

KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

Winner of four Director General's Awards for Education

KINGSLIFF HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ENDEAVOUR

ISSUE 1 | TERM 1 | WEEK 3 | 6 FEBRUARY 2017

IMPORTANT DATES * Denotes importance

NRL Bulldogs Visit

On Thursday the NRL Bulldogs visited the school. They spoke to the Year 7 students about the time in football and things that motivated them to pursuing a career in rugby league. They also talk about the importance of being respectful, committed to school and determined to do their best in anything they attempt. They showed a short video on an anti bullying presentation with the emphasis on respecting those around you.



Canteen

Our school canteen is open everyday with a wide selection of food and drinks available. If any parents are able to volunteer in the canteen it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Monica in the canteen on 6674 9721 if you are interested.

Uniform Shop

The Kingscliff High School Uniform Shop is open every Monday 1.30pm to 3.30pm and every Wednesday and Friday 8.30am to 11.30am.

Aprons, calculators and art books are available for purchase from the front office.

Year Advisers

Year 7 - Mrs Karen Levi
 Year 8 - Mr Wade Colpitts
 Year 9 - Mr Nicolaas Williams
 Year 10 - Mr Scott Ella
 Year 11 - Mr Simon Macqueen
 Year 12 - Mrs Jacinta O'Keeffe

Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival Friday 10 February at Oasis pools Banora Point. \$4 Pool entry and \$6 bus fare for those students catching bus from Kingscliff High School. Buses leave school from 8am. All money to be paid directly to the bus driver and on entry to the pool. Do not pay the school.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

MONTH - FEBRUARY	WEEK 3
Monday 6 February	Day: 6
Tuesday 7 February	Day: 7
Year 12 University Tour	
Wednesday 8 February	Day: 1
Year 12 University Tour	
Weekly Sport resumes	
Thursday 9 February	Day: 2
Onstage and Callback Excursion	
Friday 10 February	Day: 3
Onstage and Callback Excursion	
Swimming Carnival*	
MONTH - FEBRUARY	WEEK 4
Monday 13 February	Day: 4
Kingscliff Way	
Study Skills mentoring	
FNC Open Boys and Girls Volleyball	
Tuesday 14 February	Day: 5
Kingscliff Way	
Study Skills mentoring	
School Photos*	
Wednesday 15 February	Day: 6
Kingscliff Way	
Study Skills mentoring	
Year 11 "All My Own Work"	
Thursday 16 February	Day: 7
Kingscliff Way	
Study Skills mentoring	
Friday 17 February	Day: 1
Kingscliff Way	
Study Skills mentoring	
Brainstorm Verbal Year 8	
University Showcase Year 12	
MONTH - FEBRUARY	WEEK 5
Monday 20 February	Day: 2
FNC Swimming Carnival - Murwillumbah	
Tuesday 21 February	Day: 3
NC Volleyball Trials	
Wednesday 22 February	Day: 4
Thursday 23 February	Day: 5
FNC Boys and Girls Touch - South Tweed Heads	
Friday 24 February	Day: 6
FNC Open and 15's Rugby League - Murwillumbah	



Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Kingscliff High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffhighschool>

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Principals Column

Welcome to the 2017 School Year

While the end of a school year carries with it a happy and celebratory mood, equally the start of a new school year is an exciting time, with every anticipation of a successful year with many outstanding opportunities for our students. I enjoyed the opportunity last Monday particularly of meeting so many parents of our new Year 7 students, among whom there was certainly a mood of excitement.

Given the heat we have been experiencing, our students have settled in to the new school year extremely well, which is what we have come to expect from Kingscliff High School students. Well done to all.

Swimming Carnival

Given the hot conditions I have referred to, we are all looking forward to our annual swimming carnival at Banora Point Pool this Friday. While the day is a normal school day in terms of student attendance, in every other way it is a unique and very enjoyable day, providing students and teachers to share some school spirit and enjoy the traditional friendly rivalry that exists between our school houses.

I am looking forward to seeing as many students there as possible.

Kingscliff Way

Next week, many of our school leaders will be working with Years 7 and 8 students through our annual Kingscliff Way program. The intention is to both introduce Year 7 students, and remind Year 8 students of the following:

- Members of staff who can help students with unanticipated problems
- Our 'Stymie' email facility, empowering students to "call out" bullying and other forms of anti social behaviour
- Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program, based on the expectation that all students are STAR students (Safe, Tolerant, Achieving, Respectful).
- Our new A4 class for students with special needs
- Our school rules.
- Rewards for students who meet our STAR student expectations, along with the consequences for those who don't.
- Ethical use of technology.
- Learning, Assessment and Reporting at Kingscliff HS
- Student attendance expectations.

It is important that all students have a clear understanding of all of the above, as they are then able to work within our positive expectations, focus on their learning and get the most out of their time at school. Our intention is to encourage and support students in consistently making positive choices during their time at Kingscliff HS and beyond.

The program will run over consecutive mornings for approximately one week for both year groups. Many thanks to Mr Cowell and Mr Graham, our Deputy Principals, for their organisation of Kingscliff Way.

Year 12 2016 High Achievers

I am once again looking forward to congratulating Our Year 12 students of 2016 who were able to achieve Band 6 results in one or more of their subjects in last year's HSC exams. In addition, we will be announcing our School Dux, based on final ATAR scores.

This will take place during a special assembly of all of our current students next Thursday morning, followed by a morning tea for our high achievers and their parents or carers.

Teacher Professional Learning Time

As was the case last year, our teachers have opted to engage with a series of four professional learning evenings during the course of this year, in lieu of the final two gazetted Staff Development Days for this year, the 18 and 19 of December. This means that Kingscliff High School will be closed on those two days.

During each of our four evenings during the year, totalling 12 hours of professional learning time, our staff will be working together to develop their understanding of and engagement with the many initiatives we have identified in our School Improvement Plan 2015 – 2017. A copy of our School Plan, which we are revising this term, can be found on our website.

Wishing all of our school community an enjoyable week,



Michael Hensley
Principal



The next P&C Meeting will be Monday 13 February at 6:30pm in the main administration block. We welcome all new members, so please come along and find out more about your students' school and how it is run.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be Monday 13 February at Banora Point High School PH: 07 55 131 960 commencing at 4.00pm. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. President: Deborah Johnson 07 5513 1960 Vice Pres: Joan Sherriff 07 5524 3408 Secretary: Jackie McDonald 02 5536 9629 Treasurer: Glenda Nalder 0417 740 186.

School Photos – 14 February

Please remember payment for school photos is paid directly to the company. We are unable to give change, so correct money in the envelope is advised. Please do not use the Parent Online Payment facility as it will have to be refunded.

Year 9 Year Advisers Column

Welcome to the 2017 academic year, parents and students of Year 9. As many of you may be aware, Ms Kelly Todoroska has moved to Byron Bay High School, having done wonderful work with this cohort in Years 7 and 8. I look forward to liaising with students and parents as Year 9 progress through 2017.

- The easiest way to contact and efficiently communicate with me is via email: nicolaas.williams@det.nsw.edu.au
- Regarding appointments, please make appointments in advance via the front office. I am available during preparation periods during the day, and from 7.30am before school on days I am not teaching Period 0. In general, it will be more difficult for me to conduct appointments after school.

Please support your child's educational success by ensuring excellent attendance and taking an active interest in their studies.

Nic Williams
Year 9 Adviser

Verbal Combat

On 17 February Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Verbal Combat' for all Year 8 students.

Verbal Combat is a live performance that addresses the consequences of cyber bullying, harassment and unhealthy friendship groups. It clearly defines the behaviours that constitute bullying and encourages empathy and compassion. It gives clear strategies for supporting victims and resisting peer pressure to say or post hurtful comments.

Verbal Combat is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at

www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Year 8 students will receive a parent information sheet at the beginning of Week 3.

Phoning Home

At times we need to contact parents or carers due to your child being sick. Please note that our telephone number is a private number so if you have a missed call from a private number it could be the school trying to contact you.

Student Timetables

Students should take a photo of their timetable and keep it on their phone. This way they will never be without their timetable and always be where they should be.

Community Notices

KINGSCLIFF HOCKEY CLUB
SIGN ON
Juniors & Seniors

Sun 12 Feb 11am – 2pm (DST)

(at Merv Edwards Oval in Sand St)

Under 7 years to 18 years to Open

Inquiries: Donna Fay 0448 186 591
Tim Prichard 0418 490 586
Ross Salmon 0421 489 921

PLAY RUGBY IN 2017
CASUARINA BEACH
RUGBY UNION CLUB

Juniors U/6 through to U/15s
Women & Girls 7's competition
Mens Teams

SIGN ON NOW!!

NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME

For further details go to: www.casuarinabeachrugby.com.au



Procedures for Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

At Kingscliff High School, duty of care to our students is of paramount importance and consequently we have a set of procedures in place to ensure the safety of our students and to keep accurate records of attendance for late arrival to school and early departure from school.

Late Arrivals – all students who arrive late for their first class must report to the front office window with a note (from parent or guardian) explaining both the reason for lateness and the expected time of arrival at school. The student must report to the front office to sign in to school and bring this note with them. Should the student not have a note, they must first report to the deputy principal - **prior to** signing in at the front office.

Early Leavers (Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri)

Turning up to collect your child without following to the correct procedure **could result in a considerable wait time for parents**. There is no guarantee our “school runner” will be available at the time parents turn up at school.

All students, including seniors, wishing to leave school early must bring a note to the Head Teacher-Admin to be signed on that morning. This note must include the reason and time of departure. Once approved by the Head Teacher-Admin, the student must keep hold of this note to give to the classroom teacher at the time of early departure. The student must then take this signed note to the front office for signing out.

If the student is being collected by someone not on their current contact list, (for example a friend or relative), then a note **must still be provided from the parent or guardian (and approved by the Head Teacher-Admin)** – advising the name of the friend or relative. As a duty of care to all our students, we are unable to sign out students without a note (either via email or written), a phone call is not sufficient. If this additional person is to be a regular emergency contact, they can be added by completing the “change of details” form.

Absence on a Wednesday - Sport afternoon:

Sport is a mandatory component of the Record of School Achievement (ROSA). Consistent sport absences will result in a warning letter being sent and could jeopardise the attainment of a ROSA.

Wednesday sport afternoons are **not** an appropriate time to arrange regular appointments.

If students are signing out on a sport afternoon they will be required to bring a note to explain this absence. This note will need to contain the following:

- student's name
- the specific reason for leaving school early (not just the wording “appointment” or “family business”)
- departure time
- name of the person picking up the student
- a contact name and telephone number

The note will need to be signed by the Sports Organiser, before roll call or at recess at the latest. Parents arriving at the front office to collect their child will be required to fill out an early departure form and have it signed by the Sports Organiser.

Leaving early due to illness

If a student becomes sick whilst at school he/she must obtain a note from the teacher, then report to the front office where they will be admitted into the sick bay room. To avoid confusion and time wasting, **students must not contact their parents to arrange pick up from school when sick**. Students accessing the Sick Bay do so on the understanding their parents will be contacted to either take them home or seek further medical attention. Please note - there is limited space available in the Sick Bay room, therefore maximum wait time is 30 mins, otherwise the student will have to return to class (if well enough to do so), or be transported to hospital.

If the injury or illness requires further attention, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their children as soon as possible. If the school is unable to contact the parent or emergency contact, or there is doubt over the seriousness of an illness or injury, **an ambulance will be called**.

Brainstorm Productions

presents

Verbal COMBAT

By Jenny Johnson

www.brainstormproductions.edu.au



YEAR 8

Friday 17th February 2017



UNDERSTANDING TEENAGERS

Tuesdays Feb 21–March 28, 5.15–7.15pm

6 week course for the parents of teenagers. It can be difficult to know how to respond to challenging behaviours. Knowing more about how to support and communicate with your teenager can assist in supporting them safely through adolescence. Topics include: the impact of brain and hormone development, stages of child and youth development, parenting styles, managing tension points and behaviour, and talking through challenging issues.

VENUE: KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB

COST: \$30



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For further information on any of our courses or workshops please call 9am–12.30pm Monday–Friday
(07) 5524 8711 or go to www.thefamilycentre.org.au

**If you are unable to pay for course fees please talk with our intake worker or the course facilitator.
The Family Centre is committed to providing equal access to all the courses we offer.
Child minding is available upon request.**