



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18 November
Forensic Science Workshop-
Contact issued

**Monday 21—Friday 25
November**
Year 7 Swim School

Tuesday 22 November
Year 10 Orientation @
Wyndham

Orientation to Wyndham
parent evening 6-9pm

**Monday 28 November—
Friday 2 December**
Year 8 Swim School

Wednesday 30 November
Year 6 Orientation Evening

Thursday 1 December
Year 6 Orientation Day

Friday 2 December
Contact issued
Year 7 History Incursion

Monday 5 December
Subject Selection Round 2
closes

Tuesday 6 December
QCCP Day 4

Wednesday 7 December
Year 10 Formal

Thursday 8 December
Year 10 Graduation
Rehearsal Periods 1&2

Friday 9 December
Year 10 Graduation 9.30am



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

At the end of this term your child will 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.

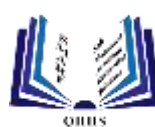
"Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about a student's learning. The purpose of assessment is to provide information on student achievement and progress."

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 ad-
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.



ANNIE – QHHS 2017 MUSICAL

By now the word is out that the school is busy planning our own production of ANNIE the musical, in 2017. Ms Lachvere, Mr Dacey and Mrs Walker have already invested many hours in the planning and organising of this very significant event. Auditions are planned for some of the major roles at the end of this term and once again as part of our commitment to the Quakers Hill Learning Community, we will be inviting our partner primary schools to be involved.



Please make sure that you are regularly checking our school website and facebook pages for information about auditions, rehearsal times, ordering the crew t shirts and other fundraising activities relating to the musical. Any parents wishing to help out in the area of fundraising or attend our sewing bee for costumes are encouraged to contact Ms Lachevre in the library.

WELFARE TEAM 2017

Year Advisers

- Year 7 – Ellise Barratt (PE) & Michelle Hill (LST)
- Year 8 – Rhys McKean Rel Semester 1 (PE) & Christine Marin (English)
- Year 9 – Louise Grantham (Maths) & Jason Kantek (LST)
- Year 10 – Launce Roma (TAS) & Grace Del Pinto (TAS)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Gold Principal's Award:

Year 7—Pratham Arora, Ashleigh Gaudi

Year 8—Kabir Acharya, Oliver Matthews

Year 9—Cooper Boswell, Cindy Despois

Year 10—Rovielyn Espiritu x 2, Aymun Fatima, Daniel Foroughi, Casey Jobson, Sachnoor Kaur, Sarah Thurecht



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

POSITIVE DATA FOR 2016

We are now half way through the hive of activity that is Term 4. Examinations have been marked, most assessments have been assessed and reports are being written. It is around this time that Mrs Maricic, Mrs Claus and I look back and start reflecting on how well students have behaved and achieved throughout the year and there are some very exciting statistics.

Nil Negative Referrals

Year 7 – 136 Year 8 - 92

Year 9 - 86 Year 10 - 117

This means that 431 students have received no negative referrals at all this year. 431 students have been on time to school and to class every day. They have worn full and correct school uniform every day. They have followed the SMART expectations in class, in the playground and in all of their interactions with other members of the school community. All of the students who have received nil negative referrals have received a Bronze Award in recognition of their being a SMART student.

Nil N Award Determination Warnings

192 Year 7 students

164 Year 8 students

136 Year 9 students

162 Year 10 students (last year 122)

This means that **654** students from Years 7-10 have submitted all tasks on time and have demonstrated sustained diligence throughout the year. This is outstanding and those students are to be congratulated. This is also a significant improvement from last year where only 542 students did not receive any warnings.

Multiple Positive Referrals

439 students in total achieved 25 or more positive referrals in 2016, which is a 26% increase on 2015 figures. 128 students received more than 50 positive referrals within the year.

SWIM AND SURVIVE SCHOOL

A reminder to all Year 7 and Year 8 parents and students that Year 7 swim school is taking place in week 7 and that Year 8 swim school is taking place Week 8. If your child is not attending swim school, it is still important that you send them to school each day where a range of meaningful teaching and learning activities will still be taking place.

Year 8 students and their parents are particularly reminded that Swim and Survive School is about more than just strengthening your swimming and even if your child is a strong swimmer there are still survival and lifesaving elements of the week that are significant for all students.

MAINTAINING THE SMART CODE

As assessment tasks draw to a close and final academic reports are being written, there can be a tendency for negative behaviours to start creeping in, for students to take less time and care in their learning and for an increased rate of absenteeism. It is a QHHS expectation that all students continue to wear full and correct uniform, bring all the required equipment for learning, arrive at school on time, follow all reasonable requests and attend each day until the end of term. Unfortunately, there are some students who believe that these elements of the SMART code can be ignored towards the end of term. Please join with us in continuing to encourage your child to be a safe, motivated, academic, respectful and tolerant learner.

WYNDHAM ORIENTATION

Wednesday 22/11/15 is the Wyndham Orientation day for QHHS Year 10 students. Attendance is essential as this is an important opportunity for Year 10 students transitioning into Stage 6 to find out more about the college and thereby to facilitate a smooth entry into senior school. Students are reminded to wear their full school uniform. The usual school-based consequences will apply for those who choose not to wear full uniform. Parents are also reminded of the Information Evening for Parents and Carers. This begins at 6pm on 22/11/16 and will consist of a short formal session that will be followed by a tour of the campus and an opportunity to purchase uniforms.

JAMBEROO EXCURSION

The invitations for the 2016 Big Day Out Excursion went out to students on Wednesday, 16th November. Only those students who had consistently maintained the SMART code were invited to attend. This is part of our ongoing commitment to recognising and rewarding personal excellence in terms of the SMART code. Students who are consistently safe, motivated, academic, respectful and tolerant will be rewarded and recognised in a variety of ways throughout the school year.

RECOGNISING TEACHERS

On Thursday 17th November, Year 10 devoted a significant portion of the assembly to thanking their teachers. Genesis and Ben, our school captains, delivered a wonderful speech that centred around the extra-curricular work that is undertaken by our staff. Following their speech 24 staff were awarded a range of serious and not-so serious awards that once again thanked them for their efforts. All staff who were nominated in the different categories will be included in the next Contact along with some photographic evidence.

Ms Rebecca Mahon

Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

ENGLISH FACULTY – DRAMA, ENGLISH AND LITERACY

Teachers in the faculty are now teaching the last unit of the year and writing reports reflecting on student achievement. During the examination weeks the students showed that they understood the importance of their yearly examinations and were focussed on producing their best work in every task. Feedback from the Nirimba Collegiate English markers was very positive indicating that Quakers Hill High School knew what justice meant and could effectively write about it in their extended responses achieving more As and Bs than any other school in the collegiate. Well done Year 10.

Year 7 are currently writing their scripts ready for performance in Week 10. It is exciting to see so many creative minds working collaboratively to devise drama scripts. Parents will receive invitations to the performance in Week 8. We hope you can come and see what Year 7 students have produced.

The Theatresports team were unsuccessful in the semi-final of the Impro Australia Theatresports competition but were very proud of being the top non selective state school team in the competition. Better luck next year Mr Dacey and his team.

With the 'Bump it up' initiative happening next year Mrs Mahon is implementing a new challenging focus on problem solving in the programs for next year's Year 7 cohort. Exciting changes are currently being implemented to improve the Literacy and Numeracy courses at Quakers Hill High School.



MATHEMATICS NEWS

All students have received their marked Yearly Examination papers from their teachers with feedback. Students are encouraged to go over their test papers and reflect on their areas of strength and weakness. Students are advised to review their areas of weakness to enable them to use this knowledge in future in this area of study.

Students of Year 7 are working on the topic Length (Perimeters) and Year 8 are studying Similar and Congruent Triangles. Next topic will be probability for both classes. Topics for Years 9 and 10 vary depending on the course.

FUN FACTS

- If you have a pizza with radius 'Z' and thickness 'A' its volume is given by $\pi \cdot Z^2 \cdot A$
- $111\ 111\ 111 \times 111\ 111\ 111 = 123\ 456\ 789\ 876\ 54321$
- Multiply 1089 by 9, reverse the order of the numbers : $1089 \times 9 = 9801$
- Multiply 21978 by 4 reverse the order of the numbers : $21978 \times 4 = 87912$
- Ancient Babylonians did math in base 60 instead of base 10. That's why we have 60 seconds in a minute and 360° in a circle.
- $123 - 45 - 67 + 89 = 100$
- In 1900, the entire world's mathematical knowledge could be written in 80 books, today it would fill more than 100 000 books.
- Mathematician Paul Erdos could calculate in his head, given a person's age, how many seconds they had lived, when he was just 4 years old.
- In middle school, 74% of girls express interest in Science, technology, Engineering and Maths, but when choosing a college major, just 0.4% of high school girls select Computer Science.
- 2,520 is the smallest number that can be exactly divided by all the numbers 1 to 10.

Source : <http://www.factslices.com/s-Math>

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History Faculty News

History Trivia

In the old days, poor people could sometimes obtain pork, which made them feel quite special.

When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."



History Incursions

An exciting opportunity is coming in Term 4 for Year 7 to attend an Incursion that is designed to supplement the units that are currently under study on the Ancient World.

Who: Year 7
Where: QHHS Performance Space
Date: 2nd December
Time: Periods 1-4
Cost: \$14

History Topics Term 4

Year 7: Ancient Egypt and Ancient China

Year 8: The Vikings

Year 9: Australians at War

Year 10: Decade Study

Elective History: Medieval Life

Permission notes will be issued at the beginning of Term 4, places are limited so notes and payments must be returned to the office promptly

Quakers Hill High School History Faculty Website

Welcome to the QHHS History Podcast Website!

www.tinyurl.com/zh3oe8p

Here you will find links to your assignment sheets with Podcasts that you can download and listen to help you along your way. This site is a work in progress, so keep checking back regularly for updates. Good luck!!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is now open. It is being held in the Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. This is to provide assistance to students needing help with homework activities and assessment tasks or just a quiet place to complete school work. Students will need a new permission note for 2016. Notes can be obtained in the Library at Recess or Lunch.

Times: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

Tuesday: Mr Krilic Wednesday: Ms Fensom

SUPPORT SCIENCE NEWS

In Science lessons over the last couple of weeks Year 7 and 8 students have been learning about and experimenting with volume, density, Archimedes Principal and the effects of heat on gas particles.

They have discovered that a balloon will increase in size if placed in the sun and decrease if cooled in the fridge due to the behaviour of the gas molecules within the balloon.

Another discovery has been that objects that are difficult to measure can have their density calculated by immersing them in water and measuring the water displacement (Archimedes Principal).

In further experiments they will make Lava lamps that show the behaviour of liquids of different densities when mixed.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENCOUNTER AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

This NSW Parliament House visit was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We learnt countless leadership qualities and skills that are important for Geoffrey's and my 2017 roles in QHHS, hearing the points-of-views of numerous Parliament Ministers and other members including the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Shelley Hancock. They each told us about their journey to where they are now, and explained how simple it was for any individual – political or not – to be a leader. Kevin Connolly took the senior group for a tour around the 12 floors of Parliament House, and we also had the chance to witness 'Question Time' which was much more theatrical and interesting than I had originally expected (still, of course, hilarious to watch). But this day really helped us to see how fortunate we are to be in this position and gave us some helpful tips on what we can do to improve QHHS and ourselves as SMART leaders of our school.

Madeline Rochester 2017 School Captain



SCIENCE MATTERS

It's been an exciting time recently for two of our science teachers, Mrs Naicker and our newest teacher, Miss Taylor. They had the opportunity to attend a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop at Western Sydney University's (WSU) Kingswood Campus. The day involved different sessions on ways to implement engaging new STEM projects into Science lessons, including Maths, Technology and Engineering (TAS) KLAS with a view to providing the students of QHHS with a range of new learning opportunities and experiences that will not only fascinate them, but will be both practical and beneficial in an increasingly technology-driven society.

The workshop began, in a room that is technologically designed and perfectly equipped to facilitate group work, with a presentation by Dr Aaron Sickel, a dynamic, ideas-full WSU lecturer, whose passion for Science and STEM methodology can best be described as 'infectious' by many of the participants. His introduction and critically thinking activity on the finches got everyone involved and slightly competitive- trust a room full of teachers who want to have the best reasoning to a question- first!

The second session involved a tour of the amazing STEM facilities now offered at WSU, including opportunities for students to visit. It was first to was the university's Solar Car Unit and a chat with the students involved in this project. We then went into the Robotics unit, where we were introduced to *Baxter*, a highly-advanced robot that students can use to learn coding and programming. Miss Taylor got to 'test drive' Baxter and see how compliant he was, moving in unison with her.

Then it was off the *Virtual Reality (VR) Laboratory* - the real highlight of the day- at least for Miss Taylor! Putting on one of the VR headsets was like being transported into another world, with beautiful mountain sceneries that one could explore. Even Mrs Naicker, who was initially concerned about motion sickness issues, thoroughly enjoyed the experience...although probably not as much as Miss Taylor and her excitement and delight at seeing and trying to bend down to pat a virtual reality dog.

We were also able to experience VR technology that could more realistically be used in a high school classroom setting.

Our next stop was a visit to WSU's *Maker Space*, which was filled to the brim with 3D printers and other technology, which is available for public use on certain days. They had a range of 3D printed items available for viewing, including a range of elephants that Mrs Naicker wanted to take home! This provided us with ideas for new ways of using the 3D printers already available at QHHS.

Our last session was a hands-on coffee-tasting practical session. Fortunately, neither of the QHHS teachers offered to be the test subject, tasting various strengths of coffee from weak to ultra-weak! The central learning experience of this session can easily be translated into a multitude of different scenarios.

Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity to learn new and engaging ways to implement STEM programs at QHHS in the future, allowing us to continue to provide our students with valuable and relevant learning experiences. Both Mrs Naicker and Miss Taylor left WSU campus with a bag of ideas, really excited about the prospects of STEM at QHHS!



WSU Solar Car Project



3D printed elephants- lock those cabinets when you know Mrs Naicker is around!



Robot manipulation! - Miss Taylor and Baxter




Miss Taylor in search of her 'puppy'



Mrs Naicker steering away from the edge of the mountain



Believe it or not- the above group photograph was taken with us standing in a circle. An app on the iPad allows for the photograph to be transformed as if standing in a line!




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Friends of Wyndham College Meet and Greet



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We invite you to join us for drinks and nibbles

When: Tuesday 21st February 2017

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm – followed by a brief P & C Meeting
(If you can stay) – anticipated finish time 9pm

Where: To be advised

This is an opportunity for everybody (parents, caregivers, P & C members and College Senior Executive) to meet each other on an informal basis. A tour of the college will also take place. **This is not a "meet the teacher" function and students are not to attend.** All food and beverages will be provided.

For catering purposes, it would be most appreciated if you could RSVP by phoning Wyndham College office by Tuesday 14th February on 9208 7100

We sincerely hope you will attend this evening and we look forward to meeting you then.

Joanne Warner
President

Karen Smith
Principal



Year 10's Gift to the school

Some of our gifted students are devotedly sacrificing their time to paint a mural for the dim, dark canteen alcove for all future students to be inspired by. Thankyou to Mrs. Josselyn and Mrs. Walker for enabling this exhaustive project. As you can see it will be wonderful!



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14 November 2016

School Bus 6020

Dear Parents and Students,

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WYNDHAM COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Wyndham College P&C meeting is on Tuesday 8 November at 7pm in the library. Would love to see any interested Year 10 (Year 11 2017) parents come along.

Of interest is the changing uniform. From next year girls and boys pants are changing from grey to black and boys are not able to wear shorts, pants only. More changes to the uniform the following year.

Come and voice your opinion.

DATES TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

Uniform shop open Mondays 12.30pm-1.30pm C Block

Information Night Tuesday 22 November 6.30pm-9pm

Tuesday 13 December 6.30pm-8pm

2017

Thursday 12 & 19 January 9am-2pm

Monday 30 January 12.30pm-1.30pm

Tuesday 31 January 4.30pm-6pm

Any help on these days appreciated contact Linda on 0421570005



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14 November 2016

Route T72

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