

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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8 JUNE 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2 2018

Friday 8 June	Year 10 History Incursion	Monday 18 June	Chess Competition
	Chess Competition		P&C Meeting
	HYPE Program		Wyndham MADD Night rehearsal
	Contact issued		SRC Camp
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Tuesday 19 June	SRC Camp
Tuesday 12 June	Uniform Shop Open 2.30-4pm		Wyndham MADD matinee
Wednesday 13 June	ICAS Spelling	Wednesday 20 June	Wyndham MADD Night
	Stage 4 ROSE b'fast		
Thursday 14 June	ICAS Writing	Friday 22 June	Year 10 Vaccinations
	Stage 5 ROSE b'fast		HYPE Program
Friday 15 June	Year 9 History Incursion		Chess Competition
	Food Technology Taste excursion	Tuesday 26 June	Connecting with Community QCCP
	HYPE Program	Friday 29 June	HYPE Program
			Chess Competition
		Tuesday 3 July	Support Unit excursion to Blacktown Bowling
		Wednesday 4 July	Year 10 Online Subject Selection Closes

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June—Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 13 June—Sydney West Cross Country
Tuesday 26 June—14 boys & girls Futsal
Wednesday 27 June—16 girls Futsal
Thursday 28 June—16 boys Futsal



SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7 & 8: Working safely across all school environments

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RECONCILIATION ASSEMBLY

Term 2 continues to be a busy, bustling, action-packed term. Last week we held our Reconciliation Day Assembly with a focus on this year's theme of *Don't Keep History a Mystery*. Ms Frances Lawson-Cohen and Mrs Christine Foreshaw, our recently engaged Aboriginal Education Support Officer, worked tirelessly with our eager and hardworking Aboriginal Student Team to put together a moving ceremony focussed on stories, country, heritage and origins. A common theme from our three speakers Aunty Daphne Bell, Aunty Browyn Spearim (Gamilaraay Country), Mr Craig Foreshaw and Mrs Christine Foreshaw was the importance of education and the importance of recognising and seizing opportunities. Earlier in the day the students also had the opportunity to engage with, and reflect upon, the meaning and significance of Reconciliation Day through their SMART roll call lesson. A particular mention to Bryce Groves who produced the video containing the words of staff and students as they reflected on Reconciliation Day and answered the question: "What do you wish you knew about Aboriginal Culture?" Bryce continues to impress everyone he encounters with his commitment, his organisational skills and his eagerness to produce a quality product.

PRIMARY PROSPERITAS

On Thursday 31 May, we had our half way Primary Prosperitas presentation that allowed our primary school Prosperitas students the opportunity to showcase their talents in passion projects. As always, the projects were as diverse as the young people themselves with dancers, singers, artists, gardeners, cooks, shipbuilders, creative writers, photographers and so much more. As schools and educators we are often constrained by the demands of syllabus and curriculum thus programs such as this one enable young people to stray from the standard paths as they explore and extend their own interests. As always it is a privilege to see the results and we are all looking forward to seeing the final products.



DUKE OF ED EVENING

On the evening of Wednesday 30 June we had an adventurous group of parents and students attend a Duke of Edinburgh information evening run by Mr More. Those of you who have heard of this program will know what a very fine program it is and we are very proud that we are going to begin offering it at Quakers Hill High School. It is a great opportunity for our young people to develop skills, get involved in physical recreation, take controlled risks on the Adventurous Journeys and give back via the service element. It was a very successful evening with a small but very interested and excited group of young people.

BEANIES FOR BRAIN CANCER

On Friday 1 June, the SRC ran a Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser and it was great to see so many students and staff resplendent in a range of colours and materials. No doubt the success of the event was at least partially due to school captain Maddison Latham's courageous assembly speech on assembly wherein she described how this cruel disease personally impacted her through the passing of her grandmother.



REPORT ONLINE ISSUES

Since our last newsletter we have had at least one physical altercation between two students that could have been completely avoided if we had known that the two students were inciting each other over social media. When the altercation did occur both students were suspended for their actions and conversations with home subsequently revealed that both sets of parents were aware that this was occurring. Please tell us if your child is involved in a social media 'slanging match' so that we can address it at school and avoid the interruption to learning that is necessitated by suspensions.

FOLLOWING REASONABLE REQUESTS

For this upcoming fortnight the SMART lesson focus is on following reasonable requests. In essence, a reasonable request is a request that is in keeping with the SMART expectations. Reasonable requests include swapping a hoodie for a school jumper, wearing appropriate uniform, picking up a piece of litter (even if it was not dropped by you) helping to wash up after a food technology lesson, handing over your mobile phone if you had it out in class without permission. A reasonable request has formed part of our SMART language over the past four years with a focus on the word *reasonable*.

ROSE BREAKFAST: Stage 4 – Wednesday 13th June, Stage 5 – Thursday 14th June

Congratulations to all the students who are receiving an award at the ROSE breakfast next week. Invitations for the ROSE breakfast have been distributed to the recipients by the Year Advisers. Look forward to celebrating this with you. Just a reminder these events will be held in the library. Please arrive from 7:45am in preparation for an 8.00am start. Refreshments will be provided.

YEAR 10 TASTER DAY

On Thursday 31 May, the Year 10 cohort got to spend the day at Wyndham College and experience lessons in the different subjects that are available. The majority of the students were very positive of their experiences, citing that the ability to choose and have input into the classes and lessons they wanted to attend made the day an informative and enjoyable one. Others indicated that having a timetable prior to arriving at Wyndham on Thursday made it easier for them to move around the college to the different lessons. Many students indicated that the day spent at Wyndham College helped them maintain their original study plans for Stage 6, while others said that they were glad that time was still available for them to make changes to their subject selection for 2019. Overall, the day proved to be a beneficial one for our Year 10 students. Mr Hutton will advise the Year 10 cohort as to when the subject selection goes

online (estimated to be end of Week 7).

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The navy blue woollen school jumper will be on special and selling at the reduced (down \$10) price of \$55. These jumpers are very warm and look very attractive when teamed with the rest of the school uniform.

GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations on the following student for receiving their Gold Principal's Award:

Year 8—Katie Toomey

Ms Rebecca Mahon
Principal (Relieving)



STUDENT EYECARE PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school is pleased to announce that it will be running a welfare initiative called the **Student Eyecare Program this year**. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a comprehensive eye examination. This will be done by appointment only and typically takes up to 20 minutes. Each attendee will receive an individual report regarding the eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The school will not have access to the individual report but will be notified if glasses were recommended. Please note that this service does not sell glasses and the prescription can be taken to any optical store.

The program's aim is to detect visual problems that may interfere with a student's learning abilities and subsequently hinder their academic potential. A significant number of students have visual problems that go undetected. The main visual issues that go undetected are **inadequate focusing** and **eye teaming abilities** that could lead to symptoms such as poor concentration, fatigue, headaches and unwillingness to read.

This eye health service is available to all students and is covered by Medicare Australia – so there is **no cost** to the students. The form below is to be completed by the parent or guardian.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the program, please fill in your child's name and tick the box below. Please return the form ASAP.

Name: _____ **Roll Call Class:** _____

I **DO NOT WISH** to have my child's eyes examined.

Yours sincerely

Ms M Romerosa

Head Teacher Welfare

7 June 2018

**QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT EYECARE PROGRAM
(Organising Teacher: Ms M Romerosa)**

If you do wish for your child to participate in the program, please fill in the Medicare details below and return the form ASAP to the front office.

I **DO WISH** to have my child's eyes examined as part of the **Student Eyecare Program**.

Medicare Details

Eyes Examined within Two Years? (please circle) Y / N

Name of student as appearing on card: _____ Roll Call Class: _____

Valid to: /

Date of Birth: / /

Medicare number:

List Number on left of your Name: (eg. 1, 2, 3 or 4):

Parent's Signature (to agree to Medicare Bulk Billing): _____

Date: _____



KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

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

*To make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed, go online at kildaremedical.com.au,
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