Welcome all students and staff

Special welcome to

• 150 Year 7 students
• International students
• New students
• New staff
• Student Leaders

Introduce new staff

Ms Eve Wright       Legal Studies, Bus Man
Mr James Fowler     Maths/Science
Mr Yohann D’Souza   Maths/Science
Ms Yingji Zhang     International Students
Ms Mia Poulton      Japanese

Congratulations to the class of 2012

100% VCE pass rate
All who sought a tertiary placement achieved this.

22% ATARS of 90 or more

Dux of Koonung was our 2012 School Captain Nick McIndoe with a score of 99.65

Welcome back World Team Challenge group, 24 students and Ms Keays, Ms Parsons, Mr Pearce and Mr Anderson visited Borneo in December and January.

Visit from Sister School students Lushun School Dalian China. They arrive at Koonung on 14th February
Each year I speak about community, what it means to be part of a community, how each person, might add value to their community and reflect on what the Koonung community is about.

The student leadership team has identified the goal of building mutual respect across all years and groups of students at Koonung for this year.

This could be demonstrated by

- Inclusiveness and welcoming new students
- Recognising and celebrating each other’s success
- Providing an equal opportunity for all
- Setting high expectations for ourselves and our peers
- Role modeling these high expectations
• And generally caring about those around us especially in times of need

Today we should reflect on the challenges being faced by Australians living in Queensland and NSW, those affected by the worst floods in recorded history around Bundaberg and Grafton.

At least 6 people have died, 40,000 homes are without power and 1000’s of people have been displaced from their homes.

Communities, both large and small, have come together to support, comfort and aid those in need. Through communities we gain strength, we gain resilience, we can recover and rebuild our lives.

At this point I would ask you to think about what you can contribute to the Koonung community, to your friendship group, to the
year levels above and below you. It could be as simple as being involved in activities such as Koonung Day, Swimming Sports or lunchtime activities. A simple gesture such as saying hello to a student who seems isolated or directing them to someone else who could support them is very powerful.

I would like to acknowledge the Student Leaders for 2013

*Introduce School Leaders*

School Captains: Abbey Windley and Jeremy Thiel
School Vice captains: Eliza Campbell and James Bennie
SRC President: Ana Tinc
Senior House Captains: McCubbin: Jack Veal and Amber Harrington Roberts: Rachel Bottomley and Emily Judd Conder: Matt Garvin and Bridie Barr Streeton: Lydia Sims and Patrick Campbell
Music Captains: Mark McKenzie and Lawrence Macdonald
Art Captain: Lexie Branda Pawlaczyk
Drama Captains: Rohan Dimsey and Gabrielle Raz-Liebman
Sports Captains: Jess Walden and Toby Marshallsay
Community Captains: Louisa Lowe and Edward You
International Captains: yet to be elected