



# The Marella Muse

**Kellyville High School**  
Learning | Excellence | Integrity

We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best through engaged, active learning in a safe, respectful and supportive school.



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## CALENDAR

### 2021 | Term 1

<b>W3A</b>	Tue 9 Feb	<b>School Tours 5.45pm</b> <b>P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</b>
	Thu 11 Feb	Swimming Carnival (Riverstone Pool)
	Fri 12 Feb	We Will Rock You (Show) – Excursion
<b>W4B</b>	Mon 15 Feb	School Photographs (reschedule to April) Duke of Ed Camp
	Tue 16 Feb	High Achievers Assembly 9am Duke of Ed Camp
	Wed 17 Feb	Duke of Ed Camp
	Thu 18 Feb	Duke of Ed Camp
	<b>W6B</b>	Mon 1 Mar
	Tue 2 Mar	P & C Meeting 7pm
	Thu 4 Mar	Macquarie Cup Netball
	Fri 5 Mar	Macquarie Zone Swimming
<b>W7A</b>	Mon 8 Mar	International Women’s Day
	Tue 9 Mar	Macquarie Cup Basketball
	Thu 11 Mar	Selective Schools Test
<b>W8B</b>	Tue 16 Mar	Macquarie Cup Touch CAPA AutumnFest
	Fri 19 Mar	Harmony Day
<b>W9A</b>	Tue 23 Mar	Sydney West Swimming
	Fri 26 mar	Year 7&8 Vaccinations Year 12 Reports Published
<b>W10B</b>	Tue 30 Mar	Year 7, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Night 3.30pm – 7.30pm

**\*Please be aware that these dates may be subject to change during Term 1 2020. You will be notified if any changes occur.**



## PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

Welcome to 2021.

On behalf of the staff of Kellyville High School I extend a warm welcome to all our students returning, all our new Year 7 students and other new students. This welcome is also to all our parents/carers and other members of our school community.

Congratulations to our Year 12 class of 2020 on their HSC results. To all the cohort, we wish them success in their careers and thank them for their contribution to Kellyville High School.

The COVID year of 2020 was a new experience for us all. Hopefully 2021 will bring a sense of normality back to our lives.

I look forward to seeing parents at the P&C Meeting on Tuesday 9 February at 7pm. There are school tours available from 5:45pm.

I look forward to working with our students, staff, parents, carers and community in 2021.

*Mr T O’Brien*  
**Principal**



## 2021 FIRST DAY

The beginning of 2021 has brought with it many new faces. A very warm welcome of course to our incoming Year 7 students, in addition to the large number of new families that have joined our school community. We also welcome some new staff to our school. Miss Amin in HSIE and Miss LaLee in English have commenced their permanency to the teaching profession at our school. We are excited about the contributions they will bring to their classes, faculties and their students.

Prior to the students returning, staff engaged in two productive professional learning days focused on the formulation of the new strategic improvement plan, the quality teaching framework and faculty initiatives to support improved student learning outcomes.



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### ATAR SUCCESS | Congratulations to Year 12, 2020!

In every course offered at the school there has been multiple students in Band 6 and/or Band 5. In total, 55 Band 6 and 146 Band 5.

This year we will be recognising the outstanding achievement of the students from the 2020 HSC cohort who earned a Band 6 (or equivalent) and scored an ATAR of 90 or over. This will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, commencing at 9am. With some COVID restrictions still in place, unfortunately we will be unable to allow parents to attend.

The top three ATARs advised to us at the time of publishing are:

Suhaasini Jeyasothy 99.60  
Gabriel Sahlieh 99.00  
Khhushi Kundra 98.55



## FROM THE DEPUTY DESK

Welcome back to 2021! Each of the Deputy Principals will be overseeing three year groups:

Mrs Maloney - Years 7, 8 and 9

Mrs Roberti - Years 10, 11 and 12.

The staff and students have had a positive start to the year. Please be sure to view the video prepared by Mr Caprarelli on our Facebook page highlighting the excitement of the first day of 2021.

Over the Xmas break, we have migrated to a new timetabling program and consequently we experienced some glitches. Students will need to ensure they can access the portal for their most accurate timetable. Stage 5 and 6 students have had an opportunity to make changes to their elective lines. From Monday, any further changes will need the approval of the Principal. This is to ensure students fulfil credentialing requirements and to facilitate the finalisation of class numbers.

We have rescheduled our official school photo day from the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to the **30<sup>th</sup> of April**. This will allow us to take whole cohort photos and whole staff photos. Photo envelopes will come home with your child late term 1.

We will still be taking portrait only photos of all students on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February but this will be only for school administration purposes.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February** is our annual swimming carnival held at Riverstone pool. It is expected that all students attend, even if they are not participating. It is a good opportunity to earn house points and see our champion swimmers in action. Students can make payments at the student counter.

Students are to be reminded about pedestrian and bike safety when travelling to and from school. It is essential they are attentive to traffic and not focused on their mobile phone or loud music to ensure safety for everyone.

This year we have introduced for Year 7 sport shirts according to the house name and colour in which students are placed. This is aligned to the family surname and at this stage, it is only for Years 7 – 9, however, it has prompted some changes for siblings. The intention is to stabilise the numbers within each house group, whilst also trying to encourage some healthy house tradition and competition.

*Mrs J Roberti / Mrs D Maloney*  
**Deputy Principals**

## HOW TO'S

This newsletter is a reminder of our important school policies. We encourage you to have an open conversation about the information provided.

### School Fee Contribution

We seek your support in prompt payment of fees as listed in our 2021 fees schedule. Payment can be made by phone, in person at our office prior to 1pm each day or safely online.

### Communication with Parents – who do I ask for?

Communication with parents is critical! If you have a query about an issue there are a number of people to talk to:

- **Year Adviser/HT Welfare** re general progress/welfare
- **Class/Head Teacher** re progress in a specific subject
- **Deputy Principal** re school policy and/or private matters
- **Principal** re school policy and/or private matters

### Sick Bay Information

If parents need to communicate with their children or vice versa during the day, it should be done through the School Office.

Our school has trained first aid and sick bay staff who advise the Deputy Principals before students are sent home. We ask for your support in this matter by following school procedure.

### Road Safety

- Please abide by traffic regulations – including providing room for school buses to arrive at the drop zones, check your 40km/hr speed, guard against illegal U-turns and other unsafe practices which may endanger our students.
- Students who ride bikes/scooters to school, **must** wear helmets according to law.
- Students waiting for a bus must sit in their appropriate bus line in the breezeway, supervised by staff.
- Students who leave the school grounds on a Mon P6 and early leavers on Wednesday are not expected to return to KHS for school transport.

### Gates

The school gates are locked from 8:45am each morning.

- If your child arrives after this time, they must use the intercom and our Administration team will let them in. They should then report to student counter to sign in and explain reason for lateness.
- Students exiting the school grounds at the conclusion of the day need to use the pedestrian gate located between B Block and the hall or the gate near D Block.
- Any parent or visitor to the school will be required to use the intercom and our Administration team will open the gates.

## BEST START YEAR 7

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment package that is available to secondary schools. Kellyville High School has decided to opt in to this initiative to inform our teaching and learning for our Year 7 students in 2021.

Our Year 7 students will participate in this online assessment **from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021.** (Classes designated a time throughout the assessment period from their English or Mathematics classes.)

Students will need to use their DET login, which is the same login from their Public Primary School. Headphones will be provided, however, if your child prefers to use their own, please ensure that it is packed on these days.

### What is Best Start Year 7?

Best Start Year 7 addresses a key element in the NSW Government's Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and is mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Progressions.

Best Start Year 7 will help with identifying students who may require additional support in the development of key literacy and numeracy skills that are fundamental to their success in all subjects in secondary school. Feedback from the assessment will also provide secondary teachers with information to support targeted teaching strategies that meet the learning needs of their students.

The Best Start Year 7 assessment includes two online assessments:

- literacy assessment
- numeracy assessment

Each assessment is designed to be quick to administer, consisting of 30 multiple choice questions.

Feedback from the Best Start Year 7 assessment will be available to teachers soon after a school's completion of the assessments.

If you would like further information, please visit the website listed below for details and frequently asked questions.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/best-start-year-7>

*Miss K Graham*

**Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning**

## KHS POLICY REMINDER – ANTI BULLYING

Kellyville High School does not tolerate bullying in any form. Every member of the school community has the right to learn and teach in a happy and safe environment. The school therefore promotes positive and respectful relationships between all members of the school community and is committed to providing an environment of co-operation and caring.

*Mrs W Limmer*  
**Relieving Head  
 Teacher, Welfare**



## KHS P&C

The first P&C meeting for 2021 will be held in the Library from 7pm. Prior to the meeting there will be school tours available for new and interested families from 5.45pm. Meet in the breezeway where groups will be allocated in order to comply with current COVID regulations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The P&C also run a second hand uniform shop each **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of each month, from 8.15am to 9am. Prices are published in the second hand shop. There are no refunds or exchanges on goods purchased here.

**P&C Committee**



## KHS POLICY REMINDER - ATTENDANCE

Good **attendance** is a prerequisite for good learning. If a child is away consistently, even on school business, this impacts on their achievement of syllabus outcomes. **Punctuality** to school and to class is also important.

Explicit attendance procedures are necessary to:

- meet the legal requirements placed on the school by the government and department.
- fulfil the obligations place on the school by parents and caregivers.
- fulfil our duty of care under the Education Act.

The policy and procedures ensure that the teachers monitor students' attendance and provide a systematic method of following up unexplained absences, lateness, fractional truancy and unsatisfactory attendance.

The school also contacts parents by SMS if a student does not arrive at school on a particular day or arrives late to school. We ask that parents respond to these SMS messages by either calling the school or reply to the SMS explaining the reason for absence or late arrival at school. The school should be notified of absences promptly and within seven (7) days.

### Lateness to School

If a student is late, they **MUST** report to the Student Office to sign in and obtain a note, which is shown to each teacher during the day, then taken home for a parent signature and returned to the Roll Teacher the next day. A note must be supplied explaining the reason for the lateness when they sign in. If a student does not have a note when signing in this will result in a lunch time detention.

### Senior Students

Senior students with timetabled study periods in the morning must sign in before the end of

period 1 if they have 1 free, or before the end of period 2 if they have a double free. If they sign in once the timetabled period has started they are late, and a late arrival SMS will be sent to parents. TVET students need to also sign in/out from the KHS premises.

*Mr D Gardner*

**Head Teacher, Administration**



## UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform shop is open and available for your convenience at the following times

- Monday 11.30am-3.30pm
- Thursday 8.00am-12.00pm

Phone number during opening times – 0423 091 091

Second Hand clothing is also available through the Front Office and the P&C.

Thank you for your support of Kellyville HS and your child's education.



## KHS POLICY REMINDER - UNIFORM

The Kellyville High School community endorses, supports and expects students to be in uniform.

Uniform is an important part of the development of the school as it presents the first (and often lasting) impression people form about the school and its students. We want our students to be seen in a positive way. There are a number of specific advantages uniform gives to students and parents.

1. It provides **security** in the sense of easily identifying where students come from should there be an accident. It certainly allows identification of people who don't belong in the school.
2. **Economically** it presents a better alternative to buying name brands and the demand to continually upgrade to the latest trends and fads. It lessens the competition for brand names that can develop.
3. The uniform promotes a **sense of identity, common purpose, consistency and unity** in the daily activities of students. Wearing it develops pride in achievement and school, which helps establish the positive culture of the school.

Any student who wears clothing and / or jewellery which is offensive, may be removed from class and parents called. This includes for example, clothing bearing inappropriate symbols, pictures or language or messages such as endorsing drugs. Tights are not permitted to be worn to school.

Students who do not wear appropriate school uniform should expect to receive a Lunch Detention. If there are extenuating circumstances as to why students are out of uniform they should provide a note to the Head Teacher Administration before school to receive a uniform pass.

Senior students (Years 10 – 12) who arrive to school in incorrect school uniform may be sent home at the discretion of the Deputy Principal or Principal.

### Sport Uniform

**Students are allowed to wear FULL SPORT uniform to school ALL DAY on Wednesday ONLY.**

This includes the wearing of representative NSW DoE sport jackets.

Practical PE lessons still require sport uniform to be brought to school and changed into on the day.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

- ... .. ActiveKids \$100 rebate <https://bit.ly/2DsJByW>
- ... .. CreativeKids \$100 rebate <https://bit.ly/2SyJcjJ>
- ... .. Parenting Ideas: *Preventing Childhood Bullying*

## STUDENT NEWS

**Jasmine McMahon is shaving on 10 March to help beat blood cancer.**

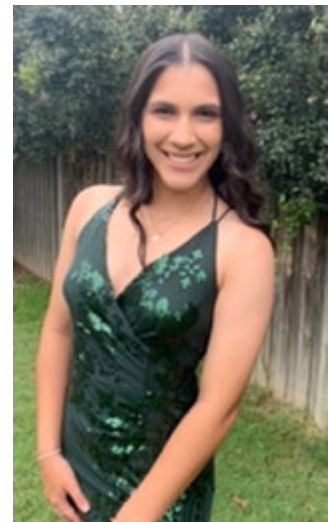
Hey! I'm taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation!



Please sponsor me to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

Every day another 47 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer. That's one Aussie every 31 minutes. Although research is improving survival, unfortunately an Australian loses their life to blood cancer every two hours.

If you could please donate, whether that's even a dollar or two, I would appreciate it more than anything in the world. Please click the link below and sponsor me today!



<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=804787>