



KEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear past students of Kew High School

There are many of you who had a particular interest in Science and Maths in your time at Kew and subsequent years. Others have just maintained a link to the school and are interested in our growth and improvement.

We write to seek your support in our pursuit the funding of a new STEM Centre (Science Technology Engineering Maths) at Kew High School.

Complementing our established STEM Pedagogy and Program, the Centre will enable Kew High School to extend our STEM learning for our diverse student body and to students of other government schools. We have already linked with our Primary schools with science projects. Our current facilities are used to their maximum extent to build an impressive STEM program, in addition to maintaining our high rates of participation in maths and sciences. The new STEM Centre will also help us expand our outreach STEM learning program to more schools locally and in regional Victoria.

Kew High currently relies on ageing portable classrooms to deliver our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs. The laboratory facilities we do have are in high demand and must be rationed between classes. Despite this, we have an excellent program that is focused on educating our students for the future and encouraging female students to continue with STEM subjects.

Kew High School was built in 1967 to educate 600 students, we now educate 1100 students from Kew and beyond .Demographic trends indicate there will be increasing demand for places at Kew High in coming years yet our physical footprint is restricted. For this reason, our plan is to build a multi-storey centre to replace the single storey portables. We will also adapt the new space to provide a nurturing transition space for our year seven students.

Funding of the facilities at Kew High School by the State Government has fallen well behind that provided to other Government High Schools in Melbourne. Hitherto we have self-funded all our facilities through flexible cooperative funding options; these are no longer available so we need your help. We seek your support for a \$6.1M grant to build our STEM Centre to enable us to extend the impact and reach of our successful STEM program.

What can you do to support? Send a letter to a local Minister? Provide expertise in some way? Do you know someone who may be able to assist in some way?

For further information, please refer to the attached KHS STEM Centre Prospectus. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of our STEM Centre sub-Committee James Thyer through the school.

Yours sincerely

Clare Entwisle.

Principal

