

# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 22 NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2019

Monday 25 November—Friday 29 November  
Year 7 Swim School

Monday 25 Nov. Year 6 Orientation  
Evening 5.30 Uniform  
shop opens, 7pm  
Principal's speech in  
the hall, 9pm finish

Tuesday 26 Nov. Year 6 Orientation Day  
8 for an 8.30 start,  
2.30pm finish

Thursday 28 Nov. Year 10 Orientation Day  
@ Wyndham College  
CAPA Evening 6-8.30pm

Friday 29 Nov. Barista Basics Coffee  
Academy excursion

Monday 2 Dec. Year 9 Senior Subject  
Expo Day 1

Tuesday 3 Dec. Year 9 Senior Subject  
Expo Day 2  
Support Unit wrap up

Wednesday 4 Dec. Year 10 Formal  
Support students' work  
experience @ Coles  
Stanhope

Youth Coach Mentoring  
Program every Friday

Thurs. 5 Dec. Year 10 Graduation  
rehearsal Periods  
1 & 2

Friday 6 Dec. Year 10 Graduation  
9am—11am

Monday 9 Dec. Presentation Evening  
rehearsal Periods 1&2  
Presentation Evening 6-  
8pm

Tuesday 10 Dec. QCCP Day No. 4

Top Blokes Boys Program every  
Thursday during Term 4

## SPORTS CALENDAR



**SMART Focus for Weeks 5 & 6: Being respectful to other student's success.**

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Now that we are in the second half of Term 4, a number of school events are nearing. This means that the school is an extremely busy place at the moment! I took the opportunity to remind students on our Monday assembly that whilst the examination period is over, there is still a large amount of course work to complete in their various subjects. There is no excuse for poor application or behaviour that is inconsistent with our SMART Code.

### **SCHOOL TARGETS**

The Department of Education's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation has set targets for each school in the areas of Reading, Numeracy, Attendance and Wellbeing, as well as specific targets for Aboriginal students.

The Reading and Numeracy targets aim to increase the number of students in the top two achievement bands. The Attendance target aims to increase the number of students attending school 90% of the time or more. In 2020, the main focus of our school planning in this area will be on the compulsory Reading and Numeracy targets.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

The school honoured Remembrance Day on Monday 11 November with a service during our assembly. This was organised by Mr Andrews and involved a number of student participants, as well as a beautiful display of ceramic poppies made by students. Our thanks to Mr Andrews for his organisation and to Ms Walker for organising the stage display, as well as to the students who spoke during the ceremony.

### **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

In Week 5, a large number of Year 10 students undertook work experience in a diverse range of workplaces. It was great to hear so many positive reports back on how well the students participated and the connections that were made. Some Year 10 students are still in the process of completing work experience this week and next. This initiative allows students to experience life as a full time employee, away from the comfortable structures they are used to. I would like to acknowledge the work of our Careers Adviser, Mr Hutton and Deputy Principal, Mrs Maricic, for their tireless efforts with so many students. They were assisted by a number of staff which we are similarly grateful to.

### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING—UNIVERSITIES ADMISSIONS CENTRE (UAC)**

There is an information evening on the ATAR being held for parents at Wyndham College on 2/12/2019, 6:30-7:15pm. This is being presented by staff from the Universities Admissions Centre and will be an opportunity for parents and carers to hear about how the university admissions process works and what this means for their child as they enter Stage 6.

### **SERVICE TO SCHOOL AND SPORT ASSEMBLY**

This marks the first of our celebration assemblies that occur at the end of the year. Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to the family members who came to support them today.

## **COMING EVENTS**

On Monday 25/11 we have our Year 6 Orientation Evening, followed by the Orientation Day on 26/11. These are essential transition activities for the students and their families. On Tuesday 26/11, we also have Year 10 students travelling to Wyndham College for their Orientation Day. All Year 10 students have been provided organisational details for the day. If there are any questions in relation to this, please contact the school office.

## **REMINDERS FOR ALL YEAR 10**

Graduation Dinner: Rydges Norwest on Wednesday 4th December at 6pm

The list is now confirmed with the venue. Those who are attending will have received their ticket. If your child was absent they are to see Mrs Maricic asap to pick up their ticket.

Our expectation is that students attend every lesson on time, everyday and in full school uniform. They must ensure that they do not receive N Determinations and that they follow the school SMART code. If students fail to abide by these expectations refunds can and will be made at the Principal's discretion.

Graduation Rehearsal: Thursday 5th December at 9am (Full school uniform). Students can leave after the rehearsal if they have a valid reason for absence and supply written parent permission.

Graduation Assembly: Friday 6th December at 9am - Students are required to be in full school uniform. If they are not in full school uniform, they will not be able to partake in the ceremony. Students will need to complete clearance in order to receive documentation in their Graduation portfolio.

An invitation was sent home with all Year 10 students this week. After the ceremony, Year 10 students will leave with their family members and will not be required to return. Parents may wish to take siblings home as well. We ask that you return the rsvp slip at the bottom of the invitation for seating and to sign siblings out at the end of the ceremony.

Andrew Skehan  
Principal