

# FEGH TALK





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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 4 Semester 2.

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### This time last year - Extreme Weather Event:

This time last year the school was in the grips of prolonged flooding. This was preceded by two years of the COVID pandemic. Now we have managed a year without any major or extended interruptions. It is now a good time to take stock of where you are at particularly your mental space. If there are any concerns, we can help you out at school or point you in the right direction.

#### My report last year was......

I am sure everybody is following the events of the last few days with the unheard-of amounts of rainfall for October and the resultant flooding. As a school I am proud of the way the student's staff, bus drivers and parents managed the situation. Emergency plans were activated by the school which resulted in the Quambatook and Macorna buses being cancelled for Friday due to dangerous flooding of the road and gravel road deterioration. The situation continues to be monitored with more rain on the way and the river catchments already full. Already in October 2022 we have had upwards of 190mm!

#### Year 12 Exams:

These have commenced and reports from the Exam Supervisors are positive. Talking to the students they have had mixed reactions, but all have said that they have been able to write something. Good luck with the remaining exams.

#### **Year 7 Information Night:**

This was held last Wednesday and introduced the students to everything about Kerang Technical High School. Students were provided with an information pack and access to an interactive online page. My 'take aways' from the night were two classes of Year 7's next year, new lockers, split start to 2024 with the Year 7's and Year 12's on the first day and everyone on the second. If you have any guestions, please contact Miss Zoe Ferrier, Junior School Manager, at the school.



#### **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 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.

Principal, Dean Rogers



### TERM 4 KEY DATES

#### 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)



#### Week 6

MON. 6th Nov:

CURRICULUM DAY

**PUPIL FREE DAY** 

**TUES. 7th Nov:** 

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** 

Melbourne Cup Day

WED. 8th Nov:

Unit 1&2 Exam Week (Wed, Thurs, Fri.)

FRI. 10th Nov.

Melbourne Cup Day





As we embark on our Senior School Exam period quite often students ask why do I need to do exams? Here at KTHS we complete exams in Senior School for several reasons, ultimately the reasons all come back to preparing our students for the future. Whether this is completing their VCE exams to enable them to achieve their dream tertiary course and ultimately more exams. Right through to the student who has developed a specific goal to start their apprenticeship and study a trade... and ultimately sit more exams to become qualified... So, despite the belief that exams are pointless for some, it is a life skill to apply your knowledge, perform under pressure, manage your time, and test yourself!

We begin our exam process at Year 10 with two main aims, to apply your knowledge and reduce potential anxiety. When completing exams, you are developing confidence and familiarity with the tasks and therefore helping to reduce your anxiety for future applications. Apply your knowledge: You are more likely to retain content learnt throughout the semester if you apply your learning, exam questions provide this opportunity. In doing this, it also highlights the gaps in your knowledge to assist in identifying what areas you need to concentrate on moving forward in your learning journey.

During the exam, you are put under pressure to remember pieces of information which you may have learnt at the beginning of the year. This requires students to remember key knowledge and to apply it to the question at hand. If you can take this as a life lesson, you will be well on your way to being able to perform under pressure when put on the spot in the future. As student's progress through Senior School, the exams increase in duration and scope.

"I won't need to do exams, I'm doing a trade" well guess what, they require a qualification... and, more often than not, an exam! On average, today's Australian employee changes jobs around 12-15 times throughout their life, with an average tenure of 3.3 years. As you progress throughout your career, you will come to realise that you need certain qualifications to pass a certain stage in the job process. This is a very good reason as to why exams are important. They are the pathway to a job and without qualifications, your career path could become limited.

Time management is a key skill in life and this skill is acquired through the practice of exams. Before the exam, you would need this skill to learn how to manage your time revising. During the exam, you need to learn how to answer each question in a timely manner so that you leave yourself enough time at the end to review your work. In the exam process, time management is integrated every step of the way. This will instil this life skill in you which will dramatically help you to meet deadlines in your dedicated career.

Nathan Henry Senior School Leader



# KTHS SENIOR SCHOOL DOCUMENT 2023 UNIT 1 & 2 EXAMS - WEEK 6

PING CORONAL OFUS ICERANGE	MONDAY 6th	TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY 8th	THURSDAY 9th	FRIDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>
9:30am – 11:45am	Curriculum Day	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	English Rm 7	Physical Education Psychology Visual Communication Design Rm 7	Modern History Engineering Rm 7
1:00pm – 3:15pm	No Exams	No Exams	General Mathematics Rm 7	Health & Human Development Rm 7	Art Furnishing Hospitality Rm 7

#### Year 11 Exam Period 06/11/23-10/11/23

#### Please note:

- No Yr.11 Classes will run during exam week.
- All exams will incorporate Unit 1 and 2 course content.
- 3. Exams will consist of 15 min reading time and 2 hours writing time.
- Students must not exit the examination room until all materials have been collected by the exam supervisor.
- VCAA Exam regulations are printed on the reverse side of this timetable; students have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with these regulations.
- Students are not required at school when they do not have an exam. However, Common Room will be available for study if not required for an exam.
- Students are required in full uniform for the duration of exams.

# CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATION

Supervisors have the right to check materials brought by students into the examination room.

During reading time a student may study the directions for the examination, the question book and a dictionary or bound reference if these are permitted in the examination. A student must not begin to write or mark their paper or response material in any way, or use a calculator if one is permitted.

A student must not leave the examination room once the reading has started.

All students must cease writing when instructed to do so by a supervisor and must not leave their place until directed by a supervisor.

Students must remain silent and in their places until all response materials have been collected. When all response materials are collected the supervisor will give the direction for students to leave the room.

# **BOTTLED WATER**

The VCAA approves students bringing bottled water into an examination room with the following conditions:

- The water is in a clear plastic bottle (all labels removed).
- The water bottle has a secure lid.
- The capacity of the bottle is no more than 1500 ml.
- Water bottles must not be placed on the desk at anytime.
- Water bottles must not be refilled during the examination.
- Water bottles must not be shared between students.

# MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

players, electronic dictionaries and computerised pens, stopwatches and watches, which are capable of storing, normal written examination conditions. Confiscated mobile phones and other devices may be held for up to receiving or transmitting information or electronic signals are not permitted in an examination room under Mobile phones and other unauthorised electronic communication devices, such as organisers, iPods, MP3 three months.

Students will not be permitted to wear watches of any type during an examination. All watches must be removed and placed at the top of the student's table/desk, where they can be seen clearly and easily by Where there is any doubt about the functions of any watch displayed, supervisors are authorised to direct students to remove the watch from the table/desk for the duration of the examination.

Stopwatches or watches with special functions such as an alarm or stopwatch are not permitted in the examination room

# GUIDELINES AND RULES

conducted by or on behalf of the VCAA, as well as the day-to-day rules of their school and of the examination Students are required to observe the following guidelines and rules for the conduct of VCAA examinations

and other approved items taken into the examination room. A suitably qualified member of the school teaching complete. This includes dictionaries, calculators, pencil cases, medications, asthma inhalers or calculator cases Supervisors have the right to check materials brought by students into the examination room and remove any non-compliant material for the duration of the examination. Items which are the subject of an incident report staff will check the appropriateness of reference materials and calculators as students enter the examination will be confiscated and held by the school or sent to the VCAA until investigations into the incident are room for examinations where these items are permitted.

# RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF VCAA EXAMINATIONS

- A student must not cheat or assist another student to cheat.
- A student must not take any action that gives or attempts to give that student or another student an unfair advantage in an examination.
- 3. A student must not allow, induce or assist any other person to present for an examination in his or her place. A student must not present for an examination in another student's place.
- substances. A student who has taken medicinal drugs for a medical condition in accordance with good medical A student must not present for an examination under the influence of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating practice is, to that extent, exempt from this rule.
- A student must obey and observe all proper instructions or directions given by an examination supervisor.
- 7. A student attending an examination may bring only materials and equipment approved for that examination into the examination room.
- 8. A student must not possess in an examination room mobile phones and electronic devices such as recorded music and video players, organisers, dictionaries and computerised watches, which are capable of storing, receiving or transmitting information or electronic signals.
- organiser, dictionary or computerised watch or as defined in the above guidelines, must, upon the direction of a supervisor, surrender that device for inspection and to be retained pending any investigation into an alleged A student detected with a mobile phone or electronic device such as a recorded music and video player, breach of VCAA rules.
- circumstances as approved and directed by the VCAA. Bottled water is allowed in the examination room under 10. A student must not bring into or possess in the examination room any drinks or food except under special approved conditions.
- A student must not communicate with another student while the examination is being conducted.
- A student must not cause any nuisance, annoyance or interference to any other student while in an
- A student must not remove, tear out or damage any part of a bound reference, script book, question and answer book or answer book except formula sheets or similar permitted examination materials
- 14. A student must not remove any response material, used or unused, from the examination room.
- A student must not begin to write or mark his or her paper or response material in any way, or use a calculator, until advised by a supervisor that writing may commence.
- 16. A student must stand in his or her place or raise his or her hand if he or she wishes to communicate with a
- A student will not be allowed to leave until the supervisor has collected all the materials
- A student must cease writing when instructed to do so by a supervisor.
- 19. A student must remain silent and seated in his or her place at the end of the examination until response materials have been collected, and an announcement is made to students to leave the examination room.
  - A student must not leave his or her place until directed by a supervisor.



Good luck to all those students receiving their results and ATAR on Monday, December 11th.

The ATAR stands for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. It is important to note that the ATAR is a rank and not score. Because the ATAR is a rank, there is no pass or fail ATAR. Everyone who receives an ATAR has successfully passed the VCE. The ATAR simply demonstrates each student's achievement in relation to all other students in the Year 12 age group. Some receiving an ATAR of 55, for example, has performed better than 55 per cent of the Year 12 age group that year.

It is a tool used for tertiary selection, a way for institutions to distinguish between applicants where there are more people applying than there are places in the course

Remember, the ATAR is only a tool used for tertiary selection, it does not define you as a person, nor does it determine your capabilities. If your ATAR isn't high enough to get you into your dream course, it is worthwhile contacting us here at school or the particular institution to discuss alternative pathways. More often than not, there will be another pathway into the course you want to study. You do have options. Change of preference will remain open for a few days after the results release, pop is and see Mr Henry or Ms McClure to discuss options.

Ms McClure and Mr Henry will be available all day Monday 11th for you to drop in have a chat about your options for tertiary placements and VTAC.

#### VCE Certificates:

Students will be issued their VCE Certificate at Speech Night, Wednesday the 13th December. Students are expected to be in full school uniform for this awards ceremony.

Students who received the highest study score for each subject will also be presented with an award on this evening and will be contacted individually.

#### Results:

Students in VCE will be issued with a statement of results from VCAA. Those in Unit 1 & 2 will be posted to the school. Those enrolled in 3 & 4 will be posted to their postal address. So please make sure this is updated with Mr Henry is it has changed recently. Students may also access on the day they are released.

## VCE Results and ATAR advice will be available from 7:00 AM, Monday 11 December 2023.

https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/ - REGISTER HERE or download the APP

You will need you VCAA number handy and your DOB.



### Acceptable Use Agreement



#### **Kerang Technical High School**

#### **BYOD-Bring Your Own Device**



#### 2024 Year 7-12

The Kerang Technical High School has taken important steps over the past few years to achieve a digital environment.

Upgrades to the school network, wireless infrastructure, and the implementation of XUNO software for roll marking, reports and communication within our school community are some of the measures.

The school webpage, Facebook and implemented school stream app support information sharing. In 2024, we will continue to progress towards integrating digital technologies into the curriculum by asking the year 7 to 12 students to bring their own personal digital learning device (Bring Your Own Device-BYOD, laptop, or tablet computer) to school daily.

The changes we are making to the digital learning environment are crucial if we are to provide the appropriate learning framework for each student in our school. The demands for digital technology literacy can be found in all aspects of our lives. For young people, the demands for skills and literacy in this area of learning will only increase. The BYOD approach will ensure your child is equipped for the present and skilled appropriately for the future.

#### BYOD Options

Students have three options:

- Purchase a recommended device from our supplier.
- Purchase a recommended device from an independent store.
- Bring a suitable device from home if they already own one.

#### Insurance and Warranty

We advise that all BYODs be covered by an extended warranty. When purchasing your laptop please consider accidental damage protection (ADP) for your device. ADP covers your device with accidental damage on and off the school campus. Fire and theft are usually not covered under these programs, and we suggest you include it in your personal or home insurance. Insurance can be purchased with your computer vendor or any insurance company. All insurance claims must be settled between you and the insurance company. Purchasing insurance for your BYOD is a personal choice.

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### Acceptable Use Agreement Bully Stoppers.



#### Lost/Stolen and Damaged Laptops

Students are responsible for ensuring laptops are, secure at all times. It is recommended that students do not leave their devices unattended in public places. KTHS is not responsible for any damage to student BYODs and will not be accountable for any lost or stolen student BYODs.

#### Students are responsible for:

- bringing portable devices fully charged to school every day.
- ensuring the device has appropriate virus protection.
- backing up data securely.
- always carrying their device in an appropriate protective case.
- Adhering to this Acceptable Use Agreement when using the machine, both at home and at school, including during lunchtime or when not in the classroom.

#### Recommended minimum requirements.

Screen	11" or higher
Device Type	Windows Laptop, MacBook, iPad only with external keyboard.
Operating System	Windows 10,11, (Not with windows S mode), Mac OS 11 or newer
iPad OS	7 <sup>th</sup> gen or newer
RAM	4GB or higher (8GB Preferred)
Hard Drive	128 GB or higher
Wireless	802.11a/b/g/n/ac
Battery life	6 Hours or more

#### Operating System should be latest as far as possible.

#### Android and Chrome devices are not allowed.

#### How To Order

LWT Portal: https://kths.orderportal.com.au

JB HI-FI Portal: <a href="https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod">https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod</a> (School Code: Kerangtech2024)





Kerang Technical High School teamed up with LWT and JB HI-FI and formed an endorsed list of BYOD devices, which include Acer, Lenovo, and HP, with options to extended warranty, Accidental Damage protection, carry cases and finance options. The devices are generally built to different specifications and designed to last in an education environment. We do not restrict you to purchasing from the above suppliers.

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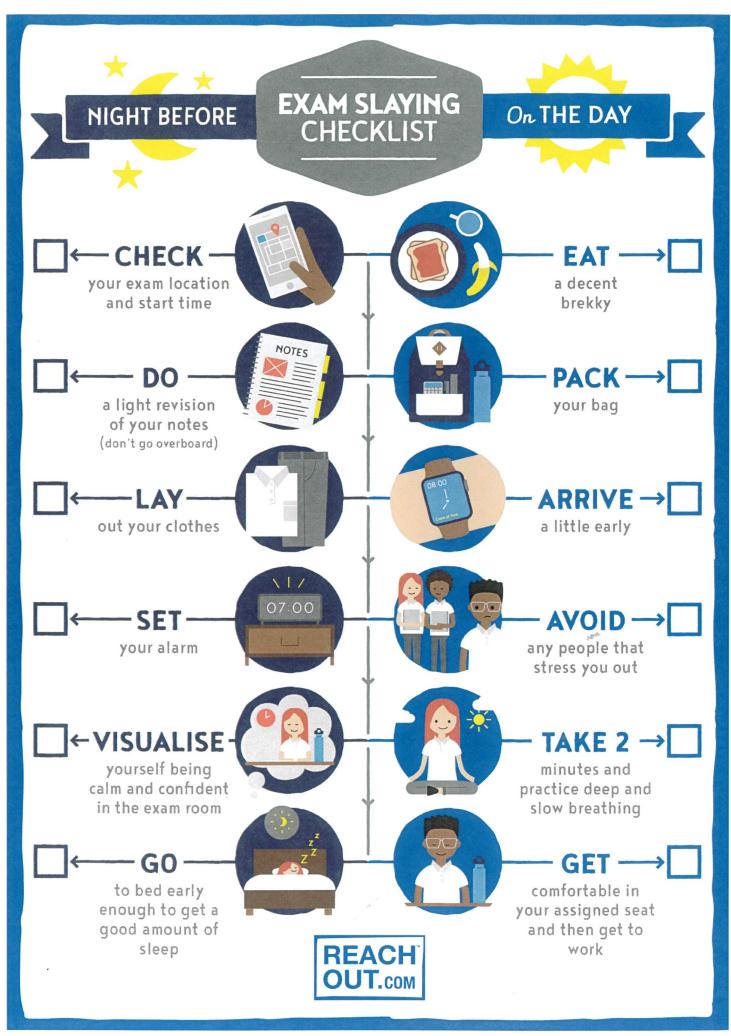
**Getting 8 hours sleep can** improve your Memory, your Wellbeing, your school Grades, **Heals your Body and helps** you stop being Cranky.



- Sleep helps the brain remember more, improves your mood and gives you a positive attitude.
- Even an extra ONE HOUR'S sleep can improve your memory.
- You can lose up to 40% of your memory if you don't get enough sleep.
- Grumpy poor Behaviour can improve with better sleep.
- Sleep keeps your Heart healthy, reduces Stress and makes you more Alert.
- Sleep helps improve Grumpy Behaviour and your Memory. Sleep helps the Body make Repairs and removes toxins from the brain.
- Sleep may reduce your risk for Depression and lose Weight.
- Sleep may prevent Cancer, Inflammation and Infection Risk.

Cheers Meg





# KTHS Canteen Menu

STORY 30TH

PIZZA \$5.00

JESDA LAIST

ZINGER BURGERS \$6.00

CHICKEN STRIPS S/SOUR SAUCE \$6.00

SOAY 2ND

**FRIED RICE** (GF) \$5.00





HAMBURGERS \$6.00

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.

\$2.50

\$4.50

\$2.50

\$5.50

\$3.50

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50cents

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

#### CANTEEN PRICES

#### **MENU 2023**

#### ROLLS/WRAPS/SANDWICHES

**Buttered Roll** Chicken Salad Roll Ham Salad Roll Salad Only Roll Ham Roll Chicken & Mayo Roll Sandwiches Wraps Fruit Tubs



Steam	\$5.50
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	\$5.00
	\$4.00
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TO SERVING	\$4.50
	\$6.00
	\$5.00

#### **HOT FOOD**

Cup Noodles Chicken Curry Pies Sausage Rolls Garlic Bread



#### SNACKS

DRINKS Water 600ml

Nippy 375ml Nippy' 500ml Gatorade

Riverport Varieties Pump 750ml

Pump Flavoured 750ml 450ml Nippy Variety's

Homemade Cookies Homemade Yo-vo's Homemade Muffins Glazed or Iced Donuts Hot Cheese Roll Chip Varieties Frozen Yoghurt









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#### 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

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\$3.00



#### STUDENT ILLNESS



A reminder to families, as per the Department of Education <u>Infectious Disease Policy</u> students with cold or flu-like symptoms are required to stay at home until symptoms have passed. Students experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea are to remain at home until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.



#### 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 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.





The Pantry Stop is in the Wellbeing Room (Rm. 63/4)

Students can come to take food home

OPEN MONDAYS 3.24PM

(for 20 minutes only)





#### **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**

 ${\bf Individual\ Support-Aged\ Care-} Barham$ 

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

#### GRAYS BAKERY KERANG

# LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICE BAKER TO JOIN THE TEAM

LOOKING FOR A
ENTHUSIASTIC, SELF
MOTIVATED TEAM PLAYER TO
JOIN OUR TEAM

-5 DAYS A WEEK MAY INCLUDE WEEKEND WORK -2AM STARTING TIME -BREADS, PASTRY, PIES, CAKES

If this interests you call into Grays Bakery and drop your resume off and ask for Janine Any Queries please call 03 5452 1655 or email graysbak@bigpond.net.au







#### 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 (2nd Nov., 9th 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
Stote Email: rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au

lob: 0427 780 109
Mallee Sports Assembly

## 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

E: chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au

T: 1800 632 263



