



# CONTACT



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Upcoming Events

**14 December**  
**Accelerated Class to Dee Why**  
**Contact issued**  
**Graduation for BREED group**

**17 December**  
**Reports issued**

**19 December**  
**Students finish**

**2013**

**30 January**  
**Year 7 Students start**

**31 January**  
**All students return**

**8 February**  
**Contact issued**

**15 February**  
**Swimming Carnival**  
**Year 6 Taster Day**

**18 February**  
**P&C Meeting**

**22 February**  
**Contact issued**

### CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO MRS HOURIGAN

Recently Mrs Hourigan was successful through merit selection to be appointed as the new Principal at Crestwood High School. This promotion commences at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Mrs Hourigan was appointed to Quakers Hill High School on 29 January 1996 as the Head Teacher PDHPE. In 2009 she was successful again through merit selection to the position of Deputy Principal at Quakers Hill HS, after having relieved in that position for over 18 months. Mrs Hourigan has made a significant contribution to the Quakers Hill HS community, particularly through her work in the areas of: teacher professional learning; gifted and talented programs; Collegiate Cup; our commitment to the wearing of school uniform; our PBL SMART code and our school website. I know many of the staff and students will really miss her and her shoes will be very difficult to fill, but we wish her all the very best for her new school and hope she gets the opportunity to visit us later in the school year.

Goodbye and good luck and a very big thank you from the Quakers Hill HS community.

### YEAR 10 FORMAL AND GRADUATION

The annual Year 10 Formal and Graduation Ceremonies held last week were wonderful demonstrations of our school community's commitment to excellence. Our Year 10 students looked fabulous at the Formal and spent most of the night dancing, they even remained on the dance floor for some of the 1980s hits the teachers requested and there were many cries for "one more song" when it was time to end the occasion. Similarly the Year 10 Graduation was a very emotional event with all the students enjoying the celebration of their last 4 years of school. At this event Mai Lam's outstanding academic achievement was rewarded with her receiving the Gary Kenworthy Dux of Quakers Hill HS for 2012. Other award winners were:

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP—Alana Duncan & Luke Agius**

**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH AWARD  
FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY—**

**Victor Fabiano & Matthew Anderson**

**QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMITMENT—Avnoor Guron**

**KORMENDY SHIELD—Emma Shepherd**

**P&C AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP—Matthew Anderson**

**REUBEN F. SCARF AWARD—Courtney Churchward**

**CALTEX ALL-ROUNDER MEDALLION—Alana Duncan**

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK—  
Alana Duncan**

**100% ATTENDANCE—Callista Banks, James Delfino, Benjamin Lee, Leah Nazareth**

**FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

English	Mai Lam
Drama	Luke Agius
Mathematics	Benjamin Lee
Science - Chemistry	Mai Lam
Science – Physics	Jesse Dowland
History	Sarah Blazevic
Elective History	Jasmine Joseph
Ancient History	Mai Lam
Social Science – Geography	Jesse Dowland
Social Science – Commerce	Mai Lam
Social Science – Work Education	Georgina Lord
Social Science – LOTE	Vanessa Hooper
Computing Studies – Software Dev.	Mehak Talwar
Computing Studies – Robotics	Akshith Murthy
TAS – Industrial Arts	Yue Zhu
TAS – Home Economics	Courtney Browne
Music	Thomas McDonell
PDHPE	Yue Zhu
Visual Arts	Mai Lam
Photography	Raquel Gerial

**ROTARY PERFORMING ARTS TROPHY—Callista Banks**

**DANCE AWARD—Mikaela Blair**

**DRAMA AWARD—Excellence in Production—Selin Kement**

**SPORTS AWARDS**

**Sportswoman of the Year                      Juliette Harrington**

**Sportsman of the Year                      Thomas Dunn**

## PRESENTATION DAY CEREMONY

On Monday we had our annual Presentation Day. This is our opportunity to celebrate the outstanding performance of many of our students. This year we made some changes and students who came first in a subject in the year received a medal and students who came first in a class in either Semester 1 or 2 will receive their certificates in with their Semester 2 report. Faculties could also award commendations for excellent academic achievement in a particular subject. Students who are receiving this commendation will also find them in their Semester 2 report.

	<b><i>FIRST IN COURSE</i></b>	<b><i>COMMENDATIONS</i></b>
<b><u>ENGLISH</u></b>		
Year 7	Ailya Zaidi	Aidan Bath, Connor Baillache, Caitlyn Franks
Year 8	Erin McCready	Jessica Bobbin, Kaitlyn Hockey, Madison Smith
Year 9	Rhyannah Torrance	Leesha Bayode, Emily Firth
<b><u>LITERACY</u></b>		
Year 7	Jaimie Bonsall	Angel Abelgas, Zane El-Kamand, Ethan Trumble
Year 8	Kaitlyn Hockey	Andrea Deller, Emily Morgan, Sargunn Sahota
Elective Drama Medal	Daniela Kupresanin	
Creative Writing Award	Laura Radwill	
<b><u>MATHEMATICS</u></b>		
	<b><i>FIRST IN COURSE</i></b>	<b><i>COMMENDATIONS</i></b>
Year 7	Ailya Zaidi	Kayla Auld-Schuch, Dylan Lambert, Chad Llesis, Bryce Simpson, Sarah Wakeling
Year 8	Kaitlyn Hockey	Sanam Attai, Jaime Cumbo, Bianca Davies, Shiba Hashemi, Chatphet Thimjaeng
Year 9	Taylan Haydardedeoglu	Racheal Hannaford, Brandon Kousanon, Maddison McVicar, Sara Vella
<b><u>SCIENCE</u></b>		
	<b><i>FIRST IN COURSE</i></b>	<b><i>COMMENDATIONS</i></b>
Year 7	Aiden Bath	Bridget Aitchison, Connor Baillache, Caitlyn Franks, Joshua Frith, Laura Salazar-Vasquez
Year 8 – Chemistry/Geology	Erin McCready	Corey Dickson, Anne Hi, Kaitlyn Hockey, Elizabeth Micallef, Sarah Mottram
Year 8 – Biology/Physics	Jessica Bobbin	Harley Downton, Kethini Krishnar, Hussain Raza, Britney Roe, Alex Tupper
Year 9 – Biology	Rhyannah Torrance	Emily Huang, Teigan Hi, Maryam Mandehgari, Rachelle Perceval, Jack Steel
Year 9 – Geology	Aruneshwaran Sayanthan	Emily Huang, Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila, Jack Steel, Megan Warner, Trisha Wood

**SOCIAL SCIENCE*****FIRST IN COURSE******COMMENDATIONS***

Year 7 Geography

Zane El-Kamand

Caleb Aberahama, Gemma Hewitson, Stephen Mercado, Tamara Savage

Year 8 Geography

Erin McCready

Justin Acuesta, Jessica Bobbin, Catherine Owusu-Sekyere, Maddison Smith

Year 9 Geography

Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

Harrison Bleakley, Mirna Moucharrafie, Ruindu Ranhotty

Year 8 Commerce

Sargunn Sahota

Hussain Raza

Year 9 Commerce

Megan Warner

Rose Lewis, Ben Talintyre

Year 7 LOTE

Ailya Zaidi

Stephen Mercado, Liam Turner, Elvera Vaitusi

Year 8 LOTE

Shivam Kaushal

**HISTORY*****FIRST IN COURSE******COMMENDATIONS***

Year 7

Boaz Villarosa

Connor Baillache

Year 8

Michelle Marcelliano

Justin Acuesta, Catherine Owusu-Sekyere, Jeremy Turoczi

Year 9

Guy Watson

Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

Accelerated History Year 9

Corey Butcher

Aruneshwaran Sayanthan

**SPECIAL EDUCATION*****FIRST IN COURSE******COMMENDATIONS***

Year 7

Phoebe Foulke

Chad Llesis

Year 8

Dan Pogson

Bianca Davies

**TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES*****FIRST IN COURSE******COMMENDATIONS***

Year 7

Morgan Edmunds

William Deng, Japneet Kaur, Tamara Savage, Luke Sim, Robyn Voukelatos

Year 8

Maddison Smith

Bradley Coleiro, Michelle Marcelliano

Elective Metal Technology

Andronicos Demetriou

Trae Dunn-Astill, Tyla Jobson

Elective Agriculture

Ben Haycroft-Gouda

Caleb Hansford

**CREATIVE ARTS*****FIRST IN COURSE******COMMENDATIONS***

Year 7 Visual Arts

Matthew Reichstein

Jaime Bonsall, William Deng, Bradley Elliot, Jorja Kozlovsky, Jenelle Magtibay

Year 8 Visual Arts

Rebeka Wojcicki

Hugh Davey

Year 9 Visual Arts

Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

Katelyn Commings, Laura Radwill

Year 9 Photography

Rhyannah Torrance

Year 7 Music

Caitlyn Franks

John Aguilar, Jaimie Bonsall, Gemma Hewitson, Jenelle Magtibay, Mark Robertson

Year 8 Music	Kaitlyn Hockey	Marie-Grace Araullo, Brodie Bevan, Rohan Comey, Sedale Purcell
Year 9 Music	Emily Huang	Luke Agius, Gabrielle Agujo, Sarah Curran, Yvonne Robertson, Maria Sow

### **COMPUTING STUDIES**

#### ***FIRST IN COURSE***

Digital Media	Megan Warner
Networks	Kirsten Webster

### **PDHPE**

#### ***FIRST IN COURSE***

Year 7	Tamara Savage
Year 8	Elizabeth Micallef
Year 9	Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

#### ***COMMENDATIONS***

Tynesha Caruana, Nathalie Despois, Zane El-Kamand
Chelsea Dixon, Caitlin Ives, Erin McCready, Chloe Silva, Bhoomika Sreenivasan
Daniela Kupresanin, Rhyannah Tor- rance, Megan Warner, Kirsten Web- ster
Karlie Scott

Elective Dance	Kirsten Webster
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### **SPECIAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

SMART Outstanding Student	Bradley Lannoy
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### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**

Victor Fabiano

### **OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Year 7	Connor Baillache, Joshua Frith, Liam Griffiths, Luke Khawam, Jarrad Smith, Christopher Wadey, Tapi Zinatsa
Year 8	Bradley Coleiro
Year 9	Jack Steel, Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

### **"GIFT OF TIME" AWARDS**

Jannette Nigl	Belinda Clancy	Paul Clancy
Linda Robertson	Julie Banks	Debbie Auld
Corinne Barker	Natalie Coleiro	Jillian Ford
Rebecca Iacono	Leanne Thompson	Joanne Warner

### **SPORTS AWARDS**

House Competition Trophy (presented to House Adviser)		Bathurst – Ms Irene Samuels
Team of the Year		Under 15 Boys Basketball
Outstanding Achievement in Sport	Year 7	Tamara Savage Nikolas Savage
	Year 8	Maddison Smith Waheed Shinwari
	Year 9	Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila Caleb Hansford

LION'S CLUB AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL—Jannette Nigl

SRC SCHOOL COUNSELLOR OF THE YEAR—Anita Omoruyi-Uwaila

PIRET WHITE ABORIGINAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT—Taniesha Richter

I will be on long service leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 1 visiting my son in the USA and Rob Bredin will be Relieving Principal in my absence and Mr Barry will fill in for Mr Bredin. I have already commenced forming the merit selection panel to fill Mrs Hourigan's position early in Term 1 however, Mrs Critchley will be relieving Deputy Principal in the interim.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy festive season. Remember school resumes for Year 7 on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Years 8, 9 & 10 return on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Merry Christmas

***Lauretta Claus, Principal***

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### PLANNING FOR 2013

As we approach the close of Term 4, it is a good time to reflect on the challenges and triumphs of the past school year. On the last two days of the Term (pupil free days), the staff will be using this opportunity to evaluate programs and procedures in order to implement improved strategies and practices for 2013. This is also a good time for parents to discuss the contents of the school report (issued on Monday 17 December) with their child and possibly discuss learning goals to be set for the new school year. Students and parents can rest assured that all evaluation, programming and planning done by staff will always have the best interests of the students at the core of their business.

### FAREWELL QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last Deputy Principal's Report for Quakers Hill High School. Whilst I am excited to be promoted to the position of Principal at Crestwood High School, I realise a chapter of my career is closing and another opening. Over the 15 years I have been at Quakers Hill HS I have been so fortunate to share in a vast array of experiences with the exceptional staff and the school community. From basketball games taking me to the corners of NSW to ski excursions taking me to the top of Crackenback (Thredbo). There would not be enough room in this report to list all the experiences this exceptional school has provided me with, but I will say that I have been so lucky to share these experiences with the dedicated staff, supportive parents and amazing students of this school. Quakers Hill High School is an outstanding school with a well-respected reputation demonstrated by the large number of enrolment enquiries received on a weekly basis.

I would like to thank all the parents, students and staff who have expressed their well wishes and have supported me during my time at QHHS. In particular I would like to thank the QHHS Executive Team, led by Mrs Claus, who are truly an outstanding team. Although I will no longer be a staff member at the school I will always be singing the praises of this wonderful school community. I wish all a very happy and safe holiday.

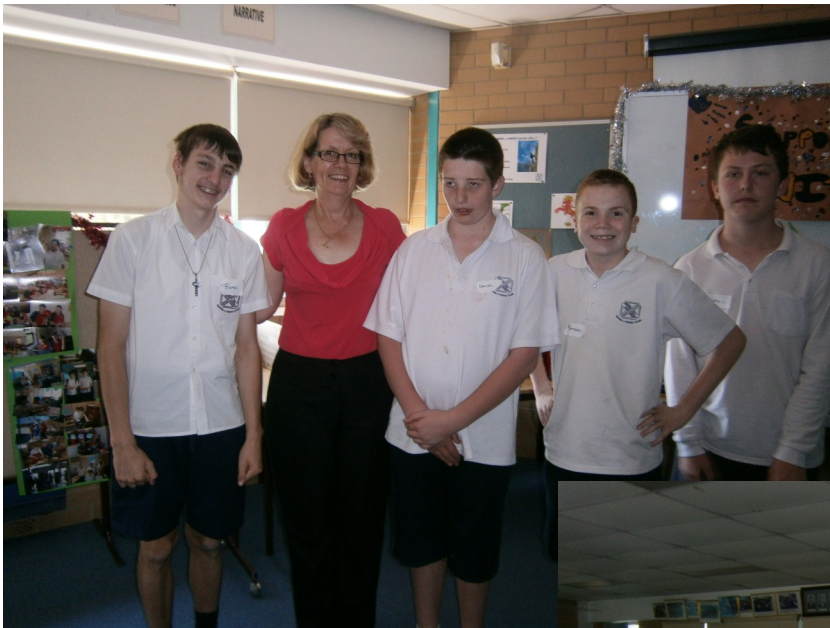
**Therese Hourigan**

Nirimba College of TAFE in Quakers Hill is running FREE courses starting February 2013. Should you have clients or students who would benefit undertaking these courses, please follow the below link to enrol online and to obtain further information eg timetable. (Note: if the below link is not highlighted please copy the link to your address bar.) Please note that there will be no administration cost but there may be a cost in purchasing books for the Financial Services course. Enrolment Links: Certificate II Business—17802 1 Semester 20 hrs per week: <http://tiny.cc/NirS113-17802> and Certificate III in Financial Services—10715 9 weeks—20 hrs per week <http://tiny.cc/NirS113-F10715T1>.



## SUPPORT UNIT MEET AND GREET AFTERNOON TEA

During Week 8 the Support Unit hosted a 'Meet and Greet' Christmas afternoon tea for parents of our students and staff who taught Support Unit students throughout the year. It was fantastic to have so many parents and staff join our festivities. Our students proudly displayed the activities they took part in during the year via photographs posted around the room and an entertaining slideshow created by Mrs Ferretti, Mrs Shields and Mrs Cranfield was presented (thank you ladies for your time and effort). We were entertained with Brad, Sarah and Brayden playing their enjoyable musical items. After parents tasted some of the treats students made, they had a tour of the Support Unit classrooms and visited the farm to view the newborn chicks (thank you Mrs Walden). Thank you to all families and staff for attending it was fabulous having you there. We appreciate and look forward to the continued support of the Quakers Hill High School community. We wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to another prosperous new year.



## HILLS STUDENTS TO BE FEATURED IN SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR TELECAST ON ABC



Callista Banks

Mikaela Blair

Nicola Poynting

Lotus Rana'

Riley Sparks

Local students are delighted they will be featured in the first Schools Spectacular telecast on ABC1 on Sunday December 16 at 6pm. There will be a longer version of the show in ABC's countdown to the New Year on December 31 with timings to be confirmed. Performers from Riverstone High School, Quakers Hill High School, Tallowood School and Kellyville Public School showed off their many skills during the recent sold out shows at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The 29th Schools Spectacular lived up to his billing as one of the biggest shows of its kind in the world, featuring 3,600 public school students. "Our theme, 'Our Time', was inspired by the Stephen Sondheim song and the performers really lived up to that inspiration," relieving director Sonja Benson said. "Mr Sondheim wrote from New York encouraging the students. "They performed as if they were those he wrote about: the movers, the shakers, those we will read about in tomorrow's papers." "For each of the 3600 students who play some part in the event it is an experience like no other. "They learn valuable lessons, such as collaborating with others, striving for goals, attaining new heights and sharing the success of a job well done."

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