Primary School and Prep Year to start in January 2006

It's Official – Applications for Prep to Year 7 at TKIS are now open, but places in the new Primary School for next year will be strictly limited to 10 to 14 students per Grade so parents are advised to get applications in urgently to avoid disappointment.

"Though final approval for accreditation has still not been officially received from the Minister, we have been advised by the Office of Non-State Schools to proceed with preparations for next year on the basis that final approval will be granted prior to our Commencement Day of January 23 2006" explained Principal Geoff Mills.

The school advises all parents that though many families had previously indicated their interest in attending the Prep to 7 Primary School here at TKIS, this did NOT constitute an official application and parents MUST return an Official Enrolment Application Form to the school as soon as possible. Application Forms, information about fees, uniforms, stationery requirements and local bus schedules can be obtained from the the school during normal office hours.

"Our Primary School will be small – just servicing the needs of local families – but we are all excited about extending the values of excellence, high academic standards, individual attention and the philosophy of 'self-belief' already established in our high school", added Mills.

The school's curriculum combines the eight core subject areas of English, Maths, Science, the Arts, Health & PE, Technology, SOSE (Studies of Society and Environment) and LOTE (Languages other than English) with a broader 'personal development' program including self-defence, community service, First Aid, Agricultural Studies and sports.

"We will be able to support our P-7 classroom teachers with a wide range of specialist teaching staff from the music, drama, science, technology, maths, sports, library and foreign language departments of our existing high school. We will also be able to provide a smoother transition from primary school to secondary school and with our small class sizes and excellent student-to-teacher ratios, parents can feel confident in the knowledge that students will be supported to find success on whatever pathway their individual strengths and talents take them", concluded Mills.

Though school fees for the new P-7 Primary School are set at around $1,600 per year, local families have the option of sending their children to TKIS for as little as $595 per year through the school's Local Bursary Program. Details about the Bursary Program, uniforms and text books can be obtained by contacting the school on 5544 5500 during office hours.

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**Aviation Mastery set to fly in 2006 ::**

Details are currently being finalised on perhaps the most innovative aviation training program in the country. Promising to potentially slash the costs of obtaining a full Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL) by as much as 40% or 50%, the Kooralbyn International Flight Training Academy (KIFTA) which will based on the school's lower campus will be able to combine high school and flight training into one seamless program that can be completed in two, three or four years. Going from novice to Commercial Pilot is a demanding challenge. Employing the latest custom-built Flight Simulators and Ground School technologies, KIFTA will start with the students studying for their BAK (Basic Aeronautical Knowledge) exams. Then the extensive practical flight training program will begin with students working to obtain their UF Pilots Certificates, then on to GA Light Aircraft Restricted and Unrestricted Pilots Licences, then through various endorsements to finally sitting for their Commercial Pilots Licence.

Employing the latest Australian-built ‘low-noise’ Jabiru aircraft and fully AA-UAs and CASA approved instructors and course-work, the school's Aviation Mastery and Excellence programs will give students a real long-term career option... with the potential to even work beyond their CPA rating after graduation.

TKIS will be the only secondary school in the southern-hemisphere to boast this type of integrated High School and Aviation program.

"Of course we wouldn’t be able to do this without the support of the community and the local aviation industry here in Kooralbyn and the Gold Coast. All these types of programs attract students to the school, which generates local employment, brings revenue into the valley and improves the facilities and resources for all our students", explained Mills. **

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**First Seniors Graduate from the new TKIS ::**

In a bitter-sweet afternoon last week, the new school offered a sad farewell to its first Senior graduates. Despite their small number, the tiny group of four young men were aware of the history of the occasion at a beautifully prepared morning-tea held in their honour last Friday with the Principal and their families. All four students have already organised plans for next year with Jayden Sheridan off to Japan, Ryan Scheidel continuing his studies and Daniel Knight and Neil Merriman considering apprenticeship offers. In a happy yet emotional farewell, the families of all four students thanked the staff of the school for their support and efforts this year and all pointed out that their results had improved since coming to TKIS this year. In what will no doubt become an on-going tradition, the students of the school will be dedicating their End-Of-Year Presentation Ceremony in honour of the outgoing graduates this year. The boys know that the doors to TKIS will always be open to them. 

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**Original TKIS Golf Excellence Program 'Tees Off' in 2006 ::**

Under the guidance of the Head Coach of the original TKIS Golf Excellence Program (PGA Coach Mr Peter Cloughton), 2006 will see the recommencement of a full golf program at the school. With a world-class coaching staff including Senior Skills Coach, the inventor of ‘The Perfect Stroke’™ system Mr Mark Officer, former Australian PGA Champion Randal Vines, local PGA Coach Mr Barry West and a full time Student Coordinator, Mr Paul Rogers – the program is set to start producing a new generation of leading golfers to follow in the footsteps of former graduates of the Golf Program at Kooralbyn like World-Top-10-Ranked Adam Scott. “Planned improvements in the new Phil Scott designed golf course and practice facilities next year couldn’t come at a better time for the Junior Golf Program here at the school” beammed returning Head Coach and Senior Consultant Peter Cloughton.

"A number of enrolments for the program next year have already been received..." explained school principal Geoff Mills... "and we hope to start with a dozen or so top local and international juniors in 2006 and build on the program from there” Information about the TKIS Golf Academy’s – Excellence and Mastery Programs can be obtained through the school during normal office hours.

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**Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to all**

From all the students and staff of The Kooralbyn International School, we wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to enjoying with you the joys and challenges of 2006. The Principal Mr Geoff Mills, Senior Mistress Ms Sylvia Mellor, Admin Manager Ms Leanne Rogers and office staff Ms Christine Somerset and Ms Pam Martin would like to thank all those parents and supporters who helped out, gave of their time and good humour and made 2005 a successful year. The school would be remiss if not making a personal thank you to our tireless groundstaff Rod and Bob, canteen convenors Cheryl and Merion and cleaner Denis. The Principal would also like to personally thank three mothers who have volunteered above and beyond the call of duty this year... Anna Fern, Christine Somerset and Jose Robbemond. - how can we not have a great school with great women like this to show us the way.