

NORTH-WESTERN VICTORIA REGION - MELBOURNE METRO KORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE ANNUAL PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



Koorie
ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

DISCOVER EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH THE KORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE, INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE ACTIVITY IS, WHO IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND WHEN IT IS NORMALLY HELD.



WELCOME & GRADUATION CEREMONY

WHO: New Yr.7 members, Graduating Yr.12 members & the Entire KAE community

WHEN: Term 1 (typically in February)

WHAT: This is the event that kicks off the start of the KAE year. We bring the entire KAE community together, including students, families, friends, school staff, community members and stakeholders, to welcome and induct our new Year 7 group, congratulate, and farewell our graduating Year 12 group, whilst celebrating the beginning of another KAE program, and acknowledging the achievements and commitment of our members.

It is always an uplifting occasion, coming together and seeing our latest KAE members become a part of the KAE family, and witnessing our existing members begin a new journey. Inductees all receive membership certificates and official KAE uniforms. Graduates are presented with their graduate certificates and stoles, along with their completed membership totem artefact, and the annual Toorong Marnong Award is awarded to one lucky student.

YEAR 7 & 8 ACTIVITY DAY

WHO: Year 7 & 8 members only
(Senior & middle year members welcomed as mentors)

WHEN: Term 1 (typically in early March)

WHAT: Our first small mob activity of the year that brings our junior members together to bond with each other and get to know their KAELOs over a fun activity, with a light cultural focus, allowing students to begin to build upon and/or further develop their connection to culture.



SCHOOL VISITS

WHO: All members (Years 7-12)

WHEN: All year round (typically over recess or lunch)

WHAT: KAELOs will visit KAE members at school during school hours to check-in with them, offer support and discuss their interests and progress. We aim to visit each KAE member, however priority is given to members who are identified for additional support, referred by either the school, parent/carer or the student themselves. School visits also provide an opportunity for the KAELOs to build upon their relationships with schools, so that we can collectively achieve the best outcome for the student.



KAE CAMP

WHO: All members (Years 7-12)

WHEN: Term 1 School Holiday Break (late March/early April)

WHAT: Undoubtedly our most anticipated activity for the year. Each year the KAE hosts a 3-4-day camp in the first term school holidays for all KAE members to come together, let their hair down and bond as a group. The camps strongly focus on cultural immersion and stepping outside of your comfort zones, allowing students to build upon their leadership skills and cultural connection. In the past we have attended Camp Jungai, The Summit Camp, Out Beyond and Anglesea YMCA.

YEAR 9-12 ACTIVITY DAY

WHO: Year 9 - 12 members only
WHEN: Term 2 (typically in June/July)

WHAT: Another small mob activity designed to provide our middle school members with an opportunity to develop their aspirations and broaden their knowledge around career and pathway planning. We normally weave in a cultural focus into this activity as well, to allow students to further develop their cultural connection. At this stage we begin encouraging our members 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 members only
(5 positions only – 2 male & 3 female)
WHEN: Allocated a Term each year (typically in Term 4)
WHAT: Each year we offer positions for Year 9 KAE members to attend an alternate school setting for 8-9 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 of personal development, life skills, teamwork, leadership, environmental studies, individual learning and reflection and community citizenship. Generally, this is held in Term 4.



KAE YARN-UPS & WORKSHOPS

WHO: All members (Years 7-12) (Occasionally year level specific mobs)
WHEN: Weekends or evenings (typically one offered per term)
WHAT: These can be a variety of activities or events offered that focus on discussion and sharing ideas whilst aligning to the four KAE pillars of Connection to Culture, Leadership, Academic Strength and School Engagement, and Career Passion and Knowledge. Examples of KAE Yarn-Up activities can include motivational guest speakers, industry insights, short courses, training, and work experience, etc.

COMMUNITY & CULTURE DAYS

WHO: All members (Years 7-12)
(Occasionally year level specific mobs)
WHEN: Weekends, evenings, or School Holidays
(Typically, one offered per term)
WHAT: These can be a variety of activities or events offered that focus on community engagement and culture. Past KAE Yarn-Up activities have included the Long Walk and Dreamtime at the 'G', cultural heritage trail, Bush Food cooking and art exhibitions. Other activities may include men's and women's business workshops, NAIDOC Week participation, dance/craft workshops, etc.



UNIVERSITY & TAFE OPEN DAYS/KOORIE BIG DAY OUT

WHO: Year 10, 11 & 12 members (Parents welcome)
WHEN: Term 3 (typically in August/September)
WHAT: Support for students to attend University and TAFE open days held throughout the Melbourne area. These open days are vital to our student's study/career journeys, allowing them to get an insight into University/TAFE life, connect with the Koorie units on site and gain information about or identify pathways options in line with their interests or career aspirations. We can also connect students with the Indigenous units at each campus.




LEADERSHIP IN ACTION LUNCH/DINNER

WHO: Year 11 & 12 members only
(KAE Alumni welcomed as mentors)
WHEN: Term 4 (typically in October)
WHAT: Towards the end of each year, we bring our senior members together over a casual meal to yarn about their goals, their aspirations and pathway options with a special guest or two and their KAELOs. This meal usually occurs before exams begin to provide some downtime and motivation before a busy end of year schedule.

FAMILY YARNING CIRCLE & END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

WHO: All members (Year 7-12) and Parents/Carers
WHEN: Early December
WHAT: An opportunity for parents/carers and members to come together and celebrate the past year and to provide feedback to the KAE. It allows the KAE community to not only shape the KAE program, but also discuss their concerns and raise any questions with the KAELOs in a casual and open forum.

PLEASE CONTACT THE KAE OR YOUR KAELOs DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES/EVENTS LISTED.
Please note, this annual program snapshot is only a guide and the KAE program may vary or change from what is outlined.
Let us know if there is anything that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the KAE program.

 The Melbourne Metro, Koorie Academy of Excellence respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nations as the traditional custodians of the land in which it operates. We pay our respects to their elders past and present. 