



"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.



TECH TALK 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to both new and old students. Currently we have 36 new Year 7's which gives the school a total of 255 students. This year we had a split start to the term with Year 7's and 12's on Tuesday and everyone else the next day, Wednesday. The reason for this is to allow the Year 7's to 'find their feet' and settle in before the congestion of everyone else moving around. Year 12's need to settle in quickly and get cracking on their studies. Every day is valuable.

NEW STAFF:

As with new students, KTHS welcomes two new teachers. I would like to introduce... Mr Kallio who is teaching Maths and Science. We were very lucky to acquire Mr Kallio as he had 15 other offers. I'm sure everyone will make him feel welcome. We also welcome Mrs Sutcliffe who is teaching Vocational Major. Mrs Sutcliffe was here one day a week last year and is now fulltime. Then there is Mr Laursen who is completing a Sports Traineeship at the school. Mr Laursen is an ex-student, and it is always good to help locals.

BUILDING WORKS:

A lot of building works were started over the holidays and are still ongoing. The old Science block has been demolished. The Hall has had the asbestos removed and is now being 'made good.' Soon the main admin building will be restumped, and the basketball court will be ripped up and replaced with two new courts. All this work was planned for the holidays however the rain pushed all timelines back. Students are now benefiting from the new lockers and new locker bays. (as per pics on Page 2). This has



made for a smooth start to the year with less congestion in the corridors. Students are required to always have a lock on their locker. This is mainly for security but also to minimise damage caused by other students. (More pics on Page 2) All students have been made aware that there is CCTV coverage of the locker areas. I am excited for 2024 and there is a lot planned for the year. The school continues to work on differentiated learning through implementation of Student Education plans. The School Wide Positive Behaviour plan continues, and the values of respect, resilience and responsibility continue to be promoted. Opportunities for staff collaboration and Peer observation has been increased which will benefit the learning of your child. This year the school also has a major OHS audit and will be completing its four-year school review. A busy year

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:

Could I ask students not to arrive before 8:30am as staff come on duty from 8:30am. We have noticed students arriving around 8am. This presents a problem for supervision.

CANTEEN NEWS

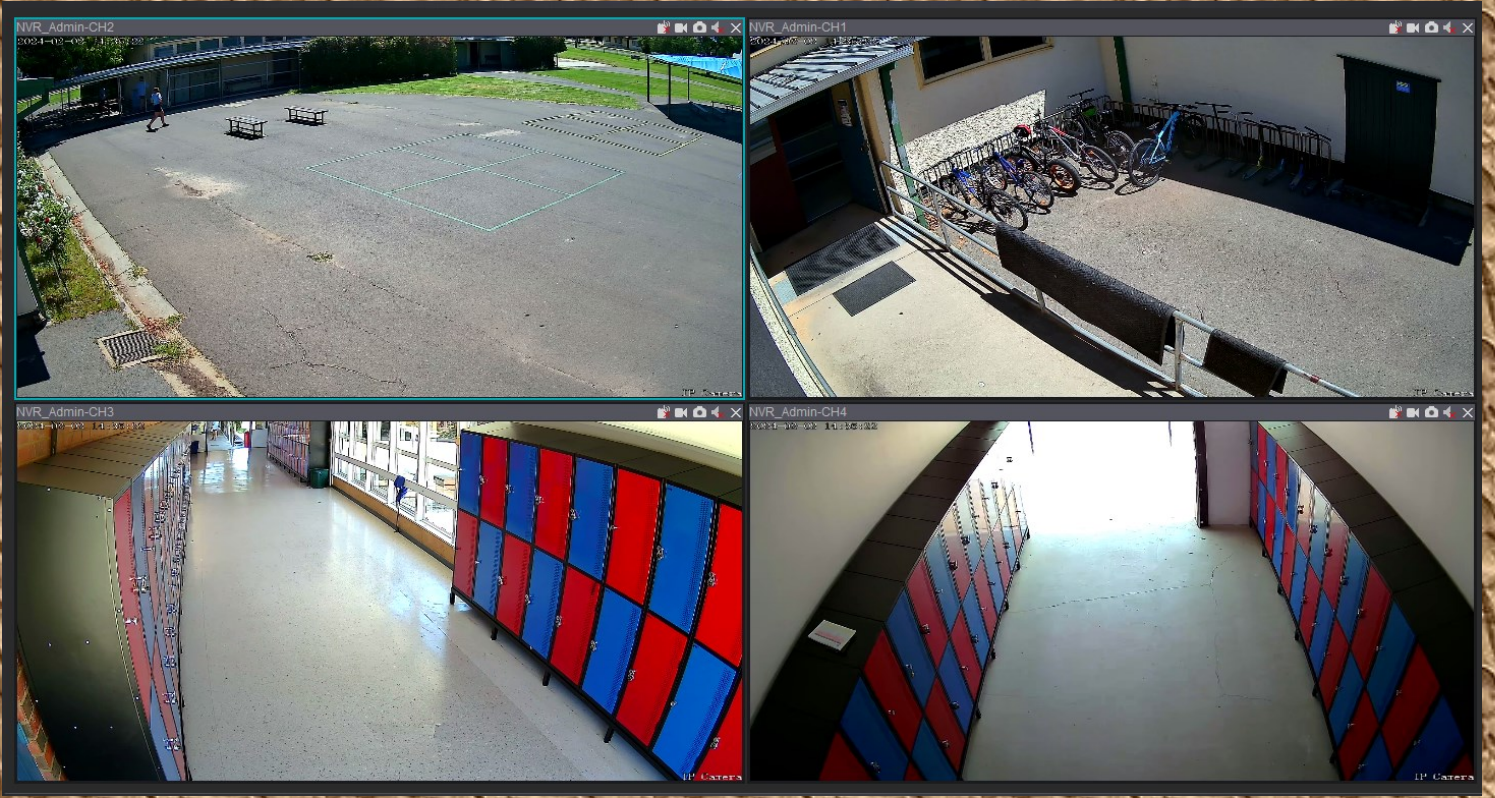
This year a couple of changes have been made to the operation of the canteen. To assist with service at the canteen students from Year 11 and Year 12 will be helping recess and lunchtime. We trialed this last year with the Year 12's and it worked well. Students doing Hospitality were used as this gave 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.

ROAD WORKS:

We have been informed that road works that impact the school environs which will be occurring soon. **Murray street from the FLATS across the road down to Northaven corner will be bordered off with signage and bollards as from Tues. 6th Feb. as they will be ripping up the curbing and re-cementing the gutting. Vehicles will not be able to park in this area for up to 2-3 weeks, but we will be informed.**

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.





KTHS 2024 SPORT DATES

TERM 1			
WK	Date	Event	Venue
2	Friday 9 th February	House Swimming	Kerang
4	Tuesday 20 th February	Swan Hill Division Swimming	Swan Hill
6	Wednesday 6 th March	Summer Sports	KER, SH, COH
7	Tuesday 12 th March	LMR Swimming	Swan Hill
9	Monday 25 th March	House Cross Country (Periods 5 & 6)	Kerang
TERM 2			
1	Friday 19 th April	State Swimming	Melbourne
3	Wednesday 1 st May	Winter Sports	KER, SH, COH
4	Tuesday 7 th May	Snr Boys Football (10/11/12)	Swan Hill
7	Tuesday 28 th May	LMR Cross Country	St Arnaud
10	Monday 17 th June	Open Girls Football (9-12)	Swan Hill
TERM 3			
1	Thursday 18 th July	State Cross Country	Melbourne
5	Wednesday 14 th August <i>(back up Wednesday 21st August)</i>	House Athletics	Kerang
8	Tuesday 3 rd September <i>(back up Tuesday 10th September)</i>	Swan Hill Division Athletics	Kerang
TERM 4			
1	Thursday 10 th October	LMR Athletics	Bendigo
3	Monday 21 st October	State Athletics	Melbourne
	TBC	Field & Game School Shoot	

*** NOTE:** some dates are yet to be confirmed and there will be other events that will arise if we get students and teams through to the next level. If this occurs staff will be notified in a timely manner. More sporting dates may be added, depending on the outcome of Interschool sport: dates can be found at: <https://teamup.com/ksrvf3hixh44xjnrx9>

*Any questions, please come and see me!
Zoe Ferrier, Sports Co-ordinator.*



YOUR WELL-BEING TEAM

Sharon Champion
Kate O'Regan
Meg Irvin



We welcome everyone back to a new year of school. Sharon is working full time. Kate is working Monday's and Friday's and Meg is at the school on Monday's and Tuesday's. It's great to see everyone and we wish everyone a happy and productive year. Cheers Meg.

KTHS SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday, 9th February, the KTHS swimming carnival will be held at the Kerang Swimming Pool.

We are in the process of finalising the program for the carnival. Students will be given the opportunity to sign up for the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events.

Our school has once again kindly donated a sausage sizzle to all students to enjoy. There will also be a variety of novelty events both in and out of the water that will allow our non-swimmers to participate and enjoy the day.

ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to come along wearing their **HOUSE** colours. It would also be great to see our family and friends come along to help us cheer on the swimmers. Students **must** attend school in the morning for Home Group before being escorted to the pool by staff.

This event is a compulsory school activity and all students whether they intend to swim or not, are required to attend. Those students not interested in swimming are encouraged to assist staff with the running of the events or take part in the additional water-based activities.

NO students are permitted to leave the venue during the day. **No mobile** phones are to be used throughout the day, as it is a usual school day.

School buses will be picking the students up from the pool in the afternoon, so students do not have to make their way back to school.

If you are a parent/guardian and are able to assist on the day (even for part of the day) please contact the school, or myself, by **Wednesday, 7th February**.

Thank you, Lachlan Laursen, Sports Co-ordinator

