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Welcome to Korowa

‘The world is at your fingertips; you just have to be conscious enough to realise it.’ – Joshua Rosenthal

Korowa Anglican Girls' School provides a safe and supportive school community, with a proud history of welcoming girls from overseas. We offer a vast range of educational, musical, sporting and co-curricular opportunities for girls from Prep to Year 12.

We wish you a warm welcome.

This Handbook will provide important information for your transition to Korowa and can be referred to during the course of the year. If you need further assistance we are on hand to help you.



Essential Contacts

Reception

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Essential Links

<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/page/parent-portal/current-parents/>

Korowa Anglican Girls' School

Mission and Values

OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to develop self-aware, confident and capable young women who understand their responsibility and capacity to influence the world in a positive way.

OUR VALUES

Our values guide every decision we make, and are the standards to which we hold ourselves accountable. These are;

Courage to strive for success in learning and life

Respect for Anglican values that promote authentic social responsibility

Integrity in our conduct, relationships and leadership

Service to our local, national and international communities

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In seeking to achieve our purpose, we are committed to ensuring:

- A culture that encourages the breadth of character and the values that equip our girls to meet the opportunity and challenges of our world and make the most of the future
- Academic excellence with a meaningful journey of rich, diverse, future focused and holistic learning experiences
- Staff who are supported to develop the expertise and commitment to add significant value to the capacity of our girls to enjoy their learning and embark on their chosen pathways beyond school with success
- A whole School community strengthened by enduring relationships of trust and a shared vision of what Korowa might become and how it might contribute nationally and internationally
- Facilities that enhance the quality of our girls' education and draw us together in celebration and achievement

OUR STRATEGY

Korowa will provide:

- The **place** to connect
- The **challenge** to learn
- The **opportunity** to excel

OUR EXPECTATIONS

At Korowa, we believe in the power of Kindness and the Values of Courage, Respect, Integrity and Service. We expect our girls to be Brave, Respectful, Honest, Generous and above all Kind.

Statement of Democratic Principles

The VRQA Minimum Standards for School Registration includes a standard concerning the school's adherence to Australian democratic principles and practice.

This standard is as follows:

The programs of, and teaching in, a school must support and promote the principles and practice of Australian democracy, including a commitment to:

- *elected Government;*
- *the rule of law;*
- *equal rights for all before the law;*
- *freedom of religion;*
- *freedom of speech and association;*
- *the values of openness and tolerance.*

Korowa Anglican Girls' School is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy

We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.

- We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practice tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the school community regardless of background.



About Korowa Anglican Girls' School

History and Tradition

Korowa Anglican Girls' School was founded in 1890 through the foresight of Mrs Henrietta Akehurst who sought to create an outstanding educational experience for girls.

School Motto

The Latin school motto, 'Palma Non Sine Pulvere', has been in use since 1908 and is a quote from Roman Poet, Horace. It directly translates to 'no palms without dust', referring to the prize of palms or a wreath awarded to winners of chariot races. In a modern context, it means 'no reward without effort'. This phrase is the grounding of Korowa's identity as we prize 'effort' and celebrate achievement.

School Crest

Korowa's school crest is a symbolic representation of both our past and our future. The current version has been in use since 1920. The palm leaves are a symbol of celebration and victory and were also a feature of the school gardens before the move to 'Ranfurlie' in 1914. The Archbishop's mitre featured in the centre of the crest symbolises Korowa's association with the Anglican Church.

School Gates

Dedicated in 1938, Korowa's iconic entrance gates have welcomed more than 10,000 students. The wrought iron school gates were purchased by the Parents' Association for 40 pounds in 1936.

Houses

Korowa is a place to connect and we encourage a sense of belonging in our School. Students become part of one of our four 'houses' which act as their School family.

Akehurst – Grey

Named in honour of Miss Ethel Akehurst, our second Principal and daughter of our founder. This was the last house to be established in 1933.

Clarke – Pink

Named in honour of Dr Lowther Clarke, former Archbishop of Melbourne, who was responsible for the inauguration of Korowa as a Church of England Grammar School. This house was established in 1924.

Jamieson – Blue

Named in honour of Miss Jean Jamieson MA, a former Senior Mistress of Staff. This house was established in 1924.

Wilkinson – Cherry

Named in honour of Miss Wanda Wilkinson, a former Head Prefect and later a member of staff. This house was established in 1924.

Principals

1899 – 1905	Mrs Henrietta Akehurst
1905 – 1926	Miss Ethel Akehurst
1927 – 1929	Mrs Enid Eastman
1930 – 1949	Miss Margaret Dickson
1950 – 1969	Miss Beatrice Guyett
1970 – 1990	Miss Margaret McPherson
1991 – 2003	Dr Roslyn Otzen
2003 – 2015	Mrs Christine Jenkins
2016 – 2021	Mrs Helen Carmody
2022 – present	Ms Narelle Umbers (Interim)

At Korowa, students journey through the following phases of learning:

- Junior School: Early Learning Centre, Prep – Year 2, Years 3 – 6
- Senior School: Cripps Years (Years 7 and 8), Senior Years (Years 9 – 12)

School Hours

ELC	
School Opens	7.30am - Before Care
Drop Off	From 8.30am
School Finishes	2.50pm

Prep - Year 6		Years 7 - 12	
Period 1 (School Commences for Prep-Year 6)	8.20am	Period 1 (School Commences for Years 7-12)	8.20am
Period 2	9.15am	Period 2	9.15am
Recess	10.10am	Recess	10.10am
Period 3	10.35am	Period 3	10.35am
Period 4	11.30am	Period 4	11.30am
Lunch	12.25pm	Lunch	12.25pm
Period 5	1.25pm	Period 5	1.25pm
Period 6	2.20pm	Period 6	2.20pm
School Finishes	3.15pm	School Finishes	3.15pm

School Services – Operating Hours

Junior School Reception (ELC - Year 6)	Monday – Friday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Student Services (Years 7-12)	Monday – Friday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Senior School Learning Commons	Monday – Thursday Friday	8.00am – 6.00pm 8.00am – 4.00pm
Homework Hub (Years 4-8)	Monday – Thursday	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Health Centre	Monday – Friday	8.30am – 3.30pm
IT Services Help Desk <i>Students are encouraged to visit IT Services during non-class time, unless urgent assistance is required.</i>	Monday – Friday	8.00am – 4.00pm
Before School Care (ELC - Year 6)	Monday – Friday	7.30am to start of school day

Absences

Students across the School are expected to attend all lessons and activities. Parents should notify the School before 9.00am, if a student is to be absent from School.

Junior School (ELC – Year 6)	8808 8844
Reception (Years 7 – 12)	8808 8888 (Option 1 for absences)
Absentee email (ELC – Year 12)	absentees@korowa.vic.edu.au

In the case of an unexplained absence, the School will send an SMS message to the parent or guardian.

Students requesting permission for an extended absence must submit a written request from their parents to the Principal.

Term Dates

TERM 1	
Australia Day Holiday	Wednesday 26 January 2022
Staff Day	Thursday 27 January 2022
Staff Day	Friday 28 January 2022
Staff Day	Monday 31 January 2022
Year 7 Orientation Day and New Students Years 8 -11 Commence	Monday 31 January 2022
All Students Commence	Tuesday 1 February 2022
Labour Day	Monday 14 March 2022
Term 1 Concludes	Friday 8 April 2022
Good Friday	Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Saturday	Saturday 16 April 2022
Easter Monday	Monday 18 April 2022
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 19 April 2022
TERM 2	
ANZAC Day	Monday 25 April 2022
Staff Commence	Tuesday 26 April 2022
Students Commence	Wednesday 27 April 2022
Whole School Assessment Day	Friday 10 June 2022
Queen's Birthday	Monday 13 June 2022
Term 2 Concludes	Friday 24 June 2022
TERM 3	
Staff Commence	Monday 18 July 2022
Students Commence	Tuesday 19 July 2022
Mid-Term Break	Friday 19 August 2022
Term 3 Concludes	Friday 16 September 2022
TERM 4	
Staff Commence	Monday 3 October 2022
Students Commence	Tuesday 4 October 2022
Mid-Term Break	Monday 31 October 2022
Melbourne Cup Day	Tuesday 1 November 2022
Whole School Assessment Day	Friday 18 November 2022
Term 4 Concludes	Friday 9 December 2022
Teaching Staff Conclude	Tuesday 13 December 2022

All the important dates for the year are listed in your School Diary. Please be very clear on dates for exams, SACs etc. You can also access the full School Calendar online. We will show you how to do this when you commence.

Please make sure you and your parents are aware of these term dates. You must be at School on these dates. Any additional holidays must be applied for in writing and approved by the Principal.

Child Protection

Korowa – A Safe Environment For Everyone

Korowa Anglican Girls' School is a Child Safe School. We have a zero tolerance stance on child abuse and are committed to protecting all children from all forms of abuse. We are clear about our behavioural expectations of every person in our community. The information below is shared with all students in a range of fora, including the School Diary.

Korowa's Child Protection Program Handbook is available at:
<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/page/about/child-safe-school/>

The Child Protection and Safety Policy can be downloaded from that website.

What Do I Do If I Am Feeling Unsafe At School?

If you are feeling unsafe or have any concerns for your safety or that of a fellow student whilst at School, on an excursion or camp, or when participating in any online activities, you should immediately discuss the matter with your parents or any member of the Korowa staff that you feel comfortable.

The staff member will need to document the conversation and will ask whether you are comfortable with them involving the School Counsellor or another Korowa Child Protection Officer in the conversation.

Korowa's Child Protection Officers are:

- The School Counsellor; and
- The Risk and Compliance Coordinator; and
- The School Chaplain

The Korowa staff member (together with the Child Protection Officer, where you have agreed to them being present) will discuss the matter with you and will document the conversation.

If a Child Protection Officer was not involved in the initial conversation, the staff member will then report directly to one of the Child Protection Officers.

What Will Korowa Do In Response To Your Report?

The Korowa staff involved will:

- Ensure that they accurately document your concerns;
- Ensure the matter is handled sensitively and in a confidential manner; and
- Take steps to protect you from further harm.

Korowa has clear behavioural expectations from all our staff and all adults who may interact with you. If you have any concerns, please ensure you speak to your parents, or contact a Korowa staff member you are comfortable with.

Class Parent Representatives

Class Parent Representatives are parent volunteers who nominate themselves as a point of contact for families in your child's year level. The role involves making families feel welcome, included and connected. Everyone can apply to be a Class Parent Representative in their child's year level. Please express your interest by contacting Sharyn Hanly, Director of Community Engagement, on 8808 8893 or shanly@korowa.vic.edu.au

Co-Curricular Opportunities

At Korowa we are very proud of the diverse range of opportunities on offer for students to develop and extend their talents. More information regarding these activities can be found on the School Website.

Communications

Parent Communications

The School utilises several different methods to communicate with parents:

- Phone and email
- School Stream – Korowa's mobile app for news, notices and notifications. For the most timely notifications, please use the School Stream app. Download Now from the App Store
<https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/?school=Korowa+Anglican+Girls%27+School&school-url=https%3A%2F%2Fkorowa.myschoolstream.net>
- A fortnightly Digital Magazine provides an overview from the Heads of School and important announcements

Operoo

Operoo is Korowa's primary source for capturing medical information and obtaining permission for excursions, camps and other programs. Operoo can be accessed and updated via a web browser or the app for iOS or Android devices. Our experience is that the app is the easiest way for parents to utilise Operoo. Every student requires a Operoo profile and this should be created and maintained by her parent/guardian. If you would like to learn more about Operoo, please visit www.operoo.com

Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Allergy Management Plans

When creating your daughter's Operoo Profile you will also need to share with the School any relevant Anaphylaxis, Asthma or Allergy Management Plans. Please note that both the Asthma Foundation and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy Limited (ASCIA) have updated their Asthma and Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction treatment plans respectively. In particular, ASCIA now has different types of treatment plans for Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reactions. Please ensure that you provide the School with the most appropriate plan, signed by your medical practitioner.

Konnect

Konnect, Korowa's Learning Management System, is a comprehensive online, interactive teaching and learning environment, and the primary source of online communication between the School and students. Parents are encouraged to access Konnect regularly, to access information shared by the School.

<https://konnect.korowa.vic.edu.au>

Parent Information Sessions

Parents are invited to a range of Parent Information Evenings throughout the course of the year, which cover such topics as subject selection; Experiential Learning Programs; Pop Up Parenting Sessions; and, transitioning to a new phase of learning. These events are listed in the School calendar and parents are sent invitations prior to the event.

Contacting the School

If the student is in Junior School, the parents/guardians may contact their daughter's class teacher or specialist teacher via the Junior School Reception by telephone on 8808 8844 if they have any concerns. They should also contact Junior School Reception if they wish to make an appointment with the Head of Junior School.

If the student is in Senior School, the parent may contact their daughter's Head of Year if they have any concerns. Students Services can also be contacted by telephone 8808 8810, for any general questions.



Community Groups

The Korovian Club

Upon leaving school, Korowa students become a life members of the Korovian Club. The Club's committee meets monthly and members represent a wide range of year groups and eras. All Korovians are welcome to attend these meetings. The Club holds functions during the year, most notably the extensive reunion program. The aim of the Korovian Club is to maintain a connection with fellow Korovians and the School. In addition, the Korovian Club generously supports the School. Korovians are also invited to act as mentors or as guest speakers at school events.

If you would like more information about the Club or would like to join the committee, please contact Helen Tope, Korovian Club President via email: korovian.club@gmail.com

For information about reunions and events; to let us know your news; or to update your details, on our records, please contact Ian Robertson, Alumni Manager, on irobertson@korowa.vic.edu.au

Korowa Friendship Groups

Parents can make new friends and grow the Korowa community through the many Friendship groups that currently exist. They include:

- Friends of Rowing
- Friends of Snowsports
- Friends of the Arts
- Friends of Junior School
- Friends of Netball
- Friends of Basketball
- Korowa Dad's group
- Korowa Friendship group
- Class Representatives

If you would like more information, please contact Sharyn Hanly, Director of Community Engagement, on 8808 8893 or sharly@korowa.vic.edu.au

The School Council

The School Council provides the formal leadership of the strategic framework, and provides long-term direction to conform to a strategic plan.

The School Council also provides loyal but critical support for the School Executive, led by the Principal. Its role is to govern the School, but is not involved in its day-to-day management. It is the School Executive's role to manage the School in accordance with the strategic goals set by the School Council and under its direction. The School Council does not have a management function.

The School Council has overall responsibility to ensure that the School is well-managed and that its operations are successful. It must do all things necessary to ensure that the School meets its objects as set out in the School's Constitution.

The School Council is:

- Stuart Major, Chair (Current Parent)
- Kathy Kings (Korovian)
- Narelle Umbers (Principal of Korowa)
- Karrie Long (Korovian and Current Parent)
- Ross Milton (Current Parent)
- Megan Pepper (Korovian)
- Catherine Robson (Current Parent)
- Craig Whalen (Current Parent)
- Joanne Chin (Korovian)
- Gail James (Current Parent)
- Robert Konoroth, Company Secretary (Director of Business of Korowa)

The Korowa Foundation Limited

Formed in 1990, The Korowa Foundation Limited aims to preserve and enrich the ideals established by the School through a range of fundraising initiatives across the entire Korowa Community.

These activities support ongoing major capital works projects, scholarships and bursaries as well as ensuring high-quality educational, sports and arts resources are available to all students. To date, the Korowa Foundation has assisted in the School raising significant additional funding, improving the experience for Korowa students.

These generous financial contributions provide ongoing support for initiatives not covered by School fees or Government funding. The School must constantly evolve to keep pace with a changing world and demanding educational environment and many of the present facilities in the School have been made possible by the philanthropic generosity of the Korowa community in the past.

The Foundation's Directors are:

- Sandra Ivory, Chair (Korovian)
- Narelle Umbers (Interim Principal of Korowa)
- Margaret Hill (Korovian)
- John Carson (Past Parent)
- Kent Sutherland (Current Parent)

For more information on how you can support the Foundation, please contact Ian Robertson, Alumni Manager on irobertson@korowa.vic.edu.au

The Jessie Patrick Bequest Society

The Jessie Patrick Bequest Society was established to recognise the special commitment of Korovians and friends who have listed Korowa Anglican Girls' School as a beneficiary in their Will. Named after the first student to enrol at Korowa, the Jessie Patrick Bequest Society provides the School with an opportunity to honour and thank these benefactors during their lifetime.

For more information about leaving a bequest to Korowa or to arrange a confidential conversation with the Interim Principal, Narelle Umbers, please contact Ian Robertson, Alumni Manager, on irobertson@korowa.vic.edu.au

Your Student Visa

As a holder of a student visa, it is important you understand that Korowa will monitor your visa conditions and is responsible for reporting any breaches of these conditions to the Department of Home Affairs, after counselling sessions and written warnings have been issued. Unsatisfactory attendance or course progress may lead to the cancellation of your student visa. For further information please go to www.homeaffairs.gov.au

As an International Student on a student visa, you must:

- Comply with your student visa conditions;
- Ensure you have and continue to maintain your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for as long as you stay in Australia on a student visa;
- Tell Korowa if you change your address or other contact details, and have your living arrangements approved by Korowa;
- Meet the terms of your written agreement with Korowa; and
- Maintain satisfactory course progress and attendance.

Student Advocates/Welfare Guardians

All International Students attending Korowa who are not living with their parents must have a Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian who will act on the parent's behalf in relation to School matters.

Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian (not a legal guardian):

- Have regular contact with both the student and her parents;
- Translate and assist with communications to parents;
- Notify the School of student absences;
- Act on the parents' behalf in dealings with the School and be readily available to discuss matters of concern and show an interest in, and monitor the academic progress of the student;
- Assist student with airport transfers and moving in and out of homestay;
- Attend School functions and events that concern the student, such as information briefings, parent/teacher interviews or Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian meetings; and
- Propose to the School an appropriate proxy when the Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian is unavailable for any reason. If the Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian needs to leave Melbourne for a short duration, i.e. four weeks or less, a 'proxy' Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian must be nominated. This arrangement must be approved by the School. For absences longer than one month, a new Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian must be appointed.

Homestay

The student is required to have accommodation arrangements approved by Korowa for the duration of her stay with us. If the student does not live with her parents then she must have an approved Homestay. Initially Homestay may be arranged through Student Accommodation Services directly by the student or agent, through the SAS website at www.student-accommodation.com.au, however once Homestay has been approved, changes may only be made after consultation with the International Student Co-ordinator, Mrs Alexandra Jackson. Any student younger than 13 must live with a parent (who must be on a Guardian Visa).

Please note the important Homestay Tips below:

- It is important that you feel relaxed and comfortable in your homestay;
- If you are worried about something e.g. your room is too hot or too cold or you do not like the food, it is important that you talk to your homestay family in a polite but honest way;
- In Australian culture it is ok to express your opinion or ask to change something, as long as the request is made politely;
- Ask your family about the rules of the house so that you understand clearly what is expected from you. They will give you some rules about what will happen in your house so there is clear communication; and
- Remember that you are sharing this family's home. Please treat your family and their home and possessions respectfully.

Daily Attendance at School

It is a good idea to be here early. Plan to arrive 5 minutes before your first class so that you have time to get organised and get your books.

All students are expected to attend 100% of all classes. If your attendance falls below 80% your student visa may be cancelled and you will need to return to your home country. You are generally not permitted to leave the School during the day for any reason. Years 7 – 12 students (Senior School) must speak directly to Mrs Jackson or your Head of Year if you do need to leave for a very important reason.

The parents of Junior School students must speak with their Classroom Teacher

- **If you are late to School:**
 - o Students in Years 7 - 12 must sign in with your student card at Student Services. If you arrive late, you will be marked absent for the morning and this will affect your attendance record. You must have a valid reason for arriving late.
 - o If a Junior School student arrives late, after 8.30am, she must report to Junior School Reception and sign in.
- **If you are absent**, your homestay parent or your Student Advocate/ Welfare Guardian must telephone the School before 9.00am to advise the reason for your absence. You must also bring a doctor's certificate after you return to school to explain your absence.
 - Senior School – 8808 8888
 - Junior School – 8808 8844
- **If you need to leave early:**
 - o Students in Years 7 – 12 must sign out at Student Services. Your Student Advocate/Welfare Guardian will need to contact the School to confirm the reason for your early departure.
 - o Students in Years 5 and 6 who are leaving early must present a written note from a parent to the Junior School Office or confirm receipt of an email sent to the Junior School Office by her parent. ELC – Year 4 students must be in the presence of a parent when signing out of the School.
- **Students who are unwell** should initially be assessed by the School Nurse, who will determine whether they should go home and will contact the parent/ guardian accordingly.
- Students requesting permission for an **extended absence** must submit a written request from their parents to the Principal.

Every class that you miss affects your attendance record.

Student ID Cards

All students are issued with an ID card. New students are provided with their ID cards approximately two weeks after their first school photo is taken. The Korowa ID card is used by students to sign in and out of School; when borrowing items from the Library; and for purchasing items from the Tuckshop.

SunSmart

Korowa is a SunSmart School and, as such, takes very seriously the need for students to be protected against the sun while at School. All students should have their own sunscreen lotion/cream in their bag (roll-on is preferred). However, sunscreen can be provided for those who have not brought their own on any day. Students in Prep – Year 6 are expected to wear the Korowa cap/sunhat when outdoors in Terms 1 and 4. Junior School students are also expected to wear their straw hat to and from School.

If a student forgets to bring her cap/sunhat she will have to remain indoors or under cover.

Term Dates

A list of term dates can be found on the School Website here:
<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/discover-korowa/term-dates/>

Trips and Tours

From Year 2 - 6, Korowa students take part in the following outdoor education activities and gradually build their skills:

- Year 2 day camp experience
- Year 3 camp for one night
- Year 4 and 5 camps for a two-night experience
- Year 6 Korowa to the Capital Tour for three nights

Each year, students in the Senior School are provided with the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the gates of Korowa, and attend their respective year level's Trip or Tour.

In addition, through the course of Senior School, your daughter can take advantage of the various tours and exchanges based on STEAM; language and culture; and, community service. The School generally launches each event with an information session approximately 6-12 months prior to the experience taking place. Parents who are interested in learning more about Experiential Learning Opportunities are encouraged to contact the Head of Senior School, Karlie Stocker, or visit the School Website.

In 2022, the Trips and Tours will be modified /rescheduled in response to COVID-19 conditions as required.

Trips and Tours:
<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/learning-at-korowa/signature-programs/>

Uniform Expectations

Students are expected to dress and present themselves in a way which both reflects the Korowa Values and meets our uniform expectations.

Students are required to have both the winter and summer uniform. Summer uniform is worn during Terms 1 and 4. Winter uniform is worn during Terms 2 and 3. During the last two weeks of Terms 1 and 3, either summer or winter uniform may be worn; however, students should not mix summer and winter uniforms, nor should they mix summer/winter uniform with items from the sports uniform.

Correct sports uniform, including the cherry cap (Years 3-12) and the white sun hat (ELC - Year 2) must be worn to all PE lessons, sport practices and matches. In 2021, students can wear PE/Sports uniform items from the existing and updated PE uniform suite. On the days in which students have PE, Sport or Dance, they can wear their full sports uniform to and from School.

Students across the School should take note of the following particular uniform expectations:

- The hem of the winter skirt and summer dress should touch the top of the knee
- The blazer is the outer garment of the winter uniform when outside the School grounds
- Jumpers should always be worn under the blazer when outside the School grounds
- Hair must be of a natural colour and style
- Hair below collar length should be worn in a neat ponytail
- Students may wear a watch and one simple gold or silver stud or sleeper in each ear lobe. No other jewellery (including cartilage piercings) may be worn. Any other jewellery/adornment will be confiscated by staff and held in Student Services/Junior School Reception until the conclusion of the term
- Coloured nail polish, make-up and non-school badges and school bags are not acceptable
- All girls are expected to wear a Korowa ribbon (white, cherry or charcoal) with both the summer and winter uniform
- All girls are expected to wear their House ribbon (grey, pink, navy or red) to House events
- The blazer must be worn to all Chapel Services and Assemblies
- Scarves should not be worn to Chapel Services or Assemblies
- In ELC - Year 2, the white Korowa Sunhat must be worn at Recess and Lunch (Terms 1 and 4)
- In Years 3 - 8, the Cherry Sports Cap must be worn at Recess and Lunch (Terms 1 and 4)

Uniform Supplier

Korowa Uniforms are available from either the Bob Stewart store in East Malvern or on their website.

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

Location: 150 Waverley Road, East Malvern

Opening Hours: Six days a week (closed Sundays).

Please check the Bob Stewart website for hours: www.bobstewart.com.au

Valuable Items

Large sums of money and valuable items should not be brought to School. In exceptional circumstances, they should be left at the Junior School Office or Student Services for safekeeping.

Support and Welfare Services Available at Korowa

There are a range of staff at Korowa who are dedicated to ensuring International Students achieve personal success in their academic and social and emotional lives. This team of staff is led by the International Student Co-ordinator, Mrs Alexandra Jackson.



International Student Co-ordinator

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8808 8888 (School)



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School Counsellor

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Head of Year 12 and EAL Teacher

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International Student Captain

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Support and Welfare Services Available at Korowa



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Ms Umbers
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Student Services (8.00am-4.00pm)

studentservices@korowa.vic.edu.au

Junior School Reception (8.00am-4.00pm)

LCrouch@korowa.vic.edu.au

Need Help?

Who to seek out

Junior School (Prep – Year 6):

Students or parents should speak to their Classroom Teacher in the first instance.

Senior School (Years 7 – 12): Please refer to the diagram below.

Who can I ask for help?

I'm having trouble understanding English

Mrs Gillies (EAL Support) or your EAL Teacher

I need advice or information on subject selection or VCE

Head of Year

If I have academic problems or problems at school

Your Advisor, Head of Year or Mrs Shannon Whithouse, Learning Support Co-ordinator

If I have problems with my homestay, guardianship or general problems

Mrs Jackson International Student Coordinator

If I have personal or family problems I would like to discuss

Mrs Spurling Counsellor

I would like information about University courses or future careers

Mrs Blennerhassett Careers Counsellor

I would like support from another student

International Captain Maggie Chen

Help! I'm lost or have a general problem

Student Services (Years 7 – 12)

I have a problem with class work in a particular subject

Your Subject Teacher

Legal Services

Consumer advice for International Students can be obtained by visiting the following:

Consumer Affairs Victoria

1300 55 81 81

9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

Victorian Legal Aid

1300 792 387

Monday to Friday from 8.45 am to 5.15pm, for free information over the phone about the law and how we can help you.

Doctors, Hospitals and Emergencies

Doctors

In Australia, if you are sick, you go to see a Doctor. Doctors have clinics and centres in all parts of Melbourne. There will be one near where you live. This is where you go if you have the flu, or are unwell and it is not an emergency.

The Glen Iris Medical Group near Korowa is located at 177 Burke Rd, Glen Iris Vic and can be contacted on 03 9509 7633.

Vitality Medical Health Centre is also nearby and is located at Suite 4, Level 1, 1632 High Street, Glen Iris Vic. Phone 03 9885 5433.

Hospitals

If you have an emergency, like a sudden very serious illness, or you are badly injured (such as in a car accident), or you break a bone, then you go to the hospital. Hospitals deal with serious, sudden or life-threatening illnesses and injuries. You do not go to the hospital if you are just feeling unwell.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency please call 000.

When you call Triple Zero (000):

- Do you want Police, Fire or Ambulance?
- Stay calm, don't shout, speak slowly and clearly.
- Tell them exactly where to come. Give an address or location.

131 126 – 24 hour Poisons Information Centre

131 114 – Life Line: 24 hour service

1800 551 800 – Kids Helpline

1300 224 636 – Beyond Blue

School Nurse at Korowa

If you feel unwell whilst at School, please visit the Health Centre where the School Nurse, Brenda Linsell, will assist you. She is located adjacent to the Drama Halls in the West Wing of the School.

School Diary

The School Diary is compulsory in Years 7 and 8, and optional in Years 9-12. If students in Years 9-12 choose not to purchase a School Diary they should ensure that they have an appropriate and effective method for recording their work and commitments, including homework tasks, due dates for assignments, assessment tasks and tests/exams.

Parents in the Cripps Program are asked to take an active interest in their daughter's homework and study by helping ensure that she uses the School Diary effectively and she undertakes a regular homework pattern. Parents can assist by:

- having conversations about topics being studied;
- providing a quiet time and place for study;
- ensuring that their daughter has some rest and relaxation time; and
- where there are concerns, notifying the subject teacher or Head of Year;
- signing the School Diary.

Konnect

Konnect, Korowa's Learning Management System is a comprehensive online, interactive teaching and learning environment and is the primary source of online communication between the School and students. Parents are also encouraged to access Konnect regularly, to access information shared by the School.

Facilities and Resources

Korowa provides students with a range of facilities that assist their academic and co-curricular learning.

These include:

- Senior School and Learning Commons (Library)
- Junior School Learning Commons (Library)
- Student Services
- Beatrice K Guyett Assembly Hall
- Margaret McPherson Music Centre
- Science Laboratories
- Food Technology Kitchen
- Cripps Centre
- Swimming Pool (*under construction*)
- Sport Centre (*under construction*)
- STEAM Lab
- IT Help Desk
- Tuckies (Canteen)

Room Code Guide – Reading your Timetable

Letters

W – West Wing (side that Tuckies cafe is on)

E – East Wing (nearest the oval)

FT – Food Technology

C – Cripps Centre

Numbers (the first number after the letter)

1 – Ground Floor

2 – Level 2 (the library level)

3 – Level 3 (the VCE Centre level)

4 – Level 4 (the Art level)

E.g. – E317 would be room 317 in the East Wing, on Level 3 (the same level as the VCE Centre)

Public Transport

Students have many options for getting to Korowa safely and conveniently.

Train

The nearest train station, Glen Iris station, is a 5 minute walk. Glen Iris station services the Glen Waverley train line. Many other train lines connect to the Glen Waverley line from Richmond Station, a less than 30 minute trip. Other train stations are also accessible.

Bus

Please check www.ptv.vic.gov.au for bus routes.

Tram

Tram routes 5 and 6 stop within a 10 minute walk to Korowa. Tram route 72 stops at Gardiner Station, a 15 minute walk to Korowa. From tram route 16, transfer to a route 5 or 6 tram.

For more information on public transport timetables, maps and Myki, visit: Public Transport Victoria, www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Complaints and Appeals Procedure

Korowa recognises that, from time to time, students and/or their parents may not agree with the School's way of handling a situation or process. If this arises during the schooling of an international student, there is a defined process of escalation for resolution.

In the first instance, the student or family should contact the International Student Coordinator and attempt to resolve the issue through mediation or informal resolution of the complaint.

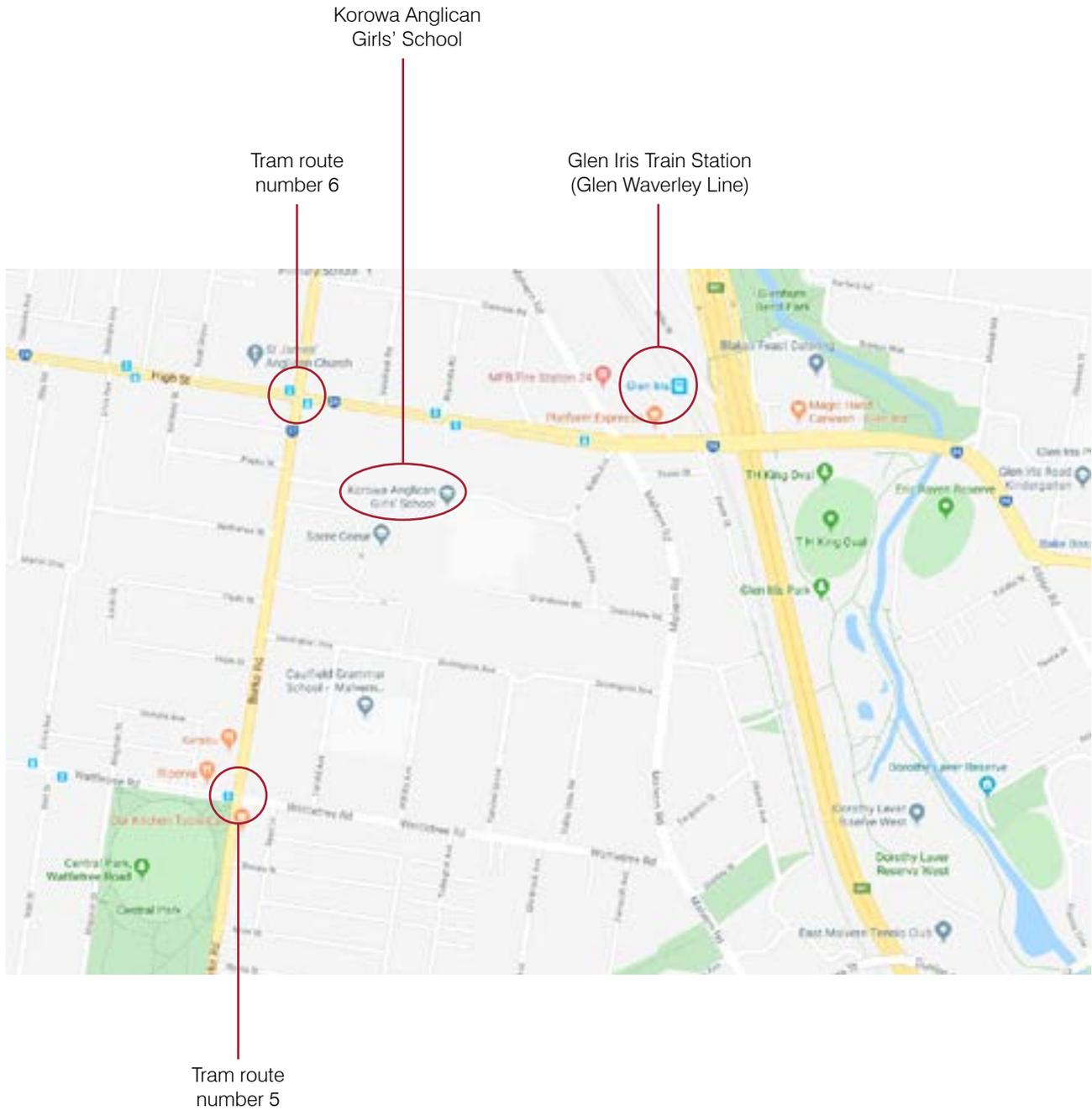
School policies, including Korowa's Complaints & Grievances Policy and the International Student Grievances Policy, are available on the School website here:

<https://www.korowa.vic.edu.au/page/enrol/international-students/school-policies/>

Here are some tips from students who have all had their first day in Australia, their first day at Korowa once

- Try new things, lots of them
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes, you might learn more from them than from your successes
- Be patient with yourself: it takes time to take in all the new tastes, smells and ways to do things
- Enjoy yourself and keep an open mind to new experiences

Local Area Map





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