



Korowal on the move

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Keeping you informed about our relocation project

“Oaklands” purchase — progress report



Korowal School



We have signed an “Option To Purchase” the Oaklands property. This is a legal agreement that takes the property off the market for eight months while we apply to Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) for a D.A. (development application) and organise various other formalities required for us to proceed with the purchase.

We will now move as quickly as possible to lodge the D.A. This requires renovation plans, a traffic survey, a bushfire report, a heritage assessment, and possibly an engineer’s report. The relevant consultants have been engaged and have begun their work. After we have lodged the D.A., the BMCC might then take some months to approve our application. The mayor and the appropriate departmental heads have been briefed on Korowal’s situation and understand that we must be relocated by the start of 2009.

Within the next few weeks we will organise opportunities for interested teachers and parents to visit the site. Details will be advised soon. Unless you are taking part in one of these organised visits, please do not drive through the property as there are people living and working there.

The eight-month option period is also a time for us to appeal to our community for the funds required to renovate the buildings and do the necessary improvements to internal roads and grounds.

Korowal on the move office

Where:

Student-support office, primary school

When:

Mondays and Fridays
9 am to 3.00 pm

At the KOM office, you can:

- § ask questions about the relocation
- § collect brochures and forms related to the move & fundraising
- § offer to help with fundraising projects
- § get involved!

Online donations



You can now donate to the Korowal building fund online. It’s easy, and convenient!

Just go to our website www.korowal.nsw.edu.au and follow the links. You will receive an automatically generated receipt.

Donations to the building fund are tax deductible.

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Donating to our building fund

You can donate to the building fund in a range of ways. And, don't forget that donations to the building fund are tax deductible.

Online donations

It is now possible to donate to the building fund online at <www.korowal.nsw.edu.au>. You will automatically be issued a receipt. It is also possible to donate by cheque or credit card or by direct deposit.

Pledges and Loans

If you plan to donate to the building fund after our D.A. has been approved and contracts have been exchanged, this can be done in one of two ways:

1) as a **pledge**. This is a promise to donate money (or services) at a future date. It is not enforceable, but it will be very helpful for us to know now about funds or services that will be donated after the D.A. has been approved. If you would like to explore the idea of a pledge, please talk to Wendy Monaghan in the *Korowal on the move* office, Mondays or Fridays. At other times, you can email her at <wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au> or phone her on 4759 3392.

2) by providing a **loan**. We have established a facility that allows you to transfer funds to the school in the form of a loan that would only be taken up when the property is secured, and could be refunded to you if this does not eventuate. If you would like to explore this option, please talk to Cindy, our bursar, who is available from Monday to Wednesday.

We understand that some people may be concerned about donating money before the BMCC has approved the development application and/or before settlement on the property has occurred. We hope these two options (above) will relieve those concerns.

Donating skills, labour or time

Please think about whether you would be prepared to donate relevant skills, labour or time to the renovations and building works. If you think you may be able to help, please let Wendy Monaghan know. You can either visit or phone Wendy at the *Korowal on the move* office at school on Mondays between 9 am and 3 pm or Fridays between 9 am and 1 pm. You can also email Wendy on <wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au>.

Wendy is compiling a database and will contact people when their services are required. There will be a formal tendering process for the building works, but it is useful for us to know in advance what skills there are in our community. If you do not have specialised skills but are prepared to help with general labouring, painting, furniture removal, etc., please let Wendy know.

'Korowal Kompilation' CD

We are collecting professionally recorded tracks for our compilation CD. Thank you to those who have already contributed or promised tracks. The deadline for submission of tracks is the end of September. We require a data or audio file (not an mp3). It will be very helpful if tracks are already mastered. Please contact Annie Carment on <acarment@bigpond.net.au>.



The short film

The short film about Korowal, which will be used for marketing, is undergoing its final editing and mastering. Thank you very much to Joanne McGowan, Scott Thompson and Neall Duncan for their time and expertise.



In your own words...

Here are some more extracts from the *Korowal in your own words* forms. If you have not already done so, you can fill out the form online at the *Korowal on the move* page on the school's website <www.korowal.nsw.edu.au>. We will use extracts for our new website, which is currently being prepared.

Korowal School shows a great deal of respect to its students and because of this, the students show a great deal of respect to each other and, most importantly, to themselves.

You are judged as yourself, not just as another student.

Korowal is more friendly and kind. You don't have to look all nice and perfect. There is no ruling with an iron fist, so you are able to relax, laugh and have a good time, as well as learn.

Korowal is small. I like that. I'm not lost in all the people. There's no uniform. I don't have to look like everyone else. It's not a concrete jungle. I can talk to the teachers like real people.

year 10

The thought that my younger brother goes to Korowal makes me feel content—I don't have to worry about his safety or his wellbeing.

I really value the levels of trust the teachers place in the students. Every person is made to feel safe.

A student like me who takes a great interest in his work feels no condescension, only support.

year 9

At my old school, most activities were turned into a competition. At Korowal, people accept each other for who they are.

I feel safe and happy about going to school. The lessons are fun.

year 8

Fundraising

Annie Swanton is now in the KOM office every Friday between 8:30 and 3:00 pm to coordinate the fundraising events and calendar for Korowal.

If you have a good idea for fundraising, but need some guidance with determining your project, setting up a simple budget and planning the timing, come and see Annie. She will soon have a simple guide available to help you. Either ring Annie on Fridays at the school, or drop in to the KOM office. Alternatively, you can email Annie <annieswanton@mac.com>.

If you have already presented ideas to the KOM team, Annie will be contacting you over the next few weeks to see how you are going. Some of the projects put forward so far include:

ART SHOW

COOK BOOK

CALENDAR AND POSTCARDS

CD

OPEN AIR CINEMA

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

DINNERS

AUCTIONS

TRIVIA NIGHT

WE REALLY NEED PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THE ART SHOW A REALITY. WE HAVE MANY ARTISTS WILLING TO DONATE ART WORKS, BUT WE NEED A TEAM OF ORGANISERS TO GET IT OFF THE GROUND.

If you would like to find out how you could be involved in any of these projects, drop into the KOM office and see Annie or Wendy. As events are confirmed, Annie will list them in an events calendar, which you will be able to view in the KOM office or online.