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20 OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4, 2017

Mon 30 & Tues 31/10	Year 10 ROSA Exams	Monday 20 Nov.	Fast Forward Year 9
Thursday 1 Nov.	Theatresports Schools Challenge 3pm—9.30pm	Tues 21 Nov	Year 10 Orientation Day & Parent Orientation evening
2, 6, 9, 16, 23 Nov.	School Spectacular rehearsal	Monday 27 Nov.	Year 6 Orientation Evening, 6-9pm
Monday 6 Nov.	Theatresports Schools Challenge 3.30pm-9.30pm	Tuesday 28 Nov.	Year 6 Orientation Day
Tuesday 7 Nov	Service to School/Sport Assembly rehearsal, 11-12.45pm	Wed 29 Nov	Dance/CAPA Elective Showcase Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 9 Nov.	Service to School/ Sport Assembly 11-12.30	Friday 1 Dec.	Year 7 History inc. Bumper Contact
Mon/Tues 13/14 Nov.	Peer Support Training	Mon 4/Tues 5 Dec	Senior Subject Expo Days
Monday 13 Nov.	P&C Meeting @ 7pm	Tuesday 5 Dec	QCCP Day No. 4
Friday 17 Nov.	Pulse Concert	Wednesday 6 Dec	Year 10 formal
	Barista excursion to city	Thursday 7 Dec	Year 9 Scripture Seminar
			Year 10 Graduation rehearsal, Periods 1 & 2
		Friday 8 December	Year 10 Graduation 9.30am
		Mon 11 December	Presentation Evening rehearsal, 9-10.30am
			Presentation Evening 6.30pm for 7pm

EXAM WEEKS 3 & 4 Term 4

**Monday 23 October—
Friday 3 November
(See website for timetables)**

SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday 20—Friday 24 November Year 7 Swim School
Monday 27—Friday 1 December Year 8 Swim School

SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 3 & 4: Trying my best



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

NSW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME: A MESSAGE FROM OUR CANTEEN

As many of you may be aware, the NSW Container Deposit Scheme comes into effect on 1st December 2017. This scheme is similar to the one that has operated in South Australia which enables people to take their empty cans, bottles, tetra packs, glass and a few other types of packaging to a recycling centre and receive a 10c refund for each of these.

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/return-and-earn>

The manufacturers of these products have been advised that they must charge retailers the extra amount. The actual cost of the collection and refund is at least 13.6 cents + GST (15 cents total) and on some bottles it will be more.

As a result of this, the price of all drinks on the QHHS canteen menu will increase by 20 cents from Monday 6th November.

The additional 5 cents has been added to cover the standard 3% supplier increase in prices on most of the drinks for next year's menu as well. The NSW Government has mandated these supplier price increases start from the 1st November, as they anticipate that people will start keeping containers purchased from this date for when the scheme starts 1 month later. As a school, we intend to explore ways of more effectively recycling and collecting related products and will be seeking student input on this.

ALL STUDENTS

A few important notes: on Monday 16/12/17 the information and permission note for the 2018 Swimming Carnival went out to all of the students. Notes were handed out this year as the carnival is being held on Monday of Week 2, thereby leaving only three days for permission notes to be returned and payments to be made when we return in the new year. Please aim to return permission notes and payments ASAP. A copy of the permission note can be downloaded from the school website.

Year 9 Students are reminded to return their permission notes for the Wyndham Senior Subject Expo Days which are to be held at Wyndham College on the 4th and 5th of December. These days are a new and exciting addition to the Stage 6 transition calendar as they will enable Year 9 students to start thinking about their subject selections earlier.

Year 9 students are also reminded to fill out and submit their Peer Support Leader Applications. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for Year 9 and it is a positive way to engage with and support the incoming Year 7 cohort of 2018.

EXAMINATION REMINDERS

Once again we have employed examination supervisors to assist with the supervision of exams. Teachers use the extra time available to them to collaboratively mark, complete marking, provide feedback and begin composing report comments. As always, students are expected to behave appropriately in all examinations and the examination script, which is read at the opening of every examination, is partially reproduced here for your information. If your child will be absent on the day of an exam they will require a misadventure form. These can be downloaded from the QHHS website (just search misadventure in the search engine) or hard copies can be collected from school.

EXTRACT FROM EXAMINATION SCRIPT

"Students will be warned once if they are not following the exam rules. A teacher will write 'warned,' what they were warned for and the time they were warned on the front of their paper. If the student acts inappropriately a second time than they will be removed from the examination room and will receive a zero."

Equipment should be in a clear bag or pencil case. Good luck students.

SCHOOL OPAL CARD

This message is being forwarded to you by Busways, regarding student use of the School Opal card. An important requirement of School Opal card is for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

To further promote the correct use of School Opal, Busways will be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure that they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

For this reason, the Staff supervising the afternoon boarding will be checking that students have their Opal Card at the ready to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times.

STUDENTS SMOKING WHILST IN SCHOOL UNIFORM

I received an email recently from a concerned member of the community stating her concern about seeing students smoking who were in school uniform. Not only did she express her concern for their own health she was flabbergasted at the complete disrespect for the School and the uniform.

Here at Quakers Hill High School students are expected to following our SMART expectations at all times. I urge all parents to discuss the harmful effects of smoking with their children and remind them that it is illegal to purchase cigarettes under the age of 18. If a student is caught smoking, there will be serious consequences.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their Gold Principal's Awards:

Year 7	Madeleine Hand, Tara Thorburn
Year 8	Kalpa Abeysinghe, Brendan Fraser, Het Parekh, Samuel Salazar-Vasquez
Year 9	Kabir Acharya, Nevaan Alam x 2, Shumaila Aroob, Lindsay Bath, Hannah Branson, Maxx Ciavarella, Rocklin D'Cruz, Yashvi Krishna, Grace Luckman, Zoe Morgan x 2, Hayley Sacco
Year 10	Kristina Krsteva