layer looks more like a crushed pavlova than a layer of ash.

## Farm it Forward Wrap-Up

What a wonderful way to wrap up Nature, Craft & Connection with Farm It Forward. Students started by grounding themselves and connecting with their senses - listing 3 things they could hear, see, touch, and smell. It was so lovely seeing them being present in the moment.

Later, we regrouped in the greenhouse and crafted a mandala using plants and flowers picked from our school garden.



Students explored the themes of family, friendship, and the importance of inclusivity and non-judgment. They shared their thoughts and experiences, creating a space of understanding and acceptance.

To end the day on a delicious note, we shared a meal together - savoring a mouthwatering potato focaccia topped with mozzarella cheese and greens picked from our school garden. 😊



A huge thank you to Farm it Forward for opening their hearts and sharing their abundance with our students this term. Together, we are growing and learning to live in harmony. 🌱❤️

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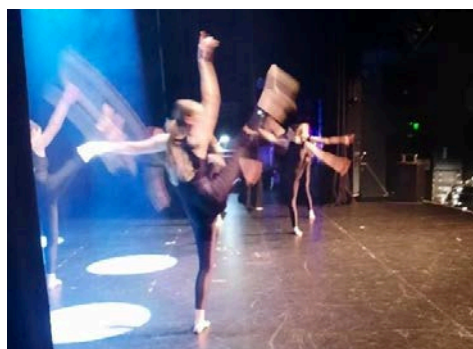
## Synergy Dance Festival

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the KHS Dance Ensemble performed at the Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival held at The Evan Theatre at Panthers, Penrith. The Festival is an event for public schools across Western Sydney and beyond. The festival promotes dance education by engaging students by offering a performance opportunity to schools in a professional setting. Showcasing students from Kindergarten to Year 12, each performance will display the passion, skills and creativity of students and teachers as they explore the art of dance.

This year's Dance Ensemble consists of 8 very talented dancers: Keira Atkinson (yr 11), Kelly Starr (yr 10), Nina Mimica (yr 10), Natalya Kelly (yr 9), Hannah Wilson (yr 8), Clementine Horne (yr 8), Alby Cook (yr 7) and Talara Blackburn (yr 7). These students have been attending rehearsals on Tuesday mornings before school during semester one and have shown dedication and enthusiasm towards learning the choreography.

The ensemble travelled to Panthers, Penrith for a day rehearsal before performing during the evening. Thank you to Miss Ruby Ladd who stepped in at the last minute as our bus driver! And thank you to the parents and caregivers for supporting the students by getting them to before school rehearsals each week and the performance itself. The students performed beautifully and represented KHS wonderfully! Well done!

Mrs Holz







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## Congratulations CAPA!

A huge congratulations to all our magnificent performing arts students! We showcased our talented musicians, actors, and dancers to an appreciative Year 7 and 8 audience. A huge thank you must also go out to our supportive and dedicated Performing Arts staff, Ms Guild, Mr Mattessi, Mrs Holz, Mrs Luscombe, Mrs Tully and Mr Koch.

Ms Grahovac





## CAPA Showcase Continued...



## Winter Magic ArtStreet Selections

ArtStreet this year was a competition to produce images inspired by the magic of the Winter Solstice Celebrations to adorn banners to help you find this year's indoor venues.

Art Street Winter MAGIC people. 5 KHS students had their works printed on banners that were displayed in the streets.

The students were Leni Dallmayer, Lucy Woodburn, Molly Dwyer- year7 and Elke Fisher, Lily Marr- year 8.

Well done everyone!







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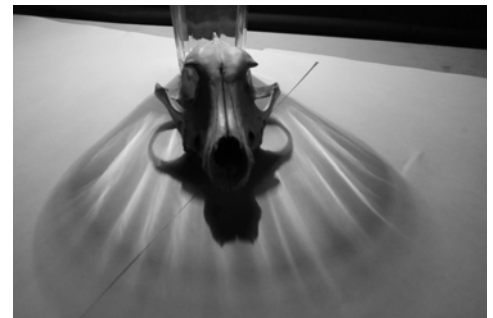
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## Year 11 Photography and Digital Media Creations

This term Year 11 have been exploring Black and White Photography with a focus on compositions with dramatic shadows and contrasts. The students have produced some excellent images.

Great work Abbey, Phoenix, Phynix, Giorgia, Sienna, Dyllan, Beren, Evie, Angelina and Ruth!





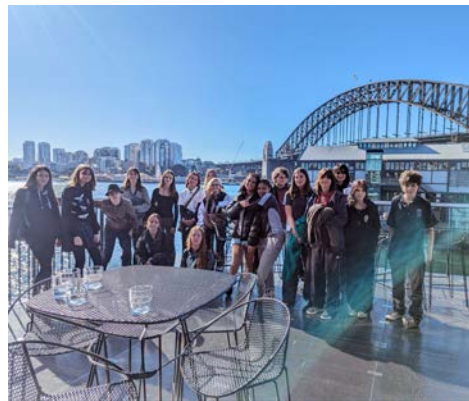
## Year 11 Photography cont...



## Sydney Theatre Co. Excursion

Drama students from Years 9 to 12 recently attended a powerful performance of Jane Harrison's 'Stolen', directed by Ian Michael at the Sydney Theatre Company.

"Stolen tells the stories of Jimmy, Ruby, Shirley, Sandy, and Anne: five members of the Stolen Generation, whose lives are irrevocably altered by their experiences in a social and political system that sought to erase their cultural identity forever." The sun was shining and the theatre was inspiring. A great day out!





## Subject Selection Info Night

Thank you to all of the Year 7, 8 and 10 students and parents and carers who braved the cold weather to come along to our Subject Selection Night to meet our teachers and discuss your subject selections for next year, and to those who joined the Zoom information session on Monday. It was fantastic to see so many engaged students and families at school who were keen to find out more about the breadth of subjects our school offers across all faculties.

Special thanks to our very dedicated and hard working Careers Advisor Mrs Tully who coordinates the subject selection process and supports our students with their decisions. And thank you so much to all of the staff who helped with the zoom, set up displays and shared their expertise and enthusiasm for their subjects with the crowds!







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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

### ParentKIND

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to our ParentKIND Supper event last week and to those who were interested but couldn't make it. It was a fantastic turn out and so great to see how engaged our parents and carers are in our young people's learning.

There was a lot of excellent information shared on the night by our very passionate presenters, and the online Q&A session we held this week generated some great questions and helpful discussion on ways parents and carers can help their children at home. Thanks to Belinda Bower, Drew Finlay, Brad McLeod, Kal Gulson and Nikki Boys for presenting and organising these sessions. Thank you also to our TAS team, Student Leadership Team and all of the other staff who helped make these events so fantastic.

We are going to look at doing some more of these in-person and online events in future. We will also aim to build on the content and resources available in the [Study Hub](#) section of our website for students and parents and carers to access anytime. If you have suggestions for topics to cover, we'd love to hear them!



### Celebrating our Teaching Talent!

As we approach the end of Term 2, I would like to highlight the incredible skills and achievements of our dedicated staff. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences enrich our school community and contribute significantly to the education of our young people.

Many of our teachers hold multiple degrees, bringing a depth of knowledge to their classrooms. Some have been recognised by the government for their innovative programs, showcasing their commitment to excellence in education. We also have published authors and accomplished artists among our staff, whose creative talents inspire our students daily.

Several teachers have performed on stages, and others have been successful in various professional capacities before choosing to teach. Their varied careers before entering education bring unique perspectives and practical skills that enhance their teaching methods.

The wide range of experiences and expertise amongst our staff supports our goal of providing a comprehensive, well-rounded education for our students. The commitment of our staff to public education helps create an environment that focuses on every child as an individual. In coming newsletters I hope to highlight some of our teaching staff to help you get to know them. The first of which, I am pleased to share on the next page, is Mr Andrew (Drew) Finlay...

*Ms Tess Devine*  
Principal, Katoomba High School



DP Lauren Dodson (Deputy Principal, Relieving), DP Melinda Mungai (Deputy Principal, Relieving), Tess Devine (Principal), Charmaine Tully (Careers Advisor)





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## KHS PERSONAL PROFILE...

### Meet Mr Andrew (Drew) Finlay...

KHS Deputy Principal (Relieving)



**How long have you worked at Katoomba High School and what is your role?...**

This is my third year at KHS. I have the privilege of being Head Teacher, HSIE. I have also had the opportunity to be Relieving Deputy Principal on several occasions.

**Tell us a little bit about your career background? Have you worked in fields other than teaching?**

After finishing High School in the late 90s I played some professional football (soccer) but my career ended through injury. I then completed a double degree in Museum Studies before working in a variety of museums and arts organisations in Sydney and Singapore for 10 years. My roles ranged from curatorial, public programming and education. I then retrained as a teacher and went way out west to a little country town called Lake Cargelligo. I was looking for a completely new adventure and I certainly found it! I loved my time in the bush experiencing a completely different lifestyle and part of the country, however, I decided to find a compromise between the city and the country, which landed me in the upper Blue Mountains.

**What is your most recent achievement or something you are really proud of?**

In regards to my role as a teacher, I am really proud of the work I do helping students learn how to write through explicit direct instruction. Deconstructing writing in order to demystify the process is something I have worked extremely hard on since I started teaching. It is an area that I believe our Initial Teacher Education can improve so that graduate teachers feel more confident in this space. It is one thing to be able to write, but something entirely different to know how to teach someone else how to write. I believe students can develop their writing skills and learn how to write clear and logical arguments when given the right support.

Outside of my work as a teacher, I am undertaking a law degree (in my spare time!) and received the University Academic Medal last year, which was a nice reward for all those long nights and weekends spent studying.



**What do you love about teaching?**

I love being able to share my passion for history with my students. I love working with my colleagues to improve and develop our teaching practice to provide opportunities for our students. I was fortunate to receive a high quality high school education and have gone on to complete five university degrees, which has given me endless opportunities and allowed me to travel and experience new things. I am so grateful for our world class education system because it has given me choice and freedom. I want that for every young person.

**What is the best thing about Katoomba High School?**

I came to KHS because I had heard fantastic things about the staff and the schools ethos. I came to work with staff who I knew were dedicated to their students and shared my approach to learning and wellbeing. I have not been disappointed! I also love how friendly, genuinely interesting and diverse our students are. They make me laugh and smile everyday.

**Outside of school what do you spend your time on?**

As my senior Modern History students will tell you, I am 'pretty sad!' Between work, study and raising three amazing daughters there isn't much time left. My partner (who is also a teacher) and I do try and get away for a weekend in the city a few times a year where we go for walks around the harbour, visit museums and galleries, and enjoy some yummy food. These enriching mini-breaks really help keep us motivated.



**What do you think you will be doing in 10 years' time?**

I am really not sure. A good education provides you with opportunities in life. Thanks to my (ongoing) education, I have been able to expand my knowledge, experiences and perspective by taking on new challenges. It is a big world out there, I encourage all my students to explore it!





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## WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

### Breakfast Club Update

Our Wednesday morning Brekky Club continues to be a popular highlight of the week for our students and staff. Thank you to Bakers Delight Katoomba for supplementing our toasties with delicious baked goods. Thanks also to our friends at Headspace you are joining us again next term to chat with students and run some super fun craft activities.

Breakfast Club will be back again next term on Wednesday's before school starting in Week 2.



### Dental Van Visit

The NSW Health Dental Vans will be at our school in Week 2 of Term 3 from Mon 29 July until Mon 5 August depending on demand. If you would like an appointment for your child but haven't been able to submit a form yet, please email Nikki Boys, KHS Community Liaison, nicole.boys4@det.nsw.edu.au over the holidays to let her know, and be sure to submit your form as soon as possible in Week 1.

The NSW Health Dental service provides a number of benefits including guaranteed free treatment for ALL students and free follow-up dental care through the Blue Mountains Hospital Dental Health Clinic in Katoomba if needed. NSW Health prioritises the health, wellbeing and safety of your staff and students. More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website [here](#).



### New KHS Student Media Club

One of the ideas discussed by our new SRC recently was the idea of a student-led media club at school.

The KHS Student Media Club had their first meeting in Week 9. They discussed the potential for a student-run newspaper and social media page to get students involved in various aspects of media including journalism, photography, videography and the school community.

Students are already busy capturing content and writing articles for the newsletter and the school facebook page. The Media Club will meet weekly on Wednesdays at recess starting in Week 1 next term. Students interested in joining the Media Club can see Ms Ladd for more details.

By Miette Hoekstra, KHS Student Media Club.

### Mountain of Youth are back!

We are very excited to announce that the amazing team from Mountain of Youth will be back at Katoomba High next term to run another brilliant film-making mentoring project. In their first project at KHS in 2022, Mountain of Youth and KHS students produced a brilliant short film entitled *Soles* that went on to receive much acclaim on the Film Festival circuit.



This year, 12 lucky students from Year 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to work with the Mountain of Youth team on a music video film for an award-winning multi-instrumentalist hip-hop duo of international acclaim to be announced very soon! 😊

Kalani, Helena and the team from Mountain of Youth will be sharing more details about the project with students soon and students will have the opportunity to apply early in Term 2.





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### Next Immunisation Day

The next vaccination clinic to be held at school is on Monday 9 September 2024.

Vaccinations to be offered at the next clinic are:

Yr10 - Meningococcal ACWY

Yr7 - HPV and dTpa - catch up of students who missed the vaccine at the previous visit

Yr8 and Yr9 - HPV and dtPa - catch up of students who returned their consent in 2022 and 2023

Yr11 and Yr12 - Meningococcal ACWY- catch up of students who returned their consent in 2022/2023

It is not too late to enrol your child in the program. Sign up online [here](#). Access to a MYGOV account is needed and your child's Medicare number. Find more info about the program [here](#)

### HSC Presiding Officer Role



Katoomba High School is looking for an HSC Presiding Officer. The role involves coordinating the formal HSC examinations during the October/early November period. The Presiding Officer's role includes coordinating the HSC supervisors and is responsible for the operation

of the examinations. Any type of examination supervisory experience would be preferable. Not suitable for parents of students. This would be an ongoing role. Please contact Mrs Tully at the high school for a role description.



### 2025 Year 7 Enrichment Class Applications

Katoomba High School will be assessing Year 6 students who are seeking to enrol in the 2025 Year 7 Enrichment Class on Tuesday 27 August 2024. Students will be assessed on their skills in Mathematics, Reading & Language and Writing.

**There will be ONE session this year plus a backup day if your child is unwell and unable to attend.**

On the day, students should bring recess. No equipment is required for the test. Pens are provided.

If you would like your Year 6 son or daughter to be considered for the Year 7 Enrichment Class please email Sharon our School Administration Officer, by **Friday, 2 Aug 2024** [sharon.schloeffel2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sharon.schloeffel2@det.nsw.edu.au)

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Melinda Mungai, Deputy Principal [melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au) or Nick Long, Enrichment Coordinator: [nicholas.long@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nicholas.long@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 4782 2622.

When registering please provide the your child's name, gender, primary school, parent/carer contact details, and email.

A session confirmation email will be sent to you prior to the testing day. If your child is unable to attend on the day, please contact the school immediately.

<b>Session 1</b> <b>Tuesday, 27 August 2024</b>
<b>Arrive at 9.00am:</b> for a prompt 9.15 am start
<b>Finish: 1.00 pm</b> Parents arrive 12.45





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## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

12 - 17 YRS

**FREE!**

# JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

**TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2024**  
**MYST IS GOING TO THE CITY!**

**PICK UP**

MYST drop in centres:

- Katoomba: 9:00 AM
- Springwood: 9:40 AM

Drive to Maroubra skatepark

**FREE FOOD**

BBQ sausage sizzle  
 Meat & vegetarian  
 Chippies & drinks

**DROP OFF**

MYST drop in centres:

- Springwood: 4:20 PM
- Katoomba: 5:00 PM

Drive to Maroubra skatepark

**CITY SKATEPARK**

Maroubra skatepark

- Arrive 11:30pm - leave 3pm
- Short walk along the beach
- NO swimming allowed
- If it rains: Sydney City Chinatown



**WHAT TO BRING**

- Skateboard/scooter
- Helmet
- Warm clothing



THE GIRLS & BOYS BRIGADE



myst  
mountains youth services team

Parent permission form



Scan the QR code to signup.

Join The Girls & Boys Brigade & MYST for a day of youth activities in the city.  
 More info: [stan.henderson@myst.com.au](mailto:stan.henderson@myst.com.au)  
 Or [mia.jones@myst.com.au](mailto:mia.jones@myst.com.au)  
 Alcohol & drug free event

Powered by Athletics NSW

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

8TH-10TH JULY, 9AM-1PM  
 AGES 10-14

- SPECIFIC SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- NATIONALLY RECOGNISED COACHES
- INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH TRAINING
- IN THE ANSW CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE





**WHATS ON?**  
 MON - TRACK  
 TUES - JUMPS  
 WED - THROWS

SIGN UP HERE








## 2024 BLUE FRINGE ART & LITERATURE

**Blue Fringe Art and Literature  
 Festival 2024**  
 October 23 - 26

**Wentworth Falls Tafe**  
 14 Mitchell St, Wentworth Falls

Entries open - July 29  
 Entries close - August 25

Please note ALL entries must be submitted via  
 the website - [bluefringe.org.au](http://bluefringe.org.au)



Entries open to adults with a lived experience of mental health and high school aged young people celebrating resilience and well being



For more information contact  
 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre 4751 3033  
 or  
 Belong Blue Mountains 4759 2592







# Newsletter

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## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

<https://www.pcyedrivereducation.org.au/>

**PCYC**

**SAFER DRIVERS COURSE**  
**EARN 20 HOURS TOWARDS YOUR LOGBOOK.**

**BOOK JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES NOW!**

[pcyedrivereducation.org.au](http://pcyedrivereducation.org.au)

PCYC NSW is an accredited provider of the Transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course logo is a trade mark of Transport for NSW of 18 Lee St Chippendale NSW Australia.

THE STREET UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

**Deadly Dreaming Festival**

A YOUTH EVENT FOR NAIDOC 2024

**wednesday 10 July 2024 (2-5pm)**

**TRIANGLE PARK, PENRITH**

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK LOUD & PROUD**

COME DOWN AND CELEBRATE WITH US  
NATIVE FOOD, PERFORMANCES, LIVE ART, COMMUNITY STALLS

FOR MORE INFO: 02 8785 8000 OR [WWW.STREETUNI.COM.AU](http://WWW.STREETUNI.COM.AU)

Poster Title: Strapun Moya | Artist: Dinko Belyuk

Lithgow PCYC are running PCYC Safer Drivers Course in the school holidays. This course counts towards 20 hours towards the participants log book, and they learn with professional driving instructors.

The Safer Drivers Course aims to provide learner drivers with the knowledge they need to reduce road risks and prevent accidents by becoming a safe driver. As an Accredited Provider of the transport for NSW Safer Drivers Course, PCYC NSW know that their students will complete the course with a greater of understanding of how to be a safe P-plate driver.

Statistically, the first six months after receiving your provisional license are the most dangerous. New P-plate drivers can find it challenging on the roads without the support of an experienced instructor by their side.

This course equips young drivers with the tools they need to manage the transition to a full license.

**Still Life Comes to Life**

11.30am - 12.30pm | Year 5 - Year 10 | \$6

Tuesday 9th July, Katoomba Library, \$6  
Thursday 18th July, Springwood Hub

Interested in learning how to draw the world around you? In this class local artist and illustrator Bill Hope will guide you through a classic still life drawing exercise with a twist!

We will learn some techniques for drawing objects in a realistic way then we'll mess it all up by adding in some ideas from our imagination. Will that bowl of fruit be growing legs and running away? Will all the bananas sprout wings and start flying? It's up to you!



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## Things to do in the School Holidays

Winter 2024

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

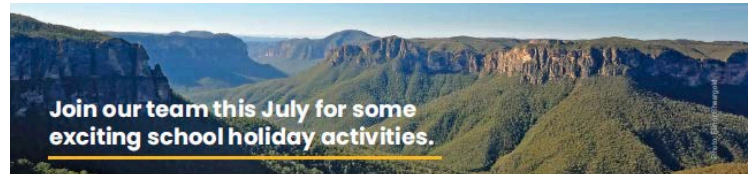
### Grand Cliff Top Walk guided tour

Join a Discovery Ranger on a 3 hour guided tour along the Wentworth Falls section of the newly constructed trail. Learn about the unique ecosystems and how this spectacular 19km walk on Gundungurra country was created.

**new**

Saturdays 6 July, 13 July, 20 July • 9:30am–12:30pm

For bookings visit: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour)



Join our team this July for some exciting school holiday activities.

**S** For the Small and Curious **L** Living Country **B** Bush Alive **J** Junior Rangers

<b>B</b> 7-11yrs <b>The Buzz on Bees</b> Monday 8 July • Blackheath	<b>J</b> 10-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Tuesday 9 July • Blackheath	<b>B</b> 8-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> Wednesday 10 July • Blackheath
<b>L</b> 7-11yrs <b>Aboriginal Games for Kids</b> Thursday 11 July • Blackheath	<b>B</b> 8-12yrs <b>Spotlight</b> Friday 12 July • Katoomba	<b>J</b> 10-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Tuesday 16 July • Blackheath
<b>B</b> 7-11yrs <b>The Buzz on Bees</b> Wednesday 17 July • Blackheath	<b>B</b> 8-12yrs <b>Spotlight</b> Thursday 18 July • Katoomba	<b>B</b> 8-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> Friday 19 July • Blackheath

### Grand Cliff Top Walk Guided Tour

Saturdays 6 July, 13 July, 20 July  
9:30am–12:30pm

For more information and bookings visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities)  
 Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are onsite at Blackheath from 10am-12pm, except for Spotlight which is held in Katoomba from 5pm-7pm. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.  
 T 02 4784 7301 E [BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au)



BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



### Teens only Charcoal Drawing Class with Luke Thurgate

Sunday 14 July  
12:30 – 3:30 pm

Discover more about the medium of charcoal with artist Luke Thurgate.

A workshop especially for teens aged 15 to 18 years with *Dobell Drawing Prize #23* finalist Luke Thurgate. In this observational drawing class using still life set ups as the basis for exercises you will experiment with tonal values and learn how to convey subtle effects of light and shadow. Through demonstration and group discussions, Luke will introduce techniques used by various artists to add to drama and tension to drawings. In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, similar to the holiday classes at the National Art School, Luke will guide students to develop an individual approach to mark-making and composition.

A class for older teens  
ages 15-18 yrs



Tickets via Eventbrite

IMAGE CREDIT: Adire you install image, 2023, charcoal on gallery wall, The Drawing Gallery, National Art School. Photo by Tim Connolly.

30 Parke Street, Katoomba • 02 4780 5410  
10am – 5pm Mon – Fri • 10am – 4pm Sat & Sun  
[bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au](http://bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au)



Bookings can be made online [here](http://here).



### School holiday activities calendar



Discover loads of fun and free school holiday activities and events for young people on the Stronger Families Alliance website [here](http://here)