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# TECH TALK 2023



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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.



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Grade 6 Transition:

On Thursday the Grade 6 students coming to Kerang Technical High School had a full day transition day at the school. While here they experienced what a day at high school would be like participating in school life as it will be for them next year. They were divided into classes, received a timetable and had to find their way to each and every class. I am pleased to say no one became lost and everyone seemed to enjoy their time at KTHS,

The purpose of this day is to introduce the students to Kerang Technical High school and provide a taste of what life will be like. It gives them the opportunity to interact with staff, it gives them the opportunity to interact with students from different schools who will be their classmates next year and it allows them to develop ways of dealing with any concerns they may have for 2024. By attending these transition days, it makes the environment familiar and coming across to Secondary school less daunting.

### School Wide Positive Behaviour Program:

Staff have been working very hard behind the scenes moving toward the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB).

You may remember the work done on the school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. As part of the implementation, threshold points need to be met to progress to the next stage. Last Thursday the school undertook the first Tiered Fidelity Inventory. Here the School Wide Positive Behaviour Regional Coordinator visited the school and conducted the assessment. She visited students from all year levels and staff to ask them questions about the school values and then met with the SWPB Team to discuss her findings and assess the school. I am pleased to say that the school passed the first assessment and is now preparing to implement the second stage. One of her comments that resonated with me was that she "could feel the change in the school."

This is a great result as a lot of work has been put in behind the scenes led by a dedicated team of staff Sharon Champion, Natalie Rose and Donna Oosterlaak.

### Year 12 Exams:

Year 12 Students are now officially in Swat Vac in preparation for their exams of which the first one is English Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

As a school we wish them all the best and remind them that staff are available to catch up with between now and the exams know that mock exams have been held for practise and students should also make use of these.

### Curriculum Day:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November has been set aside as a Curriculum Day and no students will be at school. During this day staff will be updating their First Aid qualifications and doing some work on restorative conversations. These are conversations held with students to rebuild the relationship after there has been a misbehaviour in class. David Vinegrad a renowned academic in this field and will be leading the sessions.

*David talks about....*

**5 Key Strategies in building classrooms that promote positive behaviours** – planning lesson content & planning for behaviour must go hand in hand! What you teach and how you teach it will impact on how students behave.

**1. Engage!** Develop interesting lessons that are differentiated for a wide range of abilities, achievable steps so students know they are learning and succeeding, and summative & formative feedback is gathered by student participation.

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.



- 2. Routines & procedures!** When classrooms are safe and predictable students will do the right thing most of the time
- 3. Acknowledgement & feedback!** When students know they are learning and have a respectful relationship with you and others they will develop a positive mindset.
- 4. Behaviour promotion!**
- 5. Expectations & rules**

This is then linked to **The 3 fundamentals of cooperative classrooms and positive classroom climate** – lesson content, instructional practice, and relationships.

*Principal, Dean Rogers*



# *Kerang Technical High School*

## **2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT**



**Date: WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Venue: KTHS Library**



If you are unable to attend,  
please contact Miss. Zoe Ferrier  
[Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au)



*Kerang Technical High School  
are seeking*

## **CASUAL RELIEF TEACHERS**

If you are able to undertake CRT, please drop your resume  
into our school addressed to:

Assistant Principal- Mr. Dean Smith  
or contact 03 5452 1062





# TERM 4 KEY DATES

## Week 4

**TUES. 24th Oct:**  
VCAA Exam  
Period Begins

**WED. 25th Oct:**  
Unit 4 Last Classes.

**FRI. 27th Oct:**  
Unit 2 - Deadline



## Week 5

**MON. 30th Oct:**  
Unit 1 & 2 Unit Revision (class)

**TUES. 31st Oct:**  
Year 10 HE Excursion  
Charlton Driver Education

**TUES. 2nd Nov:**  
Year 10 - HPE Day  
General Assembly

**FRI. 3rd Nov:**  
VCE/VET Results due  
(Unit 4 & Unit 2)





National Carers Week is a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness for the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend.



**Carers are people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged.**

Anyone can become a carer, at any time and more than 1 in 10 Australians are carers. Carers represent a diverse range of cultures, ages, experiences and responsibilities, but all of them balance of caring responsibilities with other responsibilities like work, study and their physical and mental health.

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

**Young Carers - help is at hand**

1 in 10 carers in Victoria are under 25.

**Carers Victoria** believes all young carers have a right to enjoy life and reach their potential. Many young carers do not identify as a carer. There are more than 71,600 young carers in Victoria with many hidden in the community so these figures are likely to be higher. Caring responsibilities can have positive effects, such as developing skills and building strong relationships, as well as some negative short and long-term effects such as poor health and wellbeing, social isolation, difficulty with transitions into adulthood.

Young Carers can take on a range of responsibilities including: shopping, cooking, cleaning, washing and household chores. Assisting with mobility, grooming, bathing, toileting, social and emotional support, managing financial issues, care for other siblings, liaising with service providers and health care professionals e.g. making appointments, discussing treatments and medications, interpreting for family members where English is a second language, and looking after siblings who have a disability if a parent is unable to look after them because of their own health issues.

**Young Carers can find support** with things like:

- **Respite** - taking a break
- **Help at home**
- **Getting to sport or other activities**
- **Tutoring or time to study**

To find out more. contact the Carer Gateway

on **1800 422 737** or

[www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au)



## YOUNG CARER FACTS



Young carers are children and young people aged up to 25 who care for a family member, usually a parent or sibling with a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or terminal illness. Young carers may also look after an older person with care needs.



There are **more than 62,400 young carers in Victoria**. Young carers are hidden in the community so these figures are likely to be underestimates. Many do not identify as a carer.



**Two-thirds of young primary carers are caring for a parent.**

Nearly **8,000 young carers in Victoria are aged under 15 years old** with some taking on care responsibilities from as young as five or six years old.



Young women and young people from **CALD or Indigenous backgrounds** are more likely to be young carers.



**1 in 12 carers is under 25, with over 234,000 young carers Australia-wide**

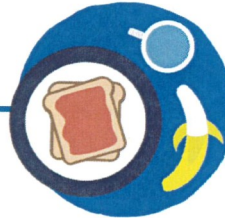
**YOUNG CARERS**

NIGHT BEFORE

# EXAM SLAYING CHECKLIST

On THE DAY

← **CHECK**  
your exam location  
and start time



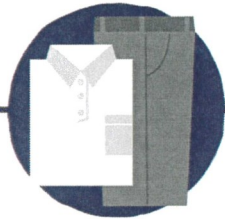
**EAT** →   
a decent  
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← **DO**  
a light revision  
of your notes  
(don't go overboard)



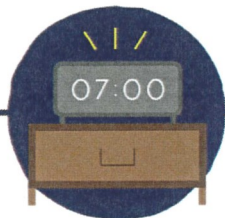
**PACK** →   
your bag

← **LAY**  
out your clothes



**ARRIVE** →   
a little early

← **SET**  
your alarm



**AVOID** →   
any people that  
stress you out

← **VISUALISE**  
yourself being  
calm and confident  
in the exam room



**TAKE 2** →   
minutes and  
practice deep and  
slow breathing

← **GO**  
to bed early  
enough to get a  
good amount of  
sleep



**GET** →   
comfortable in  
your assigned seat  
and then get to  
work

**REACH  
OUT.COM**

# CANTEEN NEWS



This year a couple of changes have been made to the operation of the Canteen. To assist with service at the canteen students from Year 11 and Year 12 up until Term 4 were helping at Recess and Lunchtime, this worked well. (All students were reminded of their day/time duties via Xuno and there was an enlarged copy of the Yellow and Blue Week timetable roster on the Year 12 Common Room noticeboard for their perusal.)

Due to the Year 12 winding down and study times in preparation for exams a roster will not be sent out but Ms Pearce will be informing set students of duty times and days. Hospitality students were utilised as this gave them experience in customer service and contributed to their overall mark. Parents can still help when available and canteen staff would be appreciative of any time made for the canteen. You can register your interest by contacting the school or talking to the Canteen Manager Lisa Petrie. It is a great way to see how the school is running and get a “feel” for the place while interacting with students and staff. Even though it is early days we have noticed a trend where students are purchasing large quantities of unhealthy foods. To assist them with making healthy choices the school is limiting the number to two items at Recess and at Lunch.

From Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Canteen closes at 11:00am for Recess and 1:30pm for Lunch.

## CANTEEN PRICES

### MENU 2023

#### ROLLS/WRAPPS/SANDWICHES

Buttered Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Salad Roll	\$5.50
Ham Salad Roll	\$5.50
Salad Only Roll	\$5.00
Ham Roll	\$4.00
Chicken & Mayo Roll	\$4.50
Sandwiches	\$4.50
Wraps	\$6.00
Fruit Tubs	\$5.00



#### HOT FOOD

Pies	\$4.50
Cup Noodles	\$2.50
Chicken Curry Pies	\$5.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.50



#### SNACKS

Homemade Cookies	50cents
Homemade Yo-yo's	\$2.00
Homemade Muffins	\$3.50
Glazed or Iced Donuts	\$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$2.50
Chip Varieties	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50



#### DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$2.50
Prima	\$2.00
Nippy 375ml	\$3.50
Nippy' 500ml	\$4.50
Gatorade	\$4.50
Riverport Varieties	\$4.50
Pump 750ml	\$3.50
Pump Flavoured 750ml	\$4.00
450ml Nippy Variety's	\$3.00



Following is a selection of the **Daily Specials**.

Lisa will put each day's Special on the board at school, and send out a weekly Xuno message to all families. Parents can also see the menu on the Weekly Tech Talk.

Fish and Chips	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps	\$6.00
Chicken Alfredo's	\$6.00
Hot Dogs	\$4.00
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Baked Potatoes	\$6.00
Pizza's	\$5.00
Chicken Schnitzels	\$6.00
Meatball Sub	\$6.00
Homemade Spag Bol	\$6.00
Homemade Chicken Pasta	\$6.00
Zinger Burgers	\$6.00
Hamburgers	\$6.00
Chicken Parma	\$6.00
Fried Rice	\$5.50
Lasagne	\$5.50
Nacho's	\$5.00
Sweet Sour Pork with Rice	\$6.00
Wedges	\$6.00

# KT#S Canteen Menu

**MONDAY 23RD**



**LAMB SOUVA'S**  
**\$6.00**

**WEEK**

**4**

**TUESDAY 24TH**



**SNITZ.**  
**BURGERS**  
**\$6.00**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH**



**ZINGER**  
**BURGERS**  
**\$6.00**

**THURSDAY 26TH**



**DIM SIMS**  
**3 for \$3.00**

**FRIDAY 28TH**



**WEDGES**  
**\$6.00**

Note: Specials may change due to availability of stock

nominate now for

# big Youth Awards 2023


Know someone aged 12-25 that has excelled in Artistry, Community Service, Inspiration or Teamwork (Individual or Team)?

Nominate them now!



Nominations Close October 31st

<https://forms.gle/MWZxL6vu2zm5DQrZ9>




## THE PANTRY STOP

The Pantry Stop is in the Wellbeing Room (Rm. 634)  
Students can come to take food home  
**OPEN MONDAYS 3.24PM**  
(for 20 minutes only)

# PERMISSION NOTES



Just a friendly reminder to all Parents/Guardians: If you require your child to leave the school grounds for any reason, please remember it would be most appreciative if you could give your child a note to bring to school before classes in the morning so the staff can do the official paperwork. We have concerns that parents/guardians are approving the students after they leave the school grounds when students are phoning their parent. *Thank you in advance for you're assistance to send a note in before classes.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please advise the school as soon as possible if your details we currently have on file may have changed in any way - it is imperative that we have the correct addresses and phone numbers, especially at this time.

Due to the School Office with limited staff at present, it would be appreciated if you could email the school on: [kerang.tech.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerang.tech.hs@education.vic.gov.au) or Xuno message. *Thank You.*

# BUS ZONE SIGNAGE

ANOTHER FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS REGARDING THE BUS ZONE WHICH IS SITUATED OUT THE FRONT OF OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS AS PER PHOTOS. ZONE TIMES ARE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8-9am AND 3-4pm. IT HAS BECOME A LITTLE BIT OF A NIGHTMARE SINCE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH TRAFFIC COMING AND GOING AND PLEASE BE AWARE, THE VICTORIA POLICE & SHIRE RANGER DO THEIR SURVELLIENCE AND THE FINE IS HEFTY, SO PLEASE, DO NOT DROP OR COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED HOURS. *Thanking you in advance.*





## COME ALONG TO **GOLF FOR ALL ABILITIES** (EACH THURSDAY FOR 3 WEEKS)

All equipment kindly supplied by the Kerang Golf Club

Players: Please wear flat footwear (no heels), bring hat, sunscreen and water.

Support by the members of the Kerang Golf Club Inc.

**WHEN:** Commencing Thursday, 26th October 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Nov., 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

**TIME:** 10.30am-11.30am

**WHERE:** Kerang Golf Club, Kerang-Koondrook Road, Kerang.

Cost **FREE** (Registration preferred)

**CONTACT:** Rhonda Allan

Mallee Sports Assembly-Wycheproof, Mob: 0427 780109

Email: [rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au](mailto:rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au)



### Current Apprenticeships

#### **Bricklaying**—Swan Hill

Setting up and laying bricks using plans and calculations.

#### **Engineering Fabrication**—Koondrook, Kerang & Swan Hill

Welding and bolting metal products to fabricate parts.

#### **Carpentry**—Swan Hill

Construct and install metal structures and fixtures.

#### **Landscape Construction**—Kerang

Lawn mowing, pruning, preparing garden beds, decking and irrigation systems.

### Current Traineeships

#### **Individual Support—Aged Care**—Barham

Provide care and support to residents while maintaining a friendly and compassionate environment.

#### **Dental Assisting**—Swan Hill

Chair side assisting for Dentist, sterilising instruments and reception duties.

#### **For more information**

contact Rob Hackney on:

0419 347 206

Or our Swan Hill office on:

5033 1216

Email—[info@mmtc.com.au](mailto:info@mmtc.com.au)

# Chances for Children Scholarships

The Chances for Children Foundation provides financial support for young people in the Mallee region to pursue their education and chase their dreams. All scholarships are available for people aged 24 and under.

## Scholarships Available

Keeping Kids At Secondary School Scholarship

Non-Tertiary Scholarship

Tertiary Scholarship

SuniTAFE Chances Scholarship

Community Bank Wentworth & District

Chances Scholarship

**Applications open October 23rd, 2023  
and close January 23rd, 2024**

## For more information or to apply

W: [chancesforchildren.com.au](https://chancesforchildren.com.au)

E: [chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au](mailto:chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au)

T: 1800 632 263

