



"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." KTTHS Community.



TECH TALK 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CATASTROPHIC FIRE RATING DAYS:

Everybody would be aware that last Wednesday saw an Area of Victoria classified as a Catastrophic rating for fire. To clarify, when a school is in a Catastrophic area it is still open. Catastrophic rating does trigger some measures that need to be put in place. One of the immediate measures is that all school buses are cancelled. This is because authorities do not want to have to try and find a bus if there is a fire emergency. Further to this, if a fire is identified on a bus route emergency management dictate that the bus be cancelled rather than have its route changed. Even though KTTHS was not in a Catastrophic rated fire area last week heat measures were implemented to make school more bearable.

Rooms were made available at lunchtime, students were taken off the oval, extra sunscreen provided and hydration was encouraged.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL:

Asbestos is being removed from the school grounds this weekend, consequently, no staff, students or members of the

SCHOOL WORKS:

Next week contractors will start the restumping of the west end of the admin building. Due to this work Rooms 16 and 17 will be unavailable. This has necessitated a change to the timetable. All students have been issued with a new timetable Friday to start Monday. Also, the Year 7 and VCE lockers have had to be relocated for the duration of the works. Year 7's are now in the cage and Year 12's have had their lockers and common room moved to room 6A. It is anticipated that the work will take five weeks.

WHAT IS OUR ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN?:

All schools must prepare an AIP each year which outlines how the school will implement the goals and key improvement strategies (KIS) that will be their focus for improvement in the coming year. This year we have two goals one focused on the academic learning and one focused on student Welfare. Goal one is: Support those students who need extra support and those who have thrived to extend their learning. Goal two is: Mobilise available resources to support student wellbeing and mental health, especially the most vulnerable. To achieve these goals the school is focusing on using data to inform teaching practices and working collaboratively as a staff to build teacher capacity. A big part will be visiting one another's classes to provide feedback on a specific part of the lesson. The school has established Professional Learning Communities to achieve this. The school has also been implementing the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. As the name suggests it is a whole school approach to developing positive behaviours. You may remember the redevelopment of the school values to respect, resilience and responsibility. These values were devised through the School Wide Positive Behaviour

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

Just a reminder, School Council Nomination form is attached on Page 7.



Principal, Dean Rogers

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.



Upcoming Events:

March:

- Wed. 6th : Summer Sports
- Thurs. 7th : Year 7 'Meet and Greet'
- Fri. 8th : Winter Sports Meeting
- Mon. 11th : LABOUR DAY
WEEKEND HOLIDAY
- Tues. 12th : LMR Swimming

School Photos 2024 - Kerang Technical High School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on

Thursday, 21st March 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details. When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Kerang Technical High School

Thursday 21st March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2024 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

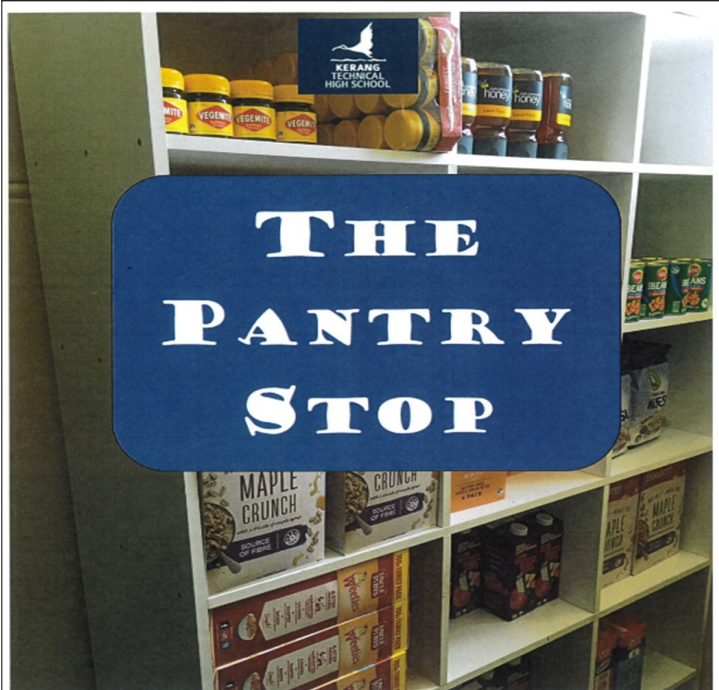
**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024****

Kerang Technical High School

VCE RUGBY TOPS \$82.50

now in stock at:

Loddon Valley Disposals
61 Victoria Street, Kerang. Phone: 5452 1172.



The Pantry Stop is in the Wellbeing Room (next to Room 7) Students can come to take food home for their wellbeing.

OPEN MONDAYS and FRIDAYS

--Recess Bags are also available if you have forgotten your snacks--

Don't be embarrassed, everyone needs to eat.

kthscareerpathways.com.au



- WE HAVE A SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE
- Latest News & Events
 - TAFE & VET
 - Uni Admissions
 - Work Experience
 - Interactive Career Journeys
 - Gap Years
 - Find a Job
 - Create a Resume
 - Course Search
 - Career Investigator

Career Tools



**MURRAY MALLEE
TRAINING
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Current Apprenticeships

- Bricklaying—Swan Hill

Setting up and laying bricks using plans and calculations.

- Engineering Fabrication—Kerang

Operation of Welding robots to produce components to manufacturing plans.

- Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology Diesel Mechanic—Swan Hill

Test, service, diagnose and repair faults on diesel vehicles and machinery.

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

KTHS 2024 SPORT DATES

TERM 1			
WK	Date	Event	Venue
2	Friday 9th February	House Swimming	Kerang
4	Tuesday 20th 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 Interscholar sport: dates can be found at: <https://teamup.com/ksrvf3hixh44xjnr9>

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

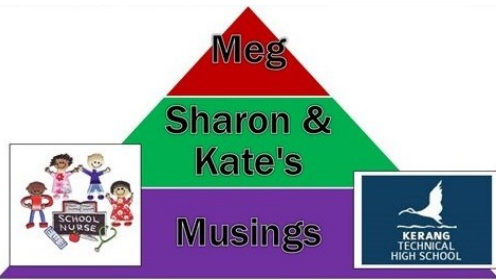
Student
Voice

Fundraising

WE NEED YOUR OLD CANS PLEASE

The Student Voice Team is after your discarded recyclable Cans and Bottles. We are raising money for new seating around the school. We appreciate any donations which can be left at the school.





**IS IT TIME FOR AN STI CHECK?
TEST YOURSELF FOR FREE WITH THE
STI VENDING MACHINE AT
SWAN HILL YOUTH INC.**

**Vending Machine dispensing *free* STI Kits to under 25 years.
@ Swan Hill Youth Inc.**

The STI Test Kit vending Machine is free for people under 25 years. A trial program led by the university of Melbourne, Department of Rural Health, and Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health to help decrease sexually transmissible infections in rural areas.

It's currently at Youth Inc until the end of March when it moves onto Mildura.

The machine helps with privacy, convenience and accessibility for young people. You are able to obtain a test kit within 60-90 seconds following the prompts.



The Test Kits are posted to Melbourne Sexual Health Centre for testing.

People who require treatment are contacted and receive appropriate care in a safe and suitable location. Unfortunately, cases of Syphilis in Australia has more than doubled between 2015-2020.

Regular checkups are the key for healthy safe-sex behaviours.

Cheers Meg

STI-X
THE STI TEST VENDING MACHINE

LIVE NOW IN Swan Hill
@ YOUTH INC.
50-52 CAMPBELL ST.
LOCATED NEAR THE BACK

Dispensing free self-test kits for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and HIV. Available to people who are from one or more of these priority populations:

- Young people aged between 16-25 years
- People who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
- Members of MSM community

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
KITS ARE DISPENSED FROM THE VENDING MACHINE, TAKE IT AWAY AND TEST IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME, POP YOUR SAMPLE IN THE POST AND GET FOLLOW UP OVER THE PHONE WITHIN 2 WEEKS. COMPLETELY FREE.

STI-X WILL BE IN SWAN HILL UNTIL EARLY 2024 AS PART OF A PILOT PROJECT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, CERSH TEAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a lot of items to finish off the term that are major school events.

Mon	04/03	
Tue	05/03	
Wed	06/03	Summer Sports
Thu	07/03	Year 7 Meet and Greet Breakfast 7:45am.
Fri	08/03	
Mon	11/03	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND HOLIDAY
Tue	12/03	LMR Swimming
Wed	13/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Thu	14/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Fri	15/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Mon	18/03	
Tue	19/03	Monthly Interviews
Wed	20/03	Monthly Interviews
Thu	21/03	Immunisations Yr 7/10- 9:30am School Photos 8:30am to 12noon
Fri	22/03	
Mon	25/03	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY P5&6
Tue	26/03	
Wed	27/03	Interim Reports published
Thu	28/03	End of Term 2:30pm
Fri	29/03	Good Friday

Naplan Yr 7-9: – Any parent considering for their child to not sit the Naplan testing for 2024 need to arrange a meeting with Mr Smith (Assistant Principal).

It is integral in the mix of testing and data analysis of students at KTHS. Students have just completed the PAT testing for Reading and Numeracy and staff have already analysed student performance and identified how to set up classroom supports.

School Photos: – Information regarding Arthur Reed Photography can be found on Page 2 of Tech Talk. This is again completed online and families can individually order the packs they wish to purchase. Codes will be generated on the day for students to order.

Reminder this is when ID cards are generated also so attendance is essential, no special arrangements will be made to produce these cards that many students use as official ID for public transport and concessions.

Immunisations: – This has recently been confirmed and will be run through the Gannawarra Shire. Cards will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Interim reports: --

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL? Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW LONG IS A TERM OF OFFICE?

Two years with half of the members retiring each year which creates vacancies for the annual school council elections. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month.

WHERE TO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE?

Self-nomination forms are below on this page or on the information rack at the front office.

I would like to encourage our parent community to think about nominating for School Council. Together, we can continue to work to make Kerang Technical School a school to be proud of.

FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... council.

Name

Residential address

.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration

I am not of unsound mind

I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence

I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.