

# KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1 | TERM 1 | WEEK 2 | 07 February 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### HSC 2023

Congratulations to our high achieving students who achieved Band 5 or 6 results in last year's HSC Exams. In particular, congratulations to Emily Henley, our Dux for 2023. All of these students will be acknowledged in our Year 12 2023 Academic Recognition Ceremony this Thursday morning – 8 February 2024.

### Staff Changes

Welcome back to Mr Cooke (Industrial Arts) and Ms Mansini (Human Society and Its Environment) from extended leave last year. Welcome also to Ms Rezzoug and Mr Wezenburg who are joining our student support team, and to Ms Stafford who will be joining our Creative and Performing Arts staff on a part time basis. I am also grateful to Ms Engel Pryer who will be our Relieving Head Teacher Maths.

Parents should also be aware that Mrs Levi has taken on the role of Year 10 Adviser.

### Build Update

I am grateful to all members of our school community for their patience as we continue to work through this very lengthy process which, I am advised, should be completed by the end of Term 2. Key milestones leading to that point should include:

- Completion of refurbishment to Food technology Kitchens by Week 4 of this term.
- Completion of landscaping also by Week 4 of this term
- Completion of refurbishment to C Block (Maths & HSIE) before the end of Term 1
- Completion of the new CAPA block for the start of term 2

All of the above assumes no further set backs due to rain, pandemic or natural disaster.

### Homerooms

All students will begin most of their school days with Homeroom from the start of this term. This reflects our commitment to student wellbeing which is essential to positive engagement with learning. The intention is to provide an age appropriate, cohort specific supportive environment which helps students engage with the challenges of their learning, social interactions and sense of belonging within our school community.

### Stage 4

Both Years 7 and 8 are now engaged with our cross curricular approach to teaching and learning, which prioritises each student's individual capacity to work to their potential as learners. With fewer teachers on their timetable, students and teachers will have a greater opportunity to form those positive relationships which are so essential to improving learning outcomes.

### iPads in the Classroom

All students across Years 7 to 10 are now "iPad students" and can have every expectation that iPads will form an important part of their learning in all of their subjects.

### Big Picture

A third Big Picture class, or Advisory Group has been formed this year, and we welcome Mr Spring to the team. Big Picture is for students of all ability levels who feel that our more established method of engaging students with learning does not allow them to realise their full potential. Students from Year 9 and above who are self-motivated, and looking for an opportunity to work with a teacher / advisor to chart their own learning based on their own interests and strengths, are encouraged to contact Mrs Rosser, our Deputy Principal in charge of Big Picture.

Wishing all of our school community a great week.

**Michael Hensley – Principal**

## GENERAL NEWS

### NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2024 – Years 7 and 10

Through the NSW School Vaccination Program, year 10 students will be offered the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine and year 7 will be offered the Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. These are at no cost to parents/carers.

Year 10 will be receiving the vaccine on **Thursday 29 February 2024**.

Year 7 is scheduled for **Thursday 9 May 2024**.

A catch-up day will be held on **Tuesday 30 July 2024**.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

#### How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit <https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
2. Follow the steps to log into your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a service NSW account, refer to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/myservicensw-account/how-to-create-an-account>
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent form for your child/ren. You will need to:
  - a. Enter your child's personal details
  - b. Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
  - c. Read the "Parent Information Sheet and Privacy Statement"
  - d. Provide consent

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form from the school office.

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

# Music Program

**2024**

- This year we are offering students the opportunity to participate in specialised Music Tuition with highly qualified tutors.
- We offer the following:
- **Guitar** with Leigh James
- 0408 654296
- **Day** Tuesday
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- **Drums** with Ben Smith
- 0433 492 920
- **Day** Friday
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- **Piano** with Junko Ackerman
- 0433 703169
- **Day** Wednesday
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- For enquiries please contact the tutors directly to arrange lesson times and payment and general information.
- All tutors have a valid Working with Children Check (WCC) and have complied with Department of Education procedures and protocols.
- As more tutors join our team we will make announcements.
- Any queries please contact Noni McPherson at the school on 02 66749777.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

School Photos are taking place on **Tuesday 20 February 2024**.

- Individual order envelopes will be distributed this week to all students and sibling photo envelopes will be available at the school's front office
- Please note that the school does not take any payments - all payments are to be organised directly through the photographers - Advanced Life.
- The Photographers have advised us that the secure advanced order site is now ready for parents to order their preferred packages online.

To order go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code 1CB XJX RR1 or you can pay via the order envelope. If paying by cash or cheque, the payment and envelope are to be returned *directly to the photographer on the day*.

### [advancedlife School Photography and Print Specialists](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

advancedlife specialises in primary and high school photography, sports team photos and professional design and printing services for the education sector. advancedlife is the leader in school photography.

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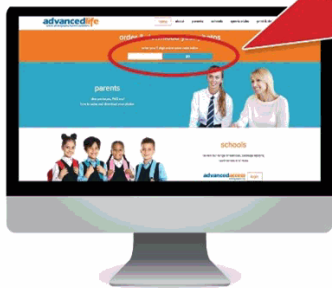
- A catch-up day will be held on Tuesday 27 February

Please note that if you have selected that your child does not have 'permission to publish' their picture will **not be** included in the year group photo. Please advise the school in writing via email if you would like to change this.

# order your school photos now

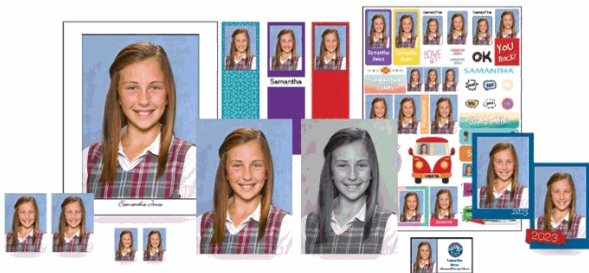
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scan to order

or collect an order envelope  
from your school office



**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



## International Exchange

For anyone interested in an exchange this year. Information session this week at the Gold Coast. Come meet WEP Australia team. RSVP with the link on the poster.

# WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENT EXCHANGE ROADSHOW! HIYA GOLD COAST! WE'RE COMING TO VISIT!



Come and chat to the WEP team about which country you could go on exchange to, discover the benefits of studying overseas and hear what exchange is really like!

Wednesday the 7th of February 2024

7 - 8 pm

Broadbeach Community Centre

See you there!



"I would 100% recommend doing student exchange with WEP. I had the best time of my life and shared so many amazing experiences with my host family and friends. It was truly amazing and I learnt so much about the culture. If you're thinking about going on exchange just do it because I promise you won't regret it!" - Kasey, France





## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1 CALENDAR 2024

#### 29 Jan – 2 Feb, Week 1

#### Week A

##### **Monday 29 January**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

##### **Tuesday 30 January**

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY #1 (no students at school)

##### **Wednesday 31 January**

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY #2 (no students at school)

##### **Thursday 01 February**

All Yr 7 start today - 1 February 2024

Years 11 and 12 students return to school today - 1 February 2024

Year 7 'K Days' - Orientation Program

##### **Friday 02 February**

Years 8, 9 and 10 students - return to school today 2 February 2023

Year 7 'K Days' - Orientation Program

MyStrengths Workshop

#### 5 Feb – 9 Feb, Week 2

#### Week B

##### **Monday 5 February**

All new enrolments (Years 8-12) - start school today - 5 February 2024

International Students - commence school today - 5 February 2024

PCYC Program Year 8 & Year 9 (Week 2-Wk 11)

##### **Tuesday 6 February**

Year 12 University Tour (6&7 Feb) - Gold Coast and Brisbane

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Year 12 University Tour (6&7 Feb) - Gold Coast and Brisbane

##### **Thursday 8 February**

Year 12 2023 Academic Recognition Ceremony (period 1)

Sport House Meetings

Switched On - Year 11

NC Baseball

##### **Friday 9 February**

Community Access



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>



Check out our Instagram page. Click on the link to follow us <https://www.instagram.com/p/CosxzQZBcpX/>



##### **P&C Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop regular hours are **Tuesdays and Fridays 8:00am – 10.00am**. The price list and any additional information can be found here:

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

- 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. Email: [pckingscliffhigh@gmail.com](mailto:pckingscliffhigh@gmail.com) or Phone: 02 6674 9762





# Homestay families needed!

Have you ever considered hosting  
an International Student?

We have students who wish to study at  
KHS and are in need of a host family.



We're looking for homestays who can provide:

- \* A welcoming and supportive environment
- \* A fully furnished and private room in their home which is conveniently located to public transport.
- \* Balanced and nutritious meals daily
- \* A genuine interest in cultural exchange
- \* An interest in interacting with and offering guidance to young people.



Contact Auzzie Families if you're interested

[www.auzziefamilies.com](http://www.auzziefamilies.com) or call 02 8328 8499



# GUITAR LESSONS

*One-On-One*

with

## LEIGH JAMES

*Acoustic & Electric Guitar + Electric Bass*

*Rhythm/Lead: flat pick + fingerstyle*

*Passionate professional musician with 40 years experience  
solo, duo, small to big bands, many genres...*

*"I want you to play your favourite tunes as well as you can,  
and enjoy the journey!"*

*Songwriting*

*Transcribing/Arranging*

*Digital Multitrack Recording/Mastering*

*Guitar buying service including setup and maintenance.*

*Service NSW Creative Kids provider (save \$100 per yr)*

**\$30 per 30 min lesson**

**Tuesdays @ CAPA**

**Contact:**

**Leigh James**

**T 0408 654 296**

**E [leigh@leighjames.com.au](mailto:leigh@leighjames.com.au)**



Guitar Pro



**LEIGH JAMES**  
singer: songwriter: musician

0408 654 296

[leigh@leighjames.com.au](mailto:leigh@leighjames.com.au)

[leighjames.com.au](http://leighjames.com.au)

[facebook.com/leighjamesmusician](https://facebook.com/leighjamesmusician)

## Kingscliff High School uses School Bytes



The graphic features a dark blue background with a central smartphone displaying the School Bytes app interface. The app shows a 'Dashboard' with sections for Finance, Payment History, Activities, Forms, Documents, and Attendance. Below these are student profiles for Demetris Auer and Oscar Bahlinger. Surrounding the phone are various icons representing app features: a calendar, a credit card, a document with a checkmark, a bell for notifications, a group of people, and a speech bubble. The School Bytes logo is in the top left, and download instructions for the App Store and Google Play are in the bottom right.

**School Bytes**  
**Parent App**  
**Available now!**

**Key Features**

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google Play

## What is the School Bytes portal?

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- ▮ Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- ▮ Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions,
- ▮ Download a receipt for payments made,
- ▮ View all historical payments in one place,
- ▮ Complete and submit digital permission notes,
- ▮ View the status of all permission notes,
- ▮ Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night. Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

We understand the importance of transparent and efficient financial processes, and this new system represents a major step forward in achieving these objectives.

If you have any questions regarding our new student finance system, please contact the front office.