2010 OP Results – TKIS in TOP 20% of State again

Congratulations to our graduating 2010 Year 12 students and their teachers and families. According to the recently published 2010 High School Report, TKIS once again performed in the Top 20% of all high schools in the state based on the standard comparison of ‘Percentage of eligible students who obtained a 1-15 OP’.

The state average for this statistic was around 63% (meaning that 63% of all OP eligible students in the state obtained a 15 or better OP score last year).

Congratulations should also be given to the other secondary schools in our region for performing so well last year. Being a largely rural area, the hinterland region does not enjoy a great academic reputation. Given last year’s results which show that the average percentage of 1-15 OP results from the five high schools in the region was well above state average (69.8% versus the state average of 62.7%), maybe it’s time to rethink that reputation?

Percentage of OP eligible students who obtained a 1-15 OP in 2010 (hinterland schools)

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<td>Hills International College</td>
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The report also demonstrated the strong performance in VET (Vocational Education and Training) that was achieved last year (especially from the two state schools in the region).

Year 7 in High School from 2015

Business as usual

It has been confirmed that the transition from Primary School to Secondary School will shift to the end of Year 6 (instead of the end of Year 7 as it has been in Queensland for the last seventy or so years). Though the changes are not mandated for State Schools until 2015, Independent and Catholic schools are encouraged to make the transition as early as practical. The change is to coincide with the state’s transition to a National Curriculum from 2012 and to bring Queensland in line with the southern states so that Primary Schools will be responsible for the seven year levels from Prep to Grade 6 and Secondary Schools will be responsible for the six year levels from Grades 7 to 12.

In the case of a P-12 school like TKIS however, the changes are likely to be barely noticeable.

“Certainly, it’s one of the benefits of attending a Prep-to-12 school like Kooralbyn”, explained School Principal Geoff Mills.

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"Obviously there will be some minor changes to school reporting procedures and there will be some changes relating to the National Curriculum requirements that will effect all year levels in Queensland schools over the next couple of years, but otherwise for us, most of the changes will simply happen in the background".

In fact TKIS began integrating Year 7 into high school last year. Currently our Year 7 students enjoy a kind of 'best of both worlds' timetable where the majority of their classes are taught by their Year 7 teacher but subjects like Science, Technology, Art, Music, LOTE and PE are sometimes supported by specialist teachers in specialist classrooms of our secondary school department. It is proposed that this transition will simply continue little by little each year.

"My suggestion to parents of TKIS students who might be concerned about the transition over the next couple of years, is simply not to worry about it at all. In fact we should spare a thought for our friends and neighbours in Primary and Secondary schools throughout the state for whom the changes have a much greater impact. For these other schools, the transition year in particular is likely to be quite stressful.

"At the end of 2014, stand-alone primary schools will lose not just their graduating Year 7 students but also their graduating Year 6 students – as BOTH grades will suddenly be absorbed into high school at the start of 2015. The graduating Year 6 children (many of whom will still be only 11 years of age at the start of the 2015 school year) will find themselves having to share a strange new high school environment with students as old as 17 and 18. For the stand-alone high schools too, that initial impact of an extra year of very young children will present a range of potential problems".

"For us here at Kooralbyn, the transition I'm sure will simply be a case of business as usual", reassured Mr Mills.

TKIS raised $2,851.35 for ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN RUN

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011 TKIS students took part in the Adidas School Fun Run (Cross Country).

The Adidas School Fun-Run sends a health and fitness message to the students and local community! It is also a major fundraising event and our students raised a total of $2,851.35. The school retains 90% of funds raised (60% cash, 30% prizes). The school will receive approx $1,600 to purchase shade tents and new sports equipment. Students will receive prizes from Adidas soon - according to how much money they raised.

A big thank must go to Mr Todd McCarron for organizing and coordinating this and congratulations to all students who participated in this event.

Thank you also to Mr & Mrs Nazarenko who framed the certificate we received.

CONGRATULATIONS
ASHLEY RAVEN
QUEENSLAND CHAMPION

Year 8 student Ashley Raven, who practices rifle shooting at Belmont Rifle Range, recently won four gold medals in both Silhouette and Hunter event categories in A grade under 15 years old. He is now off to the National Championship which is due to be held in Canberra in September this year. Ashley has only been practicing Rifle Shooting for six months so it's a great effort for him to achieve these results so soon. Congratulations Ashley!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITION

Tamborine Mountain College, Hills College and TKIS completed their second round of Interschool Sports competition at Hills College on the 25th May. This round, schools competed in Netball and Ultimate Frisbee.

Updated scores show that TKIS dropped from being top of the leader board to second, just behind Hills College.

All players in the junior and senior teams put in their all, winning a few games and drawing a few others. However, when it came to challenging Hills College, no matter how hard we tried, we just couldn't match them.

Both the senior and junior netball teams played their hardest. Despite being knocked around a bit, each came up with a draw against the opposing two teams. Ultimate Frisbee teams were much the same, being knocked to the ground by the opposing team and in some cases by our own team members in an attempt to catch the Frisbee mid-air, instead both missing it and smashing into one another.

The student of TKIS put their all into the games they played; whether they were sick or injured, everyone tried their hardest to work as a team and come out triumphant. Although we just missed out this time, we will be back stronger than ever.

On 15 June, we travelled to Tamborine Mountain College for the third round of the Interschool Competitions. On this day we played Soccer and Softball.

After a long journey up the mountain, both the Senior and Junior softball and soccer teams found their way to the playing fields.
Our last competition saw TKIS drop to second behind Hills College but after a tremendous effort last week from all the teams, TKIS is very close to regaining the title of leader of the scoreboard (the official score of the third round is still pending).

The Senior soccer team did very well winning both of their games and not by a close call either (they won one of their games 8-0). The Junior team did surprisingly well, also winning one of their games and drawing the other.

Softball was just as good with the Senior team winning their first game by one point, the second was unfortunately unable to be finished. However, players rose to the occasion and scored a few home runs. The Junior team did very well winning one of their games, sadly they lost their other one.

The competition will continue next term where the first game of the next round will be held on home soil, playing our two starting sports of Volleyball and Touch Football. Good luck to all students who are chosen to complete!

Kristen Jewson
Year 12 Student

**Golf Mastery Student wins Champion trophy**

On the Sunday, 12th June, TKIS played a large junior tournament in Peregian Springs Golf Club at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast. Hye Jin Lee (the only female member of the TKIS Golf Mastery team) was the most impressive TKIS player on the day and achieved an OUTSTANDING score (74-70).

Her score was not only the best score for 15yrs and under girls but it was good enough to win her the overall Girls Champion for the day. She won a number of prizes including a crystal trophy, shirt and putting mat (to practice her putting inside). She also won an invitation to play in the Sunshine Coast Junior Masters in September, to be played over four rounds on four of the Sunshine Coast’s best golf courses and compete against the best junior players in South East Queensland. And that’s not all! She also won a practice round at Peregian Springs and gets to play the day before she plays with professional golfers in a tier 3 level PGA qualifying round and Pro Am at Perigian Springs. She is also invited to attend a dinner the night before the games to meet the professionals. Congratulations Hye Jin on a truly outstanding achievement.

Another congratulations goes to Max Kim who shot a “Hole in One” at Beaudesert Golf Course on Sat 18th June.

Michael Schneider
Golf Professional

Hye Jin Lee is acknowledged for receiving the Champion Trophy by Mr. Mills at Assembly

**CAREERS ROOM**

The Careers Room in the library has recently received some information on:

- Myfuture.edu.au—a great website for finding out information about jobs and careers
- “EF High School Year Overseas” - available for persons aged 14 to 18 years who would like to go to school in another country
- Information about planning your QCE pathway (suitable for Year 10)

Students are encouraged to drop in and have a look and ask Dr Parsons for assistance.

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Working Bee
Once again we had a tremendous show of support for the term’s Working Bee. The efforts of the students and their families who attended made a huge difference to the grounds and outer areas of buildings on the lower campus.

Sports Carnivals
Term 2 was a very busy term for sports carnivals. We would be lost without the continuous support from our parents and PALS members during these school events and fundraising efforts.

Canteen
Thank you also to the parents who have helped in the canteen this term. Our canteen convenor, Tracy Collins, could not cope with the busy preparation and serving times without your help. A special thanks to Liz Easterbrook who volunteers much of her time generously.

Library
We are extremely fortunate at TKIS to have two very special volunteers who run our library, John Chesters and Karen Suhr-Davis. John and Karen volunteer many days of their week to our library and are both dedicated and hard working. They have put in place a new computer system to upgrade and improve the library records. This has been an enormous job. They have spent countless hours going through all the bookcases to stock take and sort the books as well as clean off many layers of dust in some areas!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

TKIS SERVICE TEAM
This term, a group of TKIS students commenced volunteer work on a Saturday within our community. This Service Team is led by Mr. David Bell (Secondary School Japanese teacher). The purpose of this team is to teach students to do volunteer work for no recognition nor payment but only for the sake of doing something for someone who needs help.

The first project undertaken by the team involved cleaning the verandah of Kooralbyn Wildlife Rescue carers, Dot & Barry Cooke. Many injured animals have been restored to health on their verandah. Recently the team went to Beaudesert to remove rubbish and tidy up the yard for an invalid lady at her home.

The team represent TKIS and wear their TKIS cap. If any students are interested in joining the Service Team please contact Mr. Bell or Ms Ikky.

TERM 2 SCHOOL REPORTS
School reports will be processed during the school holidays and posted to parents by the first week of Term 3. Parents are encouraged to contact admin to arrange an appointment with teachers or the Principal at any time throughout the year if you have any concerns or queries about your child’s progress or if you would like more feedback.

ADMIN NEWS
We would like to wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday.

The administration office will be open during the school holidays from 9am to 3pm daily.