

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Re: Important Changes for Kingaroy State High School in 2024

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of several important changes that will be implemented at Kingaroy State High School in 2024. These changes have been carefully considered after extensive consultation with our school community, staff, and relevant stakeholders to enhance the overall learning environment and experiences for our students.

Day Structure: Based on feedback and discussions within our Local Consultative Committee (LCC) and staff surveys, we will be making a slight adjustment to the school day structure. In 2024, we will incorporate a 45-minute first break with an 8.55am warning bell and a 9.00am start. The finish time will remain at 3.05pm. This change is aimed at providing students with a more balanced and productive daily schedule.

Subject Line Structure: After consultation with our Heads of Departments (HODs), we will be making changes to the subject line structure for 2024. The most significant change will be moving our school assembly to Period 2 on Mondays. This adjustment will help us streamline our school activities and better serve our students and staff.

Uniform: The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) has conducted an extensive 18-month consultation process and uniform review. As a result, we will be adopting black socks (visible ankle socks with no logos) as part of the "everyday" school uniform starting in 2024. We understand that this change may require a transition period, so we will allow both white and black socks during Term 1 in 2024. However, from Term 2, full black socks will be mandatory for all students. Additionally, the school uniform policy will support, encourage and enforce the wearing of plain black, lace shoes with impervious uppers (ie vinyl or leather) with no additional colours or visible logos to bring consistency to the uniform worn at the school.

QLearn Transition: In an effort to enhance our digital learning environment, we will be rolling out QLearn in 2024. This platform will incorporate our existing SharePoint, providing a more efficient and streamlined experience for both staff and students as they access resources and engage in online learning.

Guidance Officer Support: To maximize expertise and provide comprehensive support for our students, our Guidance Officers (GOs) will be sharing responsibilities for both Junior and Senior students in 2024. Sean Wicks will be responsible for Year 7, 9 and 11 students, while Bec Zischke will take carriage of Year 8, 10 and 12 students. This change will allow our GOs to focus more effectively on the unique needs of each year level.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent-teacher interviews are moving to Week 7 of Term 1, ahead of the Interim report, rather than after the distribution of Interim reports in Week 2 of Term 2. This change is aimed at fostering proactive communication and support for your child's education. By holding interviews earlier, we can address concerns promptly and collaborate on strategies to enhance your child's progress. It aligns with the ongoing learning process, allowing us to set goals for the remainder of the year. This shift promotes a more effective partnership between parents, caregivers, and teachers.

We would like to express our appreciation for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Your feedback and input have been invaluable throughout this process, and we are confident that these changes will benefit all members of the Kingaroy State High School community.

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