

Welcome to Kojonup District High School's web page, we hope you find the information we have included here to be useful as you explore what we do and how we do it. We are often asked the meaning of our school crest and motto as it is not a common Latin phrase. The crest of the school represents the lamp of learning over an open book, with the Latin "FIAT LUX", meaning *Shine forth the Light*.



Kojonup District High School commenced as a one teacher school in 1863 and now has an enrolment of over 250 from Kindergarten to Year 10. Moving from the original site in the mid 1950's the main complex is situated on 8 hectares of land adjacent to the Kojonup Sporting Complex. There is a further 180 hectare school farm within walking distance.

One of the most important and distinguishing features of our school is that it by catering for students from Kindergarten to Year 10 we can form long term partnerships that grow and develop over time and as children mature. This 'long term relationship' offers many students the opportunity to take on leadership roles that may otherwise not be accessible; it provides a basis from which students can proceed to further studies in the knowledge they are well prepared for the challenges of their future.

The Department of Education has published four key priorities for the public school system and they are

- Success for all students
- Improved student attendance, engagement and behaviour
- High quality teaching and leadership
- A capable and responsive organisation

In our school these four priorities have been elaborated on in our Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017 and I would recommend you review this document as says a great deal about how we approach our work as educators.

Kojonup District High School is a family friendly and student centred school and we daily promote the following values throughout our school.

- 1- Show respect
- 2- Be safe
- 3- Follow instructions
- 4- Have pride

Despite the best efforts of all involved, sometimes things can go wrong. If you are ever worried or have a concern about something that has occurred at school feel free to contact firstly your child's teacher, the relevant Deputy Principal or if need be, me. As educators we understand that a parent's responsibility is to be the advocate for their child, especially in situations where it is a child/teacher matter. However, I urge you to recognise that your child may not have told the whole story and that just as we endeavour to treat each child with courtesy and respect, so to we are entitled to be treated with courtesy and respect.

Peter Callaghan
Principal
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