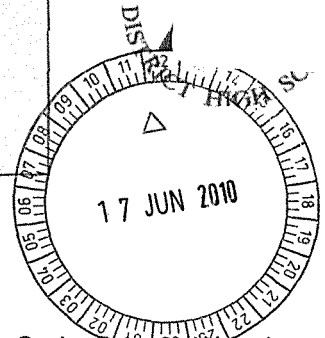


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To Whom It May Concern

The Kojonup District High School P&C would like to support the continued operation of the Senior School. We value education and acknowledge the often surprising results and achievements of the students who attend the Senior School that are only made possible due to the dedication and pastoral care of the staff and ongoing support of wider community members. If this centre was to be closed we are very concerned about what would happen to the children who should be going into Year 12 next year and a significant number of students currently in Year 10 who are highly likely not to go away to school or attend Katanning Senior High School. It would be an utter shame to see these students doing nothing instead of accessing the outstanding educational opportunities available through our Senior School.

Students from the Senior School have played active roles on the School Council and assisted the P&C with fundraising efforts over the last 4 years. Their individual development into young adults and input into the school decision making processes make them worthwhile members of our school and wider community. The way in which these young people are viewed by local people has been significantly improved through the programs and events run by the Senior School. The students have a much better chance of reaching their individual potential and finding ongoing work or continuing with their education due to the life skills and self management skills that are integral to everyday life at the Senior School campus.

There are students who do not have the support of their families to be able to attend boarding schools or be driven to bus stops daily to access the bus to Katanning. In a society where education is not necessarily valued by all we want the students of our school to be able to get an education if they want it and not have to be held back for family, financial, geographic, cultural or developmental reasons.

We strongly urge you to allow our Senior School to continue offering the service to students who genuinely need it.

Yours sincerely