Request to School Patron to continue in role

Dr John Owen AM became the inaugural School Patron in 2014. Criteria was developed to select a School Patron which included being a former student who had made a significant contribution to the local and Western Australian community and upheld the school values.

Dr Owen was a former student of Kalamunda from 1967 to 1969.

Dr Owen has been an exemplary Western Australian for many decades. He is a leading orthodontist carrying out amazing voluntary dental work throughout the Kimberley Region.

Dr Owen was recognised for his contribution to Australian Society by being appointed a member of the Order of Australia in 2010.

Dr Owen has maintained contact with his old school over many years. This has included an annual award to a Year 10 student with the John R Owen Encouragement Award which has been presented for the past 24 years.

The current term for School Patron was due to end at the conclusion of 2016 and therefore the Board considered the next 3 year term.

The Board determined, with no hesitation, that Dr Owen be asked to consider continuing in the role for another 3 years. This was for exactly the same reasons as when he was selected to become the inaugural School Patron.

Dr Owen commitment to the school continues in many ways. The Board hopes that Dr Owen will accept the ongoing role of School Patron.

Kalamunda IPS review preliminary outcomes

The Board reflected on the preliminary outcomes of the IPS review. The final report will be available for the next Board meeting and published on the School website.
Asthma Friendly School Policy

The Board reviewed and endorsed the Kalamunda Senior High School Asthma Friendly School Policy. This was part of renewing the School’s ‘Asthma Friendly School’ status. In renewing the Asthma Friendly status school staff have received asthma awareness training from the Asthma Foundation of WA. In addition asthma emergency kits have been made accessible to all staff. The Board also discussed the use of aerosol deodorants becoming more prevalent. This is in spite of a ban preventing their use to minimise the risk of an asthma attack being triggered. Awareness of the aerosol deodorant ban will be re-emphasised as part of the renewal of the Asthma Friendly School status.

Your assistance in supporting the aerosol ban and providing alternative deodorants would be appreciated as part of a whole of school community approach.

Aging music and dance facilities

The school is expanding the popular Kalamunda Performing Arts program in 2017 to include a specialist music stream. The new stream recognises the talent and demand within the school’s catchment and reinforces Kalamunda’s reputation for arts programs.

While the school has access to the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre, as part of an agreement with the Shire, the popularity of the KPA program is placing stress on the aging music and limited dance facilities within the school. The Board discussed the need for larger music / dance facilities and ways to fund the required building works. Some preliminary concept designs and estimates have been prepared.

While the school has some reserve funds for a new facility it will not cover the current estimates. Discussion with the Education Department will take place to investigate alternative concepts and funding options.

Next KSHS Board meeting

The next board meeting has been scheduled for:

- 8 September 2016