



TECH TALK 2022

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"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which our School is situated. We pay our respects to Barapa Barapa Elders past, present and future." KTHS Community.



Term 1, Semester 1.

Vol. 8

25th March, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

Thurs. 31st

Immunisations -Yr 7 & Yr 10

APRIL

Fri. 8th

End of Term 1

School finishes at 2.30pm

REMINDER:

School Photos which were planned for 10/3/22 have been postponed until May.

Notification will be posted closer to the date.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

OUR SCHOOL VALUES: **Respect**, **Resilience** and **Responsibility**

To date we have been doing a lot of work around the school values. These values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility were derived in collaboration with the School Community. These are the values that collectively we decided were the most important. These are the values that when we adhere to them, they will make us the best possible person we can be.

So, what do we have to do to become the best possible person we can be?

1. Choice. Every situation we are faced with, we have a choice as to how to respond, how to act, how to behave. If we respond in a respectful way, it is reciprocated.

2. Personal Power. We can use our personal power for positive good rather than negative. We can use our abilities, our talents, and our character, which we develop through trial and error for positive actions in our every-day life. **We make mistakes! We are human. The trouble begins when we don't learn from each**

experience as we continue to grow as a person and we continue to use our power to make the same poor choices. Taking responsibility helps us to learn and grow as a person.

3. Resilience. Our resilience is our ability to bounce back when things don't go to plan. How to deal with adversity. How to deal with that hard knock. How to deal with hurt. How to deal with disappointment.

We become stronger by becoming more resilient! One of the most resilient people of our time, Nelson Mandela, said "Don't judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

ATTENDANCE:

After just completing the 2022 school census it is pleasing to see that several students are tracking at 100%. However, there are also a number of students who have, what is deemed to be, significant absences; this is five or more days already. It is important that every student makes every effort to attend. Each day lost is a day of education lost. Added to this is the social disconnect. While you are away students at school share experiences and interactions which help them bond. This results in you returning and not being up with where your peers are at. It is essential that you make every effort to attend. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they do not fall behind:

***Speak with your child's year level co-ordinator** and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. Year Level Coordinators are:

Year 7—Mr Wishart Year 8—Mr Roberts Year 9—Mr McClay Year 10, 11—Mr Stevenson Year 12—Mr Henry

***Develop an absence learning plan** with the year level co-ordinator and ensure your child completes the plan.

***If your child attends any medical appointments, ask for a medical certificate** - these documents will assist the school with any long-term ailments which may require special circumstances for exams, SAC's and other subject requirements.

***Daily classroom lessons** are also posted on XU NO. Students can access these as they did during remote learning.

The shared vision of Kerang Technical High School is to provide our students with a quality education for the future in an inclusive and supportive environment.



Remember, everyday counts. If your child must miss school, please notify the office via phone (5452 1062), email (kerang.tech.hs@education.vic.gov.au) or by using XUNO.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let the school staff know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

This week the number of covid positive cases being reported to the school has dropped dramatically. Over the week 21st -25th we had one positive case reported, last week was one and the week before that eleven. Thank you for your continued vigilance and support with Rapid Antigen Testing. The whole process is an honesty system and I have appreciated your help in the whole process both notifying the school if you are positive, and notifying the school if you are a household contact. Please continue your great approach.

VET AGRICULTURE

The Vet Agriculture students have been working hard to get these new sheep yards. They researched what we needed for the size of the farm then they got the quotes from a number of different companies. They compared prices and decided on the best options for our KTHS School Ag Farm. Once we ordered and they arrived, the students put them up on Thursday, 24th March, and ran through our Aussie White rams for a test run.

Well Done guys! *Mrs Krystal Griffis.*



Our lovely Australian White rams



Student's reports are now supplied electronically through the XUNO communication platform. We also provide a hard copy of these reports to students who have requested.

If you would like to opt into receiving a hard copy then please contact me using one of the Methods outlined: Phone: 5452 1062; Xuno: message Kathryn Thomson or by ..

Email: kathryn.thomson@education.vic.gov.au

If you requested a hard copy previously then you will automatically receive a hard copy of your students reports. Otherwise you will be able to access your child's Term One Interim Report via Xuno from 3.30 pm on Wed. 30th March 2022. If you need assistance to log in to Xuno then please contact the school and we will be happy to help you with this. *Kathryn Thomson (Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator)*

MATHS HELP

FROM YEAR 7 to YEAR 12

Every day during lunchtime in Room 16.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! (You can bring your lunch along)

FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE SEE Mrs Sheila Serrao. or... email the school on:

kerang.tech.hs@education.vic.gov.au

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Did you know that Concession Card holders are eligible for \$225 per student, each year, to spend on Camps, Sports and Excursions? Simply fill out the application form on the back page (or/ hard copies available at the KTHS General Office) and return it to the Office, with a copy of your current Concession Card. *For further details regarding CSEF, please see the information sheet attached, on the last couple of pages of this Tech Talk, or contact the General Office on 54521062.*



HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE DEADLY Japanese Encephalitis (JE) Virus?



Since February, the Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JE) has been detected in Australia in increasing numbers. JE is spread by Mosquitoes and can infect humans and animals.

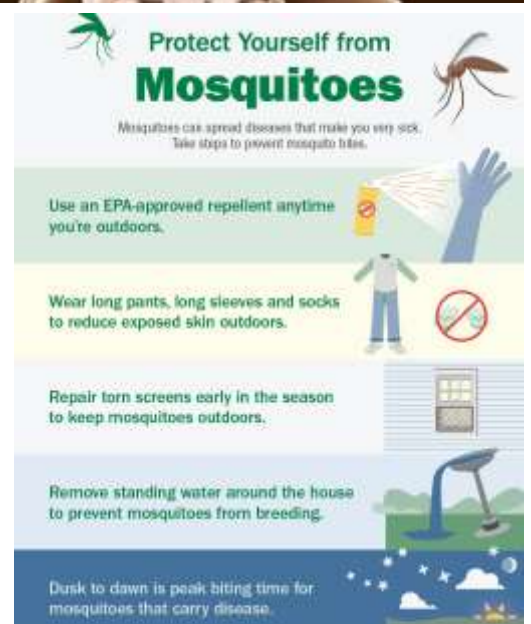
Several people have been infected with JE lately, including a baby.

There is no specific treatment for JE, which can cause severe neurological illness with headache, convulsions, and reduced consciousness.

The best thing to do is to prevent yourself and your family from being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Try to avoid the outdoors, bushland and wetlands at peak mosquito times (at dawn and dusk)
- Wear long sleeves and pants, socks and shoes.
- Use insecticides, mosquito coils, and use and reapply repellent.
- Use mosquito nets for children.
- Empty and reduce all water-holding containers around your house.

Cheers Meg



Student Volunteers Wanted

We need some of our students to volunteer to help Sharon to deliver Meals on Wheels , once a month, as part of helping our community.

The Council requires everyone to be triple vaccinated.

When: 1st Tuesday of the Month

Names to Sharon Champion ASAP please.



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NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET HANDED IN THEIR MEDIA CONSENT FORMS, PLEASE DO SO A.S.A.P. THIS FORM CAN THEN BE HANDED INTO THE GENERAL OFFICE.

Kerang Technical High School

**MEDIA
CONSENT**

At Kerang Technical High School, many photos are taken of the children during special events.

This includes photographs using the digital camera, photographs or images taken by the media such as the local newspapers and TV.

Sometimes the media will seek to feature a child's story or artwork similar to that found in our own newsletter.

Teachers often use photographs and work samples throughout the year in displays or computer presentations. Photographs of students or their work often feature in the school newsletter.



In order for us to use your child's photographs/work samples etc for any of the above purposes, we are seeking your written permission as their parent/guardian.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office.

**MEDIA PERMISSION
PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION**

Child's Name:

Grade:

Parent/Guardian Name:

I have read the Kerang Technical High Schools Media Consent Form and I understand that these photographs/work samples will be used for school related purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:



Kerang Technical High School Absence Note

Student's Name: Year Level..... Home Group.....

Date of Absence:AM PM ALL DAY

Reason for Absence: Family Reasons Illness Appointment Holiday

Other Reasons:

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____