



UPCOMING EVENTS

17 & 18 November
Year 10 Orientation Days
@ Wyndham

17-21 November
Year 7 Swim School

19 November
10W Transition to
Wyndham
Support Unit Year 6
Orientation
Year 10 Preparation for
Wyndham—English

21 November
10W Laser Tag excursion
Year 9 History Incursion

24-28 November
Year 8 Swim School

26 November
Year 6 Orientation
Evening

27 November
Year 6 Orientation Day

28 November
Contact issued

2 December
Jamberoo Excursion

3 December
Year 10 Formal

4 December
Rehearsal for Year 10
Graduation Periods 1 & 2



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CAPA SHOWCASE – “ROAR”

Congratulations to: Georgia Valatiadis, Melissa Lachevre, Michael Brooks, Marissa Josselyn, Amanda Tong, Luke Cole, Celeste Notley-Smith, Geoff Dacey, Bronwyn Tweeddale, Danielle Schryver and Phillipa Spring for the superb CAPA Showcase last week. The performances and displays of student work were amazing and I joined many proud parents looking at the art and photography work and thoroughly enjoying the drama performances, singing and other musical items. All of the work showed the array of talented students we have here at Quakers Hill HS and also emphasised the importance we place on “Student Voice” here at the school. Listening to students’ ideas, concerns, their fears and joys and celebrating with them in the many ways they can make themselves be heard.

There were many thrilled parents and special guests that attended the showcase and I have included one of the many positive responses the

school received:

Dear Mrs Claus and Quakers Hill High,

I just wanted to express my congratulations to you and your staff along with the many students involved in putting on the amazing performance that was ROAR. It was a truly stunning show, and left me in awe of the fantastic talent that so many of your students possess. It is very noticeable that the school is now fully nurturing musical talent across all genres and how fantastic to see the rock bands performing at such a high level.

Thank you to the staff who obviously worked incredibly hard to pull off this spectacular show, please continue to be passionate because you make such a massive difference to our children.

What a fantastic night, all I can say is WOW!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

At the end of this term your child will



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be bringing home their Semester 2 report. It is important for you to take the time to go through this with your child and discuss what the teacher has said your child has achieved and what they can do to improve next year.

“Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about a student’s learning. The purpose of assessment is to provide information on student achievement and progress.”

Thus these reports compile a picture of how your child is progressing. If you have any concerns or questions I encourage you to contact the school early next year to speak to the Head Teacher of the subject, or your child’s Year Adviser. Remember though, achievement in assessment is not simply about how a child performs in a test—there are other key ingredients that determine a child’s progress at school:

Performance Focus	Indicator
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is attempted to the best of ability. • Homework, assessment tasks and assignments submitted on time.
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher instructions followed at all times. • SMART rules adhered to.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily attendance to be above 85%. • Class attendance to be prompt with no truancy

I would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful job Ms Erica Hall has done managing our school reporting process.

At the end of this term after our Presentation Day, I will be going on leave to travel overseas with my family. Mrs Maricic will be Relieving Principal during this time, with Mr Nash relieving Deputy Principal and Mr Kantek Relieving Head Teacher Admin.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TERM 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were successful as the student leadership team for 2015:

CAPTAINS—Aidan Bath & Katie Towell

VICE CAPTAINS—Tamara Savage & Boaz Villarosa

WELFARE TEAM 2015

Year Advisers:

Year 7 – Louise Grantham (Maths) & Jason Kantek (LST)

Year 8 – Lenae Razbusek (PE) & Bree Mutch (LOTE)

Year 9 – Emily Gray (English) & Marissa Josselyn (CAPA)

Year 10 – Launce Roma (TAS) & Shelley Walker (HSIE)

Lauretta Claus, Principal

REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year is the Big Day Out which has long been a Quakers High School reward initiative. In 2013 a move was made towards the Big Day Out recognising personal achievement and this year all invitations were issued on the basis of merit. In order to be invited an individual student had to accumulate 30 positive referrals throughout the year. By 3rd November 2014, 244 students had accumulated 30 positives or more.

The record for this year was 112 merits with a total of 55 students accumulating 50 or more. This is a staggering achievement and reflects well on the positive attributes of our school cohort and the determination of teachers to see citizenship and achievement recognised. Given the enormous popularity of this excursion and the significantly increased number of students who are eligible to attend, we will start looking into the feasibility of holding another reward excursion at the end of Semester 1 2015.

REBECCA MAHON

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Years 8 & 10)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 7 AWARDS

In the last Year Assembly more than half the students in Year 7 were presented with awards for their wonderful efforts. These were particularly from Year Advisers, Commendations and External Competitions. Keep up the great work.





ROAR CAPA SHOWCASE

What a spectacular exhibition, I was thrilled to be a privileged member of the sell-out audience on the Wednesday night. It always makes me feel so proud when I see the students perform. So much happens behind the scenes that we are often not even aware of. This is mainly due to the outstanding guidance of our professional Directors Ms Valatiadis and Ms Lachevre. The teachers worked tirelessly to produce the polished acts and brilliant artworks. Congratulations and an enormous THANK YOU to all the staff and students who were involved in any way to ensure the success of the show.





YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS PREPARATION DAYS AT WYNDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

19 students from Quakers Hill High School attended the 2 day workshops designed to raise awareness of the Mathematics course, know where to find information, refine some Algebraic skills and gain some helpful tips in preparing for the HSC Mathematics journey. Ms Macan (DP from Seven Hills High School) joined me in delivering worthwhile workshops and challenges. The feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive and all said it was worthwhile and useful. I was very proud of the Year 10 students who transitioned very well into the senior environment.



SERVICE TO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 13 NOVEMBER 2014

It gave me great pleasure to address the Service to School assembly where we acknowledged the voluntary work that so many students are involved in. 228 awards were presented and we had an excellent Musical item from the School's Rock Band and a Dance item from the Indigenous Dance Group. Thank you to Ms Romerosa and her team for coordinating the assembly.



REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

As we come to the end of Week 6, the weather is going to get warmer, but uniform is compulsory. We should wear our uniform with pride at all times. Many students have been spoken to about their uniform and we appreciate parents support in this matter. Students have also been reminded recently that they are required to bring their equipment to school every day. It eliminates unnecessary stress when a child is ready for learning, with their equipment and in school uniform.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who are finalising the outstanding fees for their children. I ask that these are paid by the end of week 7.

Mrs B. Maricic

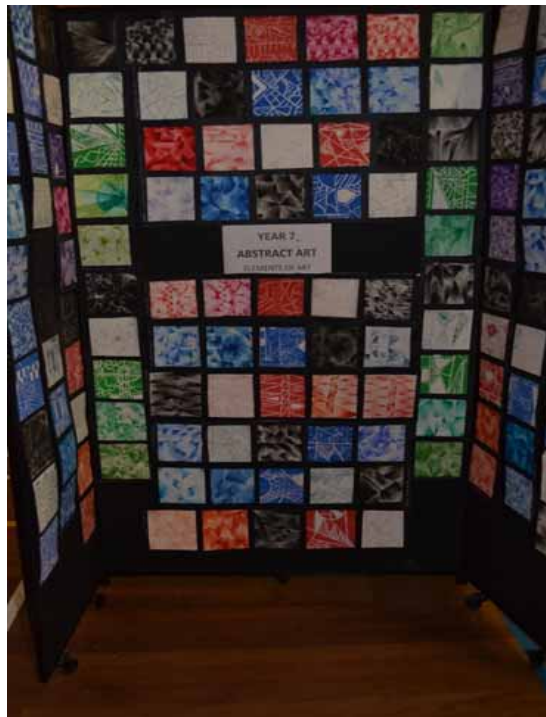
Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 9)

CAPA SHOWCASE

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty have had a busy week during Week 5. We held our annual CAPA Showcase across 2 nights. The array of student talent was enormous and guests were delighted and amused by stellar performances such as dance ensembles, musical items, drama performances, and the school hall tantalised our guests with a prestigious art exhibition from Visual Arts and Photography students from all class throughout the year. The talent on display was enormous ranging from year 7 students right through to year 10 students, with topics and themes extending from Portraiture right through to Still Life and Fantasy Art.

Our CAPA Showcase was a huge success, and in fact saw our second night sell out and more chairs had to be strategically placed around our already jam packed hall to allow more guests to view our gifted and talented students! A great time was held by all and it made all the week-end rehearsals, prop preparing, and costumes sewn worth it! We are already looking forward to next year and what our new Year 7's can bring to our dynamic annual CAPA Showcase! Well done to everyone involved and thank you to the amazing and dedicated teachers of our school - without them the show would not be possible!





MESSAGE FOR PARENTS— STUDENTS LEAV- ING EARLY

If you need to pick up your child early from school:

Write them out a note in the morning.

Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call in the morning.

The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers Note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.

Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

**REMINDER—EVERY
WEDNESDAY ALL
STUDENTS FINISH
AT 2.25pm**

**THE QHHS UNI-
FORM SHOP IS
OPEN EVERY MON-
DAY MORNING
FROM 8.10—9.30AM**

MATHS FACULTY NEWS

Numbers : There are some interesting facts or trivia that exists with number. Below are some for you to consider:

- The numerical digits we use today such as 1, 2 and 3 are based on the Hindu-Arabic numeral system developed over 1000 years ago.
- Different names for the number 0 include zero, nought, naught, nil, zilch and zip.
- 2 and 5 are the only prime numbers that end with a 2 or a 5.
- The golden ratio of approximately 1.618 between two quantities such as lengths often appears in nature (tree branching, uncurling ferns, pine cone arrangements etc) and has been used throughout history to create aesthetically pleasing designs and art works such as Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa.
- Fibonacci numbers are named after Italian [mathematician](#) Leonardo of Pisa (better known as Fibonacci) who introduced them to Western Europe after they had earlier been described by Indian mathematicians. They are related to the golden ratio and proceed in the following order: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, Can you see the pattern?
- The number Pi (the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle) can't be expressed as a fraction, making it an irrational number. It never repeats and never ends when written as a decimal.
- Here is Pi written to 100 decimal places:
3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751
058209749445923078164062862089986280348253421170679
- What comes after a million, billion and trillion? A quadrillion, quintillion, sextillion, septillion, octillion, nonillion, decillion and undecillion.
- The name of the popular search engine 'Google' came from a misspelling of the word 'googol', which is a very large number (the number one followed by one hundred zeros to be exact).
- A 'googolplex' is the number 1 followed by a googol zeros, a number so ridiculously big that it can't be written because there literally isn't enough room in the entire universe to fit it in!
- You might have heard the word 'infinity' before or seen its symbol that looks like the number 8 placed on its side. Infinity means a limitless quantity or something that goes on forever. While it's not really a number like 1, 2 or 3, infinity is often used in math as part of equations and formulas.
- $111111111 \times 111111111 = 12345678987654321$

These facts were given courtesy of the following link.

<http://www.kidsmathgamesonline.com/facts/numbers.html>

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书法

Calligraphy

書道

Some Language classes over the next couple of weeks will have the opportunity to try their hand at Chinese Calligraphy (书法 shūfǎ) or Japanese Calligraphy (shodou 書道), complete with ink and brushes! This is an art form that is over 2000 years old and still practised by school children in China and Japan. Traditionally, it was an essential skill, and criterion by which executives were selected for official service in the Imperial Court. Calligraphy is more than “just writing”. Like many Asian arts, it is a whole-body, mind and spirit experience. Posture, breathing, self-control and meditation are all part of the essence of true calligraphy. It is said that one can read someone’s personality into a work of calligraphy. I wonder what we will read into the calligraphy done by our students? They will no doubt impress us all with their mastery of this total experience!



Top 50 Books that will...

Change the way you think

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

A Streetcat Named Bob by James Bowen

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

Wonder by RJ Palacio

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

The Perks of Being A Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Help you understand you

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

The Outsiders by SE Hinton

Make you cry

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Before I Die by Jenny Downham

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

Make you laugh

Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend

Geek Girl by Holly Smale

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison

Scare you

1984 by George Orwell

Lord Loss by Darren Shan

The Rats by James Herbert

The Shining by Stephen King

The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Gone by Michael Grant

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess

Teach you about love

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Forever by Judy Blume

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Transport you

Harry Potter series by JK Rowling

The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald

Thrill you

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

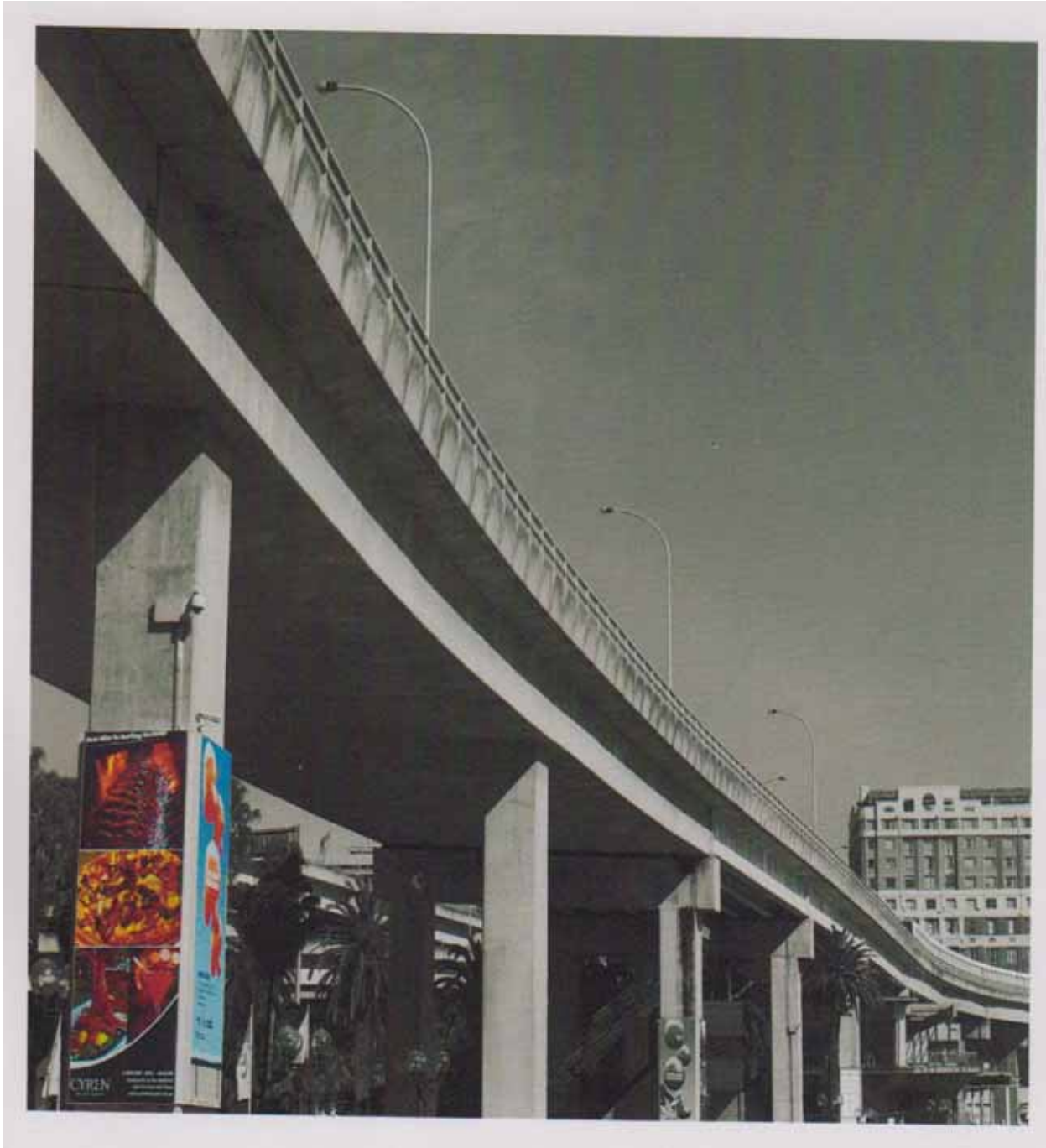
The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

*What will you
read first?*

CAPA FACULTY NEWS

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the Creative Arts faculty. All years have finished their various written assessments and exams for their teachers to mark in preparation for report writing.

Photography News! **Congratulations to Clodagh McAllister of Year 9** who has been nominated as a finalist in the 2014 Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize. The winning student in the 9-10 section receives \$3000 and so does their school. Some of Clodagh's photos are printed below.







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ORIENTATION DAYS AT WYNDHAM COLLEGE **Invitation to Year 10 Students continuing to Year 11 in 2015**

Monday	November 17	9.00am – 2.30pm
Tuesday	November 18	9.00am – 2.30pm

Dear Student,

You are invited to a special two day orientation program at Wyndham College to facilitate your smooth entry into Year 11 next year and to introduce you to the reality of life as a senior student. This orientation will take place on the dates printed above. It will be your responsibility to make your own travel arrangements to and from Wyndham College.

On the orientation days, you will get to know your Year Advisers, teachers, executive staff and other key school personnel. In addition, you will be given vital information regarding your timetable, College rules and Code of Conduct, Connect groups and Board of Studies requirements for HSC study.

A photographer will be present on Tuesday 18th November to take your picture for your student ID card. You will be expected to bring \$10 with you to cover the cost of producing the card on this day. Full school uniform is expected to be worn for this event.

It is absolutely essential that you attend these orientation days in order to secure your place at Wyndham College for 2015. You are expected to arrive at Wyndham College dressed in your current school uniform on both days.

On the night of the Monday 17th from 6:00pm there will be a parent information evening in the Hall. Parents and students will hear from the Principal, their Deputy Principal for 2015, and their Year Advisers. At the end of the presentation parents and students will be welcome to tour the school from 6:30 pm until 7:00pm.

On this night the uniform shop will be open from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Parents will need to purchase uniform from the college uniform shop as they are the **only** suppliers of Wyndham College uniform.

Other opening times for the uniform shop are

24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

15th December 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

In 2015 the uniform shop will be open Thursday 15th and 22nd Jan 9:00 am-2:00 pm and Tuesday 27th Jan 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm.

Payment can be made in cash, cheque or EFTPOS (a \$3.00 fee applies for EFTPOS)

Please ensure your parents or guardians sign the permission slip below and return it to your Year 10 Adviser or Deputy Principal as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Karen Smith
Principal

Robert Bredin
Deputy Principal

Karen Critchley
Acting Collegiate Deputy

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ORIENTATION DAYS

I give consent to my son / daughter attending the orientation days at Wyndham College on Monday 17 November and Tuesday 18 November, 2014.

I understand that part of the orientation involves my son / daughter making his / her own travel arrangements to and from Wyndham College, **dressed in his/her current school uniform.**

I understand that part of the day will involve a tour of the Nirimba precinct.

Signed Date
Parent / Caregiver

SWIM SCHOOL 2014

Swim School is on in 2014 for both Year 7 and Year 8. During this time staff and students travel to Blacktown Pool and participate in a swim and survive program that lasts for 1 week for each year group.

Year 7 is on during week 7 of Term 4 (Monday 17th – Friday 21st November)

Year 8 is on during week 8 of Term 4 (Monday 24th-Friday 28th November)

The program caters for all levels from non-swimmers to competent swimmers. Students are asked to indicate their swimming ability on the permission note which has been handed out before it is returned to the front office. **Aquatics is a compulsory component of the Year 7 PDHPE program and all students are expected to attend. There will be NO formal lessons at school for Year 7 or 8 during the week their year group is at swim school.** The emphasis of the program is on personal survival and rescue techniques. In a country where there are so many drownings at the beach and in backyard pools it is of great importance that our students are confident in and around water.

Some students say that they can swim so they don't need to attend. This is not the case, as by attending each student will achieve a Certificate of Achievement indicating the level of their competency from RSLSA as well also learning survival and resuscitation techniques. This is extremely important as quite often you may need to save the life of someone else. This could be someone in your family or a complete stranger. **A couple of years ago a former student from QHHS was walking down to Stanhope Shops when he saw a mother and father who had a young child with them who had stopped breathing. They were in a panic, however the ex-student calmly took control of the situation, used CPR training that he had just learnt from the swim school program and saved the life of the young child. The ex-student received a large write up in two local newspapers and he also received an award for bravery.**

Times: Roll call as normal. Students will then be transported to the pool by bus. Students will return to school by 3:00pm.

Cost: \$65 – Swim & Survive Award \$70 – Bronze Star & \$75 for Bronze Medallion (Yr8's) (approval required for both of these-see Mr Barry)

Cost includes pool entry, bus fare and awards from the Royal Lifesaving Australia.

Requirements:

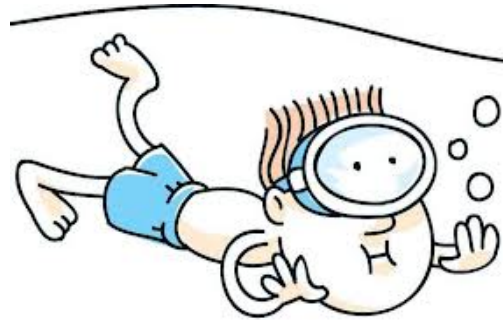
- School uniform is not required but students are expected to be appropriately dressed e.g. T-shirt, shorts and footwear.
- Towel, swimmers and warm clothes (tracksuit)
- 30+ sunscreen, hat, additional T-shirt to wear in the pool.
Some students will be required to bring and wear additional clothing into the water as part of their award, however, their instructor will inform them accordingly.

Other:

- Students will be supervised at all times by staff however staff will not be responsible for large sums of money or valuables.
- Canteen facilities will be available during recess and lunch times.

- All students are required to follow the **SMART** expectations of QHHS for the duration of the Swim and Survive program. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from the program without refund.

Mr Blench- HT PDHPE



SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

ESSA- THANK YOU TO ALL YEAR 8

The ESSA test was run this week between the dates of 10th- 14th of November. Congratulations to all Year 8 for successfully completing the ESSA test, despite few technical issues. Their patience and behaviour is commendable. The results of the test will be posted to the school in Term1, which the students will be bringing home.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO YEAR 9 SCIENCE STUDENTS

As we approach the end of year, I would advise all students in in Year 9 Science classes to ensure that you have cleared all outstanding assessment tasks. See your teachers and discuss what you can do to resolve the N awards.

ALARM

We are focusing on literacy in Science across all the classes, giving our students a framework that they can follow to help them write more detailed and analytical responses with deeper knowledge required to answer long response questions. This tool will help the students next year in their assessment tasks and exams to achieve better grades through a more structured response.



HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

It's been a busy fortnight for the student of History. Our Year 7 students have been wrapping each other up in the ancient ritual of mummification. The Year 8's have been making Viking long-boats and displaying them on the classroom walls. The Year 9's performed a re-enactment of Gallipoli to gain a better understanding of the conditions of our soldiers in World War 1. The History faculty was very impressed by the respect shown by our students during the one minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day. Meanwhile Mr. Andrews has raised over \$150 for Legacy Australia by surviving on Gallipoli rations, (bully beef and hard tack) for three weeks. Thank you to our staff and students for their generosity. Also this month, our Year 9 students will attend a performance at school that introduces them to the Year 10 History syllabus. We would also like to wish our selected Year 7 and 8 students who will be competing at the History Mastermind competition at Hill Sports High School the very best of luck.



ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Year 8 have been studying visual literacy elements. Here is a road safety campaign that uses an extreme close up and framing to draw the reader's attention to the car accident as a result of driving tired, designed by Jayden Anderson and Tyson Anderson 8English1.



8 English 5 have been revising their understanding of homophones in class this week. Students were given sentences using the homophones: 'there', 'their' and 'they're'. In groups, the students glued the sentences that used the words correctly on a green piece of paper, and those that used the words incorrectly on a red piece of paper. All students completed the activity with enthusiasm and demonstrated a great understanding of the words! When editing their work, students are reminded to consider the meaning of each of these homophones:

- There: Referring to a specific location - 'I see your car parked over there.'
- Their: Belonging to a group of people, already introduced previously - 'Their car was yellow.'
- They're: A contraction of the words 'they' and 'are' - 'They're going to drive me home to- day.'



The Year 10 Drama students have been running around our school the past few weeks creating outstanding short films for their final assessment. Their films were developed, filmed and edited over the course of five weeks and covered a range of genres including drama, horror and comedy. The students were the inaugural group to test the English Faculty's new camera technology and our approach of using film as a teaching tool.





The 2014 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Drive is almost coming to a close....

The 2014 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Drive is almost coming to a close, but we still need your support and continued generosity. Our baskets are filling up, but we still require a few more items to ensure that those families in need have all that they require during the holiday season.

We would welcome any of the following items:

- Bottles of soft drink (*High priority*)
- Bottles of fruit juice (*High priority*)
- Fruit mince pies
- Christmas bon-bons
- Zooper-Dopper ice-block packets (or similar)
- Sweets & chocolates
- Pasta sauces & pasta packets
- Packets of rice & sauce
- Cereal packets
- Tea/Coffee/Milo/Hot chocolate

The drive concludes on **Thursday morning on the 20th of November** (Week 7). We ask for donations to be delivered to the Library by students or left at the Front Office by parents.

Giving is our opportunity to affect change in our families, our school and our community and our school community has once again demonstrated its highly compassion and generous nature and for that we are most grateful and proud.

The 2014 QHHS 10 Book Challenge wraps up on the 19th of November ... and the Pizza Lunch kicks off on the 20th of November

The 2014 QHHS 10 Book Reading Challenge will be wrapping on Wednesday the 19th of November in Week 7 of Term 4. So, all participating reading enthusiasts must submit their completed Reading Logs to Ms Lachevre by Wednesday afternoon to reap the benefits.

So, if you indicated that you would be participating this year and if the pizza lunch, awards and Letters of Commendation still appeal to your resume or your tastebuds, then drop your Reading Log off ASAP. (You may also email Ms Lachevre a scanned copy of your log - melissa.lachevre@det.nsw.edu.au)

Quakers Hill High School

Year 6 Orientation Activities



Year 6 Orientation

2014



Quakers Hill High School Hall

70 Lalor Road, Quakers Hill

Orientation Evening Wednesday, 26th November

Uniform Shop opens 5.30 – 9.00 pm

Information session for parents & students at 7.00 pm

Book-packs available at approximately \$35 / fees can be paid

Orientation Day Thursday 27th November

Year 6 students meet in hall by 8.45 am

and can be picked up from 2.30 pm.

Year 6 uniform should be worn.

The canteen will be open. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Enclosed leather shoes must be worn.

"Shaping a positive future"

11 November JobJump Careers News KLA Bulletin**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO HEAD TEACHERS and ALL STAFF and to Parents,**

Helping our students and inspiring them in a subject area has become easier. Find below a listing of special careers news items that have been emailed out to many of our students and parents. If you know students have a talent, this is a great way to assist them, so please encourage them to take part in those events mentioned below.

HSC SUBJECT KLA / FACULTIES**CAPA**

Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts

Australian Institute of Music High School Information Evening

18 November, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

1-55 Foveaux St, Surry Hills

Study 11 and/or Year 12 at AIM.

<http://www.aim.edu.au/events/2014/aim-high-school-info-event-2014>

Australian Institute of Music A Day in the Life of a Music Theatre Student

21 November, 11.00am to 5.00pm

1-55 Foveaux St, Surry Hills

<http://www.aim.edu.au/events/2014/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-music-theatre-student>

UTS Students who miss out on direct entry into design.

You can study the new Diploma of Design & Architecture at UTS:INSEARCH. Students can choose from two streams (Design or Architecture) and will receive 36 credit points towards their design degree. Find out more: <http://www.insearch.edu.au/courses/design-and-architecture>

Sydney Design School Interior Design Online

Information Session 20 November 6pm

The face to face courses are available to study in the day or evening and with the *new* online courses, you can enrol and study anytime, from anywhere.. For more information go to – www.sydneymdesignschool.com.au/info-sessions or www.interiordesignonline.edu.au

Metro Screen 2015 Breaks Funding

Breaks Information Session 3 December, 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Cnr of Oxford Street and Oatley Road, Paddington

Closes 27 January

8 places for teams to produce a narrative project. Cash funding, equipment and facilities and development program. Include a script and CV for each member.

<http://metroscreen.org.au/breaks/>

Sydney Dance Holiday Workshops

Up to 18 years. Taught by industry professionals.

<http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#.VFdKOzSue8A>

General Assembly Future of Digital A Festival of Learning

26 November

Level M, 56-58 York St, Sydney

25 speakers will share ideas on technology, design, digital trends.

<https://generalassemb.ly/education/mashable-general-assembly-present-future-of-digital-a-festival-of-learning>

The Northern Sydney Institute Information Sessions

Bachelor of Graphic Design 22 November, 10.00am, St Leonards Campus, Cameraygal, building J

<http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/About/News/EventList.aspx>

ENGLISH

BOSTES October Literacy and Numeracy test results available.

BOSTES provides voluntary Literacy and Numeracy tests for students leaving school before the HSC. The tests were taken in May and October. Students who sat the October tests will be able to access their results from 12 November via their Students Online account. Information about the meaning of the results is available in the RoSA section of the BOSTES website. For more information, contact: LNsupport@bos.nsw.edu.au

Journalism diploma online Jschool Journalism College

Full-time or part-time. The course is nationally accredited and registered for VET-FEE-HELP. Areas studied include reporting & news writing, research methods, law & court reporting, political journalism, multimedia, reviewing, media history & issues and shorthand, with newsroom internship opportunities. Applications now accepted for course beginning in March 2015. For more information see Jschool's website, www.jschool.com.au or email to inquiries@jschool.com.au

L.O.T.E.

The University of Sydney new Diploma of Language Studies in 2015

This is an accelerated, one year program for students who are enrolled in a course and would like to study a language concurrently with their degree but have no units free to do so. The diploma is offered through a mixture of intensives and off-campus modes and students do not need a language background to enrol. Languages offered are: Indonesian, Spanish, Korean and Japanese. For more information see www.sydney.edu.au/arts/slc/departments_programs/diploma_languages_accelerated_mode.shtml

MATHS

BOSTES October Literacy and Numeracy test results available.

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The Northern Sydney Institute Information Sessions

Associate Degree of Accounting 9 December, 7.00pm, Meadowbank Campus Building P, Level 5, Room P.5.0.2

Associate Degree of Accounting 27 January 2015, 7.00pm, Meadowbank Campus Building P, Level 5, Room P.5.0.2

<http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/About/News/EventList.aspx>

SCIENCE

Senior Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics

UNSW Scientia Challenge Years 7 to 10

Closes 30 November

Runs from 20 January to 22 January

Workshops for gifted and talented high school science students.

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/>

The UNSW Science Talented Students' Program introduces high performing students entering the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science (Advanced) to the Faculty of Science and helps them develop specific skills during their degree. The program offers these students exposure to research within the Faculty and provides a degree that is flexible and tailored to suit students' needs and talents. For more information, please refer to www.science.unsw.edu.au/tsp

H.S.I.E.

Aboriginal Studies, Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Legal Studies, Modern History, Society and Culture, Studies of Religion

ICMS Application Interview Days

23 November and 14 December.

Interviews allow ICMS staff to get to know prospective students and students may earn up to 10 ATAR bonus points based on their interview performance.

ICMS Parents Information Evening

11 December

For parents of Year 12 high school students. Manly campus. For more details, contact Rebecca Wise at rwise@icms.edu.au or call 1800 110 490.

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T.A.S.

Agriculture, Design and Technology, Engineering Studies, Food Technology, Industrial Technology, Information Processes Technology and

Technology, Software Design and Development, Textiles and Design

UTS Students who miss out on direct entry into design.

You can study the new Diploma of Design & Architecture at UTS:INSEARCH. Students can choose from two streams (Design or Architecture) and will receive 36 credit points towards their design degree. Find out more: <http://www.insearch.edu.au/courses/design-and-architecture>

Sydney Design School Interior Design Online

Information Session 20 November 6pm

The face to face courses are available to study in the day or evening and with the *new* online courses, you can enrol and study anytime, from anywhere.. For more information go to – www.sydneydesignschool.com.au/info-sessions or www.interiordesignonline.edu.au

IT Degree Info Session

Bachelor of Information Technology Sydney TAFE at Petersham College.

10 December, 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Venue: Room A1.10, Level 1, Building A, 27 Crystal Street, Petersham

General Assembly Future of Digital A Festival of Learning

26 November

Level M, 56-58 York St, Sydney

25 speakers will share ideas on technology, design, digital trends.

<https://generalassembly.ly/education/mashable-general-assembly-present-future-of-digital-a-festival-of-learning>

William Angliss Institute Sydney, Student & Parent Info night

19 November 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Location

26-32 Waterloo Street, Surry Hills, NSW.

Find out more about an exciting career in foods, tourism, hospitality and events, including the new triple diploma course; Speak with experts about the range of scholarships and courses, including cookery, patisserie and hospitality; Register on www.angliss.edu.au/sydney

VET COURSES

VET Entertainment Industry

Metro Screen 2015 Breaks Funding

Breaks Information Session 3 December, 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Cnr of Oxford Street and Oatley Road, Paddington

Closes 27 January

8 places for teams to produce a narrative project. Cash funding, equipment and facilities and development program. Include a script and CV for each member.

<http://metroscreen.org.au/breaks/>

VET Financial Services

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Associate Degree of Accounting 27 January 2015, 7.00pm, Meadowbank Campus Building P, Level 5, Room P.5.0.2

VET Hospitality

William Angliss Institute Sydney, Student & Parent Info night

19 November 5:30pm to 6:30pm, , Location

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VET Human Services

BSB41013 Certificate IV in Human Resources

This course provides the essential knowledge and skills to get you started. To obtain further information from the Australian Human Resources Institute, visit: <https://www.ahri.com.au/education-and-training/qualifications/bsb41013-certificate-iv-in-human-resources> or email education@ahri.com.au

VET Information and Digital Technology

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VET Tourism and Events

College of Event Management Information Session

28 November, 6.30pm

Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills

Contact 1300 725 846 or <mailto:enquiries@coem.edu.au>

<http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions>

OTHER FIELDS

Entry Standards for Future Teachers from 2016

Entrants for accredited undergraduate teaching degree will need:

- a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English or
- to complete bridging units equivalent to a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including English, as approved by BOSTES before entry or
- to enter via an alternative pathway as advised by their university and approved by BOSTES.

<http://nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news/raising-university-entry-standards-for-future-teachers/>

Western Sydney Institute Farrier Taster Class

4 December, 9.00am to 3.30pm

Richmond TAFE, Building J Ground floor

Year 10 or 11. Fit and fix horses' horse shoes.

Contact: Debbie Robertson on (02) 9208 9575 or deborah.m.robertson@tafensw.edu.au

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Coffs Harbour Army Reserve 12 November, 6.00pm, C.ex Coffs, 1 Vernon Street

Newcastle Army Reserve 12 November, 6.30pm, Bullecourt Barracks, Brunner Rd Adamstown

Wollongong Aviation Careers 13 November, 6.00pm, 25 Atchison St

Parramatta Australian Defence Force Academy 13 November, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Canberra Women in Defence 25 November, 6.00pm, 64 Northbourne Avenue

Armidale Women in Defence Movie Night 27 November, 6.15pm, 137 Dumaresq Street

Newcastle Women in Defence 2 December, 6.00pm, 528 Hunter Street, Newcastle

Parramatta Women in Defence 3 December, 6.00pm, 9 George Street

<https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>

The Northern Sydney Institute Information Sessions

Bachelor of Education (Birth to Five Years) 25 November, 6.30pm, Crows Nest Campus, Level 1 auditorium

<http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/About/News/EventList.aspx>

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HAPPINESS CYCLE EVENT

On Monday 10th November the Welfare Team organised for a number of students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to attend a Happiness Cycle Event at Emerton Leisure Centre. The Happiness Cycle program aims to motivate teenagers to increase their level of physical activity as this improves general wellbeing. Happiness Cycle events have been held all across Australia and over 4000 bikes have been given to young people. Each of the students earned a brand new bike by participating in a bike safety workshop, building their bike (with the help of mechanics) and completing a bike skills challenge. Students were also given lights, a helmet and lock. Thank you to Blacktown City Council, Coca Cola and The Bicycle Network for hosting the event. "My day was fun. I made heaps of friends and scored a free bike! The one thing I am proud of is that I learned to ride a bike for the first time. I had a brilliant time!" Madison Dixon – Year 9. "This activity made me feel strong and full of happiness in my heart. I want to thank Ms Paa, Mr Berg and all the volunteers for helping us with the bikes and road safety. Thank you very much to the supporters, Coca Cola and The Bicycle Network. The bike will follow me for the rest of my life with happiness." Haoyang Cai – Year 7.





PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Faith Banaag, Fleur Coolen, Cindy Despois (Bronze), Maddelyn Harris (Bronze), Cody Hinzmann, Kopal Mathur (Bronze)

Year 8 Alister Tupper (Silver)

Year 9 Connor Baillache, Arin Buyaku, Jenon Castro (Bronze), Jacob Chin, Christian Conol, Gavin Ellison (Bronze)

Year 10 Anupa Abeysinge (Silver), Marie-Grace Araullo (Bronze), Isabella Cataldo, Sally Clark, Jamie Cumbo (Gold), Andrea Deller (Silver), Pita Faulalo (Bronze), Adem Gundes, Sameesh Gupta, Matthew Fleming, Kaitlyn Hockey (Gold), Chloe Silva (Gold) x 2, Bhoomika Sreenivasan (Gold) x 2, Yumin Sun, Steven Woodward (Silver)



Wyndham College
Friends of Wyndham Uniform Shop

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Below is information to help you with the process of purchasing new uniforms for 2015

Wyndham College is a Uniform School Therefore all students are expected to wear full school uniform.

Due to large number of Year 11 students purchasing Uniforms for 2015, you are urged to purchase your uniforms early. The Information night is a very busy night so unfortunately there could be delays. We endeavour to stock sufficient quantities of uniform but if an order is required prepayment will be necessary.

We do exchange but, returns must be in original condition including attached labels and must be accompanied by the receipt.

The uniform shop maintains the lowest possible prices and is the main fundraising activity of Friends of Wyndham. All profit from the uniform shop goes back into the school.

The people serving you are volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering to help at this busy time please feel free to contact Linda Robertson on 0421 570 005.

The Uniform Shop is open on a Monday at lunchtime 12.30pm– 1.30pm check website

Below are the additional opening times for your convenience:

Term 4—2014

Monday 17 November 2014 6.30pm—9pm—Yr11 (2015) Information Night

Monday 15 December 2014 6pm—8pm

School Holidays—2015

Thursday 15 January 9am—2pm

Thursday 22 January 9am–2pm

Tuesday 27 January 5pm– 6.30pm (Pupil free day)

Term 1—2015

Return to normal hours

Monday 2 February 12.30pm– 1.30pm

GIRLS	PRICES
* White Unisex Polo with Logo	\$20.00
* White Blouse with logo	\$27.00
* School Tartan Skirt	\$50.00
* Long Grey Slacks	\$40.00
* School Jumper with logo	\$70/\$80 .00
* School Jacket with logo	\$50.00
* White ankle socks	
* Black pantyhose– no knee high stockings	
* Black leather shoes	
* Tie (optional)	\$20.00
BOYS	
* White Unisex Polo with logo	\$20.00
* White Business shirt with logo	\$27.00
* Long Grey trousers	\$35.00
* Grey Shorts	\$30.00
* School jumper with Logo	\$70/\$80.00
* School Jacket with Logo	\$50.00
* White ankle socks	
* Black leather shoes	
* Tie (optional)	\$20.00

All items except socks /stockings and shoes are to be purchased from the school Uniform Shop to keep the colour of the school uniform consistent.



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as **a dry or persistent cough**, which may be especially bad at night, please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx> or please call Western Sydney Public health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

Thank you for your attention.

Western Sydney Local Health District
Centre for Population Health
LMB 7118, Parramatta BC NSW 2124
Tel 9840 3603 Fax 9840 3608

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT TAXFILE NUMBER PROGRAM – THE EASY WAY TO GET A TAX FILE NUMBER

Parent Information Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN. Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student's name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

students born in Australia will need to provide their

- birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.

students born overseas will need to provide their

- overseas passport number and country of issue, or
- Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and **signed by the student**. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the ATO.

PLEASE NOTE: Quakers Hill High School will post completed applications to the ATO 2-3 times each term (approximately every 3 weeks). Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

Enquiring on your child's behalf

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older may enquire about their children's tax affairs only if they are registered as an authorised contact with the ATO. After your child has received their TFN they can authorise you by phoning the ATO on **13 28 61** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. **For more information – Contact Mr Hutton at QHHS on 9837 1533.**

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Greetings Parents and Carers

I am sure that you would agree that effective communication between the school and home is important. One means of communication is the school newsletter 'Contact'.

We have been concerned for some time that our Contact newsletter is not as effective in communicating as we would wish. It often does not reach home, lost without trace at the bottom of a school bag and sometimes our teenagers actively prevent the school communicating with you as parents and carers.

On top of this is the notion that a paper newsletter is expensive (over \$5000 every year) and given the increasing number of parents who use email and actually prefer it, we really need to get with the times and communicate with parents electronically. Of course, a paper version would still be available for those who require it.

Be assured that we are not aiming to overflow your IN tray with school emails.

We would like to start sending out newsletters by email thus ensuring that they reach the desired destination and saving money which would be better spent on resources for your children.

Please carefully and legibly complete the following and return it to school with your child.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

February 2014

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

CHILD NAME: YEAR:

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

[illegible][illegible]

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MOBILE NO: _____

CARER 1 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

CARER 2 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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