

# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 6 APRIL 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1 & 2 2018

Friday 6 April Contact issued  
Vaccinations

Monday 9 April Year 6 diagnostic tests

### **MONDAY 9—WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL YEAR 7 CAMP**

Thursday 12 April Stage 5 Scripture  
Seminar

Friday 13 April ANZAC Service  
Last day Term 1

### **TERM 2**

Monday 30 April Staff Development Day  
Uniform Shop Open  
8.10am—9.30am

Tuesday 1 May First day Term 2

Friday 4 May Sydney Writers' Festival

Tuesday 8 May Big Science  
Competition

Thursday 10 May Pulse Rehearsal

Friday 11 May Chess competition

### **MONDAY 14 MAY—FRIDAY 25 MAY**

### **HALF YEARLY EXAMS & NAPLAN ONLINE**

Monday 14 May P&C Meeting

Friday 18 May Chess Competition

Wednesday 23 May Australian History  
competition

Friday 25 May Chess competition

Monday 28 May Geography  
competition

Tuesday 29 May ICAS Science

Year 6 diagnostic  
testing

Thursday 31 May Reconciliation Day  
Year 10 Subject  
Taster Day

Friday 1 June Chess competition

Friday 8 June Year 10 History  
Incursion

Chess Competition

## SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday 6 April—Western Sydney Wanderers Clinic

Monday 7 May—Premier's Sporting Challenge

Friday 11 May—Blacktown Zone Cross Country

Thursday 31 May—Girls Schools Cup Netball

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June—Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 13 June—Sydney West Cross Country



**SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1 & 2: Being in the correct school uniform**

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has certainly been a jam-packed term with lots of events occurring, as was clearly indicated in our Bumper Contact for the term.

### RECENT EVENTS

Some recent events include our highly successful Year 6 Taster Day and the QHHS Athletics Carnival. Having two such whole school events on the one day takes an enormous amount of organisation, planning and preparation and could not be accomplished without the hard work and commitment of all our staff combined with our significant numbers of student helpers from Quakers Hill and from Wyndham. Particular thanks go to Mrs Brooke Portelli (Sports Coordinator) and Mrs Amy Nicholls (Transition Adviser).

We had a big turnout of parents for parent teacher night and many staff were booked up for the evening. If you were unable to meet with or contact a teacher, you can always email them (this is generally easier than attempting to call) and set up a time to meet. If you are seeking feedback from a wider range of teachers, then your child's Year Adviser is the best place to start. You can email the school on [quakershil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:quakershil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Photos and more immediate information can always be located on our Facebook page and I urge you to like this page if you have not already done so.

Last night our staff stayed back at school for the first of our Twilight Evenings for 2018. These afternoon/evening sessions are opportunities for staff professional development in our strategic directions. Yesterday staff had the opportunity to engage in a Strengths/Weakness/Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the school as we begin our new cycle of strategic directions and school planning. After this they honed their Minecraft skills in a session that focussed on our trialling of Minecraft Education and how it can be used to develop students' future focused learning skills. Finally all staff engaged in faculty planning sessions on their Faculty 'Big Ticket Items'.

### 7-11, STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND THE STAFF CAR PARK

For the past fortnight we have continued our strong focus on 'moving on' students who are loitering around the 7-11. Students are encouraged to make their purchase and then leave the 7-11 immediately thereafter. Parents are discouraged from collecting their children within the 7-11 as this creates a situation where it is difficult to separate students who are loitering from those who are being collected. Please arrange a collection point further down Lalor Road. Parents are also reminded that **the Staff Carpark is for staff only**. If your child requires collection within the carpark for a specific reason/timeframe, then you will need to arrive early and will have to wait until the gates have been unlocked.

### TERM 2 UNIFORM

Term 2 is when we begin to see an increase in the number of students turning up in non-uniform items, particularly hoodies which are not allowed under any circumstances. Dance or sports tights are also not permitted unless they are worn (on a Wednesday) under a pair of shorts on Wednesday. The uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.10am to 9.30am and extra times can be arranged upon calling the school.

## **ILLNESS AND MISADVENTURE FORMS**

A recent review of Sentral shows that N Determination Warnings are starting to come in and Head Teachers, Year Advisers and Senior Executive staff will soon be interviewing students who have non-completion of work and assessment task referrals. Recent misadventure forms indicate that some students are confused about where and when a misadventure form can be submitted. The QHHS Assessment Policy contains the most detailed information about what is acceptable but in short:

- Illness misadventures will need to be accompanied by a Doctors' certificate for the date/dates missed.
- Planned holidays require students to consult with staff re missing tasks and put in a misadventure form *before* the holiday.
- Misadventures can be used in the case of an unexpected or tragic event. Our expectation would be that an event that impacts a student's ability to complete tasks would be communicated to the school so that we might provide support to them during this time.
- Failure of technology such as printers or computers is not a sufficient reason and will not be accepted. Students are encouraged to save and back up all work and, if necessary, work can be printed at school.
- This can be a confusing time for students and parents. Anyone with concerns or queries is encouraged to contact the HT Teaching and Learning, HT Secondary Studies or relevant DP.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Year 7 Camp: Parents are reminded that students need to arrive at school at 8am on Monday, ready for departure at 8.45am. They will arrive back at school on the Wednesday at approx. 3pm. Students should check their emails for packing lists and general information regarding camp.

Finally, congratulations go to Dylan Sharma of Year 10 for his Principal's Award.

**Ms Rebecca Mahon**  
**Principal (Relieving)**

## **REMINDER**

**THE QHHS UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON THE STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT DAY—MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018**

**8.10AM—9.30AM.**





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### **Dr. Kabir Ahmed, FRNZCGP, FRACGP**

Dr. Ahmed graduated from Dhaka Medical College, Bangladesh. He went on to study at the University of Otago, where he attained a Master of Immunology and worked in probiotic research at Massey University, before starting a career in General Medicine. Dr. Ahmed practiced in New Zealand for 14 years, mainly in internal medicine in a hospital setting before relocating to Australia.

**Interests:** Aboriginal health, chronic care management, emergency medicine and palliative medicine.

**Languages:** Bengali

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