



## 6 JULY 2018

### CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3 2018

Monday 23 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 July	Students return for Term 3
	Uniform Shop open 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 31 July	ICAS English
	Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Even. 3.30-8
Wednesday 1 Aug.	Opportunity Class Placement Test
	Jeans for Genes Day SRC Fundraising
	Support Unit Swim School
Thursday 2 August	ANCQ Chemistry Quiz
Friday 3 August	Year 10 Enrolment packs due back to Mr Hutton

Monday 6—Friday 10 August		EDUCATION WEEK
Tuesday 7 Aug.	Year 8 Subject Selections	
Wednesday 8 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	
Thursday 9 Aug.	Prosperitas Evening	
	Stage 5/6 Collegiate Stem Cup Challenge	
	PULSE Concert @ the Opera House	
Tuesday 14 Aug.	ICAS Mathematics	
Wednesday 15 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	
Wednesday 22 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	
Thursday 23 Aug.	Collegiate Science Challenge Stage 4	
Wednesday 29 Aug.	Support Unit Swim School	
Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September		Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts
Wednesday 5 Sept.	Support Unit Swim School	

## SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 August—  
Sydney West Athletics



**SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 9 & 10: Respecting Others in our Learning Environments**

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I know that we begin every final newsletter of the term by stating what an action packed term it has been but what an action packed term it has been with far too much going on to fully capture. In the last week alone we have hosted two of our partner primary schools in the QHHS school hall for a professional learning presentation. We had our first Problem Based Learning Showcase wherein the focus of the Year 8 Projects was “Aren’t our bodies amazing” and we had Ms Mutch take some of our dancers out to the partner primaries to start preparation for the “Down the Rabbit Hole” CAPA Showcase. We have had several incredible NAIDOC events including a NAIDOC Day, a NAIDOC assembly and a highly successful QHHS Connecting with Community Day.

### NAIDOC Week, Assembly and Connecting with Culture

Tuesday’s NAIDOC activities saw year 7 split up into groups and rotating through a number of fun and engaging activities including story telling/dance and language, art on canvas, weaving , jewellery making and artefacts painting – boomerang/clapsticks. Ms Lawson-Cohen and her team promised a dynamic and packed experience and so it was.



Last week’s QCCP day was another such jam packed day full of activities to support our Aboriginal students connect with culture and country. Based on the students MGoals (My Goals), the most recent QCCP day aimed at capturing more students by allowing them to attend all of the sessions or ‘drop in’ for those sessions that they felt most connected to them and their goals.

<b>Creating your own walkabout</b>  Understand historical Aboriginal significant events that flow into your identity as a young person in today's society.	Gaining employment in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century What kind of skills and knowledge do you need to gain employment after school? Mr Craig Foreshew
<b>Dance and Language</b> Learning new traditional dances, with music and Gamilaraay language	We have learnt 3 dances so far. Bronwyn will introduce new dances that will be performed at NAIDOC week assembly
<b>Constructing your family tree</b> What is your country?	Learn how to do this with Auntie Alice
<b>Work roles in the Health Industry</b>	Talk to Aboriginal Health / Police Educators and offices/midwifery about a future in these industries

It takes a team to put together days such as these and Ms Lawson-Cohen, Ms Walker and Ms Ridge have worked tirelessly to put these days together. The team has also been enhanced by the work of Mrs Christine Foreshew who has brought a wealth of wisdom, understanding and connection to the team allowing for us to bring in a wider range of presenters and people to encourage our young Aboriginal students to be understand their culture and to be proud of what they have achieved and are achieving.

### **Duke of Ed**

Last week Mr More, Ms Lawson-Cohen and 10 intrepid walkers set out on QHHS' first Duke of Ed activity. They were a bit concerned about the wet weather but the Springwood Sassafras Gully Loop track is luckily an all-weather venture that uses the gullies to navigate past some wonderful rock features, dense bushland and waterfalls. The purpose of Friday's walk was for the group to get some training in preparation for their overnight 2 day Adventurous Journey which will be taking place later in the year. A great day was had by all on a walk that was meticulously organised by My More who has invested significant time and effort into getting Duke of Ed off the ground.



### **Semester One Reports**

Students will be receiving their Semester One reports today during period 6. During period 6 students will be completing a report reflection and goal setting task which they will bring home in their report. We first began getting students to reflect on their reports last year when surveys revealed that the majority of students did not read their reports at all or looked no further than the grade summaries. The report reflection asks students to consider their attendance, their involvement in extra-curricular activities, the positives about them as a learner and areas for improvement. As you are reading your child's report take the opportunity to read and discuss their report reflections and goals with them in preparation for next term.

### **Parent/Teacher Evening**

Don't forget that next term (31<sup>st</sup> July, QHHS School Hall) we have our Semester Two Parent/Teacher evening and this is a great opportunity to meet up with your child's teachers and discuss their report.

Book online at: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

Use the link and enter the code for the event: 92tyt

### **Endings and Beginnings**

As we come to the end of this term there are a few people that we are saying farewell to from our school. First of all Ms Phillipa Spring who has been a stalwart of our Creative and Performing Arts Faculty for many years. Phillipa has consistently demonstrated her passion for art and her love of sharing it with the students. We will miss Phillipa greatly in many ways but most especially her preparedness to give up her own time to mentor Prosperitas and Primary Prosperitas students, to attend all out of school hours events and her tireless ferrying around of students to chess tournaments. We wish you well in your retirement Phillipa and look forward to seeing some of the great works you will now have some more time to produce.

We also say farewell to Mrs Schryver from the Support Unit who has been successful in gaining a Head Teacher Support position at Merrylands High School. Mrs Schryver's dedication, humour and hard work with the students in our unit will mean that she is greatly missed. Merrylands High School are very lucky to have secured such a professional and experienced leader and we wish Mrs Schryver the very best in her future.

I would particularly like to thank Mrs Maricic and Mrs Naicker for all of their hard work this term. Being relieving Principal of such a large and busy school as QHHS is no small task and it would not be possible were I not surrounded by such hardworking, dedicated and passionate educators. Next term Mr Andrew Skehan will be joining us as Principal and we are all looking forward to working with him and seeing where he will lead our outstanding staff and school community.

Thank you all and have the happiest and healthiest of holidays.

Rebecca Mahon  
(relieving Principal)

### **Gold Principal's Awards for Week 10**

*Congratulations to all of the following students who are from year 8*

Ramya Achuthan

Dhinesh Krishnar

Gypsy Lee Tonkin

Isaac Latham

Zion Mannual

Ella Phillips





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### INTRODUCING...

#### **Dr. Nasim Ahmed, MBBS, FRNZCGP, FRACGP**

Dr. Ahmed graduated from Chittagong Medical College, Bangladesh and soon after moved to New Zealand where she completed her internship, relocating to Australia this year. Dr. Ahmed is very focused on continuity of care for the patient, their family and the community as a whole and is interested in all aspects of family practice, mental health, paediatric medicine and women's health. Dr. Ahmed speaks Bengali and Hindi

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