Principal’s Message for KWS Website

I extend a warm welcome to the Staff, Students and Parents for the beginning of the 2011 school year. I am mindful that many KWS families have faced difficulties with flooding over the holiday period. I send the full support of the community to those families in these challenging times.

As we begin this 2011 school year I feel extremely proud of the outstanding results of the 2010 Year 12 cohort. The overall results for the students were exceptional. Dux of the school, Victoria Cook, gained the impressive ATAR of 99.70 and was awarded the honour of being the top student in French Extension in the State. There were many other impressive and exceptional performances including the median student ATAR score of 80.5. Given we are a non-selective school with a large Boarding population this is an outstanding result.

In addition, 45 students achieved an ATAR over 90, 18% of the students’ subject achievement were at Band 6 level and Kinross Wolaroi School was ranked 75th in the State.

While I pass on my congratulations to all students, I am mindful that that the hardworking KWS staff deserve as much praise for all their extraordinary efforts in the assistance they offered the students.

As part of the Strategic Direction of the school, the staff returned to undertake the inaugural KWS Professional Development conference in January. A number of new initiatives will be implemented including a Performance Development programme for staff and a whole school focus on improving student literacy. I am grateful to the academic staff for the enthusiasm they have shown in taking on these new initiatives which will have an immediate benefit on student learning.

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