

BLUEPRINT

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Class of 2018

This term we have said goodbye to our Year 12 students with the class of 2018 finishing school on 21 September. After a family breakfast in the quad, students in their fancy dress with the theme 'Childhood', continued to the Leisureplex to present their final assembly. Emotions ran high as they exited the assembly to the song "Celebration". The Year 12 class moved on to a morning tea in the function room, attending with parents and family.

On Thursday 18 October we formally said goodbye at the 2018 Graduation Ceremony at the Red Earth Arts Precinct.

This formal ceremony was attended by family members of students and special guests including the School Board Chair, Simon Kot, the Regional Executive Director of Education in the Pilbara, Neil Darby and Kevin Michel MLA. Every student received their Year 12 portfolio with their Year 12 Certificate, Statement of Results and Reference. Highest Academic Achievers in each course and Certificate winners were announced and acknowledged with a medallion, certificate and book prize. Special Awards recognised those students who have excelled during their school years. Congratulations to the Class of 2018.



NAME	AWARD
Tinika Malpass	Joy of Achievement
Saige Hicks	Clontarf Award
Kaninda Park	Gumala Mirnuwarni Education Project Award
Bronte Austin	Citizenship Award
Portia Angove	Sports Star Award
Tyler Sharp	University of Western Australia Excellence Award
William Gethin	University of Western Australia Excellence Award
Isabella Cuzzola	Curtin University Principal's Award
Harriet Adshead	Curtin University Principal's Award
Erin Bartlem	Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Alexandra Cuzzola	Caltex Best all Rounder Award
Maddison Dunne	Runner Up Dux
Megan Couper	Vocational Education and Training DUX
William Gethin	Dux



Years 7 - 11 Presentation Evening
10 December 2018, 6.30pm
All welcome

What's Going On?



WHAT'S ON AT KSHS

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Weeks 2-5 - Year 6/7 Transition
23 Oct - Yr 11 Biology Excursion
24 Oct - P&C Meeting (7pm)
25-26 Oct - Band Camp
25-26 Oct - Lightning Carnival
Weeks 4/5/6 - WACE Exams
1-2 Nov - Yr 8 Clontarf Camp
Weeks 5/6 - Yr 11 Exams/ESTs
9 Nov - Whole School Assembly, Remembrance Day
14 Nov - Clontarf Awards Night
16 Nov - Last day for Yr 11
16-18 Nov - Creative Writing Camp
Week 7 - Yr 10 exams
19-21 Nov - Yr 11 Clontarf Trip
22 Nov - Next Step
Weeks 8-10 - Yr 10/11 Transition
26 Nov - EPIC Speed Careering
28 Nov - GEM Day
28 Nov - P&C Meeting 7.00pm
28-30 Nov - Aspire Camp UWA
29-30 Nov - Yr 7 Clontarf Camp
4-7 Dec - Yr 9/10 Clontarf Cricket Cvl
4 Dec - Yrs 7-10 Reward Afternoon
10 Dec - Yrs 7-11 Presentation Night
13 Dec - Last day of year for students
14 Dec - Last day of year for staff

Check out the Term Calendar on our website for more details on events.

Keep up to date...

Karratha SHS utilises several communication methods to keep you up to date with what's going on:

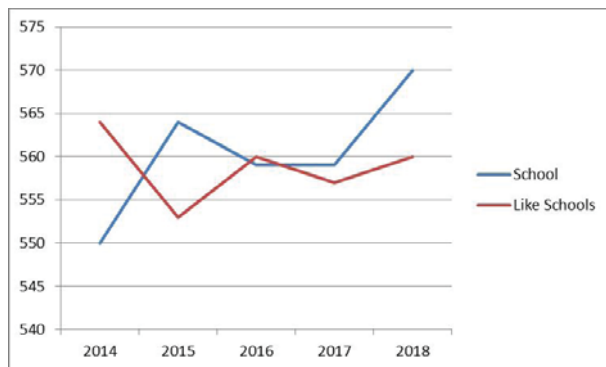
- Connect
- Facebook page - 'Like' us at Karratha Senior High School
- Webpage - www.karrathashs.wa.edu.au
- Emails - karratha.shs@education.wa.edu.au
- SMS messages for absentees - 0417 180 638

Principal's Message:

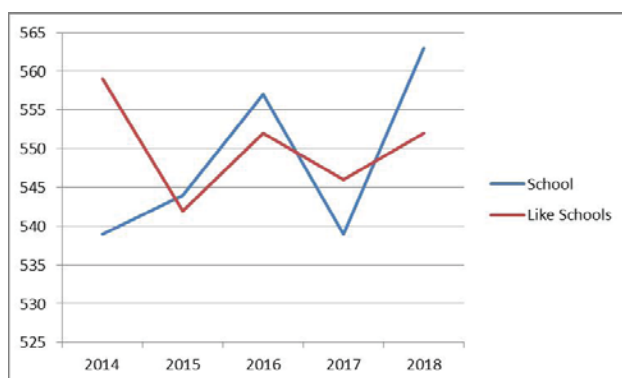
Term 4 is busy as ever. Welcome back to all our families and welcome to our new families. As you will have seen on the front page, we farewelled our Year 12 students in Week 2. At the end of last term we received our 2018 NAPLAN results. These results show good improvement, especially by our Year 9 students in Reading and Numeracy.

The graphs below show the average achievement for our Year 9 students since 2014 against our like schools. (KSHS results are the blue lines, our like schools are the red lines).

Numeracy Year 9:



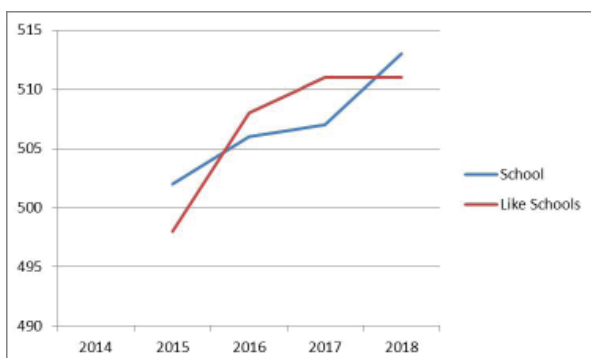
Reading Year 9:



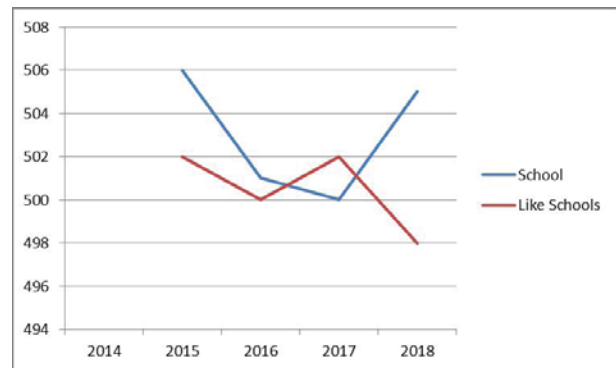
The hard work of teachers and students is reflected in these results.

Similarly Year 7 results are pleasing and are a reflection of the partnership we have with our feeder primary schools in ensuring the Public Schools in Karratha provide a seamless K to 12 education for all of our students.

Numeracy Year 7:

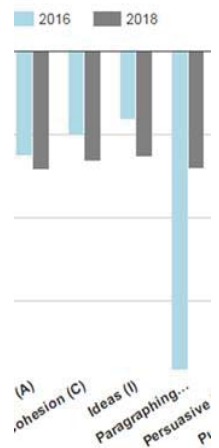


Reading Year 7:



Over 40% of our Year 9 students have met the Literacy and Numeracy standard required by the end of Year 12 as part of the West Australian Certificate of Education which means they have already ticked off one of the criteria for the WACE.

However, our writing results have not shown the same improvement and progress and greater focus by everyone is required in this area. We will continue the strategies we have been using in Numeracy and Reading but are currently reviewing our whole school writing strategies and will be modifying how we teach writing. Results of our current Year 9 students have shown improvement in some areas of writing. For example Year 7 results demonstrated there was a need to explicitly teach paragraphing. We have been doing this over the last 18 months. The Year 9 students have improved in this area as the graph on the right.



NAPLAN is one test on one day but it does give a good indication of how our students and our school are progressing. The 2018 NAPLAN results show the academic results of our students are improving. This is fantastic news and as a school and a community we will continue to work hard so that we have long term sustainable improvement.

As a parent / carer you have a huge part to play in your child's success at school. By ensuring your child does the following, you will be helping them to be literate and numerate:

- attends school every day
- reads every day
- practices writing
- gets involved in everyday numeracy activities, such as reading the electricity and phone bills and using time when making plans.

There are activities to support parents on our Connect page. If you need support please contact us at the school.

I am sure Term 4 is going to be productive and enjoyable.

Jennifer McMahon
Principal

What's been happening...

