



# 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 2, Semester 1.

Vol. 11

29th April, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

Tues. 3rd

KTHS OPEN DAY:

9am/2pm/4pm

*Interschool Volleyball*

*Mildura*

Wed. 4th

*Interschool Winter Sports*

Fri. 6th

*Transition Day: Gr6-Yr7*

*KSPS*

Wed. 11th

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS via WEBEX

REMINDER:

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3.

It has been a busy start to the term! First day back Year 7 students entered into their new class arrangements with three classes becoming two. So far the transition has been quite smooth.

Tuesday the ANZAC service was conducted. While I expect exemplary behaviour, I was very proud of all the students when the minute silence was held and you could literally hear a pin drop. The respect shown by the students through their actions was great to see.

Then on Wednesday, the Grade Six Transition Information Night was conducted. This was held in the Library and upwards of 80 parents and students were present. This is a good start to Secondary School, shows what KTHS can offer and informs parents enabling them to make the best decision for their child.

### School Cross Country Colour Run



The students participated in the School Cross Country on Tuesday, 26th April. To change it up, a Colour Run was organized. (More photo's will be in next week's Tech Talk.)

Congratulations to **Loddon** who won the overall event on the day. However, it is worth noting that the result was very close with **Loddon** beating **Murray** by just three points.

## NEW COVID-19 PROCEDURES:

### If You Test Positive:

Notify the school

Isolate for 7 days

Not required to RAT screen for next 12 weeks if re-exposed.

### If you are a Household Contact:

Notify the school that they are a household or household-like contact.

Household contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures, but are required to:

- Notify the school if returning during their 7 day period;
- Undertake daily rapid antigen testing five times within the 7 days;
- Wear a face covering when indoors (if aged 8 years and above or unless they have a valid exemption);
- Are not permitted to visit hospitals or care facilities unless an exemption applies.

If symptomatic, all students/staff must stay/return home, take a rapid antigen test, or get a PCR test if a rapid antigen testing kit unavailable.

### Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers performing work:

The third dose vaccination requirements also apply to any visitors or volunteers performing work on school sites. This includes:

- A person contracted to work at an education facility and who will or may be in close proximity to children, students or staff, whether or not engaged by the education operator including casual relief teachers, NDIS providers and auditors (but does not include delivery personnel)
- Department staff who attend an education facility (such as allied health personnel)
- Staff of any other entity who attends an education facility
- Volunteers that attend an education facility and that work in close proximity to children, students or staff (including parent helpers)
- Students on placements at an education facility

Vaccination requirements for other visitors to schools (not performing work)

Parents, carers and other adult visitors are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine if not performing work or volunteering at the school.

### Masks:

Masks are no longer required at school unless you are a household contact.

Masks should still be worn on public transport like school buses.

Currently we have two Year 7's and one staff member COVID-19 positive who are isolating.

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.



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Important feedback on the rapid antigen testing (RAT) program is being sought from our school community through a short survey that has been developed by the Department of Health.

RATs are helping students and staff to safely attend school by ensuring positive cases are identified as quickly as possible. All RATs ordered by the Victorian government for schools are effective in detecting coronavirus (COVID-19) variants, including Omicron.

To help evaluate the roll-out of the program to schools in Term 2 and ensure that staff and students have the required support, a short survey is being sent to parents at a sample of Victorian schools.

Our school has been selected to complete the survey from Monday 2 May 2022. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Our school will not have access to your individual data or responses. The link to the survey is here:

[Rapid Antigen Testing in Schools Survey - Parent Survey](#)

You are asked to complete the survey by 9.00am Monday 9 May 2022.

Kind regards.

NEW STAFF:

**Your child may have already mentioned that the school has a new Youth Worker. Her name is Kate O'Reagan and she commenced this term.**

Kate will be working closely with students as part of the Wellbeing Team.

Mrs Ritchie is on leave for the next month. Replacing her is Ms Lorraine McConnell. Some of you may remember her from her last stint at KTHS. Lorraine will be working as a teacher aide and in the classrooms helping students to complete their work.

We also have a trainee teacher doing her final teacher placement at KTHS. Please make Elisabeth Gloster welcome. Elisabeth is with us for the next four weeks and will be teaching English and Humanities.

*Principal Dean Rogers*

# HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR CSEF?

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.*



(Above) Kate O'Regan, (Youth Worker), Meg Irvin (School Nurse) and Sharon Champion (Wellbeing Manager)

Welcome back everyone,

**It's great to meet people face-to-face.** We are very pleased to welcome Kate O'Regan, who has commenced at KTHS, as our Youth Worker. Kate joins Sharon, who is here full time as our Wellbeing Manager. Also Meg, who is at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Wellbeing Team is complemented by the Doctors in Schools program, who come each Tuesday. Between us all, we are here to help our students to achieve their best.

Cheers Meg





MORE PHOTO'S WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S TECH TALK— FROM OUR ANZAC DAY MARCH & ASSEMBLY AND FUN PICS OF THE CROSS COUNTRY COLOUR RUN.





**KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**TERM 2 26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**From 9.45am To 1.30pm**

MON 25 <sup>th</sup> APRIL ANZAC DAY	TUES 26	WED 27	THURS 28	FRI 29 B WILLIAMS
MON 2May	TUES 3	WED 4 WINTER SPORTS	THURS 5	FRI 6 T ROBERTS
MON 9	TUES 10 M KIRK	WED 11 J LOWE	THURS 12	FRI 13 J YARD
MON 16 K WHELAN	TUES 17 A MORTON	WED 18 M DAVIS D GARDINER	THURS 19 K TONKIN	FRI 20 T ROBERTS
MON 23 N HOGG	TUES 24	WED 25 N VELLELEY	THURS 26 M McKNIGHT	FRI 2 C TAYLOR
MON 30	TUES 31	WED 1 <sup>st</sup> June S TURNER	THURS 2 N TREACY	FRI 3 T ROBERTS
MON 6 <sup>th</sup> June	TUES 7	WED 8 Y HOLLARD	THURS 9	FRI 10 B WILLIAMS
MON 13 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	TUES 14	WED 15 J LOWE	THURS 16	FRI 17 T COLLIER
MON 20	TUES 21	WED 22 D GARDINER	THURS 23	FRI 24 J YARD



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## KERANG AUSKICK

BE A PART OF OUR GREAT PROGRAM  
5-12 YEAR OLDS BOYS AND GIRLS  
THURSDAY NIGHTS

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
PAUL MEEHAN 0428 935 174



REGISTER by going to [play/afl/auskick](https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/kerang-auskick-centre/367768aa/register) or  
USE THE QR CODE




# Kerang Auskick

**Registrations now open!**

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/kerang-auskick-centre/367768aa/register>

Register and present a copy of your receipt to Kerang Auskick and receive a \$50 refund (only valid at Kerang as a club incentive)

## START DATE

Thursday 28th April 2022

Kerang Junior Football Oval, Riverside Park

5.00pm—6.00pm



## Under 14 Girl's Football

Are you a female under the age of 14 and love the game of football?

Join in the new Girl's Football Competition in our region!

### Contact

Bianca Wise 0439 656 173

Or

Craig Campbell 0427 346 645

for more details

*Under 14 Girls*

## 2022 FIXTURE



1 SEA LAKE V SWAN HILL WOORINEN V BIRCHIP WATCHEM TYNTYNDER V WARRA BLUES SUNDAY 1ST MAY - HOST WOORINEN	2 SEA LAKE V BIRCHIP WATCHEM TYNTYNDER V SWAN HILL WARRA BLUES V WOORINEN SUNDAY 6TH MAY - HOST SEA LAKE
3 BIRCHIP WATCHEM V TYNTYNDER WOORINEN V SEA LAKE WARRA BLUES V SWAN HILL SUNDAY 15TH MAY - HOST WARRA BLUES (KERANG)	4 BIRCHIP WATCHEM V WARRA BLUES SWAN HILL V WOORINEN TYNTYNDER V SEA LAKE SUNDAY 22ND MAY - HOST BIRCHIP WATCHEM
5 TYNTYNDER V WOORINEN SEA LAKE V WARRA BLUES SWAN HILL V BIRCHIP WATCHEM SUNDAY 29TH MAY - HOST TYNTYNDER	
<h3>GRAND FINAL</h3> <p>SUNDAY 5TH JUNE HOST SWAN HILL</p> <p>1 V 2 3 V 4 5 V 6</p>	



our club, our community

# MATHS HELP

**FROM YEAR 7 to YEAR 12**

Every day during lunchtime in Room 6 (Please Note: change of room).

**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**



## 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](http://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 Veteran 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_