

5 Shevat 5784  
15 January 2024

## Welcome to KTC 2024!

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year! I trust that you have all enjoyed a restful break and that you are looking forward to the new year with optimism and a sense of anticipation.

The High School at Kesser Torah continues to grow in size as we welcome another Year 7 cohort. We were thrilled to see the strong HSC results from the Class of 2023 as staff and students work towards the pursuit of academic excellence.

Additionally, we welcome several new staff to Kesser Torah who are eager to commence in their roles: Tom Linnell (Mathematics), Aoibhinn O'Brien (Visual Arts), Molly Tame (Learning Support/English), Maria Louran (Music), Talia Weinberg (Hebrew). Please join me in making them feel welcome in our school.

The well-being of our students remains our top priority. To bolster this commitment, we have expanded our welfare team this year, introducing additional support in both the GHS and BHS. Throughout the year, we will conduct informal programs to safeguard the social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our students.

Parents are reminded that a weekly KTC App broadcast will be sent out every Sunday, providing important information about the upcoming week. This communication channel serves as a valuable resource to keep you informed and engaged in your child's educational journey.

Here's to a fantastic year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for each student in our Kesser Torah community.

### Please see below for information about:

- Welcome message from Rabbi Spielman, Head of Jewish Studies.
- Timetables
- Communication
- Year 7 First Day Instructions

See you on campus!  
James Mulhall and the High School Leadership Team

## Welcome Message from Rabbi Spielman

Welcome to the school year of 5784/2024. We are excited to welcome our new JS teachers; Rabbi Chaim Koncepolski, Rabbi Koppel Vogel and Mrs Shaina Feldman. These teachers add value to the wonderful KTC JS Teaching team and to the students learning experience.

I would be working together with Rabbis Chaiton and Light to continue to enhance the Jewish studies formal educational programs 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 – Michael Berkovits  
GHS – Chaya Gourarie

### The BHS Jewish Studies

The BHS JS 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 One, but we do a full



review on each student before the commencement of Semester Two and any necessary adjustments will be made at that time.

### The GHS Jewish Studies

In the GHS – last year we once again undertook a methodical process to determine which classes require streaming. Based on this we have decided to stream Year 8 for Chumash and Dinim. 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 conduct a review on each student at the end of the First Semester. 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. The students of Years 11/12 JS classes elect to join the standard or advanced groups of Chumash, Dinim, Chassidus and Gemora .

The High schools are fortunate to have Shluchim/Shluchos working to create extra positive programs and experiences for our students. Please encourage your child to participate in the wonderful programs.

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  
Head of High School Jewish Studies

### 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.

### Communication

All information will be broadcast via the KTC App. It is the primary source of information for Parent notifications. Teachers will communicate via email.

Occasionally notifications will be sent via email for ease of reading or printing – however the default will always be the KTC App. If your app is not working, please email [marketing@ktc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marketing@ktc.nsw.edu.au) to resolve.

It is essential for parents to **save the KTC Communication phone number on your phone** to ensure you can receive occasional KTC Whats App Broadcasts from the school ( KTC Comms: 0402 733 828).

### Year 7 first Day Instructions

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 upstairs.

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!