

NORTH-WESTERN VICTORIA REGION (NWVR) KOORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED THROUGHOUT A KOORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM YEAR, INCLUDING A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE ACTIVITY IS, WHO IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND WHEN IS IT NORMALLY HELD.

COMMUNITY GATHERING & WELCOMING CEREMONY

WHO: Entire KAE Community (All students, parents/carers & families)

WHEN: Term 1

WHAT: This event is always the first of the year, where we bring the entire KAE community together to welcome the new inductee group, celebrate the beginning of another KAE program and acknowledge the commitment of the existing members. It is always an uplifting occasion to see our new KAE members become a part of the KAE family.



YEAR 7 & 8 ACTIVITY DAY

WHO: Year 7 & Year 8 Students only | **WHEN:** Term 1
(Senior students welcomed as mentors)

WHAT: An opportunity for our junior students to bond with each other and their KAELOs over a fun activity. It has a light cultural focus allowing students to build upon or develop their connection to culture.

SCHOOL VISITS

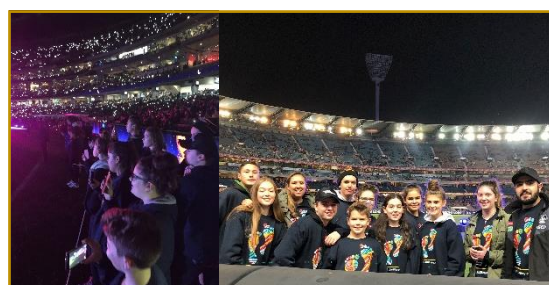
WHO: All year levels (Years 7-12) | **WHEN:** All year round

WHAT: KAELOs will visit students during school hours to check-in with them, offer support where needed and discuss their interests and progress. We aim to visit each student, however priority is given to students who have been identified as requiring extra support, referred by either the school, parent/carer or the student themselves. Schools visits also provide an opportunity for the KAELOs to build upon relationships with schools, so that we can collectively achieve the best outcome for the student.

KAE CAMP

WHO: All year levels (Years 7-12) | **WHEN:** Term 1 School Holidays

WHAT: Each year the KAE hosts a four day camp in the first term school holidays for students to come together, let their hair down and bond as group. The camps strongly focus on cultural immersion and stepping outside of your comfort zones. In the past we have attended, Camp Jungai in north-east Victoria and The Summit Camp in south-east Victoria, among others.



THE LONG WALK & DREAMTIME AT THE 'G'

WHO: All year levels (Years 7-12) (Limited to a select number of students)
WHEN: Reconciliation Week (Term 2)

WHAT: Each year the KAE endeavours to be involved in the *Long Walk and Dreamtime at the 'G'* event. This may include, participating in the walk from Federation Square to the MCG as a group, tickets to the match between Essendon and Richmond, merchandise and even exclusive on-ground experiences.

YEAR 9 & 10 ACTIVITY DAY

WHO: Year 9 & Year 10 Students only (Senior students welcomed as mentors) | **WHEN:** Term 2

WHAT: An activity that provides an opportunity for our middle school students to develop their cultural connection, broaden their knowledge around career and pathway planning and discuss their aspirations with their KAELOs. At this stage, we begin encouraging students to think about what they enjoy and what they need to do to pursue this in the future.

SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

WHO: Year 9 Students only

WHEN: Either Term 1, 2, 3 or Term 4 (allocated each year)

WHAT: Each year we offer six positions for students to attend an alternate school setting for 9 weeks of a school term, at the Gnurad-Gundidj campus of the School for Student Leadership. They live and learn on campus, studying a curriculum focusing on developing personal life skills, teamwork and leadership, environmental education, individual learning and reflection, and community citizenship. Attendance is supported by the students' base school.



KAE YARN-UPS

WHO: All year levels (Years 7-12) | **WHEN:** Weekends or Evenings (aiming to offer one per term)

WHAT: Where a variety of activities can be offered aligning with the KAE pillars of Connection to Culture, Leadership, Academic Strength and School Engagement, and Career Passion and Knowledge. Past KAE Yarn-Up activities have included cultural heritage walking trails; future activities could include motivational guest speakers, workshops and sporting/art/community events.



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION LUNCH

WHO: Year 11 & Year 12 students only | **WHEN:** Semester 2 (KAE Alumni welcomed as mentors)

WHAT: A chance for our senior students to come together over a meal and yarn with their KAELOs and a special guest. This casual lunch occurs before exams begin and has a motivational focus. It also provides an opportunity for KAELOs to discuss senior studies and pathway options with the students.

FAMILY YARNING CIRCLE

WHO: All KAE Students and Parents/Carers | **WHEN:** Weekends or Evenings (aiming to offer one per semester)

WHAT: An opportunity for parents/carers and students to come together and provide feedback to the KAE. It allows them to not only shape the KAE program, but also discuss their concerns and raise questions with the KAELOs in a casual and open forum.

UNIVERSITY & TAFE OPEN DAYS

WHO: Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students | **WHEN:** Term 3 (normally in August)

WHAT: Each year the KAELOs will organise a couple of days where we take a group of aspiring KAE students to a number of University and TAFE Open Days held throughout the Melbourne area. These open days are vital to student's study/career journeys, allowing them to get an insight into Uni/TAFE life, connect with the Koorie units located within the institutions and gain information or identify pathways options in line with their interests or career aspirations.

GRADUATION & END OF YEAR CEREMONY

WHO: Entire KAE Community | **WHEN:** Term 4 (All students, parents/carers & families)

WHAT: This event is always the last of the year. We bring the entire KAE community together to congratulate and farewell our graduating Year 12 members following their six years of participation in the KAE program. This is always a memorable occasion where we celebrate the year, present awards and acknowledge the achievements of students from throughout the year.



PLEASE CONTACT YOUR KAELOs FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED.



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