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25 OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2019

Monday 28 October—Friday 8 November

Yearly exams—all years

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| Monday 28 Oct. | Year 9 WSU Fast Forward Program |
| Thursday 31 Oct. | Support Unit Community access excursion to Rouse Hill Shops |
| Wednesday 6 Nov. | Support Unit work experience @ Coles Stanhope |
| Thursday 7 Nov. | Support students work experience at Coles Stanhope |
| Friday 8 Nov. | Newsletter issued |
| Monday 11 Nov. | Remembrance Day assembly
P&C Meeting 7pm |
| Tuesday 19 Nov. | Rehearsal for Service to School/Sports Assembly 11.25—1.25 |
| Wednesday 20 Nov. | Support students' work experience @ Coles Stanhope |



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| Friday 22 Nov. | Newsletter issued
Service to School/
Sports Assembly 9.30-11am |
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Monday 25 November—Friday 29 November

Year 7 Swim School

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| 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
8am for an 8.30 start, 2.30pm finish |

Top Blokes Boys Program every
Thursday during Term 4

SPORTS CALENDAR

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| Thursday 14 Nov. | Collegiate Support Students' Sports Gala Day |
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SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Trying my best

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all staff and students back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable holiday break for all. Term 4 is always a busy time in schools as we move into the assessment and reporting period, transition in for Year 6 students and transition out for Year 10 students, as well as the usual end of year festivities to conclude the term.

Upcoming and recent events

Weeks 3 and 4 this term are examination weeks across all years. Students have been emailed their examination timetable and should ensure that they understand exactly what is required of them. If students are unsure, they are strongly encouraged to seek assistance from their class teacher, Year Adviser or learning and support staff.

We certainly had a very busy first week back at Quakers Hill High School. Over the weekend, our Blacktown Relay for Life team successfully took part in this fantastic event. I want to congratulate the students and staff involved, especially team captain, Lara Beringer, and thank them for their outstanding efforts in raising money for the Cancer Council. Fundraisers such as these help fund the vital research undertaken by the Cancer Council in the search for treatments and cure..

On Friday and Saturday, our Duke of Edinburgh Awards group undertook their qualifying hike on a section of the Great North Walk in Northern Sydney, crossing the Hawkesbury River. Congratulations to these students for completing a very challenging expedition and for displaying outstanding behaviour and cooperation throughout. My thanks to Ms Lawson-Cohen and Mr Tomlinson for leading the walk and taking time out to spend on the Duke of Edinburgh program in the school.

Nirimba Collegiate Recalibration

Throughout the holidays there has been communication between the collegiate and School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW). I will be attending a planning day on Monday 28/10/19 with the other principals to discuss this and other issues, including senior curriculum that will potentially be offered at QHHS. The level and expected timeline for additional funding to implement the recalibration will hopefully be addressed by SINSW at this meeting.

In the closing stages of last term, Mr Head was appointed the Recalibration Coordinator for our school. This is a temporary, school based position which draws together the many strands of the recalibration, from curriculum and timetabling to assets and teacher professional learning. This will involve supporting our work with students, staff and community as we prepare for this historic expansion.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A few reminders for all Year 10:

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

- A deposit of \$50 can be paid if all financial obligations have been met for 2018 & 2019 and that the student's name is not on the sanction list. Students are to approach Mrs Maricic to check if they are eligible to attend. Paying this deposit will allow the student to begin choosing the seating for the night.
- The remaining \$50 or full payment of \$100 MUST be made by Friday 15th November (Week 5).

Once students pay for the Graduation Dinner, our expectation is that they 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's 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).

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.

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 sign them out at the end of the ceremony.

Mrs B Maricic
Year 10 Deputy Principal

**BUSWAYS' WESTERN SYDNEY BUSES ARE GOING CASHLESS FROM
OCTOBER 28**

From Monday, October 28, Busways' western Sydney buses will no longer accept cash payments. Busways is promoting this change far and wide across our bus network, so passengers are well prepared. We're installing bus stop signs, in-bus advertisements and handing out flyers to public transport users at key interchanges and bus stops. It's possible that students, parents and friends of the school may be impacted by the change, so we would like to ask for your support in communicating the upcoming change through your channels. We can supply flyers and posters for your reception or school noticeboard. Alternatively, a post on your social media or a note in the school newsletter could help share these key messages:

- Cash payments will not be accepted on Busways buses in western Sydney from 28 October 2019.
- Students can use their School Opal card to get to and from their destination during the week. On the weekend, they will need to use their Child/Youth Opal card to pay for their journey.
- Parents of the students and friends of the school can pay using their Opal card, credit card, debit card or linked device. Travel benefits apply to all when using the same card consistently.
- Opal cards are available online and over the counter from retailers including most newsagents, post offices, convenience stores and supermarkets.
- Remember to separate your cards so your preferred card is charged when tapping on and tapping off.

As a local community stakeholder, we would appreciate your help communicating this change. For more information on cashless payments, please direct customers to the [Busways website](#).

Kind regards,

Busways group



“The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score.”

—Bill Copeland

Like any aspect of life, you need to train your muscles and practice with regularity to succeed, preferably before the big game kicks off. Practiced goal setting means you understand that long term success is accomplished through setting and attaining smaller, enabling goals that support your long term goals. To that end, Quakers Hill High School embarked upon a coordinated goal-setting program for our students in 2018 with a school wide roll-out of Goalhub in 2019. Our mission is to equip our students with the capacity to think critically about what they want to accomplish in their lives; be it a career in competitive gaming, becoming a special needs child care worker, mastering a triple pirouette on demi-point, or speaking to a family member overseas in Spanish for 2 full minutes!

The core of this seemingly simple task is the self-reflection and awareness that it demands. Students need to understand what they value, the need to envision the person they want to become and the life they want to lead. They need to understand their talents and unique skill sets and perhaps identify areas of potential development. They also need to learn that goals change, as they change, that so long as they're heading somewhere with purpose, they have a meaningful trajectory. All weighty considerations for relatively young people, sometimes addressed on a drawn out Friday afternoon, with the promise of the weekend in the air. (*Oh the challenges!*)

Goalhub, our vehicle to accomplish this objective, enables our staff to better understand their students, and ultimately connect them to relevant experiences which enrich, inspire and motivate them in their lives. We endeavour to provide students with ongoing coaching, challenging them to qualify an idea, to flesh out a process, to think in a more measurable and concrete manner or push themselves to imagine the bigger picture, with them front and centre. This is a program that we intend to be a catalyst for pastoral care initiatives and will be engaging with for years to come.

On a practical level, students will reconnect with the program during school time each term, to set new goals and reflect on their previous objectives. They also have the ability, and are encouraged, to look at it and address their goals in their own time; all students have a unique login and password. If students are having trouble remembering their password, there is an 'I forgot my password' option on the Goalhub website: <https://www.goalhub.com/>. Password reset details are sent to your school email.

We encourage you take this opportunity to talk to your children and see where they are on their goal setting journey. You may just find that you'll have a new pet being added to the family just in time for Christmas (just giving you the heads up there), or that you've been recruited to proof read their resume, transport them to a driving test or asked to support a burgeoning babysitting, lawn mowing or photography business for an up and coming entrepreneur. The diversity of endeavours is truly inspiring.

Melissa Lachevre
Goalhub Facilitator