



WELCOME TO

Year 7, 2026

Information Night

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About our College



Our vision and values

Our Vision

Kawana Waters State College is an international community of learners achieving excellence.

Our Statement of Purpose

We strive to develop life-long learners who make a positive contribution to a global society.

Our Values and Beliefs

We value: respect, excellence, diversity, enjoyment.
We believe: that all people can learn.



Junior Secondary

Junior Secondary is a time and place where our College community works with students to ensure they:

- Develop appropriate **social connections** and a sense of **wellbeing** in their educational environment
- Continue to learn and **develop skills** and **behaviours** to meet increasing academic and societal expectations
- **Set themselves goals** for their future pathways
- Are well prepared to make decisions regarding their **career pathways** and to work towards achieving goals.

Subjects and timetables



Year 7 Subjects

Subjects that run all year

- English
 - Humanities
 - Maths
 - Science
- CORE SUBJECTS
- Language – Japanese
 - Health and Physical Education (HPE) OR Programs of Excellence

Subjects that run on 5-week rotations

The Arts

- Performing Arts, Dance/Drama/ Music
- Visual Arts

Health

- Health & Fitness

Technology

- Digital Solutions
- Business
- Design
- Textiles and Food Studies
- Industrial Technology



Subject	Classes
English	4
Humanities	3
Maths	3
Science	3
HPE Sports Excellence Arts Excellence	2
Japanese	2
Arts / Technology	3 (rotations)

Curriculum Offerings

Note : Excellence programs work within their program domain in lieu of HPE and have an additional morning or afternoon class each week as well the designated 2 lessons /week in timetabled hours

Year 7 Daily Structure

Time	Lesson
8.50am	Lesson 1
10.00am	Lesson 2
11.10am	First Break
11.50am	Home Group
12.00pm	Lesson 3
1.10pm	Second Break
1.40pm	Lesson 4
2.50pm	Finish

Note: Fortnightly Year Level Assembly, alternates with fortnightly Junior Secondary (Yr7-9) Assembly in place of homegroup once per week





Programs of Excellence

- **Academic Curriculum Extension (ACE)**

Testing 16 August

- **Dance Excellence Program**

Auditions 21 August

- **Drama Excellence Program**

Auditions 20 August

- **Football (Soccer) Excellence Program**

Trials 20 August

- **Aquatics Excellence Program**

Trials 27 August

**All applicants will be notified of outcomes
on 12th September.**

Wellbeing and support



Student Wellbeing

During the transition to high school, student wellbeing is supported through:

- dedicated support roles
- house / home group structure
- core class structure
- case management approach



Support Roles

- Head of Department – Junior Secondary
- Year Level Coordinators across all year levels
- Head of Department – Student Services
- Guidance Officer
- College Chaplain
- School Based Youth Psychologist
- Youth Health Nurse
- School-Based Police Officer
- Community Links Counsellors



Learning Support

- Deputy Principal Inclusion, Mr Steve Olsen
- Head of Inclusive Learning, Mrs Lisa Hardidge
- Learning Enhancement Team that supports students with learning difficulties; providing a differentiated curriculum across the four main core subjects



Additional Transition

- Head of Special Education Services (HOSES)
Michelle Aprile leads a series of transition sessions for students with additional needs
- Please discuss this with your current school
HOSES
- If you are not currently attending one of our feeder primary schools, please contact Michelle via the main office

Everyday essentials



Uniform Information

- Our College community recognises Kawana Waters State College's (KWSC) image is important in the local community, uniform is compulsory for all students
- Our students are expected to wear the full uniform
- Uniforms are sold through The School Locker, Maroochydore

Key notes:

- Black, leather or leather-like shoes are the only footwear permissible
- KWSC hat
- Excessive jewellery is not permitted - two pairs small plain earrings, and a watch.



OFF AND AWAY

All day

Turn off your mobile phone and put it away during the school day.



Switch your smart watch to flight mode.



Put away headphones and earbuds.



If you need to speak with your family please come to the school administration.



Only use it when a teacher says you can.

Devices

- Students live in a world with any time, anywhere access to information at their fingertips. At KWSC, they will use a range of online platforms to support their learning.
- We are a 'bring your own device' school. Student laptops are onboarded to the College systems during Week 1-2 of Term 1.
- Mobile phones must be switched off and away (in school bags) for the duration of the school day.



Sport and co-curricular activities

Beyond the Classroom

Breadth of opportunities



Sports

Volunteer
work

Leadership
programs

Outdoor
learning /
camps

Debating
and public
speaking

Performing
Arts

2026 Camp

When students are taken outside their everyday environment and routines, it helps foster skills of patience, empathy towards others and the ability to interact with adults in different contexts.

Year 7

20 - 22 April 2026

Noosa North Shore



Sport/ Cocurricular





2025 YEAR 7&8 INTERSCHOOL SPORT – GALA DAYS updated 25/11/2024

TERM 1 – SUMMER COMPETITION

Proposed participating schools:	Baringa	Beerwah	Caloundra
	Kawana	Maleny	Maroochydore
	Meridan	Mt Creek	Palmview
	Siena		

TERM 3 – WINTER COMPETITION

Proposed participating schools:	Baringa	Beerwah	Caloundra
	Kawana	Maleny	Maroochydore
	Meridan	Mt Creek	Palmview
	Siena		

2025 Term 1 Dates	1 Gala Day 1
	Date: Year 7 - Week 4 - Tuesday 13 th May Year 8 - Week 4 - Thursday 15 th May
	2 Gala Day 2
	Date: Year 7 - Week 8 - Wednesday 11 th June Year 8 - Week 8 - Thursday 12 th June
	Backup Gala Day (if required)
	Date: Year 7 - Week 10 - Wednesday 25 th June Year 8 - Week 10 - Thursday 26 th June

2025 Term 4 Dates	1 Gala Day 1
	Date: Year 7 - Week 4 - Tuesday 29 th October Year 8 - Week 4 - Thursday 30 th October
	2 Gala Day 2
	Date: Year 7 - Week 8 - Wednesday 26 th November Year 8 - Week 8 - Thursday 27 th November
	Backup Gala Day (if required)
	Date: Year 7 - Week 9 - Wednesday 3 rd December Year 8 - Week 9 - Thursday 4 th December

Sport	Proposed Divisions	Co-ordinating School & Venue
Fast 5 Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kawana Waters SC Kawana Waters SC
Oz Tag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meridan SC & Qld OzTag Nirimba Sports Fields
Pickle Ball (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC Mooloolaba Tennis (TBC)
Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Creek SHS Mt Creek SHS Student Centre & Sports Centre
Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baringa SSC Baringa Stadium

Sport	Proposed Divisions	Possible Venues
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Siena CC Siena Back Courts / Casurina & Primary Courts
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palmview SSC Palmview Indoor Sport Centre & Outdoor Courts
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC Fisherman's Road – 20 courts
Rugby League 9's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beerwah SHS Nirimba Sports Fields / Beerwah Bulldogs (TBC)
Touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maroochydore SHS Maroochydore SHS Ovals



Why do more?

Problem Solving: Critical thinking, evaluation skills and communication skills.

Self confidence: Try new things, develop new skills, showcase their abilities and receive positive feedback and recognition.

Social Skills: Co-curricular activities tend to get young people talking. Connecting with others who share similar interests or have different perspectives can lead to improved interpersonal skills and help students build more meaningful relationships.

Improved Academic Performance: Co-curricular activities develop a range of skills that are transferable to their classwork.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES JUNIOR SECONDARY



Oz Tag, 2024

JUNIOR SECONDARY SIGNATURE PROGRAMS CO-CURRICULAR

Term 1

Beyond the Book

This virtual and in-person literature festival allows students to meet authors and illustrators and to explore literature in a fun, engaging way.

Netball Performance Program

The program provides players with the opportunity to further develop their netball skills and fitness, working through elements of skill acquisition, strength and game training.

Community Run Club

Community Run Club occurs all year round, every Friday morning at 7:30-8:30am. Students, parents and teachers alike are invited to join in for a morning of walking or running around the beautiful Kawana Lake.

Instrumental Music

Students can sign up to participate in a year long program of instrumental music. This opportunity provides students with the performance skills in preparation for public performances and regional eisteddfods.

Drama Boot Camp

Through a series of workshops, exercises, and rehearsals, DRX students can hone their talents, build relationships with peers who share similar interests, and gain valuable experience in performance arts.

Vocal Group

Students can sign up to participate in vocal group during January, which runs weekly throughout the year. Students develop the confidence of voice and work creatively to rehearse performances for the public and school functions.

Dance Company

This is an audition only group for all students within the college. This opportunity provides students a space to work collaboratively in a creative space to improve skills and be part of original routines and choreography.

Term 2

Library and Literacy Week

Kawana Library and Literacy Week offers students unique opportunities to weave words into magic. The week will feature visits from Josh Donellon, Nic Earles and nationally acclaimed 'Poetry in Action'.

Debating

Debating offers students an excellent opportunity to develop skills of communication. It elevates critical thinking skills and promotes knowledge across several disciplines outside regular subject. Students compete in the Sunshine Coast Schools Debating.

Sunshine Coast Chess (Teams)

This competition invites teams of students from schools on the Sunshine Coast to compete in an intellectually stimulating competition.

Australian Mathematics Competition

This test is administered during class time for students who are highly skilled at Mathematics, and students are either offered or nominate to compete in the competition.

Term 3

OZTAG

The QLD All Schools Oztag Tournament, held on the Sunshine Coast, is QLD Oztag's premier school based event. Over 280 teams from 80 schools compete in a three day event.

Languages Speech Contest

The Sunshine Coast Speech Contest organised by the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland, offers students an opportunity to showcase their language proficiency.

Podcasting Masterclasses

Students take part in a series of masterclasses, increasing in complexity and covering diverse genres. The masterclasses build students' skills in critical thinking, research and interviewing.

Write a Book in a Day

This day offers students a twofold opportunity to test themselves under writing pressure, and also fundraise to bring smiles to the faces of young people undergoing cancer treatment.

Japanese Immersion Day

This incursion complements students Japanese studies and celebrates Children's day in Japan. This day allows students to communicate in Japanese with people from the Japanese community and promotes greater understanding of cultural diversity and linguistic structures.

Dance X Competition

Students work collaboratively in a supportive environment to compete with and against students from other schools. The competition promotes creativity, teamwork and personal growth enriching school experience for young dancers.

Term 4

SHINE

Students Highlighting Integrity and Excellence in the Arts (SHINE), is a showcase of our best and brightest in the Arts. A spectacular event not to be missed.

Water Polo

Water polo at KWSC is a Years 7-12 sport that plays in the Sunshine Coast Schools Competition. KWSC has a proud tradition of success with championships across all age and gender categories. Water polo helps develop the skills of hand-eye coordination, steadiness, persistence and teamwork.

For information about any of the cocurricular experiences in this leaflet, please email:
cocurricular@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au

PADDLE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Kawana Waters
State College

C1 (SOLO)
C2 (PAIR)
STAND UP PADDLING

TARGET STUDENTS
YEARS 7-10



EOI



SCAN ME

KWSC

YOUR PATHWAY TO THE 2032 BRISBANE OLYMPICS!

QLD ALL SCHOOLS

OZTAG

26 JULY – 28 JULY 2024

KWSC is proud to be supporting teams in the 2024 QLD All Schools Oztag tournament! Scan the QR and fill in the form to register your interest. Trials may need to be conducted if there is strong interest.

WHO?

For interested students in Years 7-12. Teams will be entered based on EOI numbers for each age/ gender category.

COST?

Parents/ Carers will need to cover the cost of OzTag specific uniforms.



SCAN ME

For further Information, please see the KWSC Secondary Sports Coordinator Mr Chris Allum - cjall4@eq.edu.au



Term 4

SPORTS CO-CURRICULAR

KWSC Secondary Campus is pleased to offer two **FREE** co-curricular sport options for **students in Years 7-8**. Places are strictly limited, and students will be accepted via first in basis using the QR code adjacent to the sport

Volleyball

Volleyball program run by Volleyball QLD. All abilities are encouraged to apply. Sessions in the MPS at 8:00am - 8:45am

Student Numbers: Limited to

Session 1 - Monday 28 October -
Session 2 - Monday 4 November
Session 3 - Monday 11 November
Session 4 - Monday 18 November
Session 5 - Monday 25 November



Girls Touch Football

Touch football program run by Volleyball QLD. All abilities are encouraged to apply. Sessions on the AFL Fields 8:00am to 8:45am

Student Numbers: Limited to

Session 1 - Monday 28 October -
Session 2 - Monday 4 November
Session 3 - Monday 11 November
Session 4 - Monday 18 November
Session 5 - Monday 25 November



Transitioning to high school



Campus tours

Term 3

Week 5: Tuesday 12 August @
10.15 - 10.45am

Week 7: Thursday 28 August @
3.15 - 3.45pm

Week 10: Monday 15 September
@ 10.15 - 10.45am

Transition Day

Year 6 into 7 Orientation
Day

Wednesday 10
December

Enrolment paperwork to be submitted by:
Friday 19 September

Current KWSC Primary Students
continuing at KWSC in 2025 exempt



Get in touch

For general enrolment information:
please contact our Enrolment Officer
Mrs Tracy Goodes on (07) 5436 9388

or email:

enrolments@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au

Questions

