



Korumburra Secondary College School Information/Advice for Parents/Guardians

Second-hand Textbook Trading

I am delighted to inform you of the school's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand text-books via the Sustainable School Shop. The school is conscious of improving recycling levels and for the need of an improved mechanism that can service all families at the school.

Results from other schools have been excellent; families enjoyed a more comprehensive and convenient method of trading second-hand textbooks. Families are assisted to list For Sale & Wanted advertisements online and this new system matches buyers with sellers. We welcome the Sustainable School Shop's offer of free access for 12 months, and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity.

For families who have unsold textbooks from previous years, now is the time to list them for sale. The books you list will be the first to sell during the normal end of year trading period. You need to nominate the school when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive your free Annual Family Membership which is valid till 31 Aug 2013.

Website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

For the best results:

- List now any unwanted textbooks for sale
- When the new 2013 booklists are received, list 'Wanted' and 'For Sale' ads, parents tell each other their requirements.
- The schools booklists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy.
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted ad) via email.
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade.
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school.
- Parents are well supported with telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines.
- Over a little time you will see which parents have the most books you need.
- The system is simple and easy to use.

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc all year round. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell textbooks no longer in use at our school. If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance. All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 1300 683 337 or help is also available through 'Contact Us' on their website.

Parent & Student Pick-up Area

We ask that all parents please observe the signs in the pick-up area, particularly near the water tanks between the hours of 3:10pm - 3:30pm. Several parents have reported that parents are completing U-turns in this area, rather than queuing. Please be respectful for all drivers and pedestrians in this area.



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Combination Locks

The College has purchased combination locks for student lockers at a bulk discount price. If your child does not have a lock on their locker, please consider purchasing one of these through our main office. Cost - \$10. (One advantage of these locks is that we can store the combination code at the office, should it be 'forgotten'!).

Students Early To School

In the interest of student safety, I want to remind parents that staff are not rostered to supervise students until 8.30am each day. Parents need to be aware of this when dropping students earlier than 8.30am.

Victorian Government Legislation - Banning Adults From Supplying Alcohol To A Minor In A Private Home

New legislation has been introduced into Victorian Parliament banning adults from supplying alcohol to a minor in a private home unless parental consent is given. The proposed laws will help to protect young people from alcohol-related harm, and help parents feel more assured when their children are visiting friends' houses that they are not drinking alcohol without their knowledge.

Under the laws, a person who supplies alcohol to a minor without a parent's consent could be subject to the same penalty faced by licensees who supply alcohol to minors in licensed venues – a maximum fine of more than \$7000.

For more information: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/alcoholunder18/downloads/minors-privatehome.pdf>.

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop will be open on Tuesdays from 12.30pm - 5.30pm. It can't be purchased from the school office.



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College Expectations

Korumburra Secondary College is a supportive environment that strives to provide all students with the opportunity to achieve their highest academic potential. For this to occur the school has expectations and rules in place to ensure all students learning opportunities and needs are respected. Unfortunately, not all students are willing to behave within these expectations all of the time. We therefore ask that parents assist us to create a positive learning environment by reinforcing a few of our expectations at home:

1. Leave mobile phones at home

This is to ensure student privacy by preventing students being videoed or photographed at school. It also prevents students being distracted from their learning by texting and communicating with friends

2. Only walk to top oval via the driveway

Some students have been taking a short cut between the bottom and top ovals at lunchtime. In doing so they are destroying native vegetation and climbing over and wrecking fences. As was announced at the last whole school assembly, money spent on maintenance and preventable repairs is money that is NOT available to fund programs and buy resources for students

3. Show respect to presenters and guests

Occasionally the school is fortunate enough to have guests attend the school to give presentations on specific issues. These guests often donate their time in the belief that they are helping to educate and impart some valuable knowledge to students. It is therefore extremely disappointing when some students speak while presenters are talking, or occasionally are outwardly rude to people.

Don't Bring Personal Goods To School

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Principals are requested to remind staff, students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of this academic year. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. For information about the Department's insurance arrangements, see the School Policy and Advisory Guide:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/finmanagement/insurance>.



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Watch Out For Fake Computer Virus Alerts

Rogue security software, also known as "scareware" is software that appears to be beneficial from a security perspective but provides limited or no security, generates erroneous or misleading alerts, or attempts to lure users into participating in fraudulent transactions. Rogue security software designers create legitimate looking pop-up windows that advertise security update software. These windows might appear on your screen while you surf the web.

The "updates" or "alerts" in the pop-up windows call for you to take some sort of action, such as clicking to install the software, accept recommended updates, or remove unwanted viruses or spyware. When you click, the rogue security software downloads to your computer. Rogue security software might also appear in the list of search results when you are searching for trustworthy antispyware software, so it is important to protect your computer.

Rogue security software might report a virus, even though your computer is actually clean. The software might also fail to report viruses when your computer is infected. Inversely, sometimes, when you download rogue security software, it will install a virus or other malicious software on your computer so that the software has something to detect. Some rogue security software might also:

- Lure you into a fraudulent transaction (for example, upgrading to a non-existent paid version of a program)
- Use social engineering to steal your personal information
- Install malware that can go undetected as it steals your data
- Launch pop-up windows with false or misleading alerts
- Slow your computer or corrupt files
- Disable Windows updates or disable updates to legitimate antivirus software
- Prevent you from visiting antivirus vendor websites

Rogue security software might also attempt to spoof the Microsoft security update process.