Principals Report
Welcome back to the start of another year. We are already into week 5 and students are now back working hard and focusing on their studies. This is especially important for Year 12, who, in reality, only have two and a half terms left and need to put all their energies into completing all their work and start their HSC preparations. Students are encouraged to make use of the homework centre on Thursday afternoons in the library but also approach their teachers if they have any concerns and need assistance. I am happy to report that the class of 2015 did extremely well in the HSC. We had over 10 students achieve an ATAR in the 90s with the highest at 98.6 and the overall results reflected a culture of hard work and dedication.
We have a number of staff changes occur in the New Year, Ms Alex McGill has joined the English Faculty and Ms Angela Faros also in the English faculty was appointed permanently to the school. We also have Dr Roger Bourne who is one of our LAST teachers (Learning and Support) who is with us for three days a week. We also welcome Mr Naresh Chugh our new Head Teacher TAS.
A number of physical changes have also occurred during the holiday break, we now have our new electronic sign at the front of the school which is updated every few days and our website continues to grow. We also have a Facebook Page and Twitter account with information also uploaded from the website automatically. The remaining hallways were also painted during the break. The quad area in J block was also given a transformation and is now a colour and more inviting area for our students to learn. A new internal electronic notice board similar to the one we have in the front foyer and canteen has also been placed in J block that will supply general information and photos for students. Our year 12 students from 2105 have kindly donated another monitor as part of the internal notice boards and this will be placed in the library.
I will be sending out fee statements shortly asking all parents to pay their school fees, or at least make part payments. This is important and I am seeking your support as I need the extra funds which I currently do not have to continue to upgrade the physical look of the school, the majority of the inside of the school is completed and I would like to upgrade the hall and the outside appearance of the school.
A number of events have already occurred at school, we have had a study tour from the Guangxi Gaojie school in China visit us for a week. This study tour was a major success and was organised by Ms Baker and Ms Chegwidden. In all we had 15 students and 2 teachers who were billeted by some of our staff and enjoyed the week they spent with our visitors. Our school has already developed an excellent reputation for hosting study tours and during this week I have already received another request for a group from Japan. At this moment in time I have not accepted the request as the problem of home stay and billeting is the major issue. There is a payment for every student that is taken in and I will bring this up at the next P&C meeting to see if there are any families that might be interested, if this is the case I can get more details about the proposed study tour but at this stage it looks like 20 students and 2 teachers again.

Our Chinese visitors arriving on the first day.
The school photo day was held on Tuesday 16th February and most of our students had their photos taken. A catch up day has been planned for Thursday 25th for all students who were away. Academy Photography who are our official photographers have a range of packages for families and I urge you to have a close look and purchase your child’s photos as a long lasting memory.
The uniform shop tender was completed last year and Daylight uniforms were the successful tender and will commence operating the uniform shop in term 3. There is a transition period at the moment and some uniform items may be hard to purchase. To help compensate for this, the school has a second hand uniform shop that is open on Monday and Tuesday during recess. The shop has a large variety of uniforms in different sizes and parents can purchase uniform items in the short term until the Daylight shop opens in July. The second hand shop is run by Ms Papadopoulos and her senior retail class and this also gives students valuable retail experience.

On Tuesday 23rd February I had the pleasure of attending the Kogarah Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest. We had two students who entered the speaking competition and performed extremely well. The two students Aydan Zebib and Weizou Yao both spoke very passionately about a topic or issue that they felt strongly about. I would also like to thank Ms Iordanides the year 12 adviser for not only supporting the student but also preparing and organising the evening.

I also attended the 2016 awards ceremony for International student’s achievements in the 2015 HSC on Wednesday 24th February. This was held at the Conservatorium of Music in the city and is a big event. We had two students who excelled at the HSC and were recognised and given awards for their outstanding results. Liyang (Patrick) Huang and Xintian (Micaela) Liu were our two students and they were supported by two very happy and proud families. Special thanks must also go to Ms Baker for her continued hard work in supporting these students and working above and beyond to ensure they get the best possible education.

It is one thing to have the courage to get up in front of an audience and a panel of judges to speak but to do it in style and present a topic with such depth and knowledge is another and both students did their families who were present and the school proud.

Congratulations to both students who are about to embark on the next stage of their careers with both about to start University.

I look forward to meeting our year 7 parents at the BBQ on Tuesday 29th March. A notice and text message will be sent shortly to all parents. I also hope to see you at the Parent Teacher evening on 21st March.

Angelo Stasos
Principal

Coming Events
Parent Teacher Evening 21st March
P&C meeting Tuesday 22nd March
Year 7 meet the parents BBQ Tuesday 29th March
Welcome back to all of last year’s students, all of our new students and all of our parents, guardians and their families.

This year Ms Selwains is on Maternity leave after having a little girl late last year and Ms Touma is continuing to work part-time. We are pleased to have Mr Nikas working with our staff this year filling in where needed. The faculty is a cohesive and dynamic group of teachers committed to helping your children achieve their potential and much more.

To have children gain the most from their school life we all need to work together, students, parents/guardians and teachers, to encourage and praise the students in all their endeavours. Students need to have a quiet place at home with a table and good lighting to complete all assigned tasks on time. They need to ask their teachers for help if they are having difficulty with their work and utilise the school Homework Centre on a Thursday afternoons, 3.15pm until 4.30pm for even more help.

A reminder to all parents, every student requires their own calculator. Year 7 will be using theirs shortly and all other years need theirs now. It is requested that all students use a Casio calculator, as that is the one teacher will be giving instructions for in class. We do not provide calculators and your child will be greatly disadvantaged without one. If you are experiencing financial hardship you need to speak to a Deputy, who may be able to help you.

Year 7 students have only just arrived in class but they were tested to see how good they were with basic operations, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing, with a few other basic number facts. Some students score very well but is disappointing that all students do not know their tables. We have provided a chart to help parents/caregivers ask students quick questions frequently. They will face NAPLAN this year in two parts for Mathematics, one with and the other without a calculator.

Year 9 have been sorted into the 3 levels of Mathematics, according to their results and teacher’s input. It is hoped that students will succeed at their appropriate level of Mathematics in the future. Students will all sit for common exams and it will be possible to move some students if they show great improvement.

Year 10 will be awarded their ROSA in Mathematics when they demonstrate diligence (complete all homework and work cooperatively with their peers and teachers). Their grades will be determined by their achievements in several Grading Exams and then be used to determine their pathway in Senior School.

Students will soon be selected and encouraged to sit for the Australian Mathematics Competition. It will cost $8 and it is expected all students in our top classes will sit for the exam. It is multiple choice and promotes Mathematical thinking. Students who can think outside the box and problem solve are able to achieve high levels of recognition in this competition.

The University of Sydney has recently announced the reintroduction of prerequisites, starting in 2019. Students currently in Year 10 will need to score a band 4, 5 or 6 in the Senior Mathematics course, 2 unit, in order to enter first year subjects in a wide variety of Economics, Commerce, Science and Engineering degrees. It is highly probable that the other Universities will follow suit in the future.

All Year 11 students are currently studying Algebra as it is a common element for all levels of Mathematics. Students are expected to apply themselves consistently to achieve well in their chosen level of Mathematics. If the course the students have chosen proves too difficult they will have the opportunity to change level after the Half Yearly Exam. The later they leave this decision the more work they will need to complete in their new course to catch up.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students from 2015, we wish them well in all they attempt in the future. Special mention goes to Joshua Hing who was our top scorer in Extension 2 Mathematics. Our other top students include David Zhou, Bryan Lu, Thomas Chung, Mahika Suri, Rohail Abdullah, Moksha Shah and Lucia Rowe.

Good luck to all our students as they face the Mathematical challenges of 2016.

The Mathematics Department.
News from the Library

Our library has seen a very busy start to the year. Students are taking advantage of the extra time in the mornings to select reading books and work on their homework and assessments. Our seniors have been using the HSC guides during breaks and study periods, and as their half yearly exams approach there is more study.

The Society and Culture and Extension History classes are working on their interest projects. Preliminary Biology classes have researched cells and microscopes, juniors have drawn maps of Greece, produced pamphlets on healthy living and designed science experiments. It is very pleasing to see our students trying their very best at their studies.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge opens on the 7th of March, but students may start reading now. The challenge is open to years 7, 8 and 9. Students read 20 books, 15 from the list and up to 5 of their own choosing. The list includes fiction, nonfiction, picture books and graphic novels. Reading logs can be collected from the Library circulation counter. Library staff can answer your questions about the challenge or you may check the website here. Online reading records must be completed by the 19th of August. Students are encouraged to start reading now!

Electronic resources anywhere anytime!
The library catalogue is now available online. It can be accessed on home computers, tablets and phones. Follow the link to Oliver!

Students have access to the Encyclopedia Britannica online. This wonderful resource can be accessed with your home computer, tablet or smartphone. See the library staff for login details.

New in the library....
Our non-fiction collection keeps up with new areas of study. The French economist Thomas Piketty has changed thinking about wealth, its creation and distribution. His book Capital in the 21st Century is now considered a classic of our times. We have its friendlier companion The Economics of Inequality (Belknap Press, 2015) available for loan.

3D modeling and printing is a new and exciting field. Our book 3D Modeling (Cherry Lake Publishing, 2013) provides some basics for making 3D models on computers using programs such as Blender. It is recommended for anyone who wishes to understand how 3D models are generated.

Thanks....
Running the library is a huge task – and it would not be possible without our dedicated and capable library monitors. Thank you to William, Dean, Stephen, Mariam, Jaffren, Brendan, Irene, Nick and the Year 8 daily monitors.
At Kingsgrove North High School’s Second Hand Uniform Shop located next to DF7 parents and students can purchase all their school Uniform needs.

Year 11 Retail Service students operate the shop every Monday and Tuesday at recess. Thanks to the generous support of our school community, the Uniform Shop is very well stocked with Junior, Senior and Sports Uniforms, all available at affordable prices!

The Uniform Shop would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of our school community for their kind donations of uniforms. Because of your generosity all students have access to an affordable uniform in the comfort of their own school. Thank you to the following staff, students and their families:

From Year 12 - Monica Seak P. Savva Saadet Ghazal Celine Noviany
From Year 11 - Jason Liang Mohamed Alanz Omar Kouzi Lizzie Nguyen
Leon and Sophie Kintis Sanjay Bholagosien
From Year 12 - Class of 2015 - Sonya Bholagosien Hao Liu Tahlia Barakat Alesar Bilal
Teaching staff - Ms Spyridis from the Support Unit and our Deputy Mr FFrench

Thank you also to the Year 11 and Year 12 Retail Service students who operated the shop every day during the first 3 weeks of school to keep up with customer demand, Mr Spero, Mr FFrench, Ms Bilali and our school Principal Mr. Stasos for their ongoing support.
The benefits of studying a VET course

Vocational Education and Training (VET) refers to education and training that focuses on delivering skills and knowledge required for specific industries. It is a learning option for young people in the senior phase of learning. The role VET courses play in helping students prepare for further education, training, employment and lifelong learning is widely recognised by key stakeholders in education.

For NSW school students in Years 9–12 VET is ‘dual accredited’. Students receive recognition towards their school qualification (Record of School Achievement or HSC), as well as a nationally recognised VET qualification (Certificate or Statement of Attainment).

The other benefits of participating in VET include (but are not limited to):

- obtaining practical experience from work
- gaining familiarity on how workplaces operate
- developing employability skills
- developing and improving interpersonal skills
- allowing students to explore the potential career path they would like to pursue.

Course fees and uniform requirements

VET course fees cover the cost of consumables such as food ingredients used in Hospitality and other necessary resources for practical lessons. We try to keep costs as low as possible and at the same time make the projects interesting. We therefore would appreciate prompt payment of these fees to allow us to meet our costs.

Some courses such as Hospitality and Metal & Engineering also have specific uniform and personal protection equipment (PPE) requirements as stipulated by industry standards. Students will be required to wear enclosed leather footwear and uniforms during all practical lessons and during work placement. Further information is available from your teacher or by contacting Mr P Smith - Head Teacher VET.
Unique Student Identifier (USI)

As of the 1st of January 2015 all students undertaking a VET program must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The Unique Student Identifier or USI is a reference number made up of 10 numbers and letters that:

- creates a secure online record of your recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia, even from different training organisations
- will give you access to your training records and transcripts (available in mid-2016)
- can be accessed online, anytime and anywhere
- is free and easy to create and
- stays with you for life

A Registered Training Organisation cannot issue a student with a credential unless the student has provided them with their USI. To create a USI, students should visit the website below. They will require a form of identification such as their Medicare card to complete the registration form.

Once completed, the student will receive an email confirming their USI. It is recommended that students use their Department of Education email account. Please forward a copy of this email to Mr Smith to enable verification of the students USI.

To register for a USI go to: [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)
Forward a copy of the USI to: paul.smith43@det.nsw.edu.au

Work Placement

Workplace learning programs form part of the NSW secondary school curriculum. They enable students to spend a planned period of time in a workplace which enhances their classroom learning by building on their industry skills. Work placement is compulsory for Stage 6 VET courses. This is a BOSTES requirement. Non completion of work placement may result in a student being issued with an “N”-award.

The minimum hours of work placement vary, but usually you are required to complete 35 hours of work placement for every 120 hours of the VET course. Your teacher will provide details of work placement. The dates for work placement for Year 11 Preliminary students are listed in the table below.

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For further information regarding VET please contact Mr Paul Smith – Head Teacher VET.
What a great start to 2016 it has been! In the first two weeks of this term, the PDHPE staff and senior SLR students organised PDHPE Olympics days for our year 7 students. The students enjoyed learning about a healthy lifestyle and participated in various fun activities that promoted fun and competition.


Did you know?

★ National surveys found that the combined level of overweight and obese children in Australia has more than doubled in recent years.
★ A major study revealed that the number of overweight and obese children in NSW rose from 1 in 10 in 1985 to 1 in 4 children in 2004.
★ Obese children have a 25% - 50% chance of going on to be obese adults.

Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our family’s health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it difficult to find time to be physically active and eat well. We can also slip into the habit of choosing unhealthy snacks and takeaway foods or spending our free time in front of the TV or computer. However, these choices can be dangerous for our health and our children’s health – both now and in the long-term. That’s why it’s so important to stop, take stock and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

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Upcoming PDHPE events this term

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On Tuesday the 23rd of February, 2016, Ayden Zebib and Weizuo Yao of Year 12 with Mr Stasos and Mrs Iordanidis attended the Lions Youth of the Year Awards. Both students had written a wonderful speech on Bullying and Cloning. Even though they did not get the award for Lions Youth of the Year, they surely made Kingsgrove North High School proud. Congratulations to our students and better luck next year KNHS!!

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Kingsgrove North High School is proudly sponsored by the following organisations. We would like to thank and acknowledge our sponsors for their continue support of our school.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge the following local businesses that have sponsored and supported our classroom calendar for 2016:

1. Khela Dental Services
2. Kings Medical Centre
3. HBA Hair by Andy
4. Kingsgrove Optometrists
5. Kingsgrove RSL
6. Kingsgrove Physiotherapy
7. Fernwood Fitness
8. Barbehire
11. Belmore Anglican
12. Kingz Bird Palace
13. Sahara Bakery
14. Moon Cunningham Consultants
15. GA Lawyers
16. Jackies Floral Gallery
17. Earlwood Dry Cleaning Services
18. Kings Chemist
19. McGrath Real Estate Kingsgrove
20. David Jones Removals
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