



"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

### ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY:

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

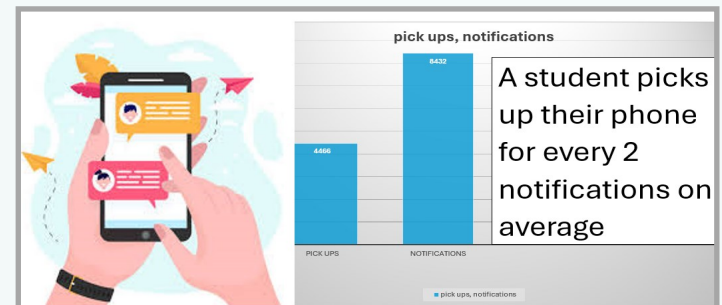
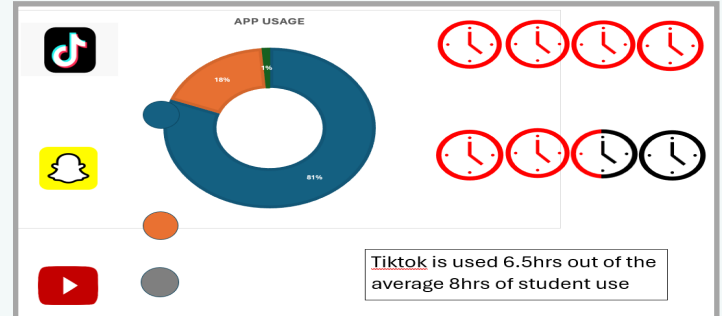
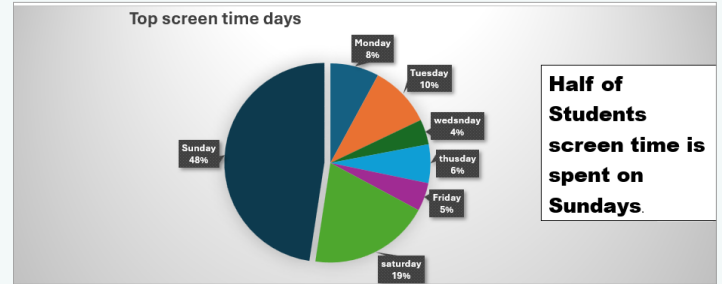
Here at school, the staff have been busy 'unpacking' the results and demonstrating curiosity. To do this we have enlisted the help of the students so staff can get a better understanding of what the results are saying. Things we have noticed include:

- Some students do not understand the question when they read it examples
- Overall the year 11 and 12 students were positive.
- Overall the Year 9 students were less positive.
- Students felt that they could ask teachers for help.

As part of the analysis of the data the Vocational Major students have followed up with their own surveys.

In the column beside, attached is Ryan Larkins analysis of mobile phone usage amongst Year 10 – 12 students at KTHS. I was flabbergasted with the results. See what you think and how it applies at your home. *Food for thought.*

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.



The national daily average screen time is 2hrs no more, yet this data shows students are blowing the limit out by 4X this amount

### HOUSE ATHLETICS:

What an enjoyable day on Wednesday for everyone! Students competed in the school House Athletics. The sun was shining and the 'weather gods' had been very kind providing us with a glorious day. Throughout the day students competed strongly for their House yet provided support for everyone competing. Behaviour was exemplary and this made the day enjoyable for everyone, In the end only one house could win. Congratulations to **Murray** who won on 1016 pts to **Loddon** on 943 pts – a close-run competition. There were also some great individual performances and photos can be found on Page Two, but next week we will have more photographs as they come to hand..

### REMINDER:

If you have received a Parent/Carer survey notification can you please complete it. Currently, only 10% have completed the survey. Thanks in advance. (Information on the back page.)

Principal, Dean Rogers

Wednesday, 13th August, well what a magnificent day to host our House Athletics. A huge congratulations to all students for their participation and demonstration of our school values. Congratulations to Murray House and our age group champions: Ella, Madden, Lily, Archer, Bainli & Laing. Students who finished first and second in their respective events now qualify for Interschool Athletics on Tuesday, 3rd September. Well done to all Competitors, spectators and parents/guardians who assisted. Appreciation.

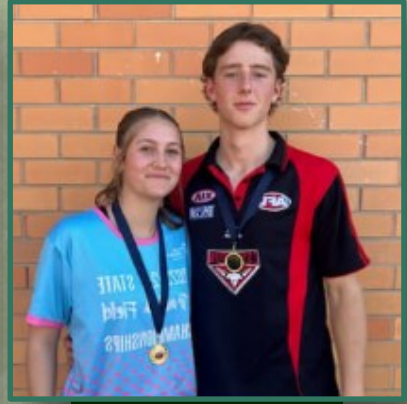
# KTHS 2024: HOUSE SPORTS



Junior Girls  
 1 Ella Henry  
 Junior Boys  
 1 Madden Povey-Walker



Intermediate Girls  
 1 Lily Wise  
 Intermediate Boys  
 1 Archer Lancaster



Senior Girls  
 1 Bainli Galway  
 Senior Boys  
 1 Laing Waddingham

## CONGRATULATIONS



🏆 Champion House  
 1 Murray House 1016pts  
 2 Loddon House 943pts

Jessie Teasdale, Bainli Galway,  
 Kane Wilson, Mitchell Pearson.



McKISSACK TROPHY: Bainli Galway  
 2nd: Lily Wise, Madden Povey-Walker 42 pts.  
 3rd: Ella Henry, Oscar Greenwood &  
 Laing Waddingham, 40 pts.



# KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



Welcomes Grade 6 students'  
for our upcoming Transition  
Days

**THURSDAY  
29TH AUG**

*Kerang PS  
Koondrook PS  
Murrabit GS*

**FRIDAY  
30TH AUG**

*Kerang South PS  
St. Joseph's PS  
Independent &  
neighbouring schools*

If your child would like to attend and have not received information  
please contact Junior School Leader Ms. Zoe Ferrier



[Zoe.ferrier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Zoe.ferrier@education.vic.gov.au)



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# KTHS 2024 SPORT DATES

TERM 3			
8	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>(back up Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September)</i>	Swan Hill Division Athletics	Kerang
TERM 4			
1	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	LMR Athletics	Bendigo
3	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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/ksrvf3hixh44xjnr9>

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



## 2025 ENROLMENTS

**Kerang Technical High School are now accepting 2025 Enrolments.**  
Please submit your enrolments to our  
**General Office**

Further Enquiries:

Yrs 7-9: [Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au)  
Yrs 10-12: [Nathan.Henry@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nathan.Henry@education.vic.gov.au)



## PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.** Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)





As part of the Bullying No Way Week, the Wellbeing Team provided a Friendship Tree in the library where students could write

positive affirmations on a maple leaf and place on the tree. The tree is on display in the Library.

*Cheers Meg, Kate & Sharon*



## “Everyone belongs.....”

It's great when you feel you belong and that other people like you and want to include you in games and activities at school and on the weekends.

We can all try our best to include everyone, even when they might be different from us. Some kids come from other countries and might speak another language. Some might live in families that aren't like ours, but we all need to belong and school is a good place to welcome everyone.

When you learn about others you make them feel welcome and included. Why not ask them to join in your games, or sit with them at break times? There are kids whose families might be different from yours and it's important to get to know them and find out more about them. This helps to make your school a happy place to be.

No-one is the same, so think about what makes you different and what makes your classmates different. Being different makes school interesting.

- Everyone has special talents. It is interesting and fun to learn about these
- Your classmates might come from another country or speak another language.
- Discover even more about them
- Make sure everyone feels welcome

Being a teenager is tough....finding out where you fit in the world is tough! You're all in the same boat! Accepting the differences of others can open amazing doors.

## STUDENT ILLNESS



A reminder to families, as per the Department of Education [Infectious Disease Policy](#) 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.





Dear Parent/Guardian

A number of our senior school students are driving or intend to drive to school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that the school expects from student drivers.

Copies of the school Policy on student drivers and the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form are available upon request.

The policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers. Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school.

Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. The school requests that only siblings to travel to and from school with the licensed driver. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour. For more information, go to:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety>

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area on Burgoyne Street

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Mr. Dean Rogers  
Principal



# KTHS CANTEEN PRICES—SEMESTER 2, 2024

## ROLLS/WRAPPS/SANDWICH

Buttered Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Salad Roll	\$6.00
Ham Salad Roll	\$6.00
Salad Only Roll	\$6.00
Sandwiches	\$4.50
Wraps	\$6.00
Salad Tubs	\$6.00
Fruit Tubs	\$6.00

## HOT FOOD

Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$3.50
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.00
Pies	\$5.00
Chicken Curry Pies	\$6.00
Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Specials	\$6.00
Cup Noodles	\$3.00

## SNACKS

Cookie	\$0.50
Homemade Muffins	\$3.50
Glazed or Iced Donuts	\$3.50
Chip Varieties	\$2.50
Mentos	\$2.00
Raspberry Twists	\$1.00

## ICE CREAMS

Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.50
Icytwists	\$2.00
Paddlepop	\$3.00
Everest icecream cup	\$3.00
Ben & Jerrys	\$5.50

## HEALTHY EATING LEGEND



## DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$2.50
Pump 750ml	\$3.50
Pump Flavoured 750ml	\$4.50
Nippy's 375ml	\$4.00
Nippy's 450ml (JUICE)	\$4.00
Nippy's 500ml	\$5.00
Aussie Squeeze 350ml	\$3.50
Prima	\$2.00



# LOST PROPERTY:

Over the past few weeks, months etc., the General Office has been inundated with found goodies etc .... and we'd really love to off-load to the rightful owners. For e.g. jewellery, drink bottles and school uniforms & jackets and other odds & ends. They do belong to someone.



**Student Voice**

## Fundraising

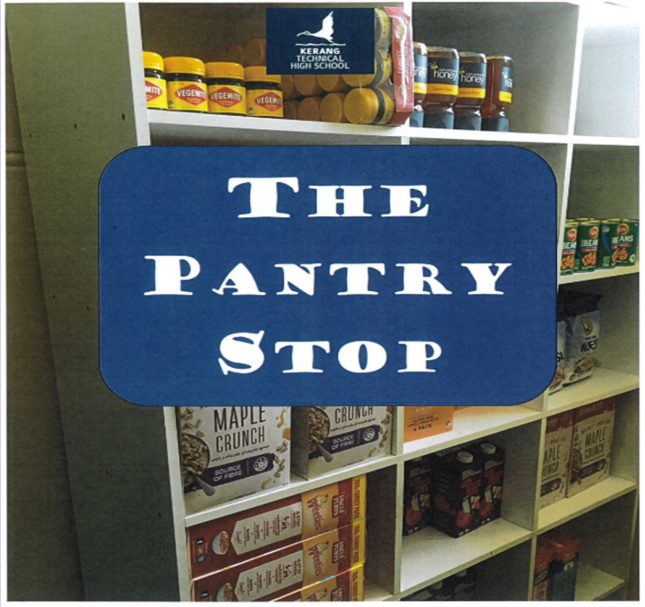
WE NEED YOUR OLD CANS PLEASE

and BOTTLES - SO IF YOU COULD, DROP THEM OFF INTO THE CRATE BESIDE THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. *Thanks.*

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.







**THE  
PANTRY  
STOP**

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.



2024 / 2025

## KERANG RAIDERS

### BASKETBALL SQUAD TRYOUTS

**AGE GROUPS:**

Under 12's - 2014 / 2015  
 Under 14's - 2012 / 2013  
 Under 16's - 2010 / 2011  
 Under 18's - 2008 / 2009

**DATES & TIMES:**

Sunday 11th August 2024  
 Sunday 18th August 2024  
 Sunday 25th August 2024

11:00am - 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Kerang Basketball Stadium, Maxwell Street KERANG

**BRING:** Full water bottle, appropriate enclosed footwear, appropriate sports clothing, BYO Basketball if you have one.

**TOURNAMENTS**  
 Swan Hill: 26th & 27th October 2024  
 Shepparton: 9th & 10th November 2024  
 Bendigo: 25th, 26th & 27th January 2025  
 Maryborough: 15th & 16th February 2025

REGISTRATIONS HERE:

https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/62112a

**Enquiries:** kerangbasketball@hotmail.com



 Kerang Amateur Basketball Association

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

**Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres**

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

**More information**

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

**Serving Regional Australia**

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

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**FREE**

**KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FUNDED BY  
NAB FOUNDATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH MALLEE  
FAMILY CARE**

**FOR MORE INFO:  
4403 6640**

# Disaster MANAGEMENT TRAINING

**PREPARE & RESPOND FOR NATURAL CRISIS**

**TO EQUIP AND EMPOWER  
OUR COMMUNITY WITH  
CRUCIAL SKILLS AND  
KNOWLEDGE AND  
RESOURCES TO BUILD  
SAFETY, PREPAREDNESS  
RESILIENCE AND A PLAN**

**HEAR FROM THE FOLLOWING SERVICES  
ABOUT SUPPORT AVAILABLE :**

- ✓ CFA
- ✓ LOWER MURRAY  
WATER
- ✓ EMERGENCY  
RECOVERY VICTORIA
- ✓ SOCIAL SECURITY RIGHTS  
VICTORIA
- ✓ RED CROSS
- ✓ POLICE
- ✓ RURAL FINANCE
- ✓ SES VIC

## **LOCATIONS:**

### **MURRABIT**

10TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
MURRABIT HALL

### **BENJEROOP**

17TH- 18TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
BENJEROOP HALL

### **KOROOP**

24TH- 25TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
KOROOP HALL

### **LAKE CHARM**

1ST - 2ND OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
LAKE CHARM HALL

### **MYALL**

8TH- 9TH OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
MYALL HALL

### **QUAMBATOOK**

15TH - 16TH OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
QUAMBATOOK HALL



**KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**  
Building and building our community to provide opportunities to thrive, contribute, learn and grow.  
11 Scoresby St, Kerang 3579

4403 6640 | www.kerangnh.org.au | www.facebook.com/kerangnh

Kerang and District Community Centre Inc. trading as Kerang Neighbourhood House, is a Public Benevolent Society. It has the financial capacity of an exempt public benevolent society and provides services to members of our community.

### **KERANG**

21ST - 22ND OCTOBER  
10AM - 4PM EACH DAY  
KERANG NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



## 2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey: Sample text for survey announcement

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### **WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**.

A random sample of parents / caregivers / guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting and the school newsletter. Last year we used the survey results to plan the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program and school incursions.

Please speak to your child's Principal if you would like more information.