



# KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4 | TERM 3 | WEEK 8 | 05 SEPTEMBER 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Parent Teacher Evening (Years 8 – 12)

This will take place for Years 8-12 in the MPU on Thursday 8 September from 3:30 – 6:30pm. Everyone should have received an email on how to book time with teachers, please contact the school if you have not received this or need to update your contact details. Our tutors that have been working with the study groups and providing covid tuition will also be present and available to talk about student progress through this support. Year 7 will be having a market evening in Term 4 showcasing their learning, communication will be out next term with regard to this.

### Are you OK? Day

We will have a range of activities taking place on the morning of Thursday 8 September drawing awareness to mental health concerns and celebrating the supports that we have on offer at school. The work of mental health experts is vital, however, we can all play a role in supporting people we interact with every day. You don't have to be a health professional to have an R U OK? Conversation. Listening and giving someone your time may be just what they need to help them through a tough spot.

### PSA Recognition Week

School Support Staff have moved swiftly to implement many of the COVID-19 requirements and responded rapidly to flood recovery programs in addition to ensuring our school receives all the essential functions that keep a school operating. This week, 5 – 9 September 2022 is PSA Recognition Week, an opportunity for our school community to show our appreciation of our dedicated staff members for their professionalism and hard work during what has been yet another difficult and interrupted year. This year's theme is *Essential to Schools* which fittingly would best describe each and every one of our dedicated support staff. On behalf of the Kingscliff high School Community, I would like to thank our team and share our appreciation of all their efforts.

### Year 12 2022

Term 3 brings the conclusion of our Year 12's learning journey with school. HSC exams commence Week 1 of Term 4, on Wednesday 12 October 2022 with English Paper 1 in the morning and Japanese Continuers in the afternoon session. A letter has been sent to all families about what classes will look like for these last three weeks including graduation and celebration days. I would like to urge our students to utilise this time and their holiday study break effectively and wish them luck in their upcoming exams. The HSC is not the only measure of success, however it can be an effective method to open doors to your future pathways. Information about our Graduation Ceremony has also been sent to all our Year 12 families.

### P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 19 September at 6:00pm. It will be hosted in the Meeting Rooms in the Front Office with the option to join in online via Teams. This is a great opportunity for parents to hear about some of the initiatives running within the school and financial members (only \$2 to join) have a say on where our community monies are spent on the school.

### Flood Grant usage

A reminder to our families that all students that were enrolled with Kingscliff High School at the time of the floods were given a \$500 flood grant credited onto their school accounts. If you have remaining unspent amounts, it would be great to use these funds towards their intended purpose which was towards elective subject fees and support the purchase of materials and consumable used in the classrooms. To use the grant for this or school uniform purchases please email the school [kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kingscliff-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or write a note to be handed in to the Front Office.



## Year 11 Exam Weeks

Year 11 will be involved in their final exams in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term from 12 September – 23 September 2022. This means they will return in Term 4 as our next crop of HSC students. Successful entry into the HSC course comes down to demonstration of continued diligence and effort. The Year 11 exams are our last opportunity to evidence this and so I want to wish our Year 11 students all the best through these next couple of weeks. A copy of the Year 11 Exams schedule has been emailed to all year families and students and included in this newsletter.

**Damien Borg, Rel. Principal**

## GENERAL NEWS

### School Debating Team

Wonderful news as Kingscliff High School has been successful in winning the first debate as zone champions in the regional debating championships.

On Wednesday 31 August, our junior debating team commenced their round of the regional Premier's Debating challenge for 2022.

**The topic for today's debate was 'that alcohol should be banned at all public events like sports and festivals.'**

Our Year 9 and 10 team competed against Macksville High School and had an outstanding win. As the affirmative team they worked collaboratively to put forth some very compelling arguments. Even the adjudicator was impressed with their high standard and their ability to break down the debate into opposing categories. Today's team included Jake Spence, Riley Carslaw-Harkins, Bradley Hennekam, Kiki Gonzales and Callum Mitchell. I would like to thank each member for their contributions and encourage them to continue with the same positive attitude in their upcoming debates.



Congratulations to each team and good luck in the next round.

### Environmental Club

Members of the Kingscliff High School Environmental Club have been working on a concept to submit to this year's Green Innovation Awards. The Green Innovation Awards is a registered charity and not-for-profit organization that has been running a highly successful environmental competition for local Northern Rivers Primary and High School students since 2018.

Students are asked to develop a concept that has a focus on the environment and sustainability. Our students have designed a concept that would retrofit flood prone houses to float like a pontoon during floods. The concept has been designed and tested by the students who have been working hard to get it ready for submission in September. This project has provided the opportunity to try and solve a real-world problem using teamwork and collaboration. The team even had a visit from an engineer and building inspector from Tweed Shire Council to help find and solve any problems the design may have in reality. The feedback was positive, and the students were left with some new problems to consider and overcome. We wish them the best of luck with their entry.





## P & C Meeting

### P&C Meeting – Monday 19 September 2022 at 6:00pm

On behalf of the P&C President, we would like to invite all Parents and Carers to attend the next **P&C Meeting** scheduled for **Monday 19 September 2022 at 6:00pm**.

This will be a face-to-face meeting held in the Meeting Rooms in the Front Office of Kingscliff High School.

If you are unable to attend in person, there is the option to join the meeting online, via the link below. This meeting can be easily accessed by clicking where it says “*click here to join the meeting*” under the Microsoft Teams meeting heading below. This link will be accessible from 6:00pm on Monday 19 September 2022.

We look forward to meeting all parents/carers either in person or via the online meeting.

All welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 456 952 264 821

Passcode: YCsGA8

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



The Uniform shop regular hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 7.45am to 9.30am. The price list can be found here:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/p---c-uniform-shop-and-canteen.html>

### P&C Uniform Shop

- Payment at the P&C Uniform Shop is by cash, cheque, and EFTPOS
- The P&C Uniform Shop is located near our Science block on the left-hand side of the ramp
- For more information, you can contact the Uniform Shop



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>

## Poets Out Loud Youth Slam

Kingscliff High School was recently represented at the Poets Out Loud Youth Slam by Sasha Moore of Year 11 and Lily Horne in Year 10.

In a highly competitive field of performance poets from Casino to the border, both students wowed the crowd of over 200. Sasha performed her poem *Kids These Days*, whilst Lily impressed with her *Elements of Drama*.

Lily's performance was highly commended by the judges, with Sasha taking out second prize.

Congratulations to both students for their achievements.



## R U OK? Day

Thursday 8 September is R U OK? Day but every day can be [#RUOKDay](#). We will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Thursday from 8.15am

These four conversation steps can help you make R U OK? part of your everyday. Because a conversation could change a life.

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3Az0Tqt> [#RUOK](#) [#RUOKDay2022](#)



## International Student Homestays

Kingscliff High School has a wonderful international students' program that could not exist without our terrific homestay families. Our local agency is on the lookout for families who would be interested in hosting students from various parts of the world.

If you are interested, please contact Auzzie Families for further information or click <https://www.auzziefamilies.com/about-us/>



### Auzzie Families are recruiting in your area!

We are looking for new host families who can offer the following to international students for either short term or long term stays:

- A fully furnished and private room in your home
- Conveniently located to public transport
- Able to provide balanced and nutritious meals daily
- Interested in interacting with and offering guidance to young people

If you meet these requirements and would be interested in becoming a host then please visit our website to apply: [www.auzziefamilies.com](http://www.auzziefamilies.com) or call 8328 8499 during business hours.



## Australian Virtual Astronaut Challenge

This week 2 teams of students (Year 7 and Year 10) have started the Australian Virtual Astronaut Challenge and will complete a 9-week STEM design sprint based on challenges facing NASA's Artemis and the Australian space industry. These AVA teams will choose from a set of four scenarios and design a solution presented in the form of either a 90 second video pitch or poster. The Year 10 team will have the opportunity to be selected to pitch their ideas at the Young Space Explorers event on 2nd December in Sydney!

The teams are to select one of the following scenarios and complete the mission objectives for that scenario:

- \* Earth Observation: Milo Institute – The University of Arizona
- \* Robotics: Trailblazer – The Australian Space Agency
- \* Home on the Moon: Aldrin Family Foundation
- \* Growing Food in Space: Magnitude.io

Each week the teams will meet with their teacher to undertake the weekly challenge to achieve their mission's objectives using the iSTEM Engineering Design Process. The challenges also include the opportunity to connect with Australian Space Agency and NASA personnel and other scientists who are currently researching the scenarios above.

The AVA will end Friday 11 November when each team will have to submit their video pitch or poster. We wish the teams all the best and sincerely thank Mr Jovaisa for assisting and supporting the teams in their Virtual Astronaut Challenge.





## Curious Minds


**Do you have a curious mind?** If you're a girl in year 9 or 10 who is passionate about STEM subjects this may be the experience for you. **Curious Minds** (run by Australian Science Innovations and the Australian Maths Trust) empowers girls who are passionate, high performers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to explore their full potential, through a six-month hands-on extension and mentoring program.


There are two residential camps and a mentoring program for girls in years 9 and 10 who have limited opportunities because of where they live, including regional and remote locations, their socio-economic background, and/or their indigenous status.

In a fun and supportive environment, you have the opportunity to grow in confidence and ability whilst expanding your critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and your scientific networks. You will be exposed to outstanding role models, practise new skills, and deepen your understanding of what their future may hold in the fields of STEM.

If you are interested, refer to <https://curiousminds.edu.au/> and/or see Mrs O'Keeffe, Science Staffroom.

**Curious  
Minds**

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SCIENCE  
INNOVATIONS**

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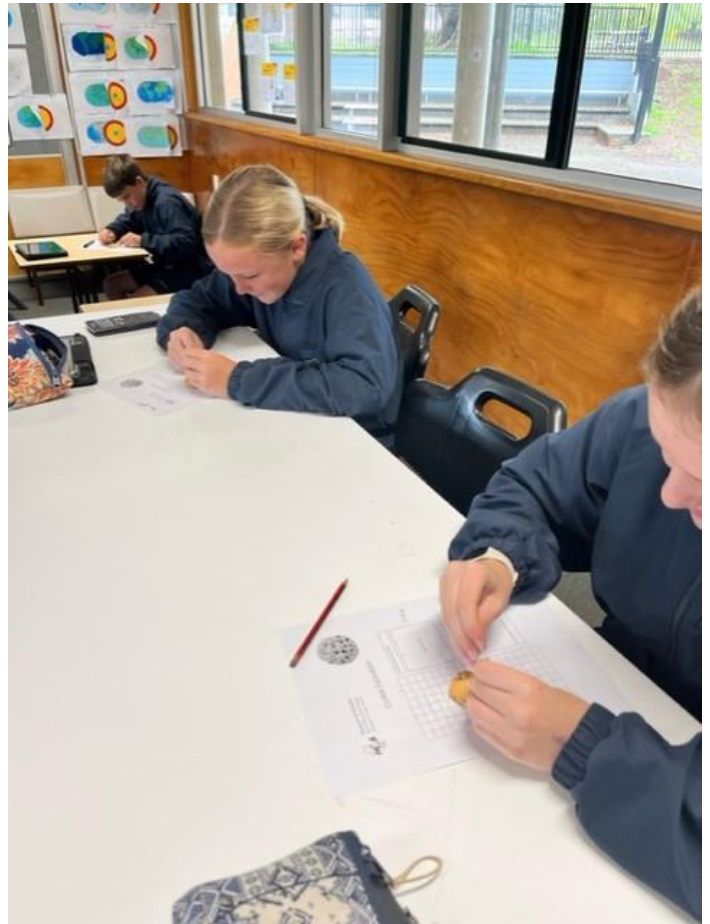
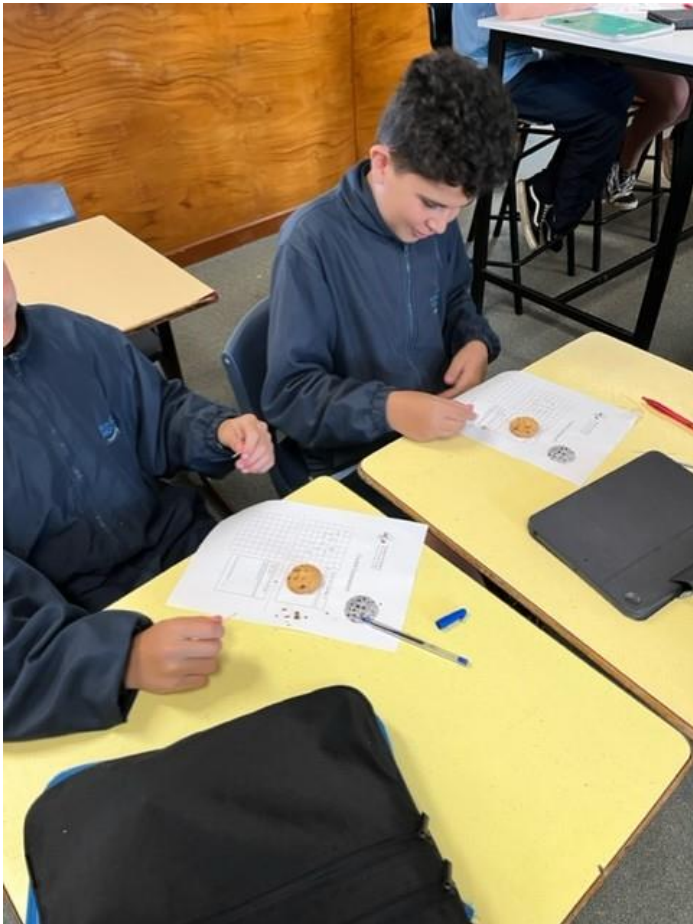
**Igniting  
Brilliance**

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## YEAR 7 POD

A busy but productive Term 3 learning all things 'Lessons from the Past'. Students have been engaging in the 'Cookie Excavation Activity' in Humanities lessons this week.



Just a friendly reminder of tasks that are due in the coming weeks:

- Literacy - Book Review task Friday Week 9
- Humanities - 'Market Stall' Day (Group task) Thursday Week 9
- Numeracy - Topic test Week 9
- ISTEM - In class task Week 10

Can we please ask that students bring an appropriate change of clothes for PE practical lessons as the weather is starting to warm up and it is advised they no longer can wear their school tracksuit pants for PE lessons.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 3 CALENDAR

#### 5 – 9 September

#### Week 8

**Monday 5 September**

Celebration of PSA Schools Recognition Week. 5-9 September

Day 5

**Tuesday 6 September**

Day 6

**Wednesday 7 September**

Sew you think you can Sew Competition – Year 8, 9 and 10  
State Athletics Carnival 7-9 September

Day 7

**Thursday 8 September**

State Athletics Carnival 7-9 September  
Parent Teacher Night Year 8-12, 3.30pm – 6.30pm in the School Hall (MPU)  
R U OK? Day – Pancake Breakfast from 8.15am

Day 1

**Friday 9 September**

State Athletics Carnival 7-9 September  
Fraser Coast Technology Challenge 9-11 September

Day 2

#### 12 – 16 September

#### Week 9

**Monday 12 September**

Year 11 Exams 12 – 29 September

Day 3

**Tuesday 13 September**

Year 11 Exams 12 – 29 September  
Parent Information Night held at Kingscliff Public School at 6pm  
FNC Dance Festival at Twin Towns Services Club, Tweed Heads  
Year 9 Geography Field Trip (9GEOR and 9GEOG) Kingscliff South Beach

Day: 4

**Wednesday 14 September**

Year 11 Exams 12 – 29 September

Day: 5

**Thursday 15 September**

Year 11 Exams 12 – 29 September

Day: 6

**Friday 16 September**

Year 11 Exams 12 – 29 September

Day: 7





# **SEW YOU THINK YOU CAN SEW?**

**When is the competition:**

Wednesday 7th September, Week 8 for the whole day (including sport).

**Who is it open to:**

This competition is open to Years 8, 9 and 10.

**What is the project:**

You will work in pairs to design, plan and make a project. The project brief will be give to you on the day. The competition is free and you will be provided with the materials and equipment to make the project.

**How to register:**

Please come up to the TAS Staffroom to register your group. Write your group name, and the two students names that are in your group on the sheet in the staffroom. Maximum of 32 Students.

## Year 11 2022 Examinations

Monday 12 September 2022 - Friday 23 September 2022

### Exam Rules

<b>Entry into exam venue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only as instructed by supervising staff</li> </ul>
<b>Late arrival</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students should be on time for all exams</li> <li>no entry to the exam will be allowed 30 minutes or more after exam start time</li> <li>no extra time will be granted for students who arrive late</li> </ul>
<b>No talking or noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there must be no talking upon entering the exam venue or during the exam itself</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is the student's responsibility to bring all necessary equipment needed for each exam</li> <li>borrowing of equipment is not permitted in the exam venue</li> </ul>
<b>Remain seated</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students should be seated and facing the front whilst in the exam venue</li> </ul>
<b>Leaving early</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students are not permitted to leave an exam before the stated finish time</li> </ul>
<b>Toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students should visit the toilet before each exam</li> <li>toilet breaks will not be granted during an exam unless granted under 'disability provisions'</li> </ul>
<b>Cheating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any form of cheating or 'non serious attempt' will result in a student receiving a zero mark for that exam</li> </ul>
<b>Mobile phones, Smart Watch or data storage devices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any student who is caught in the possession of a mobile phone, Smart Watch or data storage device in the exam venue will receive a zero mark for that exam</li> <li>Important – your phone must be turned off and placed at the front of the exam room, it should not be in your pocket.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Consequences for breaching exam rules:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General warning is the final warning.</li> <li>First personal warning will result in the loss of 20% of exam marks and will be noted on the exam paper.</li> <li>Second personal warning will result in receiving a 'zero' for that exam and will be noted on the exam paper.</li> <li>No personal warnings will be issued for cheating or mobile phones.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Appeals:</b></p> <p>Any student wishing to appeal a sanction imposed for breaching exam rules must do so in writing to the Principal within five school days. Appeal Forms are available from the Deputy Principal, Mr Borg.</p>	

**Important:**

Please check the attached timetable and see Mr Malcolmson in the PDHPE Staffroom if you believe you have a clash.

## Year 11 2022 Examinations – Timetable

<b>Monday 12 September 2022 (Day 3)</b> <b>Start – 9:00am</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
English (Advanced)                      55min + 5 min reading English (Standard)                      55min + 5 min reading English Studies                              55min + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Monday 12 September 2022 (Day 3)</b> <b>Start - 12:30pm</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Biology    2hrs + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Tuesday 13 September 2022 (Day 4)</b> <b>Start – 9:00am</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Physics (Theory)                              2hrs + 5 min reading Aboriginal Studies                              2hrs + 5 min reading Society and Culture                              1hr 30 min + 5 min reading Earth and Environmental Science              2hrs + 5 min reading Textiles and Design –                              1hr 30 min + 5min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Tuesday 13 September 2022 (Day 4)</b> <b>Start - 12:30pm</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Business Studies                              2hrs + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Wednesday 14 September 2022 (Day 5)</b> <b>Start – 9:00am</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Community and Family Studies              2hrs + 5 min reading Economics    2hrs + 5 min reading Ancient History                                      2hrs + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Wednesday 14 September 2022 (Day 5)</b> <b>Start - 1:00pm</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Physics – (Practical)                              2hrs	Lab 7
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Thursday 15 September 2022 (Day 6)</b> <b>Start – 9:00am</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Mathematics (Advanced)                      2hr 30 min + 10 min reading Mathematics (Standard)                      2hrs + 10 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Thursday 15 September 2022 (Day 6)</b> <b>Start – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Geography    2hrs + 5 min reading Extension English                              2hrs + 10 min reading Timber and Furniture Technology              1hr 30 min + 5 min reading Dance (Theory)                                      1hr + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Friday 16 September 2022 (Day 7)</b> <b>Start – 9:00am</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Legal Studies    2hrs + 5 min reading Primary Industries                              1hr 30 min + 5min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28
<b>Friday 16 September 2022 (Day 7)</b> <b>Start – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Rooming</b>
Chemistry (Theory)                              2hrs + 5 min reading	MPU
Disability Provisions	Room 28



31 August 2022

Dear Parents/Carers – Year 12 2022

**Year 12 2022 – end of school year**

Year 12 are coming to the end of their formal secondary education and the last three weeks at school are both important and full of distractions. In an attempt to make everyone aware of what is coming up please find a quick outline below.

**Weeks 8 and 9 - Monday 5 September 2022 – Friday 16 September 2022**

- **Normal timetabled classes.** These classes are extremely important and will complete preparations for the upcoming HSC exams.

**Week 10 – Monday 19 September 2022 – Friday 23 September 2022**

- **Monday to Wednesday normal classes.** These classes are extremely important and will complete preparations for the upcoming HSC exams.
- **Thursday 22 September 2022 – Year 12 Celebration Day**  
A Celebration Day has been organised at Gold Coast Wake Boarding/Aquasplash, Oxenford
- **Friday 23 September 2022 - Year 12 2022 Graduation Assembly.** The formal presentation starts at 9:30am. Year 12 students need to be at school no later than 9:00am to make final preparations. We would also suggest that if you are attending the ceremony you arrive around 9:20am. Additional information specifically relating to the Graduation Assembly has been sent to all parents separately.

This is an exciting time for our Year 12 students and we would like for them to enjoy these last three weeks, however it is important they make good choices. Students who enter the school grounds outside normal school hours, or who breach Kingscliff High School's Welfare Discipline Policy will face significant sanctions.

If you have any questions please contact the Year Adviser, Karen Levi or the Deputy Principal Dan Matthias at the school.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hensley  
Principal



Dan Matthias  
Deputy Principal



Karen Levi  
Year 12 Adviser



26 August 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Teacher interviews for **Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students** will be held on **Thursday 8 September 2022** (Week 8 of Term 3, 2022) from 3:30pm until 6:30pm.

You are invited to attend these interviews. Children are best educated through a positive communication and partnerships between parents and schools. Parent / Teacher interviews provide an excellent opportunity for open discussion on issues affecting your child.

To make Parent / Teacher night more accessible, **bookings** with your child's teachers can be made **online in the parent portal**. This can be accessed via a link on the school's website at: <https://kingscliff-h.sentral.com.au/portal/login>

Families have already received information on creating a parent portal account. Please contact the school if you have not received parent portal creation information. If you do not have access to the internet, bookings can still be made by your child with their teacher.

If you are **not** making online bookings, your child should confirm with you the times when you can make it. Students then make bookings with their teacher for times that suit. Those who get their bookings done early are more likely to get the time slots that their parents prefer.

Please keep interviews to no more than five minutes otherwise it will be impossible for all parents to see the teachers with whom they wish to have an interview.

If a teacher is unavailable on the day for any reason, a phone call to the school can be made to arrange a special or longer interview if required.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Smith  
Head Teacher HSIE

Admin 2022-1592

**Online bookings will open at 12:00noon on Wednesday 31 August 2022  
and close at 12:00noon on Wednesday 7 September 2022**

**COVID-smart measures**

Please refer to the 'Advice for families' page on the NSW Department of Education website for the latest advice on COVID-smart measures at school.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

# PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRESS SHOTS AUGUST 2022

## KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Library - Brickwork



Library - Brickwork



Library - Rough in of Services



Library - Lift Lid Precast

# PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRESS SHOTS AUGUST 2022

## KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Building O - Earthworks



Building O - Pad Cut to Height and Sealed

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### Library:

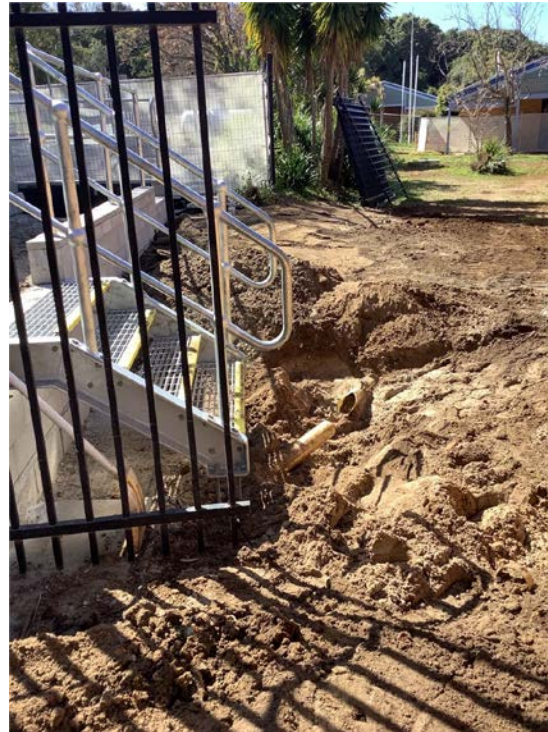
- Downpipes
- Complete Brickwork
- Windows
- Services Rough in
- Lift install
- Roofing continues

#### Building O:

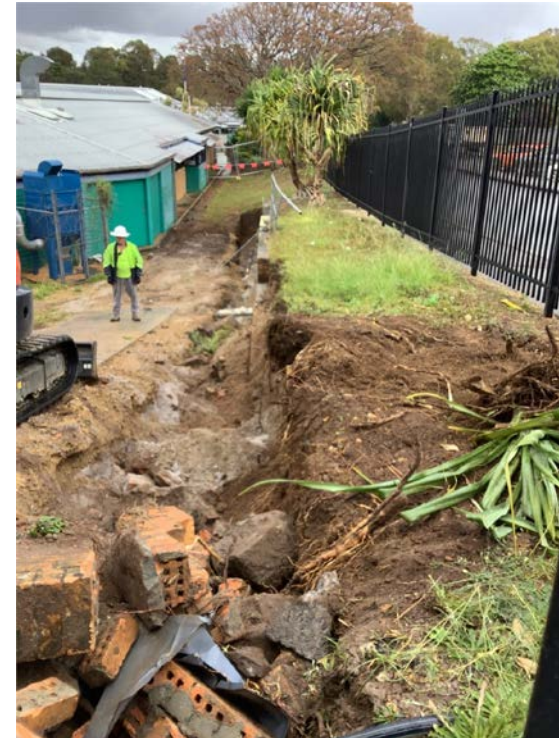
- Screw Piers

#### Pump House:

- Demolition, excavation and Bulk Earth Works
- Concrete Pour
- Services Works



Substation - Stairs



PUMP HOUSE - Ground works





## Tweed Valley Hospital Project

Site activity update –Monday 29 August to Friday 9 September 2022

### Construction activities

The following activities will take place over the next two weeks, weather permitting:

#### Works for the main hospital buildings:

- Structural steel installation for internal and external awnings.
- Ongoing fit-out activities up to Level 5, including services, walls, partitions, ceilings, painting and flooring.
- Continued delivery and installation of precast façade panels, with 75% precast panels and 66% mega panels now installed.
- Ongoing work for the switching (power) station and water tanks on the western side of site.

#### Works on Cudgen Road:

- Ongoing work for the new eastbound Cudgen Road lanes including concreting, footpath construction, placement and compaction of fill and a seal on top of the new lanes.
- No traffic changes anticipated in the coming fortnight.

#### What to expect during construction?

- Ongoing regular construction vehicles entering and exiting site.
- Standard construction hours are Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, and Sat 8am-1pm.
- Some noise, dust or vibrations may occur from these activities. Monitoring controls are in place to maintain levels within permissible limits.

#### Additional information

Community notifications are issued to provide important and timely information to the community about the works. Please subscribe [here](#). For further information about the project, please call the project team on 1800 992 634, email us at [tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au) or visit the website at [www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au)

*Thank you for your patience while we work to deliver the new hospital.*



KINGSCLIFF  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Parent Info Hub

**When: 13th September 6PM -7PM**

## The Information Night Will Include:

- A session on the Year 7 Pod model that was adopted this year with Pod Teachers
- Big Picture
- Bring Your Own Device
- Principal Address
- Year Adviser Address

**Where:** Kingscliff Public School - 12 Orient Street, Kingscliff or alternatively if you are unable to attend face to face - you can tune in to the live Facebook stream by clicking **here**.

**We want to make this session available to everyone!**

**Who:** All prospective families from Kingscliff PS.

**RUOK? DAY 2022 THIS THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

**Ask**



**No qualifications needed**

R U OK? is a harm prevention charity that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives.

Our work focuses on building the motivation, confidence, and skills of the help-giver – the person who can have a meaningful conversation with someone who is struggling with life.

R U OK? contributes to suicide prevention efforts by encouraging people to invest more time in their personal relationships and building the capacity of informal support networks – friends, family and colleagues - to be alert to those around them have a conversation if they identify signs of distress or difficulty and connect someone to appropriate support, long before they're in crisis

**Join us for a pancake breakfast Thursday morning from 8:15am**



# Compulsory school attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

## My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

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