

# The Kingy Spirit

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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### WEEK 10

Mon Day 6—Dec 12  
Tues Day 7—Dec 13  
Wed Day 1—Dec 14  
Thur Day 2—Dec 15  
Fri Day 3—Dec 16

### Mr Tolley's Quote of the Week

"Nothing is too high for a man to reach, but he must climb with care and confidence."

~Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875), Danish poet, novelist, writer of fairy tales.~

Today's newsletter is a story of good news and bad news.

I'll start with the bad news first so the newsletter can end on a positive note.

Attendance has been appalling this term for many students. Yesterday 450 students were absent from school. I do not believe most of these absences will have a valid reason. The school has made a record number of Home School Liaison Officer referrals and many families can expect that the HSLO will be making contact to follow up on absences. I should at this point remind all parents that students **MUST** be at school unless there is a valid reason for absence. A parent/carer merely giving permission to stay home is **NOT** a valid reason for absence. Illness, family crisis, appointments etc are valid reasons and must be supported with a letter from the parent or carer. Shopping, hairdresser appointments or a day at the beach **ARE NOT** valid reasons and may leave a parent or carer liable for prosecution for breaching the law relating to school attendance.

Parents and carers of Year 10 students also need to be reminded that those students who have not been attending regularly since the School Certificate exams will have lost their places in elective classes and will need to reapply for left over spots in classes in 2012. Work experience and work placements organised through the school count as attendance at school. Students with poor attendance records and low

work ethic will face expulsion from Kingscliff High School once they reach the minimum leaving age of 17 years old. This year a number of Year 11 students have been expelled for poor attendance and work ethic. Kingscliff High School is not in the business of baby sitting senior students. Be in class and working to the best of your ability and we will provide every support available. Truancy, poor attendance and lack of work will not be tolerated as these students often disrupt the learning environment for other students.

Students cannot progress if they are not in class. 2012 will see a very big push to improve school attendance.

**IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY!** You must **ATTEND** school, that's the **RULE!**

School Certificate Results - show a school on the move to improve already strong performance.

Now to the good news! 2011 School Certificate results have seen Kingscliff High School record significant improvements in exam performance in every subject. The highlights are the Science and Mathematics faculties. Science has broken the trend of regional and rural schools falling behind the State average and have outperformed the State average by a small but significant margin. Science has 72% of all students achieving marks

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## Position Available - Uniform Shop Convenor

The Kingscliff High School P&C wish to invite applications for the Uniform Convenor's position at our school.

Employment requirements are listed below:

- ◇ 8 hours total per week during school terms, additional hours when requested by P&C Uniform Committee.
- ◇ Selling & advising
- ◇ Stocking & ordering
- ◇ Banking & bookwork
- ◇ Cleaning & presentation
- ◇ Award rates apply for this casual position.

Mondays 2:00pm - 4:00pm (2 hours)  
Wednesdays 8:30am - 11:30am (3 hours)  
Fridays 8:30am - 11:30am (3 hours)

### Times of operation 2011 - 2012

Mon 23 Jan = 2:00pm - 4:00pm (2)  
Wed 25 Jan = 8:30am - 11:30am (3)  
Fri 27 Jan = 9:00am - 1pm (4)  
Sat 28 Jan = 9:00am - 12noon (3) 12hrs

Mon 30 Jan = 8:30am -10:30am  
2:00pm - 4:00pm (4)  
Wed 1 Feb = 8:00am - 11am (3)  
Fri 3 Feb = 8:30am - 11:30am (3) 10hrs

Applications to be emailed to the school by  
**Tuesday 13/12/11 -**

[kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Interviews by Friday 16/12/11

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that put them in the top three of 6 performance bands with 14 students achieving band 6, 52 students in Band 5 and 92 students in Band 4. Mathematics has nearly 40% of all students within the top three bands also with 14 students in Band 6 and 22 students in Band 5. While English has fewer Band 6 results with 4 students achieving this top band, they also recorded 55 Band 5 and 119 Band 4 results. History and Geography have seen substantial improvement with the most number of top three band performances in the last few years and recording 6 Band 6 results for History and 2 Band 6 results for Geography.

This is a great result for Kingscliff High School and for all those students who successfully completed their School Certificate.

Well done students and staff. Well done Year 10 parents and carers.

I would like to invite all parents and carers to attend the Presentation Ceremonies for your students on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December.

# TERM 4 CALENDAR

MONTH – DECEMBER

WEEK 10

**Monday 12 December** Day: 2

**Tuesday 13 December** Day: 3

**Wednesday 14 December** Day: 4

HSC Results Available to students and schools via Schools online

Year 10 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal

Year 10 Presentation Ceremony 10.00–11.30am

Year 9 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal

Year 9 Presentation Ceremony 1.00–2.30pm

**Thursday 15 December** Day: 5

Year 7 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal

Year 7 Presentation Ceremony 10.00–11.30am

Year 8 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal

Year 8 Presentation Ceremony 1.00–2.30pm

**Friday 16 December** Day:6

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM 4 2011

## 2012 Schedule for First Three Days

FRIDAY 27 January

Day 0  
*School Development Day*

MONDAY 30 January

Day 1 Years 7, 11 & 12 return

Period 1 8.45am

**Assembly in Quadrangle.**  
All staff and students to attend.  
**Year Meetings follow the assembly.**  
Staff teaching Line 1 to attend relevant Year.  
Meetings chaired by Year Advisers.

**Meeting areas:**

Year 7 in MPU  
Year 11 under covered area in the Quadrangle  
Year 12 on grass at Russell Evans Building  
**Reminder to seniors that Period 0 starts tomorrow.**

Period 2-6

**Normal classes**  
Year 7 meeting may extend into Period 2.  
Line 2, Year 7 teachers to assist with supervision.

TUESDAY 31 January

Day 2 Years 8, 9 & 10 return

Period 0 8.00am

Senior **Period 0 classes** commence today

Period 1 8.45am

**Assembly in Quadrangle of Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.**  
Normal classes for Years 11 & 12.  
**Year Meetings follow the assembly.**  
Staff teaching Line 2 to attend relevant Year  
Meetings chaired by Year Advisers.

**Meeting areas:**

Year 7 in MPU  
Year 8 under covered area in the Quadrangle  
Year 9 in Art/Industrial Arts Quadrangle.  
Year 10 in grass area at Russell Evans Building

Period 2

**House Meetings** for all students 7 to 12.  
Staff teaching this period to supervise.  
Sports Organiser to provide specific details.

Period 3

**Normal classes for all years**

Period 4-6

**Normal classes for all years.**

WEDNESDAY 1 February

Day 3 **New Enrolments Years 8 to 12 first day**

**Sport Selection Day**

Period 1- 4

**Normal classes for all years**

However, all students will select their sport today to allow sport to commence on February 9. Students will be withdrawn from normal routine on a class by class basis. Year 11 will start the process at 8.50 am. Teachers should only send their class to the sport selection room when requested to do so by the Sports Organiser. Mr D. Neil released from class to process student selections.

Period 5 & 6

**Normal classes for all years**