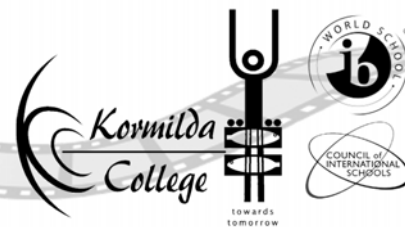


Kormilda News

20 August 2009



Principal's Perspective

Did you know that our current logo for Kormilda College, with the uplifted arms representing reaching forward and upward, was designed by Dennis Schapel and approved by the students at the College in 1972 when our current Chairman of the Kormilda College Board, Mr Kevin Davis, was Principal? The design, depicting food and water, two natural resources of life, incorporated a sense of looking to the future, which suited the meaning of the word 'Kormilda' i.e. 'tomorrow'. This fascinating piece of history and many more will form part of our 20th anniversary celebrations on the weekend of the 28 to 30

August at the College. Past students, parents, teachers, management staff and College Board members are, in some instances, travelling long distances to share this experience and catch up with friends from the past.

I would like to invite you all, as parents of current students, to join with us next weekend in celebrating the first 20 years of Kormilda College as a jointly managed Anglican and Uniting Church school, and to meet our new Principal Mr David Shinkfield. The official opening will occur at 1.20pm on Friday 28th with the College classrooms and facilities open for you to observe. Our students will be performing musical items and providing food and drink stalls. Historical displays will enable you to see how Kormilda has developed, and continues to develop, in order to offer a world class internationally accredited education to the young people of Darwin and surrounds.

Helen Spiers
Acting Principal

Breaking News!

The college Athletics Carnival was held today at Marrara Athletics Stadium. This event saw students of all ages compete in track and field events, with the inter-house tug-o-war a highlight for all. Results were close, but Djarrak took the Cup with 686 points, followed closely by Baru, Nganabaru, and Pumarali respectively.



Top to Top

Dario from the *Top to Top Global Climate Expedition* gave a presentation to Year 11 and 12 students on the impacts of global warming. *Top to Top* is a non-profit organisation of volunteers under the patronage of the United Nations Environment Programme

(UNEP). They have sailed the world for seven years; climbed seven summits; biked; connected students with sport and the environment; and picked up rubbish left behind by other travellers along the way!

Back to School Vouchers

The \$50 *Back to School Vouchers* are only redeemable at the school shop **until the end of Term 3**. The voucher may be used to purchase stationery, uniform, and text books only. The shop has a list of those students yet to redeem their vouchers.

Calendar of Events

August

Tue 25 - 4pm to 6.30pm
20/20 Cricket Game
Old Scholars & Staff v
KC First Eleven
Kormilda Cricket Grounds

Thu 27 - 9am to 10.30am
Year 10 Fete
Gymnasium

Fri 28 - 1.20pm to 4pm
Back to School Open Day
1.20pm - Official launch of the 20th Anniversary Celebrations in the Quad.
2pm to 3pm - visit classes/tour the College 'open afternoon'. Parents, Families & Friends (current & past) encouraged to attend.

Sat 29 - 4pm to 8pm
Reunion - 20th Anniversary
4pm AFL & Basketball - Current students v Past
5pm - 8pm - student performances, guest speakers, entertainment picnic-style in the Quad. Food, coffee, refreshments & commemorative souvenirs available for sale. Parents, Families & Friends (current & past) encouraged to attend.

Sun 30 - 10am to 10.30am
Giving Thanks Church Service
Formal close of 20th Anniversary Celebrations, in the Quad. **RSVP** to assist with seating/catering by - tel. 8922 1611.

Sat 29 to Sun 13 September
Weeks Without Walls

Sat 29 to Sun 6 September
Year 10 Camp
Group 1 - Lake Argyle

September

Thu 3 - 8.50am to 9.30am
Whole School Assembly
Gymnasium. Parents Welcome.

Fri 4 - 6.30 to 9.30
Year 8 Social
DADS

*Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from. **John 2.7-8***

Dear Jesus, you show us
a God who is abundantly
generous.
Amen

Host Families are Urgently Required

Volunteer host families are urgently required for four students between the ages of 16 and 17 and a half, arriving via the AFS Intercultural Programme network on a six month exchange. They have had to be re-routed from another country, and are currently homeless. For more information or to volunteer to host a student, please call Simone Phasey, tel: 0413444256.

Yourtutor

Congratulations to Pawan Koirala, Year 10, on winning an iPod in the *National yourtutor Competition*. Yourtutor online study support is available to all students Sunday to Friday, 5pm to 9pm. For more information call Mrs Judy Hickey telephone 8922 501 or email judy.hickey@kormilda.nt.edu.au

Homework Help

Homework Help is available in the Learning Centre on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons. A snack is provided at 3pm. Teachers assist students with homework and assignments 3.15pm to 4.15pm. For details call Ms Jayne Parry tel 89221661 or e-mail jayne.parry@kormilda.nt.edu.au



Getting Acquainted

Kormilda College

Next weekend commencing Friday and concluding Sunday, the Kormilda College community will celebrate 20 years of teaching and learning as an Anglican and Uniting Church College.

Part of the celebrations will include the release of a booklet that details the historical timeline of the College and the site upon which it stands, dating back to 1941.

It is hoped that current and past students, parents, friends, and staff of the College will be in attendance at some point during the celebrations, and might avail themselves of a copy. So, in the interests of 'Getting Acquainted' – this edition contains excerpts taken directly from the Historical Timeline.

1941 – 1942

Australian Army Hospital with 1,200 beds for Australian soldiers and Japanese Prisoners of War. It was later used as an Air Defence Control Centre and Australian Army and Airforce Transit Camp.

1946 – 1966

QANTAS Transit Accommodation Centre. The swimming pool was constructed in 1948 (yes, it is the same pool that students use today at Kormilda!)

1964

Watts/Gallacher Report. The basic concept of a transitional, residential college in Darwin was proposed in the 1964 Watts/Gallacher Report. To implement the proposal the Aboriginal Education Branch, Welfare Division, NT Administration Department of the Interior set about acquiring a 20 hectare site on Berrimah Road.

1967

The QANTAS property was acquired to create a post-primary hostel and transit boarding school. First group of students were in residence in September but the first full year of operation was 1968. There were 23 students from six settlements. They were: Warrabri, Amoonguna, Bamyili, Snake Bay, Delissaville and Goulburn Island.

1974

Principal - Mr D Westover BA. Rolf Harris visits the College midyear and delivers a short concert. He produced a painting that was to hang in the 'Rolf Harris Library', the library area of the new buildings. Cyclone Tracy hits and destroys a considerable amount of partly completed buildings.

1979

Old buildings completely removed and the new face of Kormilda appears.

1987

The College Board prepares for 'new' Kormilda. Interim Board of Governors is appointed.

1988

Billanook College (Melbourne) released a number of teaching, secretarial and residential staff for 12 months to assist in the establishment of the new school. The NT Government transferred the school to the Anglican Church in December 1988. The property was on a long-term pastoral lease, and the lease was 'eventually' transferred to freehold.

1989

Uniting Church and Anglican Church agree to commit jointly to the new school. Kormilda College Limited was formerly established on 28 February 1989.

...and the rest is history!

