

# Kandos

## HIGH SCHOOL



*Kandos High School proudly presents the*  
*Class of 2021*  
*Special Moments in Time Edition*



Dear Year 12,

In a week that usually sees us come together and celebrate with you the culmination of what is for most 13 years of education, we find ourselves in very different circumstances. In place of the public celebration where you would normally dress in various costumes to celebrate the week, seek revenge against staff in good humour and share a breakfast, we are instead recognising the achievements of Year 12 2021 through the lens of social media and images of days gone by on the school [Facebook](#) page.

While there is some clarity now around your HSC Examinations, providing you with a welcome distraction and certainty that the study you are doing will be put to good use in November. There is one thing that I know for sure and that is when I look back on Year 12 of 2021 we will remember you all as resilient. You experienced disruption during your formative Year 11 studies and have marched into your final year determined to succeed. As brick walls went up in your journey, no one quit, as due dates for Major Projects crept closer no one faltered. This is a true testament to your character and support that you show to one another in your own special ways.

As you move toward your HSC Examinations, remember that your teachers are still here to support you so stay in touch and when you can return to school come back so you can annoy us and give your parents a break. About your parents, be kind to them – believe it or not they want the best for you so when they ask you to do some study, humour them and do some study...they nag you because they love you.

Finally, make sure that you put in what you want to take out, a victory after having put in all you could, is all the more sweet.

Until we meet again, take care and be kind to those around you.

*Deb Johnston*  
**Relieving Deputy Principal**



Dear Year 12,

What an amazing journey we have had together! As I rewind the last 6 years, I reflect on the first day we met – Year Advisor to Year 7 newbies. The 27th of January 2016 was a day to remember. 54 little faces peering out at me. Some were excited, some were a little trepid and some even looked a little tired. But all were there, ready for your first day at Kandos High School. I remember the questions you asked – “What do I do if I get lost?” “Can we go anywhere at recess and lunch?” “What do I do if I lose my timetable?” “How do we use a diary?” “Is Mr San Martin really scary?” fast forward six years and I don’t think the questions or answers have changed much. (Yes! Mr San Martin really is scary!!)

Over the years, we had had a lot of fun starting with our first campout at Ganguddy (Dunns Swamp) where we paddled down the swamp and turned a few canoes, told ghost stories, had a sleepless night (mostly the teachers) and climbed up to the lookout to view the world that you would someday step out into as adults. This camp was the start of building friendships that would last a lifetime for both students and teachers.

The next big adventure was the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It was here that you faced your fears and broke down barriers that were holding you back. Holding onto ropes, stepping off giant platforms with only a harness and cord, abseiling off walls, and working together as a team to beat Year 9 to the platform in the mud pit. A very proud moment for all!

Finally, our last whole year camp was to Sydney. Here we learnt about what life is like in the big smoke. You participated in preparing and delivering meals to the under privileged and homeless, you met people who have overcome some of the most challenging events life has to throw at you and learnt how strong and resilient you can be. You learnt that privileges come to those that work hard for them and rewards are worth all the hard effort. We caught rice in bowls, and sometimes our tops, shopped and rubbed shoulders with some very famous people (even if they were only wax).

While at school, we have celebrated your achievements in the classroom and sporting fields. From first in course, consistent effort, specialty awards, great sportsmanship, age champions, participation, and Combined High School Champions; you have excelled. Always looking at ways you can improve and stand out.

So, as you prepare for your final exams in the most unique of times, remember to be kind to yourself. Just like you have in the last 6 years. Kandos High School has taught you valuable life lessons of facing your fears, overcoming barriers, being resilient, having perseverance, celebrating achievements, striving to achieve your best, and building and maintaining connections with people. These qualities will see you succeed in whatever path you follow. I wish you all the best for the final leg of your schooling career and look forward to celebrating your next achievements as you start move into the big wide world of opportunities.

*Toni Newitt*  
**Year Advisor**



# *Reflection*

*Please use this space to record some of your own memories of your time at Kandos High School*



My Fellow Students,

The end of High School signifies the end of childhood. This means that we must begin to set aside childish things and continue onto the beginning of our young adulthood. This is something that is obviously easier said than done. High School wasn't everyone's favorite, let's be honest. You go into the experience believing that you are very mature and emotionally in control. As it progresses, your naivety is exposed, and the strong sense of adult maturity is diminished. There are dramas, lots of them, mostly involving boys and girls or marks and adolescent gossip that at the time means everything, but in the grand scheme of things means nothing. It's a place that feels so big, when in reality it's merely a blip on the timeline of life. Teachers that inspire and encourage are crucial to the academic success and the wellbeing of many students. If you asked a successful person who their most impactful mentor was it would most likely be a high school teacher. Now that we are in our final year it has been a bit of a rollercoaster. COVID-19 has impacted a lot of people, including the Year 12's who had many disruptions to their HSC timetable. This was very stressful but, in many ways, it has brought about the best in us all and a resilience that many of us did not know we had. We are extremely lucky to be in a rural area, with many of our loved ones still healthy and happy with access to vaccines. It is an inconvenience, sure, but resilience and strength are the keys to achieving your ideal future. It is now the time to end this chapter, to set aside my childish things. Not to throw them out, but to place them in a cupboard and take them out and gaze at them fondly for their memories. High school might signify the final chapter of my childhood book, however there are plenty more chapters yet to be written and like all good stories, all we must do is open another book and turn to page one.

*Raynor Pearce*  
School Captain

## *Class of 2021*

*Benjamin Abrahams*

*Nathan Boyd*

*Laandi Buckland*

*Miah Currie*

*Mackensy Farrar*

*Mitchell Godwin*

*Bella Henderson*

*Charlotte Koetink*

*Brooke Howe*

*Brooke Howe*

*Nadine Jones*

*Peter Keeley*

*Luke McKinnon*

*Shannon Odgers*

*Oden Osgood*

*Raynor Pearce*

*Gnomoss Roberts*

*Seth Robinson*

*Alexis Rovella-Hoye*

*Raymond Sack*

*Montgomery Smith*

*Emma Turner*

*Ava Vidler*

*Nicholas Walker*

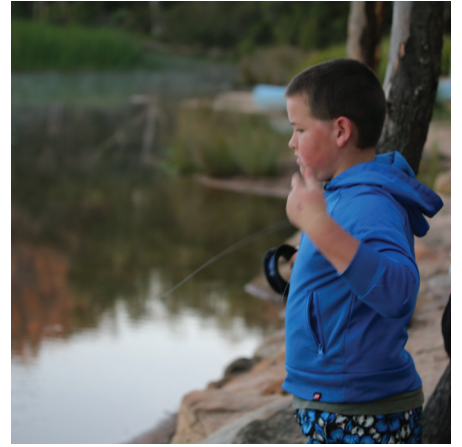
*Mackenzey Wilson*

*Emma Wissler*

# YEAR 7 STUDENTS SURVIVE GANGUDDY-DUNNS SWAMP CAMP

We are happy to report that Year 7 students and staff of Kandos High School survived an overnight orientation excursion to Ganguddy-Dunns Swamp in the Wollemi National Park.





Whilst stories are still emerging, about their interactions with native wildlife, it can be sure that the students will talk about this adventure for years to come. Stranded and sleeping in unusual conditions, they had to work together to forage and stay alive. Students had to use their initiative, whilst partaking in canoeing and swimming activities to work together in dense bushland. The students trekked and climbed Pagoda, an experience that they will recall for years to come!



# COSTA GEORGIADIS

Costa Georgiadis, a landscape architect with Gardening Australia, visits Kandos High School. Pictured here with Laandi Buckland.



# PUBLIC SPEAKING

Year 7 students Raynor Pearce and Charlotte Hoetink were recognised by Legacy for their public speaking.



# WESTERN SWIMMING

Year 8 students Brooke Howe, Thomas Large, Miah Currie and Mackensy Farrer represented Kandos High School at Western Swimming in Dubbo.

At our Annual Swimming Carnival Brooke Howe and Thomas Large were declared age champions and King was victorious on the day!



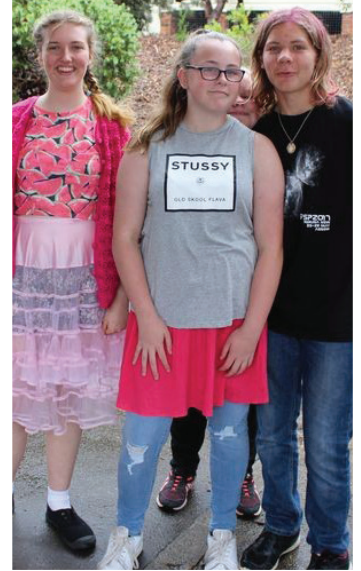
# EMIRATES MELBOURNE CUP VISIT





# PINK UP DAY!

Year 8 students dress up in support of the McGrath Foundations Breast Cancer Awareness Month



# ATHLETES UNDER REVIEW

Year 8 students looked like they were enjoying their time together while competing at our Annual School Athletics carnival.



# SHOWCASE

Talented Year 8 students perform at our bi-annual Kandos Showcase. Belting out an epic tune!

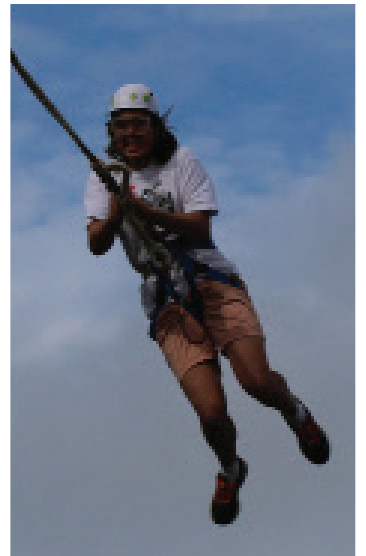


# MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

Year 8 students Mackensy Farrar and Shannon Odgers recognised for their photographic talents by Mid-Western Regional Council.

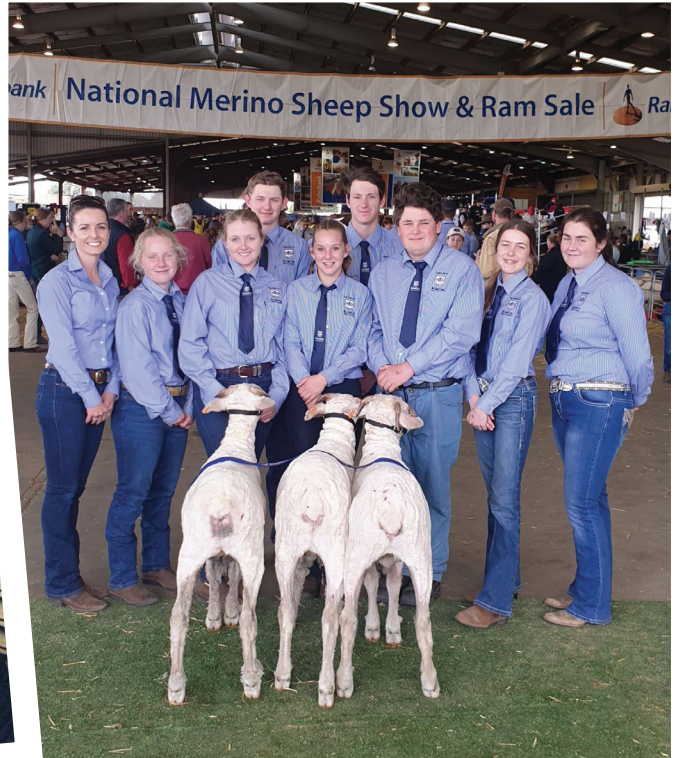


# GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP TEA GARDENS





# SUCCESS AT NATIONAL MERINO SHEEP SHOW AND RAM SALE



## VOLUNTEERING



## CLIP



# SPORT HIGHLIGHTS



# YEAR 12







# Good luck Class of 2021



WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS • BEST WISHES FOR THE HSC EXAMS  
MAY YOUR JOURNEY AHEAD BE FILLED WITH ADVENTURE AND SUCCESS