

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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16 AUGUST 2019 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3 2019

Monday 12—Friday 23 August

Wyndham College HSC Dance Composition Examinations

Thursday 22 August	Primary Prosperitas Final Presentation Evening 6.30pm Top Blokes Boys program
Friday 23 August	Youth Coach Mentoring Program
Monday 26 August	Collegiate SRC Activity Day @ Taronga Zoo
Tuesday 27 August	Support Unit Year 10 Transition meetings
Thursday 29 August	Top Blokes Boys Program Nirimba Collegiate Chess Competition
Friday 30 August	Youth Coach Mentoring Program National History Competition Newsletter issued

Peer Reading @
Barnier PS Wednesday
mornings 8-9am

Tuesday 3 Sept.	:Sock it to Suicide” SRC fundraiser Support Unit Year 10 Transition meetings
Thursday 5 Sept.	Top Blokes Boys Program
Friday 6 September	Youth Coach Mentoring Program
9 & 10 September	Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts
Thursday 12 Sept.	Top Blokes Boys

SPORTS CALENDAR

Support Unit Swim School every
Wednesday during Term 3 @
Stanhope Gardens



SMART Focus for Weeks 5 & 6: Treating shared school amenities respectfully

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COLLEGIATE RECALIBRATION

We were excited to announce last week that the Nirimba Collegiate Recalibration, expanding Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools, is going ahead. As has been previously outlined, Wyndham College will remain a comprehensive senior high school. Students will have the choice of studying for their HSC at Quakers Hill High or attending Wyndham College. The recalibration begins with the Year 11 in 2021; this will be our current Year 9 group.

At this point, we are busy preparing professional learning for staff, planning accommodation alongside a range of other things. Ms Mahon ran a survey with Year 9 on Monday to gather their thoughts on the changes and this will be run with Year 8 shortly. A parent/carer survey will follow.

Our staff are enthused by this change and are already working hard to make it successful. Many Quakers Hill High School teachers have recent senior school experience, either by taking classes at Wyndham College or teaching in other Year 7-12 schools.

YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

Year 8 students and their parents/carers came along to what was a very successful subject selection evening on Tuesday 13 August. My thanks to staff for their attendance on the evening to help students make the most informed choices possible and for the creation of some wonderful faculty displays. If any parents or carers still have questions around the process, please contact us through the school office.

COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM

Last year, Quakers Hill High School was successful in its application to access air conditioning under the Cooler Classrooms Program. Classrooms to be cooled under this program have been submitted to the Department of Education's Cooler Classrooms team. This initiative is being rolled out gradually and we hope for a firm start date soon. Representatives from the project have already visited the school and further information will be made available as it comes to hand.

A WORD OF WARNING

I would like to repeat a message I posted on the school's Facebook page on Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon (12 August), one of our students was followed by a man driving a white car and wearing a white hoodie as she walked home after getting off the bus. Thankfully, she managed the situation well and got home safely. This was in the vicinity of Falmouth Rd and Talagandra Drive in Quakers Hill. Police have been informed. Please talk to your children and ensure they know how to stay safe in these situations.

UNIFORM

We have noticed that some students are requiring replacement items of their uniform due to wear and tear and growth spurts. This is a reminder to all parents and caregivers that the uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.10 - 9.30am or by appointment if required. Please contact the office on 9837 1533 if you would like to set up an appointment.

YEAR 10

Year 10 will soon be receiving essential information around the Graduation Assembly and Dinner. A letter to Parents/Caregivers outlining the expectations around these events will be given to your child to bring home outlining expectations.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

I'd like to share with you an article that was written by Joshua Andrijich and Renee Hampson outlining their experience at "Make a difference day". Both are fine ambassadors of Quakers Hill High School.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

By Joshua Andrijich and Renee Hampson

On Monday the 29th of July we got the amazing opportunity to attend the New South Wales Parliament House, located on Macquarie Street, Sydney. The Parliament House held a day where Year 10 students from around the state came together to learn about the future of Australia and its government. The day was named the 'Make A Difference Day', which accurately described what it did. We started with a speech by the keynote speaker, who was an elderly Aboriginal doctor who had spent her life working from a self-described 'disobedient, gum-chewing student who sat in the back row', to excelling at Medical School at age 25, to a doctor for the Royal Flying Doctor Service,



where she works today. She has the opportunity to fly from Sydney daily to Broken Hill, where she provides her services as a General Practitioner to the people in surrounding towns, who do not regularly get this sort of opportunity.

She spoke about her personal beliefs on morals, beliefs and how she believes the government should be in the future. She also had the opportunity to speak about her late mother, who spent her time diligently fighting for Aboriginal rights, on the back-end of the 1967 referendum.

This speech was followed by an interactive session where the students, including us, were broken up into several groups which explored referendums, plebiscites, parliamentary decisions and how we can make a difference by being students and regular citizens. This day was very interesting, informative and helped us to greatly understand Australian politics. It also gave us an insight into the life of a very influential person in the Australian Aboriginal Rights Movement.

A NOTE FROM OUR ADMIN OFFICE

We have approx. 20 backpacks left over from previous years available for purchase. They are at a discounted price of \$30. If you would like to purchase one of these, please contact the ladies in the office. Thank you.

