

KTC High School

INTRODUCTION

With a growing student body and our continued need to cater to the needs of all our students, we have made several changes to our High School Leadership structure:

- As we announced at the end of 2022, **Mr James Mulhall** has been appointed to the role of Director of Teaching and Learning. In this role, Mr Mulhall will head our entire General Studies Program but will also have responsibility for many school-wide operations within the High School.
- **Rabbi Yehuda Spielman** has been appointed to the role of Head of Jewish Studies in the High School.
- **Mrs Megan Rosettenstein** will serve as the Head of Welfare in the Girls High School.
- **Rabbi Light** will continue in his role as the Head of Welfare in the Boys High School. In addition, Rabbi Light will be responsible for all Jewish Studies informal activities that take place **within** the school day.
- **Michael Berkovits** – who has coordinated the last few KTC Israel trips will work on a part time basis as Head of all Jewish Studies Informal activities that take place **outside** of school hours.
- **Michele Hanwell-Short** will continue to work with us over the next 6 months as Academic Administrator. During this time, she will initially ensure the smooth handover of the General Studies Department to Mr Mulhall. She will then work on specific academic data related projects across our school.
- As was announced in Term 4 2022, **Mr Blake Walsh** will continue as the Coordinator of Behaviour Management in the High School.

We are truly privileged to have a team comprised of people with immense professionalism, calibre and passion!

Rabbi Chaiton

FIRST DAY FOR YEAR 7

Where do I go? Upstairs! The majority of our students attended a “Trial Day” last year and so they know where to go. For new students, please follow your classmates.

- GHS students to Level 2 for 8.20am, using the stairs outside the Hospitality Kitchen & ECC entrance
- BHS students to the Zal on Level 1 from 7.50am

There will be someone waiting to greet you and if you’re not sure you can always ask someone!

NEW “HOUSE” STRUCTURE

Importantly, there will be a major shift next year in the welfare structure for Years 7 to 10:

We will be moving to **House Coordinators** instead of Year Coordinators. This means that all students will be vertically streamed based on their houses (Chessed, Shalom and Reyus) and each house will have a House Coordinator who will be **the first point of contact** in overseeing the wellbeing of those students. New students to the school will be assigned a house.

Years 7-10	Boys' High School (BHS)	Girls' High School (GHS)
CHESED	Mr Callum Richardson Callum.Richardson@ktc.nsw.edu.au	Ms Michaela Burgess Michaela.Burgess@ktc.nsw.edu.au
SHALOM	Mr Blake Walsh Blake.Walsh@ktc.nsw.edu.au	Ms Daniela Menga Daniela.Menga@ktc.nsw.edu.au
REYUS	Mr Jake Cassell Jake.Cassell@ktc.nsw.edu.au	Ms Stephanie Perch Stephanie.Perch@ktc.nsw.edu.au
Years 11-12	Rabbi Light (Weeks 1-3) Rabbi.Light@ktc.nsw.edu.au Mr James Mulhall (from Week 4) James.Mulhall@ktc.nsw.edu.au	Ms Lucy Burke Lucy.Burke@ktc.nsw.edu.au

Years 11-12 will have one Senior Coordinator who will over oversee their wellbeing. We look forward to our partnership in developing resilient and well-rounded students.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR WHAT?

For a subject related issue → **Classroom Teacher**

For **Subject** related-escalation → Jewish Studies  Rabbi Spielman General Studies  Mr Mulhall

For all other matters → your child's **House Coordinator**

				
7-10	BHS	Mr Richardson 	Mr Walsh 	Mr Cassell 
	GHS	Ms Burgess 	Ms Menga 	Ms Perch 
11-12	Boys	Weeks 1-3: Rabbi Light, Week 4 onwards: Mr Mulhall		
	Girls	Ms Burke 		

For **Welfare** escalations: → BHS  Rabbi Light GHS  Mrs Rosettenstein

For **Behaviour** related-matters, Mr Walsh will contact you directly. 

MESSAGES FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

General Studies

A very warm welcome to the start of the school year!

It is very much an exciting time for KTC. We are about to welcome our new Year 7 cohort to the College. It is the largest year group to date, and we are looking forward to getting to know them and seeing them flourish in this new chapter of their lives.

We also welcome several new high school staff to the College who are eager to commence the year and are focused on delivering a rigorous academic program for our students.

I am also thoroughly excited about the opportunity to begin my role as Director of Teaching and Learning and to get to know the families of Kesser Torah College.

The start of a new year is often a time to reflect and to reset. It can also be an excellent time to recalibrate and to think about how we might shift our focus or direction. As your child commences the new school year, I encourage you to spend some time with them to think about what areas of growth (both personal, spiritual and academic) they might like to see. There may be some significant changes that they would like to make, or perhaps to reinforce and build upon changes made in the previous year. These discussions can form the foundation of academic growth for your child and will serve them well for the year ahead.

I look forward to partnering with you over the coming years to help our students to work towards their academic potential.

James Mulhall

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Jewish Studies

Welcome to the school year of 5783/2023!

We are excited to welcome our new Jewish Studies teachers: Rabbi Menachem Dadon and Mrs Rachelle Smith. These teachers add value to the wonderful KTC JS Teaching team and to the students' learning experience.

I will be working together with Rabbis Chaiton and Light to continue to enhance the Jewish Studies formal educational programmes with an emphasis on offering a *Torah true* education that is current and relatable.

Informal Jewish studies

The informal Jewish education will be directed by:

BHS – Rabbi Light (at school or “internal”) and Michael Berkovits (after school/off campus or “external”)

GHS – Ziva Richter (for Term 1) and Chaya Gourarie (from Term 2)

BHS Jewish Studies

The BHS Jewish Studies classes will continue to operate in a vertically streamed fashion. After a thorough process of individual testing, the boys have been carefully placed in their respective classes to ensure that they achieve their educational best. We do not change any classes during Semester 1, but conduct a full review of each student prior to the commencement of Semester 2 and any necessary adjustments are made at that time.

GHS Jewish Studies

In 2022, we undertook a methodical process to determine which classes require streaming. Based on this process, we decided to stream Year 7 Chumash; most of the Year 11/12 classes; and Year 9/10 Dinim and Chassidus/Gemora Classes. Here too, we went through a comprehensive process to ensure that every student is in the class that is best for her and we will again conduct a review of each student at the end of the Semester 1. We have also put measures in place to ensure that ongoing differentiation is provided in all classes and that the requirements of each one of our students – whether it be for extension or learning support – are being met.

I am looking forward to a successful year of educational, spiritual, and personal growth.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss your child's formal Jewish studies.

Rabbi Yehuda Spielman

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Welfare

We are excited to announce that in line with parent feedback, and our growing student body, we have expanded the Welfare team to include a Welfare Coordinator for the Girls' High School (GHS) - allowing us to adequately cater to the needs of all of our students.

In line with the school's vision of *growing minds and nurturing hearts, guided by Torah*, our Welfare team goals are to:

- being proactive in managing student mental health to create well rounded students
- build literacy in mental health amongst our students and school community
- increase accessibility to support and providing space for students to be heard.

Our goals will be achieved through a structured learning plan built into the timetable, tailored to fit the needs of each year. Our programs will focus on:

Year 7	Respect: yourself, others, and community/environment
Year 8	Resilience
Year 9	Healthy friendships
Year 10	Managing emotions and setbacks
Year 11 & 12	Finding your purpose

Year 7 and 8 will be piloting a brand new social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum that was developed in the USA, combining mental health principles with Torah values. We are thrilled to be the first Jewish school in Australia to launch this initiative.

Years 9 and 10 will continue with the *Wellio* Mental Health Platform (introduced in 2022 with much success) which seeks to make mental health more accessible on a digital platform.

Years 11 and 12 will have a bespoke program that caters to their specific needs as they approach the end of school and life beyond.

Needless to say, our school psychologist **Karlee Martyn** will continue to play a crucial role in all Welfare related initiatives and in managing the Wellbeing of each one of our High School students.

Rabbi Light - BHS

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Mrs Rosettenstein – GHS

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MISCELLANEOUS

Timetables

Timetables will be available as soon as they are finalised – which is anticipated to be prior to the commencement of Term 1, 31 January | 9 Shevat.

Edumate / Learning Management System

Existing parents and carers within the KTC Family will be familiar with the KTC App “Digistorm” or the “Edumate Parent Portal”. For new members of the KTC K-12 family, we will send you specific instructions for accessing information relating to your child – this includes: event notifications; permissions; absences; and reports (to name a few).

Bell Times

BHS

TERMS 1 & 4		
Lesson	Monday to Thursday	Friday
Dav/HR	7.50 to 9.00	
Period 1	9.00 to 9.40	
Period 2	9.40 to 10.20	
Period 3	10.20 to 11.00	
Recess	11.00 to 11.20	
Period 4	11.20 to 12.00	
Period 5	12.00 to 12.40	
Period 6	12.40 to 1.20	12.40 to 1.20
Lunch	1.20 to 2.00	1.20 to 1.40
Period 7	2.00 to 2.40	1.40 to 2.20
Period 8	2.40 to 3.20	
Period 9	3.20 to 4.00	
Mincha	4.00 to 4.10pm	

GHS

TERMS 1 & 4		
Lesson	Monday to Thursday	Friday
Dav/HR	8.20 to 9.00	
Period 1	9.00 to 9.40	
Period 2	9.40 to 10.20	
Period 3	10.20 to 11.00	
Recess	11.00 to 11.20	
Period 4	11.20 to 12.00	
Period 5	12.00 to 12.40	
Period 6	12.40 to 1.20	
Lunch	1.20 to 2.00	
Period 7	2.00 to 2.40	2.00 to 2.30
Period 8	2.40 to 3.20	
Period 9	3.20 to 4.00	

