

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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8 FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

Friday 15 Feb.	Peer Support Sessions	Thursday 14 March	Selective Schools Test 8-2.30pm
Monday 18 Feb.	Year 7 Parent Teacher Meet & Greet Evening	Friday 15 March	Peer Support Sessions
Tuesday 19 Feb.	Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm	Monday 18 March	Harmony Day
Friday 22 Feb.	Contact issued Peer Support Sessions	Thursday 21 March	Primary Prosperitas Mentoring Session 8.30-10.05
Tuesday 26 Feb.	School photo day	Friday 22 March	Contact issued
Thursday 28 Feb.	Primary Prosperitas 3.30-5pm		Peer Support sessions Year 7 Vaccinations
Friday 1 March	Peer Support Sessions	Tuesday 26 March	GAT 2020 Information Night 6pm
Tuesday 5 March	Catch up school photos Year 5/6 Information Evening	Friday 29 March	Peer Support sessions Year 6 Taster Day No. 2
Thursday 7 March	Breast Cancer Aware ness Mufti Day	Tuesday 2 April	Parent Teacher evening
Friday 8 March	Contact issued Peer Support Sessions		World Autism Day QCCP Day 1

SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday 11 March—Sydney West Secondary Swimming Championships
Friday 15 March—Zone Baseball all day
Friday 29 March—QHHS Athletics Carnival



SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Properly organised bookwork

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been my great pleasure to welcome students and staff back to Quakers Hill High School for 2019. I hope that all families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and are ready for the challenges of the year ahead. Students have settled into their new class groups very well; it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the second week! I would like to extend a special welcome to our Year 7 group and new students beginning with us in other years.

I would like to also welcome the following new staff:

Mr Bizan – Support
Ms Stamatakis – Support
Ms Gilmour – PDHPE
Ms Pinto – CAPA
Ms Brackenridge – TAS

If you haven't done so already, I encourage new parents and carers to like the Quakers Hill High School Facebook page. We are also on Instagram, so please follow us there as well.

PROPOSED NIRIMBA COLLEGIATE RECALIBRATION

In 2018 there was much work done and discussion had about the proposed Nirimba Collegiate recalibration. At the heart of this proposal, as you will no doubt recall, is extending the offerings of Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools to be full Years 7-12 schools. A business case for the proposal was completed in Term 4 2018 and submitted. This business case is now being reviewed by senior departmental officials and we hope to learn the outcome of this proposal in the very near future.

NEW BELL TIMES

You will recall last term that I referred to a change of bell times for this year. The reasons for these changes are, as always, to support teaching and learning. The students in Years 8-10 have adapted very well to this change, so my congratulations to them for this. I would like to remind parents and carers that the school day finishing times are different from 2018. Most notably, Monday is now the "early finish" and assembly day and concludes at 2:40pm. Please see the student diaries for a complete list of the new bell times

YEAR 10 SUBJECT CHOICE MEETING

This week students in Year 10 received the Wyndham College Subject Choice booklet. They were directed to the timeline of events they will be involved in this year. We hope that you and your child find the information provided very useful as you begin planning for the Stage 6 journey.

YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET

All Year 7 parents are invited to a 'Meet and Greet Afternoon/Evening' to be held on Monday 18 February. The aim of this meeting is to allow parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and to find out some information about the specific courses that all Year 7 students are undertaking in 2019. The afternoon will begin in the school hall with a short presentation from Senior Constable John Bollard regarding Cyberbullying and online safety. Following this, Year 7 teachers will be introduced, there will be some information about contacts and then a sausage sizzle. It is important that parents indicate their attendance on the School Facebook Page where an event has

been created. Please be aware that due to the Meet and Greet being held in Week 4, staff will not be able to provide specific information on how your child/ward is transitioning into high school.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING

The first Parents and Citizens Meeting will be held on Monday 18th February. Our P&C are a great group of interested parents who are always keen to welcome new members. The P&C is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your child's school and to provide input and feedback on what is happening at the local school level. So whether you are new to the QHHS community or you have never considered the P&C before, we encourage you to come along to these friendly and informative meetings.

I would like to congratulate students for the manner in which they have begun 2019, as mentioned above. However, it is timely to issue a few key reminders of school policy.

UNIFORM

All students are required to be in uniform and compliant with the uniform policy every day. Black leather shoes and white socks are an especially important aspect. If there is a short term reason for a student to be out of uniform, an explanatory note must be provided from home. Longer term uniform issues should be discussed promptly with the relevant Deputy Principal or myself, so that arrangements can be made. Of course, in the case of financial hardship, parents and carers should contact the school for a confidential discussion.

FEES

Once classes are finalised we will be sending out invoices for mandatory course fees, which we anticipate you will receive in Week 5. Course fees are levied in some subjects to assist in covering the cost of all materials used by students throughout the year. Parents and carers are asked to pay any outstanding fees from 2018 as well. We are aware that the payment of fees can cause financial hardship. If paying fees will negatively impact upon your family circumstances, please contact the school to make a **gradual payment plan**. We encourage you to approach the school as soon as possible if this is the case.

ATTENDING ON TIME

All students are expected to attend school and be on time every day. In the case of absence or lateness, an explanation must be provided by parents or carers. Parents and carers are encouraged to check that their phone and address details, as held by the school, are accurate.

I am certain that 2019 will be another fantastic year at Quakers Hill high School, characterised by the high expectations we have and the high level of support we provide to each student. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year adviser or school executive should you need to clarify any matters.

Andrew Skehan

Principal

TAS IN THE 21ST CENTURY—TERM 1

So much is happening in TAS, especially around the new Technology Mandatory Syllabus, as it combines Food and Agriculture together, and Textiles with Wood and Metal together in Materials Technology.

Students in both Year 7 and 8 are experimenting with energy forms, and learning about forces and motion in the Engineered Systems unit. Coding will be embedded into units of work this year.

Experimentation, testing and evaluating have been important components of the course. All the students, through the Design Process will produce unique items that reflect their research and individual decision making.

We'd also like to welcome our new TAS teacher, Miss Brackenridge, to our school community. She has already settled in well and have become a great member of the TAS team.

STAGE 4 – TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY (YEARS 7 & 8)

Students will be shortly invoiced with letters home for \$70 for practical materials for the years' consumables. Equipment will include Display folders, USB and a workbook. Some areas will require a washable cotton apron.

YEAR 7 FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Year 7 will be participating in the new Food and Agriculture program which is part of the new syllabus. Students will added green herbs from the garden to add to the flavour and nutrition of their recipes. They are also learning about animal production for food and fibre.

Students in Year 8 will soon start building kites.

YEAR 9 AND 10 IST ELECTIVE

Students in Year 9 are working on their first major project in Networks - A website for a local business which is due in Week 10.

Students in Year 10 are working on their first major project in Software Design - A calculator in Python which is due in Week 10. The fee for this is \$20

10 METAL ELECTIVE

Students are completing understanding of safety prior to begging projects, fee for this will be \$50.

YEAR 9 ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Students will be studying different types of bridge construction and learning about the properties of materials. They are in the process of constructing bridges from drinking straws and sticky tape to test their ability to bear weight according to their design type. Engineering has a fee of \$70.

YEAR 9 /10 WOOD ELECTIVE

Year 9 Students are currently working on safety, prior to begging projects. Fees for this course will be \$70. Students will be expected to wear leather shoes for this class.

YEAR 9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students will be learning food safety and hygiene prior to practical. Fees for this class will be \$80. Students will be expected to provide leather shoes, a container and a washable full length apron. The first assignment will be on food preservation.

CHILD STUDIES YEAR 9/10 ELECTIVE

Students will be learning about families and its change in structure throughout the last decades, the stages of pregnancy, and birth, then development of babies. Students will experiment with empathy belly, baby simulator, and visit day-care centres. The fee for this course is \$60.

TAS KITCHEN GARDEN NAMING COMPETITION **ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

Grab an entry form from the TAS office in G Block and you can win a \$20 Gift Card for creating a 'name' for our TAS garden space. The students have to simply fill out the form, create a name for the garden and describe in a short paragraph why this name suits this space and the school. Students can also enter as many times as they want. All the very best, submit your entries by the deadline!

We wish all our students a great start to the year, organising the resources and materials needed for TAS courses and we'd like to reiterate our TAS vision for all our students;

VISION FOR TAS

"To create an innovative design space within our school community where students can explore, innovate, create, design and produce quality work that they can be proud of. Students in TAS are future focused, learn a variety of valuable skills, learn to be flexible, open minded, open to risk, are able to experience a clear link into industry and authentically interact with the wider community with their products and designs in a safe, caring learning environment led by skilled teachers".

ROUTE 745 - AM SERVICE
QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Consultation Period – 29th January to 12th February 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

Busways are in the process of reviewing services in your area and as a result we are proposing changes to the school bus service as detailed below:

To improve the reliability of the Route 745 arriving at Quakers Hill High School, we are proposing to commence the trip 21 minutes earlier from Glenwood Park Drive, Glenwood.

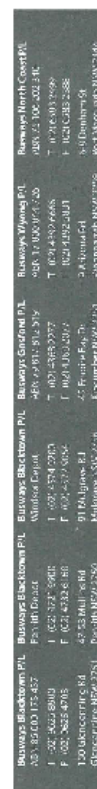
The proposed times for the Route 745 are listed in the table below.

Route 745	Time
Glenwood Park Dr	7:42am
Stanhope Leisure Centre	7:54am
Barrier Dr & Farnham Rd	8:03am
Quakers Hill High School	8:10am

Please provide your feedback on the above proposed service by emailing infoline@busways.com.au or by contacting Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(2290c) RTE 745 177B



29th January 2019

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Dear Parents and Students,

Busways are in the process of reviewing services in your area and as a result we are proposing changes to the school bus service as detailed below:

To improve the reliability of the Route 745 arriving at Quakers Hill High School, we are proposing to commence the trip 17 minutes earlier from Adrienne Street and Lamb Street, Glendenning.

There will be no change to the path of Route 745 from Glendenning to Quakers Hill High School.

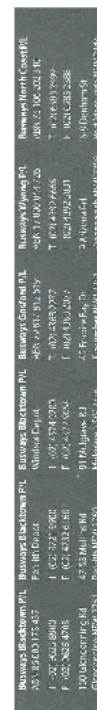
The proposed times for the Route 745 are listed in the table below.

Route 745	Time
Adrienne St & Lamb St	7:51am
St John Paul II, Nirimba	8:06am
Quakers Hill High School	8:12am

Please provide your feedback on the above proposed service by emailing infoline@busways.com.au or by contacting Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

Yours sincerely

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25 in 2019

We invite past, present and future members of the Hambledon community to join us and celebrate:

- **Gala Dinner – Saturday August 3**
A chance for community members to catch up and celebrate.
- **Celebration Movie Night – Saturday October 19**
An opportunity for the whole family to join us for school tours, performances and the opening of the time capsule, culminating in a movie under the stars.

Stay tuned for more information – register for updates on our website.

