

# *The Ziegler*

**KOORINGAL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Newsletter**



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a year 2021 has been! I have no doubt that students, staff and our wider school community are all looking forward to a rest over the festive season and it will absolutely be well deserved. The last few weeks of the school year have been extremely busy as we worked through our reporting period, presentation assemblies and the Year 12 Formal.

I would like to encourage all students to read through their reports carefully and reflect on their successes whilst looking for areas of further improvement in 2022. Many students have been recognised at our presentation assemblies for either academic achievement or application to learning. Whilst it was disappointing not to be able to celebrate these awards as a whole school, with parents and carers in attendance, it was wonderful to be able to present these students with their awards and recognise their achievements in 2021.

We also hosted the Year 12 Formal at the beginning of the week, and it was amazing to see our seniors looking splendid in their gorgeous gowns and tailored suits. Both students and staff had a fantastic evening and what better way to end this year than on the dance floor – which they made very good use of! A massive thankyou to Ms Baker and her organising team for coordinating the evening so successfully. We wish our Year 12 2021 cohort all the very best as they move onto the next stage of their lives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two very long standing KHS staff who are taking leave ahead of retirement in 2022. Mrs Narelle Forsyth, who has been our librarian for 21 years and Mr Paul Wetherbee who has over 40 years of service with the Department and has been our School Counsellor for many years. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school and wish them both all the best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

As with most other events this year, Covid-19 has had an impact. This was also the case for our Year 6 Orientation Day. We were disappointed that our incoming Year 7 cohort were not able to have a look at our site prior to beginning with us. As a result, we have moved the activities planned for this day to the first day of school next year and look forward to getting to know our new Year 7's a whole lot better.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the students, staff and community for their support whilst I relieved in the principal's position in Mr Bryant's absence. We look forward to welcoming him back in 2022 and to continuing our journey of improvement.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Kindest Regards,  
Mrs Helen Schmetzer  
Principal (Rel)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 16**  
Last day of term

**Feb 1**  
Year 7 Orientation Day  
Year 11, 12 Return

**Feb 2**  
Year 8, 9, 10 Return

**Feb 8**  
Swimming Carnival

**Feb 18**  
School Photos



## Year 7 2022 Book Packs

Book packs for Year 7 2022 can be purchased instore from Hunters Newsagency or online via their website: <https://www.hunters1866.com.au/collections/school-book-packs>

## Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased through Lowes or online via the P & C Uniform Shop <https://schoolshoponline.net.au/default.aspx>

Keep an eye out via their Facebook page *Koorinal High School P&C + Uniform Shop* for opening times during the end of January to try on uniforms and for collection of online orders.

# WELFARE REPORT

This week all of our Year 10 students participated in the Lovebites program. This program focuses on consent, sexual assault and domestic violence. The students worked in groups, through a number of modules and are to be congratulated on their attitude and application.

Students recently received distinctions, commendations and other awards at our presentation assemblies. Remember

that these can be used to move up through our level system and enjoy the fabulous awards that are part of it. See your Year Advisor or Ms Mattingly for more information.

The Wellbeing team wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. Remember to take time to recharge and spend time doing the activities that you enjoy. Merry Christmas.

# SRC REPORT

The SRC have been busy organising another Christmas Drive this year to donate to people who do not have the luxury of affording gifts. We have been collecting dry goods up till week 9 and have received a generous amount of donations. Thank you to all the people who donated to creating a happier

Christmas for all. The SRC elections will be again early next year so keep a lookout in the notifications if you want to be a part of the team and organise events that will bring about positive changes to the community. Have a Merry Christmas and we will be seeing you next year. - Maimuna Z





# HSIE NEWS

This semester our stage 4 and 5 HSIE classes have been focusing heavily on environmental management, sustainable practices and the impact of the changing environment on the world around us.

The students have had the opportunity to conduct fieldwork - unfortunately only at our KHS site for now - with Year 8 students conducting a comprehensive water quality test of the bubblers around the school. Students will be excited to know that the Science bubblers are, contrary to popular belief, the same as the rest!



Our other year groups have been out and about evaluating the school infrastructure, assessing the wellbeing of people around the school, taking data on wind speeds and finding out the location of the best soil in the school. To cap off this term, Year 9 selective

students have been developing their own sustainability project portfolios to propose for implementation in 2022, with some exciting ideas such as a plastic-free canteen, vertical gardens, worm farms and more all in the planning stage.



Finally, we have had further academic success in our extra-curricular competitions. In the Australian Geography Competition, Nethukee Jayasekera (Yr8) received a High Distinction for her achievement in the test. In the Australian History Competition, Nethukee and Bastian Priest (Yr8) received High Distinctions, and Jaidyn Waugh-Smith (Yr9) received a Distinction.

We thank everyone for the continued support of our HSIE faculty, and look forward to more exciting things in 2022!

# MATHS NEWS

## Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. This year 20 students from Koorinal High School from Years 7-10 participated in the AMC. Of these students, 14 received results of a Credit or higher. Special mention to the following students for their outstanding results:

### High Distinction

- Ethan O'Halloran
- Sameen Bashar
- Andrew Stumpel-Taylor
- Zoe O'Halloran
- Ryley Chaffey

### Distinction

- Raya Ehsan
- Chiara Bellany
- Nethukee Jayasekera
- Owen Rafferty
- Alec Schmetzer

### Credit

- Lauren Esler
- Maryam Quazi
- Stephanie Houghton
- Yashaswi Kakshapati
- Susha Gupta
- Emily McMahon

Congratulations to Zoe O'Halloran for being accepted into the Curious Minds program. Nominated by her Maths teacher, Mr Wickham, Zoe is one of only 110 students chosen to participate in this exciting STEM based program for girls. Zoe will attend a summer camp and participate in hands on investigations, workshops and STEM coaching sessions as well as opportunities to further her studies in Mathematics and Science. Congratulations Zoe!

Mrs King's Year 8 Maths class playing Battleships to practise coordinates in 4 quadrants as they prepare for the Linear Relationships topic



Some of the designs in progress by Year 9 Maths students working on their Pythagorean snail project. They are using their knowledge of right angled triangles and Pythagoras' Theorem to transform a "snail" into artwork of their choice





## CAPA NEWS

2021 has been a massive year for the Creative and Performing Arts faculty. Our very talented students managed to put on a highly successful run of shows for 'A Holster Full of Love', provide multiple performances for the school, grow theatre sports in an absolute juggernaut, and create many beautiful pieces of art.

Feel Good Friday officially returned last week with a large variety of performers from year 8 through to year 12, showing off the fantastic skills they have been developing in class this year. It was truly beautiful to see such a massive audience lining the top quad to support all our performers, cheering, and singing along! Thank you to everyone who made the day so special.

The 2022 KHS Production has officially been announced! Sprinkle on that fairy dust and think your happy thoughts! We are flying to Neverland next year as we put on Peter Pan: The Musical! Auditions for actors, dancers and musicians will take place in week 1-3 of term one next year, so start getting ready and remember to come and ask CAPA staff members for more information about the audition process.

Theatre Sports continued to grow throughout the year by the incredible Miss Kennedy. Students are quick on their feet and ready for anything! Their improvisational skills continue to impress, and they are always looking for new members! If you are interested in joining Theatre Sports in 2022, come and talk to Miss Kennedy in the CAPA staffroom or

any of our budding young thespians.

The Year 8 Art Prize submissions are all in and waiting to be judged! It will be very tough this year as the standard of work our students are producing is exceptional. A diverse range of artistic styles and mediums will be on display virtually for the first time in 2021 for the students and staff to vote on the top artworks.



It's the end of an era. The mint green and orange of the CAPA staff room is no more. WE PAINTED THE STAFFROOM! Swing by for a visit and help us come up with ideas for our feature wall!

## EALD NEWS

Ten of the Year 10 EALD students have been involved in the 'Peer Connect' program during Term 3 and Term 4. Each EALD student was partnered with a Year 10 student from the mainstream. The students meet each fortnight

completing several activities to assist with the transition of the Year 10 students to mainstream education. Thank you to Ms. Trish Henderson as well as the Year 10 mentors, for providing such a positive, worthwhile experience.

# PDHPE NEWS

## Year 7 PDHPE

Year 7 focused their theory lessons on the content related to the unit “A Healthy Me”. The knowledge gained will be essential to get them through the Festive Season and beyond. The practical activities were Touch, Tee Ball and Cricket.

## Year 8 PDHPE

As part of the theory unit “Why Risk It!”, Year 8 learnt valuable basic first aid techniques. So if you get stuck in a awkward situation, hopefully a Year 8 student can lend assistance.



## Year 9 PASS

Year 9 enjoyed many outdoor recreation activities including using a map to find hidden controls, light a fire without matches, pitch a tent, make a shelter and cook damper.



## Year 9 Child Studies

Students have been learning about Media and Technology in Child Studies and have been busy making Halloween and Christmas crafts.



Mrs Fitzgerald led all Year 10 Students through a career’s topic – “Where to next”? All Year 10 have compiled a resume and have engaged in practise job interviews, an invaluable and comprehensive unit of work that imparts so many skills and knowledge to students.

## Year 10 Dance

The Year 10 Dance classes had to create a story line as part of the “Dance on screen” unit. Using small branches and twigs the Dance class create a sequence of slides



## HSC PDHPE

The business end of the deal has started and the PDHPE class has started the HSC course. Task 1 was recently submitted, with the task based around a priority health issue in Australia and campaigns to reduce it’s impact.

## HSC Exploring Early Childhood

The virtual babies gave the EEC class an opportunity to be “parents” for a week. The PDHPE faculty enjoyed the quotes. “I got woken up at 2am” “It wouldn’t stop crying”.





# CAREERS NEWS

## Year 12 University of Wollongong Discovery Day Excursion

Year 12 students have the opportunity to be a university student for a day by attending the UOW Discovery Day excursion in February 2022. The overnight excursion will enable students to tour the University of Wollongong campus, attend lectures of their choice and stay in on campus accommodation. To secure a place students need to pay a deposit at the front office and return their permission note by 13th December. Places are limited. A meeting was held recently for interested students. If students missed the meeting they should see Mrs Fitz for details and a permission note.

## Year 10 Visit to TAFE

Some of our Year 10 students recently visited Wagga TAFE to learn about the range of courses on offer and have a campus tour.

Thank you to TAFE staff Greg Lowe and Bern Carroll for making arrangements for our students to attend.



## Study at TAFE in 2022

If you are a school leaver you can now search for course options and enrol in a TAFE NSW or Wagga TAFE course for 2022.

Wagga TAFE courses  
TAFE NSW

TAFE information sessions  
Fee Free courses at TAFE

If you love getting more for less, then you're going to love these fee-free short courses.

TAFE NSW, in conjunction with the NSW Government, is offering a number of fee-free short courses, but places are limited. Courses are a mix of self-paced online or teacher-led virtual classrooms, which can pathway into a variety of full TAFE NSW qualifications.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>

## UAC Live | Year 12 Offers Q&A Online

Thursday 16 December 2021, 5:00 pm  
Kim Paino, UAC General Manager, Marketing and Engagement, will answer the most commonly asked questions about offers for uni study in 2022, from offer dates and accepting offers to managing your preferences and deferring your study. The UAC team will be in the comments to answer all your questions. Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/uacinfo/>

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