



INFORMATION

For Primary

STUDENTS & PARENTS



2023

Welcome to Kalbarri DHS!

SCHOOL VISION

Kalbarri DHS is committed to providing a comprehensive, targeted education which fosters positive wellbeing for every student while valuing and inspiring individuals to develop their skills, confidence and character in choosing their future pathway.

VALUES

Knowledge and Friendship

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you and your child or children a warm welcome to Kalbarri District High School. I am sure your associations with the school will be a successful one as students interact with staff and fellow students.

The Kalbarri District High School staff are professionally committed to providing a rigorous and challenging learning environment where the social development and enhancement of Knowledge and Friendship are promoted through the key expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Care.

Each student is treated as an individual and all are encouraged to reach their potential in a caring and supportive environment. This only comes about when we work together as a community with positive interactions and continual communication.

All staff hope that you, through your interest, personal involvement and cooperation, will come to feel very much a part of our school community. Each new family is issued with a copy of this booklet, which provides information about school operations.

I look forward to working with you during the course of your child or children's attendance at our school and encourage you to become actively involved in their education journey.

Stuart Teasdale
Principal
Kalbarri District High School



CONTACT US

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OFFICE HOURS

8.00am ~ 4.00pm – Monday to Thursday

8.00am ~ 3.00pm - Friday

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1 Wednesday 1 February	~	Thursday 6 April
TERM 2 Monday 24 April	~	Friday 30 June
TERM 3 Monday 17 July	~	Friday 22 September
TERM 4 Monday 9 October	~	Thursday 14 December

SCHOOL VACATIONS (INCLUSIVE)

Friday 7 April	~	Sunday 23 April
Friday 1 July	~	Friday 16 July
Saturday 23 September	~	Sunday 8 October
Friday 15 December	~	Tuesday 30 2023

School Development Days (Pupil Free Days) for 2023

Term 1 Monday 30 January, Tuesday 31 January
Term 2 Monday 24 April
Term 3 Monday 17 July
Term 4 Monday 13 November

SCHOOL TIMES

Kindy Mon Tue & Every 2nd Wed	~	8.30am – 2.50pm
Secondary Start	~	8.30am
Primary Start	~	8.40am
Recess	~	10.30am – 10.50am
Lunch	~	12.50pm – 1.30pm
Whole school finish	~	2.50pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE- EVERY DAY COUNTS

At KDHS we understand the importance of regular attendance. When students are away for three consecutive days a member of the administration will ring to touch base with parents. We promote attendance by presenting the 'Attendance Cup' to the class with the highest attendance at assemblies. We also recognize high attendance rates by presenting certificates and vouchers to students. When students are absent we will text parents to confirm that they are away. It is recommended that parents text the school back with a reason for the absence. Alternatively, parents can provide a note explaining the absence. If you are going away during the school term, please make an appointment with the principal to discuss this.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Students should be at school in time to get organized for the start of the school day. No student should be at school prior to 8.15am.

END OF THE DAY

Students need to be off the school grounds as soon as possible after the final siren for the day. Please ensure the necessary arrangements for your child to get home are made.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment forms are available on our web site or simply completed at the school prior to commencing. Please ensure the school is kept informed of any change of your contact details i.e. telephone number, emergency number, or any changes to your child's medical details.

LEAVING OR ARRIVING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Any student leaving the school during the day must be signed out at the front office by a parent or guardian. Students who are late to school need to be signed in by staff at the front office.

PARENT & CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

It is very important for your child's development that you become involved in their education. We encourage you to gain knowledge of what your child is learning at school and support their learning experiences. At the beginning of each term parents will be sent home an overview of the learning areas covered and what topics students will be studying. Assistance in all classrooms, along with general help (e.g. covering books, assisting on special days etc.) is always appreciated. Simply let us know when you are available. We look forward to getting to know you.



TEACHER MEETINGS

All of our teachers are happy to discuss your child's progress at school. Please feel free to contact class teachers for an appointment, however approaching teachers when they are teaching or about to begin their classes is discouraged. Our Principal and Deputy Principals are very accessible, if you have any concerns or comments please make an appointment to see them through the front office. Parents are invited to a one on one meeting with their child's teacher at the end of term 1.

P & C ASSOCIATION

This is an opportunity for new parents to meet people and be part of a very worthy association. The Parents and Citizens Association meets every month to discuss fundraising activities and to be informed of the activities at the school. Fundraising is required to assist the school to purchase extra equipment and provide activities for the students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The role of the School Council at Kalbarri District High School is very important. Members of the Council are representatives elected from teaching and non-teaching staff, the P & C and the community. Council meetings are held at least once a term. The Council is responsible for determining school policies, monitoring financial planning and ratifying School Development Plans.

CANTEEN

The P & C canteen operates every recess and lunchtime from Tuesday to Friday, orders can be placed online. The canteen actively promotes healthy eating habits for our children. Profits from the canteen are used by the P&C to support school programs.

COMMUNICATION

Twice a term the school distributes a newsletter, which is emailed to parents. The newsletter will keep you up to date with current and future events and give you an insight into what is happening in the school and classrooms. Our Facebook page is another way that we communicate to our parents and promote our school. We also have a school website that you can access to find out more about what's happening at KDHS. We utilise MMS to contact parents of students who are absent. It is expected that parents text the school back with the reason for the absence as this assists with our processes. The MMS system is also used to distribute urgent messages.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held twice per term. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see first-hand what is happening in the school. Honour Certificates are awarded and various groups share important information. Students host the assemblies and classes share their work, news or perform small items.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

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Contributions and charges are used to fund a number of items throughout the year. Some charges are compulsory while others are voluntary. We ask that parents carefully read the documents outlining all contributions and charges relating to your child/ren, and please feel free to discuss any queries with a member of the school administration.

P & C CONTRIBUTION



This is a voluntary contribution set at \$25 per child.

STUDENT MATTERS

			
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen attentively to everyone • Take care of and return school equipment • Take care of personal property • Use manners and be polite • Treat others how you want to be treated • Work supportively with classmates • Allow others to achieve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do your best and challenge yourself • Take ownership for your actions • Be prepared and be punctual • Begin tasks when asked • Stay on task • Model good behaviour • Follow the dress code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words and actions • Help and include others • Share with others • Value equality and accept individuality
OUTDOORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look after your school environment • Use manners • Agree on rules before playing • Show good sportsmanship • Waiting patiently for your turn • Return equipment in good order • Take care of and return school equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk on paths and verandahs • Collect sporting equipment after first lunch bell and return it • Wear a hat • Primary students stay seated until first bell then wait to be dismissed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include others in games • Share equipment and play areas • Use kind words and actions
COMPUTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care of all electronic equipment • Show self-respect when posting • Respect self and others when communicating online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use computers, laptops and ipads following 'Acceptable Usage Agreement' • Use own login • Print only with teacher approval • Check where you are printing to • Log off at end of session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use considerate language when communicating online

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM

KALBARRI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Kalbarri DHS has implemented the Positive Behaviour Support Program. Our school expectations are Respect, Responsibility and Caring and we focus on teaching and reinforcing a specific behaviour each fortnight to all students. We have created a behaviour matrix that has been endorsed by our school community which features positive behaviours that we believe are important.

STUDENT HEALTH CARE PLANS

Upon enrolment you will complete the student health care plan, giving details of your contacts and a friend or relative who can help if you are not available. We are especially lucky that our school is situated only 100 meters from the local doctor's surgery and medical centre should the need arise. If your child is ill, you will be informed and can collect him/her from the office after signing them out. Minor illness or injuries during the day are normally attended to at school. In extreme emergencies the child may be taken to the medical centre before parents are contacted. Most school personnel hold an up to date first aid certificate. Please ensure that we are notified of any condition, illness or allergy so we can administer the appropriate assistance.

Any requests for your child to be administered prescription medication should be directed to our administration team.

REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT

Kalbarri DHS has an Assessment and Reporting Policy. This aligns with the Department of Education Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Policy and Guidelines. Currently formal reporting occurs each semester. Primary students receive written reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Each year, two students from each class from Year 4 up are elected by their peers as representatives on the Student Council. The Council is the leadership group amongst the students and members of the Council are involved in organising assemblies, fund raising activities for differing charities and attending a Leadership Camp in Geraldton.

LEARNING PROGRAMS

Kalbarri District High School is a progressive school offering a diverse and stimulating learning program for every child. Much of this program will be hands on and practical in nature with an integrated approach across the learning areas. This more accurately mirrors how learning really occurs.

ENGLISH

The staff at KDHS are dedicated to providing our students with a quality literacy program that allows them to develop high functioning literacy skills. Our Kindergarten to Year 2 students engage in an intensive phonics program which allows them to develop the building blocks for strong literacy skills. Our K-2 students are also immersed in a comprehensive oral language program which gives students the opportunity to transfer their knowledge of speaking into reading and writing. Students from Years 3 to 6 are involved in a whole school literacy program which is aimed at developing an enjoyment of reading, writing, viewing and presenting their ideas to others. We actively promote literacy within our school; we have an annual Rainbow Festival which celebrates literacy and culture and we have numerous quality literacy based incursions. Our students from Years 3-6 also participate in the annual Mid-West Spelling Bee held in Geraldton.

HUMANITIES and SOCIAL SCIENCES

In the Western Australian Curriculum, the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area comprises four subjects: Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography and History.

By studying Humanities and Social Sciences, students will develop the ability to question; think critically; make decisions based on evidence; devise proposals for actions; and communicate effectively.

MATHEMATICS

At KDHS we are dedicated to providing our students with a high quality Numeracy Program. Our Kindy to Year 2 students are heavily involved in hands-on Maths activities including the use of Technology and Coding to develop the building blocks needed for effective numeracy skills. Our students from Year 3 to 6 are engaged in a combination of explicit teaching, problem solving and the use of technology to assist in the transfer of maths concepts into real-world problems. Primary Maths lessons include games and mental Maths activities to build number fluency. Mathematics is promoted through the school through its connection to STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) and high quality numeracy based incursions.

SCIENCE

The aim of the Science curriculum is to provide students with a solid foundation in Science knowledge, understanding, skills and values. The curriculum will also provide opportunities to foster an interest in Science and a curiosity to speculate, question and explore the world. At Kalbarri DHS we utilise Primary Connections as our core resource to deliver hands-on motivational Science lessons. From 2018 our primary students will be actively involved in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) learning activities. STEM activities are designed so that students use elements from Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths as well as other curriculum areas to work collaboratively to solve real world problems. In 2018 students from Year 3 to Year 6 will have the curriculum delivered by a Specialist Science Teacher.

TECHNOLOGIES

In the Western Australian Curriculum Technologies describes two distinct but related subjects:

- Design and Technologies, in which students use design thinking and technologies to generate and produce solutions for authentic needs and opportunities
- Digital Technologies, in which students use computational thinking and information systems to define, design and implement solutions.

Kalbarri District High School runs an after-school Coding/Robotics Club for students who have a passion in this area.

Our Primary Students have access to 55 laptop computers, 35 desktop computers and 40 iPads.

ARTS

The Primary Arts Curriculum will be delivered by classroom teachers and integrated into other curriculum areas in 2022 at Kalbarri District High School. Students will participate in dance, drama, media arts music and visual arts.

LANGUAGES

In 2022 students from Year 3 to Year 6 receive 80 minutes of Indonesian Language instruction from a Specialist Indonesian Teacher.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

At Kalbarri DHS all students from Pre Primary to Year 6 participate in 80 minutes of Physical Education with a specialist teacher. These lessons are designed to develop gross motor skills in our students, develop skills and an understanding of a variety of sports and develop skills for a healthy lifestyle. Our students from Years 4-6 participate in another 80 minute sport session on Friday afternoons.

Our school has two factions that compete in a school swimming and athletics carnival. Students from Years P-3 participate in a fun beach swimming carnival in term 1. In March every year our students from Year 4-12 are bussed to the Geraldton Aquarena Leisure Centre to compete in our annual Faction Swimming Carnival.

In term 3 our students from Pre Primary to Year 12 participate in our Faction Athletics Carnival. Early in term three our whole school heads to the Kalbarri foreshore to compete in our Cross Country events. Late in term 3 our students are heavily involved in a three-day athletics carnival.

Our primary school joins with the NCVISSA Sporting Association; which combines small schools within our district for the purpose of interschool carnivals.

Following is our interschool carnival schedule:

- Term 1- Summer Carnival (Cricket, T-Ball and Basketball)
- Term 2- Winter Carnival (AFL, Netball and Soccer)
- Term 3- Cross Country Run
 - - Athletics Carnival
- Term 4- Swimming Carnival

HEALTH

Student health and wellbeing is always a focus at Kalbarri District High School. Our Primary Health Program draws on elements of both physical and mental and emotional health. Physical Health focuses on concepts like healthy diet, exercise and healthy lifestyles. Mental and Emotional Health focuses on concepts such as building resilience, mindfulness, bullying and building connections. Our students from Years K-5 participate in the Crunch and Sip Program that promotes the importance of healthy eating habits. KDHS is a PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) School and promotes teaching students positive behaviours.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-PRIMARY

The critical importance of the early years of a child's life to their future educational success is well known. We want every young child to have the best start to school, and to master the foundation literacy and numeracy skills, as well as the personal and social capabilities, required for later years of schooling.

At Kalbarri District High School we offer:

- A tailored and personalised approach to teaching and supporting students
- Curriculum for students expanded through programs across schools and online
- More services for children during compulsory years of schooling
- Clear expectations about teaching, assessment and reporting rigor, particularly in Kindergarten and Pre-primary
- Extended school services including education, health and parenting

Early Childhood Education

Young children have a natural curiosity about their physical, social and technological world. Kalbarri District High School's Early Childhood Curriculum supports and extends the student's social-emotional, physical, cognitive, language and creative development. Our programs and learning experiences integrate the Western Australian Curriculum, Early Years Learning Framework, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and the National Quality Standards. The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary environments are designed to cater for the differing levels of abilities and skills that the children in the classroom possess. This is achieved through discovery learning, focusing on the use of manipulative materials that encourage children to interpret and investigate the world around them. Play is an important mode of learning within the early childhood years. Learning opportunities to achieve the outcomes are structured to enable a balance between child initiated and teacher directed learning experiences.



Homework

Encourage a homework routine

The timing of your child's homework will depend on your family's routines. It will also depend on when your child is most receptive and alert. Some children can concentrate better in the mornings; some do better in the late afternoon or evening.

Encouraging your child to set aside a time each school day to complete their homework tasks will set them up for good study habits throughout their secondary education. Help your child plan their homework time and where they'll do their homework. This should help them stay on track.

Have a comfortable space for your child to do their homework

Your child will find it much easier to do their homework if they have a comfortable place that has everything they need and is associated with 'doing homework'. This can be a space set aside in their bedroom, in your study or even a quiet spot in the family or rumpus room.

A good homework space:

- is comfortable – not too hot, not too cold, and has plenty of fresh air
- is quiet – this is especially important if your child finds it easier to concentrate when it's quiet. Creating a space well away from where other siblings or family members gather may be something to consider
- is well lit – not too bright or too dark. Having a good lamp or overhead light may help keep their space well lit
- has all the things needed to do homework tasks. These could include things like coloured pens, pencils, eraser, whiteout, scissors, stapler, hole punch, note pad, post-it notes, stick on flags for indicating important information in text books, a computer, printer and USB stick
- is free from distractions, so things like television and computer games should not be anywhere near where your child does their homework.

Other places you and your child can consider doing homework is at the local library – most have desks and tables for quiet study. This is a good alternative, especially if you don't have a lot of space or ability to create space in your home.

Some children also study better with others. If your child falls into this category, consider forming a study group with a small number of their friends, taking turns hosting the group at your house with the other families.

What can you expect for homework?



Homework for our Primary students consists on reading 5 nights per week, some small revision tasks and sometimes finishing off tasks not completed in class.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

CLOTHING

It is essential that all items of clothing be clearly named. Closed-in shoes must be worn every day. Please refer to the School Dress Code, outlined in this booklet. Students are expected to wear a hat for sun protection when they are outside.

BAGS

Please ensure that your child's name is marked clearly on their bag. Bags should be large enough to hold student work, a lunch box and a drink bottle.

Hats

Kalbarri District High School has a 'no-hat, no-play' policy and encourage the use of sunscreen and sun safe clothing. Please ensure your child is equipped with a hat. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop for \$10.00.

Uniform Shop

The wearing of school uniforms in government schools is compulsory. Our school dress code is attached.

The P & C operates a Uniform Shop every Monday afternoon at 2.50pm.





KALBARRI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ~ DRESS CODE

(Revised and Endorsed by School Council August 2021)

The Dress Code - Rationale

The Education Act (1999) and Education Regulations (2000) allows for schools, through the School Council, to formulate a Dress Code for students. Students at Kalbarri District High School are expected to wear the school uniform.

It is our belief that the wearing of a school uniform;

- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school
- Builds pride in the school
- Assists in building school unity and team spirit
- Ensures that children are safely dressed and easily identified for specific school activities
- Encourages equity amongst children through minimising competition between children to wear expensive or fashionable clothing
- Reduces pressure on parents to provide expensive fashionable clothing
- Provides an economical and affordable range of clothing for everyone.

The Department of Education *Dress Requirements for Students* states:

“Denim items must be excluded from all school dress codes and uniforms except where a school has been granted a general exemption for its senior students.”

All items outside of approved School Council Dress Code must be approved by the School Council through the Principal. Applications for exemptions to the KDHS Dress Code may be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be made to the Principal.

The school may take the following action towards Students not wearing approved Dress Code;

- Student referred to the School Office
- Parent will be contacted and asked to bring in appropriate uniform item
- If parent unwilling or unable to provide appropriate uniform item the student may be offered a clean second hand item to change into.

OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Primary

- Wide brimmed navy blue hat, bucket hat or baseball cap
- Plain navy blue shorts, skirts or skorts of an appropriate length
- Plain navy blue bottoms including tracksuit
- Red polo shirt with small white printed/embroidered logo on upper left or faction sports shirt
- Navy Blue Hooded jumper with small white printed/embroidered logo.

Secondary

- Wide brimmed navy blue hat, bucket hat or baseball cap
- Plain navy blue short, skirts or skorts of an appropriate length
- Plain navy blue bottoms including tracksuit
- Navy blue polo shirt with small white printed/embroidered logo on upper left or faction sports shirt. *DOE or school related polo shirts (i.e. Country Week, SIDE, Yr 12 Leavers, Bushrangers) may be worn*
- Navy blue Hooded jumper with small white printed/embroidered logo.

Personal Presentation

- Students and uniforms should be clean
- Uniform shorts should be of suitable length that enables all expected activities to take place with modesty.

Make up

- To be minimal if any at all.

Safety

- Any Jewellery items that appear excessive or are possibly dangerous to self or others must be removed whilst at school. Only sleepers and studs may be worn in ears. Necklaces should be short and tucked behind clothing
- Students will be asked to remove unsafe jewellery
- Medi-alert must be worn at all times
- Footwear that has side and back of heel support and flat heel (secondary to wear enclosed shoes)
- Hats must be worn throughout the year when students are outdoors
- **Footwear** – Students may be excluded from some classes if inappropriate footwear is worn
- Students will be requested to tie up long hair for safety or hygiene reasons.

Availability

- All uniform items are available through the school P&C.

Sport

- When representing the school students must wear the school uniform
- Primary students are asked to wear their faction sport shirt during Friday afternoon sport lessons.

Parent Support

- Parent support of the Dress Code policy is expected and appreciated.



STAFF LIST

Stuart Teasdale	Principal
Tyler Caddy	Deputy Principal Primary
Samantha Walker	Deputy Principal Secondary
Brigitte Carter	Kindy/LOTE
Chloe Walkerdene	Pre-Primary/SAER
Lisa Currie	Year 1/2
Yvonne McKenzie	Year 2/3
Cara Tennant	Year 3/4
Karen Royce	Year 5/6
David Quimby	Secondary Physical Education
Chelsea Stanich	Primary Physical Education
Conrad Browne	Design & Technology
Casey Wheatland	Secondary Maths
Tristan Nash	Secondary Science
Mathew Tennant	Secondary Humanities and Social Sciences
Bridget Astle	The Arts
Lynn Flannery	Secondary English
Connie Kearney	Special Needs Assistant
Shonna Tetai-Berg	Special Needs Assistant
Lucy Thomas	Special Needs Assistant
Kane DeGrauw	Special Needs Assistant
Lisa Nash	Special Needs Assistant
Teegan Kelly	Special Needs Assistant/Mainstream Assistant
Leanne Scheffer	Home Ec Assistant/Special Needs Assistant
Nicole Kielmann	Mainstream EA
Kia McKrill	Mainstream EA
Andrea Timms	Mainstream EA/Science Lab Tech
Noeleen Blundell	Registrar
Natasha Freeman	School Officer
Helen O'Connor	School Officer
Teegan Kelly	Library Officer
John Facer	Cleaner In Charge
Wendy Gilbert	Cleaner
Denise Inall	Cleaner

SCHOOL MAP

Hackney Street

NOT TO SCALE

