

# Kingston High School



## BRIEFS

### MP3 policy

STUDENTS at Kingston High are now able to bring mobiles and MP3 players to school as long as the devices are switched off during class. The school has developed a policy to control the use of electrical devices during school hours. The subject has become relevant not only in schools but workplaces also, as personal electronic devices (PED) are becoming increasingly popular.

### Thai exchange

FOURTEEN Grade 10 students and two teachers are involved in the fourth year of the exchange program between Kingston High School (and five northern Tasmanian high schools) and the Sa-nguan Ying School at Suphanburi, Thailand. Students will spend two weeks in September attending school in Thailand.

### Back to school

KINGSTON High runs a Parent Support Program to actively involve parents within the school and it has been quite successful this year. Since Easter this year, the school has recruited five parents who are working in English, maths, science, and social science classes.

### Lessons rev up

SEVEN boys and girls from the senior section of Kingston High School have transformed a 1964 EH Holden from filing cabinet grey into a gleaming hot rod. Supervising teacher Alan Short said: "It's fantastic to see students enjoying working on a 'hands on' practical project, with valuable learning for their future." The school appreciates the support of Beaufort and 3D Paints Kingston.

## Top marks for new high school

IN 2010 many parents in Kingborough will be sending their children to the new Kingston High School where brand new technology and state-of-the-art facilities will be the order of the day.

Students who are now in Grades 6 and below will have the opportunity to attend the new school which is to be built over the next three years on the large space oppo-

site the Kingborough Sports Centre.

"The plan at the moment is for construction to start about June next year," the principal of Kingston High School Helen Gourley said.

"They'll be looking at about a two-year building phase [which will take place] from about the middle of 2007 to mid 2009."

The new school will cost \$30 million to complete and the new location will provide an important connection between the school and the sports centre.

Since plans were announced for the new school, an international firm of architects has been providing advice to the school community on the best ways to design a school for the 21st Century.

"There is a plan for significant community consultation and involvement from both the Kingston High School community and neighbouring primary schools," Ms Gourley said.

"The children that are currently attending Year 6 will be the first group to enter the new school so it will be important that parents are consulted."

On August 8, a community consultation forum was held to discuss the design and construction of the school.

Education Department deputy secretary for corporate services, Greg Glass, provided the latest information on the new school.

Families in the region are looking forward to work getting underway.



**WORD:** Kingston High School student Claire Williams, left, assistant principal Veena Tilly, visiting Fijian teachers Airin Singh and Vikashni Devi, and Kingston students Thomas Gillie and Imogen Park.

## Links across the sea

KINGSTON High School's relationship with the Ami Chandra School in Fiji is growing stronger.

Over the past few months students from both schools have been corresponding with each other, learning about the different cultures and ways of life.

The Ami Chandra School was first brought to Kingston High's attention by a Rotary Club project led by Veena Tilly, one of the school's assistant principals.

The Ami Chandra School is situated in a poor rural environment in Fiji. Some 280 students are crammed into 10 small classrooms that have little resources and few facilities.

The school population is set to double in the next couple of years due to the growth of a nearby Rotary village for underprivileged

families. A team of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Bellerive travelled to Fiji in June. Their goal was to help the school set up a computer lab.

With the help of donations from Kingston High School, Rosny Collage, Taroon High School, St Michael's Collegiate School and many businesses, the vision was made possible.

The team hopes to return in future years to complete other projects.

This month two kindergarten teachers from the Ami Chandra School embarked on a study tour for one-month through Rotary.

They hope to further their skills and knowledge to help the students of their school.

If you wish to support their cause contact Veena Tilly by email at [veena.tilly@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:veena.tilly@education.tas.gov.au)

## Kingston High a water smart secondary school

KINGSTON High School recently received a Federal Government grant of \$45,600 to help save water.

The grant was part of a \$2 billion program to encourage schools, businesses and farms to conserve one of our most precious resources, water.

Kingston High School has installed a 45,000 litre water tank and an automatic watering system so

that the soccer ground can be watered using rainwater collected from the roof of the school. Night-time watering will also limit evaporation.

Other initiatives include the installation of waterless urinals, spring-loaded taps in the student toilets, a revegetation program, grey water recycling and Smart-flush toilets.

Students at Kingston High

School study the importance of water quality and conservation.

The water grant will assist students in appreciating how we can save 13 million litres of water each year, which is water that can be used by other people and businesses in our community.

The school acknowledges the support of Senators Eric Abetz, Richard Colebeck and Christine Milne for their support in making it a Water Smart School.



**WATER WORLD:** Kingston High students Craige Pringle, left, James Gray, James Gamble and Leon Daft.

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