

FECH 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.



Term 4 Semester 2.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum Day:

Last Monday, staff participated in the Curriculum Day. During the day staff worked on their First Aide skills refreshing their CPR and updating their Anaphylaxis certificates including using an EpiPen or an Anapen.

As part of the day, we also had Mr Davis Vinegrad present on Behaviour Matters. The focus from David was about building relationships with students and engaging them in conversations where they identify what they have done wrong, who they impacted and what they could do to rectify their behaviour. For KTHS this is especially practical because we are moving into the space of restorative conversations with students to create calmer classrooms. Staff will have continuing sessions with David to develop confidence in this area.

Mission to Mars:

Today we had 14, Year 9 and 10 students headed off to Melbourne for the Mission to Mars excursion. This is an excursion that introduces the students to space travel and all the intricacies associated with getting to Mars. A more detailed report and photographs will be in next week's newsletter.

Remembrance Day:

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day, 11/11/2023. Around the district, commemorative services will be held including the minutes silence. I encourage all students to participate. Remembrance Day marks the end of fighting on the Western Front on November 11, 1918. At the time, the anniversary was known as Armistice Day, in reference to the formal



agreement the German leaders signed to end the war. The name was changed to Remembrance Day after World War II ended in 1945. This has since become a day to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have died since World War I.

The red poppy has been a symbol of remembrance and hope since World War I. In the barren, muddy battlefields of Western Europe, the bright red flowers grew in their thousands. The sight

of the resilient poppies inspired Canadian doctor Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the poem "In Flanders Fields", which gave its name to the now iconic Flanders Poppy.

That poem, in turn, inspired American professor Moina Michael to wear a red poppy and raise money for veterans. The practice soon spread in allied countries, including Britain, France, Canada and Australia and remains today. Rosemary is also a symbol of remembrance and has particular significance for Australians as it grows wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

RESPECT

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

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.

Principal, Dean Rogers



TERM 4 KEY DATES

Week 7

MON. 13th Nov:

Unit 3 Transition 2024 Yr 10 Revision In Class.

Victoria Police: Pd. 5 - Y10, Pd. 6 - Yr11.

TUES. 14th Nov:

Yr 10 Revision In Class.

WED. 15th Nov:

Year 10 EXAMS

THUR. 16th Nov:

Year 10 EXAMS

FRI. 17th Nov:

Year 10 EXAMS
VALEDICTORY EVENING



Week 8

MON. 20th Nov:

Unit 1 & 3 Transition 2024

TUES. 21st Nov:

Yr 10/11 GAT Trial

FRI. 24th Nov:

Year 11 Finish



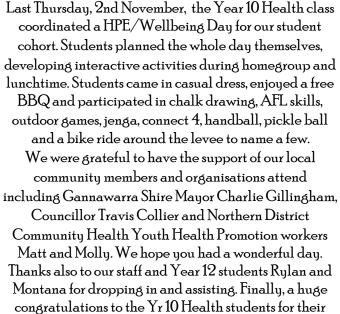


























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As we embark on our Senior School Exam period quite often students ask why do I need to do exams? Here at KTHS we complete exams in Senior School for several reasons, ultimately the reasons all come back to preparing our students for the future. Whether 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

YEAR 10 EXAM TIMETABLE SEMESTER 2 2023

WEDNESDAY 15th - Friday 17th NOVEMBER

Normal classes run on Monday and Tuesday. Each subject will have the double period at the beginning of the week as study/revision (Monday/Tuesday) Normal classes to operate.

Each subject will require students to sit an exam that covers their semesters work to date.

Each exam will be confined a double period and will be conducted in the Room 7 and 8

Students will be required in full school uniform for their exam period.

WEDNESDAY 15 th						
PERIO	PERIOD 1 & 2 RECESS Period 3 & 4		LUNCH	Period 5 & 6		
YEAR 10 ENGLISH YEAR 10 SCIENCE			YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS			
1	2		3	4		5/6

THURSDAY 16th NO EXAM SCHEDULED STUDENT COMPLETE REVISION AT HOME

FRIDAY 17 th				
PERIOD 1 & 2	RECESS	Period 3&4	LUNCH	Period 5 & 6
STUDENT ELECTIVE EXAM		STUDENT ELECTIVE EXAM		STUDENT ELECTIVE EXAM/ CATCH UP EXAM

Student required in Transition for Unit 3 will prioritise that over the exam schedule and will individualise their exam timetable based on their transition timetable.

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

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

VATCHES

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 supervisors.

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

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

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 will be confiscated and held by the school or sent to the VCAA until investigations into the incident are complete. This includes dictionaries, calculators, pencil cases, medications, asthma inhalers or calculator cases and other approved items taken into the examination room. A suitably qualified member of the school teaching staff will check the appropriateness of reference materials and calculators as students enter the examination 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.
- 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.
- A student must not present for an examination under the influence of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating substances. A student who has taken medicinal drugs for a medical condition in accordance with good medical practice is, to that extent, exempt from this rule.
 - 6. A student must obey and observe all proper instructions or directions given by an examination supervisor.
- 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.
- 9. A student detected with a mobile phone or electronic device such as a recorded music and video player, 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 breach of VCAA rules.
- 10. A student must not bring into or possess in the examination room any drinks or food except under special circumstances as approved and directed by the VCAA. Bottled water is allowed in the examination room under approved conditions.
- 11. A student must not communicate with another student while the examination is being conducted.
 - 12. A student must not cause any nuisance, annoyance or interference to any other student while in an examination.
- 13. 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.
- 15. 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.
- A student must stand in his or her place or raise his or her hand if he or she wishes to communicate with a supervisor.
- 17. 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.
 - 20. A student must not leave his or her place until directed by a supervisor.
- 21. A student must not communicate with an assessor, either before or after a written examination or during a performance examination, except when communication is necessary for the conduct of the examination.



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:

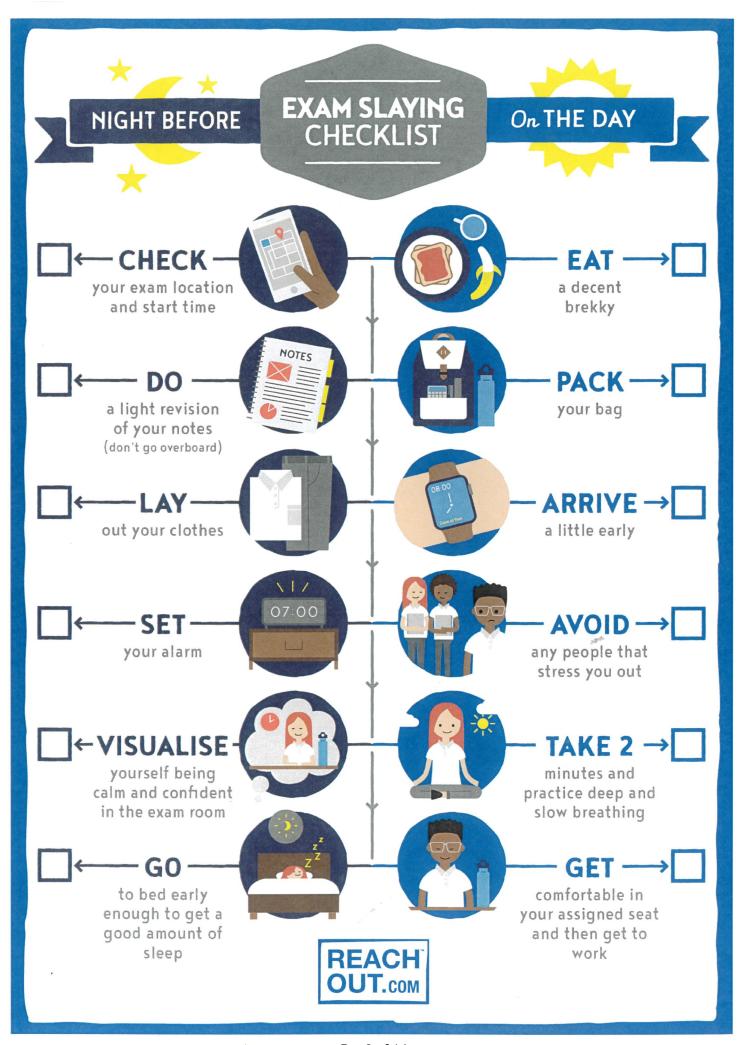
Students in VCE will be issued with a statement of results from VCAA. Those in Unit 1 & 2 will be posted to the school. Those enrolled in 3 & 4 will be posted to their postal address. So please make sure this is updated with Mr Henry is it has changed recently. Students may also access on the day they 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 th 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: https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod (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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TECH ABUSE? Technology

facilitated abuse is a form of controlling behaviour that involves the use of technology as a means to coerce, stalk or harass another person.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS

by getting to know the signs of relationship red flags. It can also be hard to notice when it first begins, especially when it's explained away as caring about you.

WHAT DOES TECH ABUSE LOOK LIKE? It can include:

- Sending abusive or threatening messages.
- Persistently calling you, even if you've made it clear you won't or can't answer their calls.
- Tracking your location
- Hiding cameras to watch you
- Gaining access to your online accounts (email, social media, bank accounts—to monitor you, impersonate you or lock you out).
- Sharing or threatening to share

WHAT ARE EARLY RED FLAGS?

It may look like:

- Insisting on access to your devices and accounts (extra red flags when you don't have access to theirs)
- Getting angry or citing irrationally when you don't response to calls or messages immediately
- Wanting to track your location
- Pushing you to take intimate images when you don't want to, or sharing intimate images without your consent.
- The early red flags ca be combined with love bombing, gas lighting, isolating you from your family, or other manipulative behaviour. To make you question your
- instincts and reactions.

Cheers Meg

WHERE TO GET HELP:

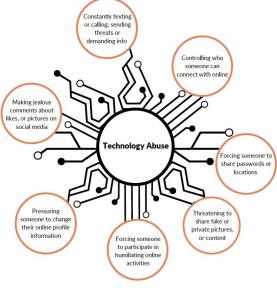




1800 737 732







TYPES OF TECH ABUSE





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

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



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HOT FOOD

Cup Noodles Chicken Curry Pies Sausage Rolls Garlic Bread





SNACKS

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



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DRINKS

Water 600ml Prima Nippy 375ml Nippy' 500ml Gatorade Riverport Varieties Pump 750ml Pump Flavoured 750ml 450ml Nippy Variety's



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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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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

Bricklaving-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

FRANCE

APPRENTICESHIPS COMMENCING 15/01/2024

Fitter and turners **Spray Painters** Boilermakers/Fabricators



REWARDING CAREER AWAITS YOU



for more information contact us on 5452 1488

GRAYS BAKERY KERANG

LOOKING FOR AN APPRENTICE BAKER TO JOIN THE 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