



**KOROWA**  
ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL



TRANSITION  
TO KOROWA  
**2019 – 2020**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to welcome you and your family to Korowa.

We have a vibrant community of parents who share your value of an excellent education. I invite you to take part in any of our community events held throughout the year, and to take the opportunity to meet the other families at our School.

I look forward to seeing you become an important part of our School community as you and your child form new friendships and connections.

Our expert teachers will soon get to know your family so that we can work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

As a leader in girls' education for more than 130 years, our students are respected, encouraged and challenged. As a School, we value courage, respect, integrity and service to our community.

We aim to provide you with the information you need but we're here to answer any questions, so please don't hesitate to ask.

Wherever you begin at Korowa, you belong, and we are here to support you. I look forward to meeting all our students and their families.

Kind regards,

Helen Carmody

Principal



## ATTENDING TRANSITION PROGRAM EVENTS

All students are invited to attend Transition Program Events to ensure a smooth transition to Korowa. Students attend the transition activities in comfortable casual clothes and runners.

When attending half day events, students should bring along a snack for recess, and a water bottle. On full day transition events, the School will provide lunch. Vegetarians and gluten free students will be catered for but if there are any other dietary requirements, please contact the Enrolments Office beforehand.

As a duty of care we ask that all parents have created their child's CareMonkey profile before attending the transition events to ensure we have a student's up to date medical information. Parents will be emailed a link to set up CareMonkey.



## FAQ's

### What is SchoolStream?

SchoolStream is the School's mobile phone App used to share communications with our school community. Please visit the App Store to download and install.

### Are there second hand uniforms available?

Parents are able to visit <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/> 

### When will I receive information about sport choices?

Sport choices for the following year will be sent out to families via email late in Term 4 2019.

### How do I sign up for music lessons?

Please visit the School Website under co-curricular for enrolment forms.

### When do I pay my school fees?

Fees are charged one full term in advance. Term 1, 2020 fees will be due in October 2019. Fees are paid through the Parent Portal and log in details are provided to parents prior to this date.

### Do you have before or after school care?

Extend (<https://extend.com.au/>) is the after school care provider at Korowa. The Homework Hub is available for students from Year 4 to Year 8. Year 4 and 5 students must be pre-registered. Sign up links are sent each term via SchoolStream. Year 6 to 8 students can sign in independently at the Learning Commons.

### Am I Korowa ready?

- SchoolStream installed
- CareMonkey completed
- Parent Portal and Konnect log in details received
- Reviewed the Current Parent Links page on the School website

# TRANSITION TO YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 SENIOR SCHOOL

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

## **'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

Casual clothes are worn, bring along lunch, recess snack, runners and a water bottle. New students are invited to join their class and experience Korowa for the day.

Wednesday 17 July 2019

6.00 - 7.30pm

## **Year 11 2020 Information Evening**

Subject selections and Year 11 Program details explained.  
All Year 11 2020 students are to attend with their parents.

Monday 22 July 2019

6.00 - 7.00pm

## **Year 10 2020 Information Evening**

Subject selections and Year 10 Program details explained.  
All Year 10 2020 students are to attend with their parents.

Terms 3 & 4

## **Transition Profile Meetings**

New students and parents are invited to attend Transition Profile Meetings. Profile Meetings provide the opportunity to share information about the student as a learner and an individual.

Thursday 30 January 2020

## **Orientation Day for New Students Only**

New students Years 7 - 11 attend in full School uniform.

Friday 31 January 2020

## **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

Sunday 9 February –  
Friday 14 February 2020

## **Year 10 Tasmania Adventure Trip**

Itinerary and further information will be sent to families closer to the date.

# TRANSITION TO YEAR 9 | SENIOR SCHOOL

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

## **'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

Casual clothes are worn, bring along lunch, recess snack, runners and a water bottle. New students are invited to join their class and experience Korowa for the day.

Monday 12 August 2019

6.00 - 7.00pm

## **Year 9 2020 Information Evening**

Subject selections and Year 9 Program details explained. All Year 9 2020 students are to attend with their parents.

Tuesday 8 October 2019

8.15am - 12.30pm

## **Academic Profiling**

All new Year 9/2020 students join existing Year 8/2019 students to participate in academic testing.

Terms 3 & 4

## **Transition Profile Meetings**

New students and parents are invited to attend Transition Profile Meetings. Profile Meetings provide the opportunity to share information about the student as a learner and an individual.

Thursday 30 January 2020

## **Orientation Day for New Students Only**

New students Years 7 - 11 attend in full School uniform.

Friday 31 January 2020

## **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

## TRANSITION TO YEAR 8 | CRIPPS PROGRAM

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

Terms 3 & 4

Thursday 30 January 2020

Friday 31 January 2020

Monday 10 February –  
Friday 14 February 2020

### **'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

Casual clothes are worn, bring along lunch, recess snack, runners and a water bottle. New students are invited to join their class and experience Korowa for the day.

### **Transition Profile Meetings**

New students and parents are invited to attend Transition Profile Meetings with the Head of Cripps. Profile Meetings provide the opportunity to share information about the student as a learner and an individual.

### **Orientation Day for New Students Only**

New students Years 7 - 11 attend in full School uniform.

### **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

### **Year 8 Cairns Eco-Tour**

Cairns – here we come!



# STEP UP TO SEVEN | CRIPPS PROGRAM

Wednesday 31 July 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Transition Session 1, Swimming Competency Assessment and Parent Morning Tea**

All current Year 6 and new Year 7 2020 students attend the Transition Sessions. Students will participate in a range of getting to know you activities, lunch and swimming competency assessments. Students should bring along bathers, a towel and a snack for Recess.

Parents are invited to attend a morning tea at 9.00am.

Please ensure the CareMonkey profile has been created by 15 July 2019.

Thursday 22 August 2019

## **Year 7 2020 Family Evening – Navigating Girl World**

All 2020 parents and daughters attend this evening with guest speaker Dannielle Miller, teen educator and expert in fostering resilience in teens.

Immediately following this event is the NASA Junior Space School Program 2020 introductory Information Evening and parents and students are welcome to stay. An invitation with further information will be sent by email.

Terms 3 & 4

## **Transition Profile Meetings**

New students and parents are invited to attend Transition Profile Meetings with the Head of Cripps and/or Head of Year 7. Profile Meetings provide the opportunity to share information about the student as a learner and an individual.

Wednesday 9 October 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Transition Session 2: Test & Quest Day**

All students will undertake academic testing in the morning followed by an afternoon of activities. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday 14 November 2019

6.00 - 8.00pm

## **Parent Welcome Event**

All Year 7/2020 parents are invited to a formal welcome event to meet one another and our staff before the new school year. Children are not required to attend. An invitation will be sent closer to the date.

Friday 22 November 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Transition Session 3 – Tour Preparation Day**

Year 7 2020 Tour briefing.

All current Year 6 and new Year 7 students should attend. Lunch will be provided. This day focuses on the 2020 Northern Territory Tour Program.



Thursday 30 January 2020

**Orientation Day**

Current Year 6/2019 and new Year 7 - 11 students attend in full School uniform.

Friday 31 January 2020

**First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

Week 1, 2020

**Orientation Week – Year 7 has arrived!**

Sunday 9 February –  
Friday 14 February 2020

**Year 7 Northern Territory Tour**

Northern Territory – here we come!



# TRANSITION TO YEAR 5 | JUNIOR SCHOOL

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

## **'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

Casual clothes are worn, bring along lunch, recess snack, runners, sunhat and a water bottle. New students are invited to join their class and experience Korowa for the day.

Monday 12 August 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Transition Session 1 & Parent Morning Tea**

All current Year 4/2019 and new Year 5/2020 children attend for the full day in casual clothes. Bring along a recess snack, runners, sun hat and water bottle. Lunch will be provided.

All current Year 4 and new Year 5 parents are invited to attend morning tea at 9.00am.

Wednesday 14 August 2019

6.00 - 8.00pm

## **Parent Welcome Event**

All current Year 4/2019 and new Year 5/2020 parents are invited to a formal welcome event to meet one another and our staff before the new school year. Children are not required to attend. An invitation will be sent closer to the date.

Thursday 10 October 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Transition Session 2: Test and Quest Day**

All students will undertake academic testing in the morning followed by an afternoon of activities. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday 28 November 2019

9.00am - 3.15pm

## **Junior School Orientation Day**

All new children attend for the full day in casual clothes. Bring along a recess snack, runners, sunhat and water bottle. Lunch will be provided.

Friday 31 January 2020

## **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

Wednesday 5 -

Friday 7 February 2020

## **Year 5 Camp Jungai, Rubicon Valley**

Jungai – here we come!

## TRANSITION TO YEARS 1 - 4 AND YEAR 6 JUNIOR SCHOOL

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

**'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

Casual clothes are worn, bring along lunch, recess snack, runners, sunhat and a water bottle. New students are invited to join their class and experience Korowa for the day.

Thursday 28 November 2019

9.00 – 3.15pm

**Junior School Orientation Day**

All new children attend for the full day in casual clothes. Bring along a recess snack, runners, sunhat and water bottle. Lunch will be provided.

Friday 31 January 2020

**First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 February  
2020

**Year 6 Korowa to the Capital Tour**

Canberra – here we come!



# STEP INTO PREP | JUNIOR SCHOOL

Terms 3 & 4, 2019

## **ELC 4 children attend various classes in the Junior School classrooms – Art, Music and Library**

All children participate in these activities.

Tuesday 20 August 2019

9.00 - 10.00am

## **Transition Session 1 and Parent Morning Tea**

Getting to know you, craft activities and classroom orientation for Preps. Current ELC 4 children continuing to Prep, new 2020 Prep children and all parents are invited to attend. All Prep 2020 children attend all three Transition Sessions.

Wednesday 4 September 2019

6.00 - 7.00pm

## **Prep 2020 Parent Welcome Event and Information Evening**

All Prep 2020 Parents should attend this welcome event. The Prep – Year 2 Co-ordinator, Miss Kerry Irvine, will present tips to parents on how to prepare your daughter for a smooth transition into Prep, followed by tea and coffee with other parents.

September 2019

The Prep – Year 2 Co-ordinator will visit new children in their Kindergarten or Child Care Centres.

Monday 21 October 2019

2.00 - 3.00pm

## **Transition Session 2**

Classroom activities. Children will learn the safety rules of the playground and have time to explore the playground equipment. Please bring a sunhat.

Current ELC 4 children continuing to Prep and new 2020 Prep children attend. Parents do not need to stay during this hour.

Thursday 28 November 2019

9.00 - 12.30pm

## **Junior School Orientation Day Session 3**

2020 Prep children attend half day only. Please bring along a water bottle, a recess snack and a sunhat. Lunch will be provided. Current ELC 4 (Prep 2020) children will return to the ELC at the end of the session.

All current and new children in 2020 are invited to attend.

Friday 31 January 2020

## **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.

## TRANSITION TO THE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Wednesday 20 November 2019  
6.30 - 7.30pm

### **Parent Orientation Evening**

All parents of children enrolled in 2020 should attend.

Thursday 30 January 2020  
Various times throughout the day

### **Small Group Orientation for Children and Parent Sharing Session**

Children and parents attend this orientation session together. Parents will meet briefly with their child's teacher whilst children remain in the classroom area.

Friday 31 January 2020

### **First Day of School 2020 – 8.30am start**

Depending on the days you have elected to attend, your child's first day of school may differ. All ELC children attend in full School uniform.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSITION DAYS:

## Years 7 - 12 only

Book through the  
Enrolments Office

8.20am - 3.15pm

### **'Try Us for a Day' and get to know your classmates and teachers**

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Terms 3 & 4

### **Transition Profile Meetings**

New students and parents are invited to attend Transition Profile Meetings to discuss other transition activities, uniform, booklists and subject selections.

Students are asked to make contact with the School on their arrival in Melbourne.

Wednesday 29 January 2020

2.00 - 4.00pm

### **International Student Orientation Afternoon and Parent Afternoon Tea**

All parents, guardians and students are invited to attend. Afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm for families.

Thursday 30 January 2020

### **Orientation Day for New Students Only**

New students in Years 7 - 11 attend in full School uniform.

Friday 31 January 2020

### **First Day of School 2020 – 8.20am start**

All students attend in full School uniform.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### SCHOOL TIMES


#### Arriving Before School

If your child (ELC - Year 6) arrives at school before 8.00am, she should be taken to Before School Care. Before School Care is supervised by a Korowa member of staff.

The classrooms in the Junior School open at 8.20am. If your daughter (Prep - Year 6) arrives between 8.00 and 8.20am, she should make her way to the Junior School Library where she may be supervised until the classrooms open. There is no additional supervision outside the classrooms before this time.

#### After School Care (ELC - Year 6)


Korowa offers after school care through Extend from 3.00 - 6.00pm. Please register for Extend at the following link:

<https://extend.com.au> 

Children are supervised in a safe and secure environment by Extend staff with healthy snacks and indoor and outdoor activities provided. Fees apply for this service.

#### Homework Hub

Korowa's after school Homework Hub runs throughout the term, on Monday to Thursday from 3.15 - 6.00pm in the Learning Commons.

It is a free service for students in Years 4 – 8, providing the assistance of a dedicated Supervisor. Parents of students in Year 4 and 5 should book students into the Homework Hub via the Signup.com links on the School Stream mobile app under Services. 

### BOOKLISTS AND RESOURCES

Booklists can be found on the School Website, via the Current Parents page. Books and school resources may be ordered through Campion Education and families will be notified when orders open.

Any queries with regards to Senior booklists (Years 7 - 12) can be directed to Mrs Natalie Elliott in the Learning Commons on 8888 8881, and Junior School queries (Prep - Year 6) should be directed to Mrs Lynda Crouch in the Junior School office on 8888 8844. Generally, Korowa provides resources for Prep - Year 4 students and students in Years 5 - 12 are required to purchase their own resources.

#### Early Learning Centre

8.20am	Classrooms open
8.30am	Class begins
3.00pm	School finishes

#### Prep - Year 12

8.00am	School opens
8.20am	Class begins
3.15pm	School finishes

**Please read this information in conjunction with the Parent Handbooks on the Current Parents page of the School Website.**



# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms are available from the Bob Stewart shop in Malvern.

LOCATION:

150 Waverley Road

East Malvern, VIC 3145

P: 03 9036 7342

E: malvern@bobstewart.com.au

OPERATING HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Thursday: 8.30am - 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

Appointments can be arranged for personalised service, particularly for parents new to Korowa and an interpreter is available for International students if requested.



# LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES – Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

At Korowa, the use of technology is embedded within teaching and learning and is integral to our students' education and development. The School's philosophy is that each student should have constant and consistent access to a personal computing device. Technology use at all levels is about far more than just teaching "computer skills". It is about integrating the use of a tool throughout the curriculum to enhance all aspects of the learning experience. All teachers use Konnect to support student learning and the development of important skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity and global citizenship.

Students with iPads (Prep to Year 4 provided by the School) have access to a range of core apps for content creation and specialised applications that enable, for example, stop motion animation and video creation, literacy and numeracy enhancement as well as coding.

The BYOD Program introduced in 2018 ensures students with laptops/tablets have access to a range of core applications such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud and specialist subject specific applications such as Language Perfect, Visual Coaching Pro, Mathematics and ArtRage.

During the course of transition and orientation days, students will attend a learning technologies induction session during which they will have the opportunity of familiarising themselves with their device and the apps used in their year level.

**All students from Year 5 up are required to provide their own laptop. These laptops have minimum specification criteria to meet (touch screen, stylus, Windows 10 Professional).**

Laptops are available for purchase through: <https://shop.somerville.com.au/korowaanglicangirlsschool>



Please enter the following credentials:

Access ID: kaguser

Password: kaguser

Please note that Apple Macbooks can only be used from Year 10 onwards.

Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance for their daughter's device.



## SPORT



At Korowa, all girls in Years 3 - 12 have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of Co-Curricular Sports.

Students are encouraged to participate in sport at Korowa and can do so via these simple steps:

**1. Submit a Korowa Sport Sign Up Online Form each term**

This Online Form is circulated via email and School Stream to new and current families approximately three to four weeks before the term concludes, in preparation for the following term. This Online Form contains basic information such as trials, training and game dates.

**2. Receive a CareMonkey eForm**

Once the Online Form registrations have closed, families will receive a CareMonkey eForm detailing important information about their chosen Sport. Families must provide participation permission via this CareMonkey eForm before attending trials or training.

**3. Trials and Team Selection**

After trials (for weekly sport teams, carnival or club sports), families will receive email communication confirming team selection.

**4. Join the Teamstuff App**

Once the teams have been selected, families will receive an email invitation to join Teamstuff, a Melbourne based smart phone App. All Korowa Sport communication, live fixture and training details, attendance and much more will be accessible via Teamstuff.

**5. Post-season opportunities**

Girls are offered pathway opportunities to extend their sporting pursuits via Regional and State level trials and competitions.

At Korowa, girls are encouraged to try new sports and to develop their skills. They build friendships with girls from other year levels and feel part of a group, on and off the field. Sport provides an important opportunity to develop healthy habits for life and to establish a positive sense of self, a healthy body and a balanced lifestyle.

# MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

## Instrumental, Vocal and Theory Lessons

In addition to the classroom Music Program, the Instrumental Program offers tuition individually, with the possibility of shared lessons should like students be available.

Korowa prides itself on its high quality music staff who are specialists in their own instrument, enabling students to receive outstanding tuition and guidance. Tuition on all orchestral and band instruments is offered, and students who learn an instrument, including voice, are expected to belong to an ensemble. Students may also enrol for Music Theory classes to enhance their playing.

Enrolment for lessons may be arranged at any time during the School year. Enrolment forms are available through Konnect, the School Website and the Music School.

In conjunction with the classroom Music Program, instrumental lessons provide a foundation for possible future VCE Music Performance study.

The Junior School classroom Music Program includes opportunities to learn a range of musical styles and instruments, including the Year 2 and 3 Strings Program, Year 4 Instrumental Music and Year 5 and 6 Instrumental Program, where a wider range of instruments are introduced.

## Ensembles

All students are encouraged to join the many ensembles which rehearse weekly and give students memorable, exciting performance options, as well as the opportunity to mix with students of different year levels and gain further recognition through the awards and music colours. Membership of ensembles, including choirs, is open to all students whether they learn in the school or privately.

Korowa has a range of instrumental ensembles that cater for all levels of playing ability. These include different level concert bands, stage bands and string ensembles, and flagship ensembles such as Koristers, Wind Symphony and Menuhin Orchestra.

A list of ensemble opportunities is provided in the Junior and Senior School Parent Handbooks. In the Junior School, students can also be invited to join a range of ensembles at the invitation of the Junior School Performing Arts Co-ordinator. Senior School students are invited to express their interest in joining one or more ensembles at the beginning of the year. If this opportunity is missed at the beginning of the year, students are encouraged to see the Director of Music at any time, as opportunities for ensemble performances are always available.

Students and their families who feel that they require more information about co-curricular music activities are encouraged to contact the Music School.

Please contact the Music Administrator Mrs Saffron Morgan (8808 8847) or the Director of Music Mrs Jenny Mathers (8808 8846).

## Performance Opportunities

A wide variety of performance opportunities are offered to students, from Performing Arts productions, plays, dance showcases and concerts. These range from informal soirees and lunchtime concerts to performances at Assemblies and the formal Annual Concert, Founders' Day Service at St Paul's Cathedral and Speech Night.

There are opportunities for the whole school to come together in concert, as well as dedicated Junior, Cripps and Senior performance opportunities. A Year 7 and 8 Cripps Production is held every second year, alternating with the Year 9 to 12 Senior School Production. The Junior School Production is held every second year, and the House Arts Festival is held every year. All Junior School students are involved.

Senior girls are encouraged to compose music for performance and to direct their own rehearsals through the House Arts Festival and House Chorals Competition. These performances give students wonderful leadership opportunities and invaluable skills, and are highly valued by all.

The ELC Nativity Play and Community Christmas Carols are an end-of-year highlight.



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