

# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 26 OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2018

### Monday 29 October—Friday 9 November

#### Yearly Exams all years (2 weeks)

Monday 29 Oct.	English ROSA Exam workshop 3-4pm
Tuesday 30 Oct.	Year 10 Support Unit Work Experience English ROSA Exam workshop 3-4pm
Monday 5 Nov.	Year 10 Support Unit Transition visit
Tuesday 6 Nov.	Support Unit Year 6 Orientation Year 10 Support Unit Work Experience
Friday 9 Nov.	Contact newsletter
Monday 12 Nov.	Wear red for Remembrance Day All My Own Work

	Support Student Review Meetings
	P&C Meeting 7pm
	SRC Krispy Kremes fundraising
Tuesday 13 Nov.	Rehearsal for Service to School/Sports Assembly Periods 3 & 4
	Support Student Review Meetings
	Year 10 Support Unit Work Experience
	Head Start program 9-10.30am
Wednesday 14 Nov.	School Spectacular Rehearsals
Thursday 15 Nov.	Service to School/Sports Assembly 11am—1pm
Friday 16 Nov.	Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition

## SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday 3—Friday 7 December—Year 7 Swim School



**SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Trying my best**

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all students and their families back to school after what was hopefully an enjoyable holiday break for all. Term 4 has gotten off to a flying start as students busily ready themselves for the upcoming examinations.

### EXTERNAL VALIDATION

On Tuesday 23/10/18, Quakers Hill High School underwent an External Validation process. External Validation occurs in every government school in NSW on a regular basis. Its aim is to examine and validate the school's own assessment of itself against the School Excellence Framework. For this to take place, the school provides external panellists from the Department of Education with significant evidence sets which are used to justify its self-assessment. The panellists who attended Quakers Hill High School endorsed the school's assessment of itself against every aspect of the School Excellence Framework, which means that our judgments are accurate and evidence based. It is vital that I acknowledge the hard working External Validation team, comprised of Ms Mahon, Mrs Maricic, Mrs Naicker, Mr Kantek and Mr Daghel. In particular, Ms Mahon's management of this significant undertaking made it the success it was and further demonstrates her outstanding educational leadership and dedication to Quakers Hill High School.

### COLLEGIATE NEWS

In the last newsletter I provided detail on the proposed "recalibration" of the Nirimba Collegiate schools. Since then a series of focus groups have begun with students, staff and parents across all four schools to gain a sense of the views of our major stakeholders. Thank you to those parents who participated. There is still some space in the parent session being held on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 4pm. Please email the school if you are interested in attending. Bookings are essential due to numbers being limited.

### YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

I would like to wish all the students the very best as they commence their Yearly Examinations next week. I would like to draw to parents' and carers' attention that applying for leave during examination periods should be avoided. Examination dates are published at the beginning of each year to enable families to make plans around them. Family holidays should be planned for school holiday breaks. If a student is absent during the examination period, they should collect an Illness/ Misadventure Form from the office as soon as they return.

**Andrew Skehan**  
Principal

### GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

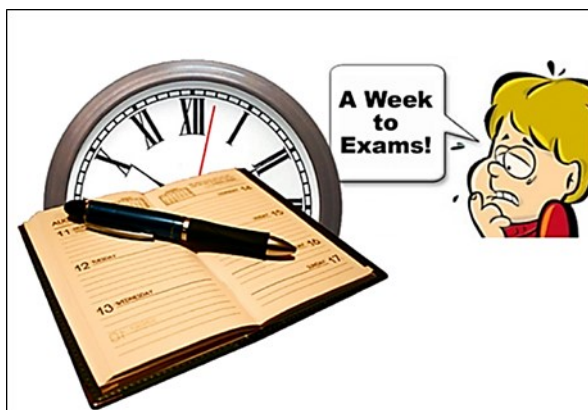
**Year 7** Andre Arredondo, Andrew Beltrami, Tahlia Capple-Lomano, Jenna Cross, Kyana Darouni, Bethany Dear, Abby Kitto, Matthew Lucas, Enrico Pangilinan, Harkirat Saini, Roman Scaturro

**Year 8** Logan Ezzy, Benjamin Willis, Daniel Wilson



## STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR OCTOBER PREPARING FOR BLOCKS OF EXAMS

For many students, a block of examinations can be daunting. Some students have no idea where to start and what they should work on. The first thing to do if you have examinations approaching in the next few months is to find out what topics will be tested. Even a simple question to teachers can get you started such as 'are we being tested on the whole year's work or just this semester?' Once you know what topics will be covered, organize all of your learning materials and make sure nothing is missing and you have everything



you need to review those topics. The next step is to make study notes on these topics if you haven't been doing this throughout the year (hopefully you have!). You can visit the SUMMARISING unit on the Study Skills Handbook to learn more about making effective study notes. Next it is time to start learning the notes (testing yourself on them over and over) and doing practice questions to make sure you can apply your knowledge to different types of questions. The ACTIVE STUDYING unit will give you lots of ideas on different study techniques to help you achieve your personal academic best.

If you have a number of weeks prior to the examinations, it is a good idea to make a plan in your diary or phone or on a whiteboard of what subjects you will study when. Try and allocate each subject once or twice each week, depending on the number of examinations you have. The PREPARING FOR EXAM BLOCKS unit explains in more detail how you put together a study plan for exams.

Our school's subscription details to this online study skills website for secondary school students are [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au).

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