

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

We are living in exciting times as Karratha continues in its phase of growth and development. The school is responding to the new requirements that are being placed on it as the population expands and expectations change. This booklet details significant events in the school's academic program, some of the major developments and other important information.

Karratha Senior High School is very proud of its record. We actively encourage and reward positive behaviour and quality academic, cultural and sporting performance. Student Services provides a range of support services for students at the school. These include a School Psychologist, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers, Chaplain and School Nurse as well as Year Coordinators

We cater for a broad range of students in our Senior School program. Our students have access to a TEE program, which will allow them access to a wide variety of university courses. Furthermore, we are at the forefront of providing Vocational Education and Training Courses, school-based traineeships and school-based apprenticeships. Our Senior School program aims to provide a range of courses to meet the needs of all students.

We are in the process of co-locating our Year 11 and 12 students at the Pilbara College of TAFE. Parts of the new school are under construction and the building program will be completed towards the end of 2009. When at the new campus, our senior students will study a combination of both education and training units of work, leading to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and will also have access to Curtin University courses.

Our lower school students have access to eight learning areas, these being English, Mathematics, Science, Society and Environment, the Arts, Health and Physical Education, Technology and Enterprise and Japanese. We are running Academic Extension classes in Years 9 and 10 and will expand this to Year 8 next year.

I encourage and challenge each parent/guardian to become actively involved in their child's education in a positive manner, to make every effort to know what is really happening in school by listening and talking to your children and their teachers, by being aware of the various responsibilities and by reading school publications such as the newsletter. I also encourage parents to be involved in the school's Parents and Citizen Committee.

I wish you a happy and rewarding association with Karratha Senior High School.