

# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 17th AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3 2018

Wednesday 22 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	School Showcase Night No. 2
Thursday 23 Aug.	Collegiate Science Challenge Stage 4	Thursday 20 Sept. Multicultural Day
Wednesday 29 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	Thursday 27 Sept. Wyndham Graduation
Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts	Stage 5 Scripture Seminar
Wednesday 5 Sept.	Support Unit Swim School	Friday 28 Sept. Last day Term 3
Wednesday 12 Sept.	Support Unit Swim School	<b>TERM 4</b>
Thursday 13 Sept.	RUOK Assembly	Monday 15 Oct. Students return for 1st day Term 4
Monday 17 Sept.	Showcase Matinee	Friday 19 Oct. Vaccinations Year 7
Tuesday 18 Sept.	Connecting with Community QCCP	School Spectacular Rehearsals
Wednesday 19 Sept.	Support Unit Swim School	Monday 29 October—Friday 9 November Yearly Exams
		Wednesday 14 Nov. School Spectacular Rehearsals
		Tuesday 27 Nov. Year 10 into Year 11 Orientation Day @ Wyndham
		Year 10 Parent Orientation Evening @ Wyndham

## SPORTS CALENDAR



# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the term now well underway, it is pleasing to see that students have settled into their routines and are enjoying school.

Congratulations to the Junior Girls netball squad who defeated Blactown Girls HS 28-19 in their first knockout game on Monday 13/08. They now move on to their Round 2 match against Rouse Hill HS. Well done, girls!



On Tuesday evening this week, I was fortunate enough to attend the welcome event for the Fast Forward program. This is a Western Sydney University initiative that aims to acquaint students in Year 9 with university life and provide them the skills to set goals for further learning and involves a range of government and non-government schools in Western Sydney. There were 17 Quakers Hill High School students from Year 9 welcomed into the program. My thanks to Ms Flack and Ms Marin for attending on the night and to Mr Hutton for his organisational work.

Our Week 3 assembly celebrated Book Week and was a wonderful success. Both staff and students appeared as their favourite book characters, and a thoroughly professional video presentation was made outlining the importance of books in their lives. Thanks to Ms Ridge for her hard work in organising these wonderful activities. It was great to see so many students and their parents from Year 8 attend our Year 9 course information evening last Tuesday. Mr Head led a dedicated team of staff in providing essential information about the courses and process of selection. Many thanks to the huge number of staff who attended and put together such wonderful faculty displays.

Finally, I would ask that all parents support us by ensuring their children are in full school uniform each day. Quakers Hill High is a uniform school and our policy is enforced each day. For more information on uniform, please visit the school website or contact the office.

Andrew Skehan  
Principal

## **GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Congratulations on the following students being awarded a their Gold Principal's Award:

**Amelia Heffernan YR 8**  
**Emily McGregor Yr 8**  
**Jesse Faulalo YR 8**  
**Carlie McLeod YR 9**  
**Rocklin D'Cruz YR 10**

**Mr Andrew Skehan**  
**Principal**



## **QHHS School Newsletter**

### **HSC Minimum Standards**

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we had 120 students sitting the HSC Minimum Standards Testing. The students behaviour in the tests was a credit to them and we are hopeful that all of the students will achieve the requisite results. Students who are not successful will have another opportunity to undertake the examination next term and thereafter at Wyndham or beyond. We will be working further with students on any identified areas so as to provide the best possible opportunity for them.

### **Buy a Bale**

So far we have raised almost \$2000 and are keen to raise much more in support of our farmers. Thank you to those staff, students and parents who have already contributed. We will soon have our own Donation Barrel in the front office and look forward to further fundraising.

During Education Week, Zoe Morgan of Year 10 participated in Secretary for a Day and, as part of this program, shadowed Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary for School Operations and Performance. Zoe was an outstanding representative for Quakers Hill High School and for Public Education as clearly represented in the following article.

### **Secretary For A Day**

On Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, I had the privilege of attending the ‘Secretary For A Day’ program at the Department of Education Parramatta offices.

On Monday, we met the senior officers that we were shadowing for the morning. I had the pleasure of shadowing Murat Dizdar, the Deputy Secretary for School Operations and Performance. Murat oversees the functioning of over 2200 schools across Australia. He also helps compile criteria and assessment to ensure that principals and teachers are performing their jobs well, and are meeting the needs of the students. At the beginning of the day, I witnessed a meeting about the current assessment of principals’ performance, and how this could be made unanimous across the state. Following the meeting, I accompanied Murat to the Education Week launch at Parramatta Public School, which was cohosted by Kiama Public School via videoconference. I witnessed many inspirational speeches by educational ministers including Gladys Berijiklian (NSW Premier) and Mark Scott (NSW Secretary for Education). There were many outstanding performances as well to engage with the spirit of Education Week, and this year’s theme “Today’s schools - creating tomorrow’s world”. This theme was especially reflected through the Department of Education’s “Gamechanger” challenge, in which students designed their ideas about classrooms of the future. I also had the privilege to meet some of the participants from primary and secondary schools across the state.

During the afternoon, the 32 participants in the program sat at the roundtable with Mark Scott, the NSW Secretary for Education. Mark was interested to hear our ideas, opinions and experiences about the running of NSW Public Schools. We covered many topics, including future education and how we can prepare for a changing workforce, artificial intelligence and the role it will play in education, how students are encouraged and advised to choose their HSC subjects and whether mathematics should be made compulsory. There were many insightful contributions by both Mark and the other students, and I felt that I was able to convey my thoughts effectively on the topics addressed.

On Tuesday, we undertook a group project which focused on Goal 2 of the Department of Education, “To ensure all students are known, valued and cared for”. We were required to present an idea about how we could address this to a panel consisting of principals and other Department of Education officers. The group that I was a part of decided to propose “Future-Focused Learning” classes. This would involve one period a week dedicated to developing “soft” skills and working on either an individual or group project. Teachers would be able to go around to different individuals and groups, and discuss their progress both in the project and school in general. This would help to foster a relationship between teachers and students, and would allow more open communication between them. This initiative would prepare students for a changing workforce by giving them skills which can be adapted to any profession, even one that doesn’t exist yet.

Overall, the Secretary for a Day program gave me insight into how the Department of Education operates, and allowed me to share my opinion on a variety of issues. I feel very privileged to have had this opportunity, and would like to thank everybody who made it possible, especially Ms Mahon who introduced me to the program and wrote my recommendation for it.

### **SMART FOCUS**

The SMART focus lesson for Week 5 and 6 is on Treating shared school amenities respectfully.

Just a reminder about personal electronic devices and their inappropriate use, if you have 3 negative referrals on this it is an after school detention, a 4<sup>th</sup> incident will result in a Formal Caution of Suspension and a 5<sup>th</sup> incident may lead to suspension.





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