

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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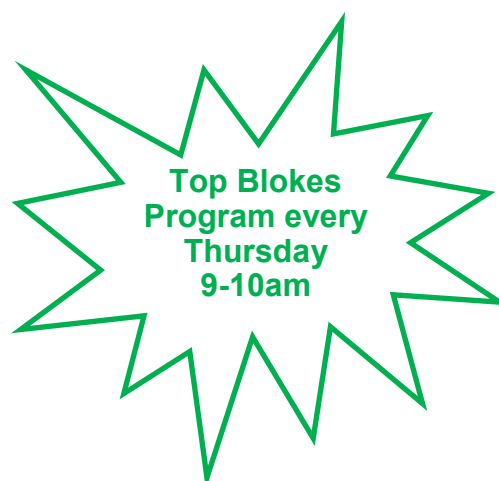
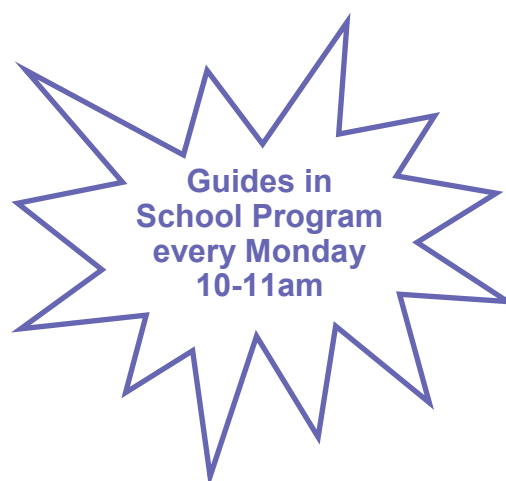
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23 OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2020

26 Oct—6 Nov.	Exam weeks
26 October	P&C Meeting & 7pm Valid testing
29 October	Support Unit Transition Visit to Wyndham College
6 November	Newsletter issued
9 November	P&C Meeting @ 7pm
11 November	Support Unit Transition Visit to Wyndham College
20 November	Newsletter issued Year 7 "Aim Higher" Incursion
23 November	Uniform Shop/office open for Year 6 parents from Quakers Hill East PS— 5-6.30pm
24 November	Uniform Shop/office open for Year 6 parents from Hambledon PS— 5-6.30pm Year 10 Orientation Day @ Wyndham College Parent Orientation Evening @ Wyndham College
25 November	Uniform Shop/office open for Year 6 parents from Barnier PS—5-6.30pm
26 November	Uniform Shop/office open for Year 6 parents from Marayong Heights PS - 5-6.15pm



SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Properly organised bookwork

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all staff, students and families back to school for Term 4. It has been a smooth start to the term, however, a busy one.

YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

During next week and Week 4 we will hold our yearly examinations for all year groups. Students have been provided their examination timetables and are in the process of undertaking revision activities. Some examinations will take place electronically and some will be pen and paper tasks. This has been clearly identified on the examination timetable. Of course, if any students are unsure of any examination organisation, they should speak with their Year Adviser or the appropriate classroom teacher.

NIRIMBA COLLEGIATE RECALIBRATION UPDATE

The teachers have made significant progress in their preparations for the reintroduction of the senior school next year. We continue to work closely with School Infrastructure NSW to plan for the short and longer term asset requirements of the school and Nirimba Collegiate. Scheduling for Year 11 assessment tasks has been completed and integrated into our school calendar.

COVID 19 UPDATE

At the end of last term we published the latest guidelines for the management of Covid 19 in schools. Please see below for the link to this information on the Department of Education's website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2021-2024

We continue to work hard on our school plan for the next planning cycle: 2021-2024. At the end of last term, staff team leaders shared the huge volumes of data that had been gathered and analysed on literacy, numeracy, wellbeing, effective classroom practice and student attendance. This formed the bulk of our situational analysis for the new school plan. We will undertake further consultation this term in order to ensure our planning process is reflective of the aspirations of all stakeholders in our school community.

RECENT SCHOOL WORKS

During the holiday break, Quakers Hill High School was a hive of activity. There were three rain-water tanks installed; one in the TAS "Plot to Plate" garden area, another alongside Yalabalinga (our Aboriginal garden) and a third in front of the basketball courts. These tanks will contribute to irrigation of the respective gardens and school oval. Alongside the tank installation, our school library was repainted and had a wall removed in the former "Cinema Paradiso" area to enable a private study area to be created. The library is soon to be refurnished, which will complete this transformation.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

I would like to remind all students and their families that a key aspect of the "Respectful" component of our SMART code is that students must take care of personal, school and other individuals' property. Any students caught damaging the property of others will face significant consequences, which in serious cases, could see the matter referred to local police. Fortunately, those who would be involved in such activities are very much in the minority at Quakers Hill High School.

STAFF UPDATE

This term we welcome Ms Doyle and Ms Rodriguez to our CAPA faculty. These teachers take the place of Ms Joselyn and Ms Tong who have begun an extended period of leave; we wish them all the best for this.

SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

From January onwards, there will be a number of School Opal cards expiring, as the physical card has reached its lifespan. These are cards for students who will be in Years 8 to 12 in 2021 and only those Opal cards which haven't been replaced in the last five years. Impacted students and/or their parent/guardian will be contacted directly by Transport for NSW via email or post. They will be asked to confirm their details online in order for a new School Opal card to be sent to the correct postal address in time for the new school year. If contacted by Transport for NSW, details should be submitted online by 1 December 2020 at the latest. Affected students who do not confirm their details in time will have a new School Opal card posted to the address we currently have on file.

GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations on the following students receiving their Gold Principal's Awards:

Year 7	Olivia Hayes, Chelsea Hornjak, Agnel Joby, Fiona Kalava, Gurkeerat Kaur, Manpreet Kaur, Kylie Ironside, Amitoj Singh Kalso, Bella Talarico, Abby Taylor, Clara Williamson
Year 8	Rami Alame, Bailey Jones, Raphael Mapalad, Telissa Thorburn
Year 9	Matthew Lucas
Year 10	Lara Beringer, Kaylee Fraser

Mr A Skehan
Principal

INFORMATION ABOUT YEAR 10 END OF YEAR EVENTS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

2020 has continued to be a very difficult year with multiple changes to long held plans and interruptions to schedules. As outlined in my communication of Term 3, planning for the Year 10 end of year celebration remains underway and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the current situation.

Our event is booked for Thursday, 3rd December. It will run from 7pm to 10 pm.

Based on current Covid Restrictions, Rydges Norwest Sydney conference room can accommodate 91 people. We plan to limit the number of staff attending to 4 (this is the minimum required) so that we can invite the maximum number of students (87).

The size and ventilation of the room means that an indoor dancefloor is allowed; however, we will not be able to have vocal performances at the event. Tables will be arranged in groups of 10 but only 8 students will be seated at each table so that students can move to other tables to converse and mingle whilst still remaining seated.

Ongoing restrictions around social distancing also mean that the red carpet arrivals will need to operate differently and parents will be required to drop off their children and not linger to watch the other arrivals.

As previously indicated the cost will be higher this year and each ticket will cost \$110. The Year 10 end of year celebration will require the purchase of 60 tickets in order to go ahead. As a result, we will be requiring payment of tickets earlier than we have in the past so that should we need to cancel due to a limited number of tickets being purchased it will be the schools deposit only that will be forfeited. Those students who are eligible to attend can pay for the celebration as of Tuesday.

Once again, we encourage parents to be moderate in their event-related expenses just in case the event needs to be cancelled.

Behaviour Expectations

Parents and students are reminded that the end of year formal dinner is a school function and as such only students who have demonstrated adherence to the QHHS SMART code, have no incomplete tasks, attended school regularly (above 85%) and paid their elective fees will be invited to attend.

In accordance with the SMART expectations students who have not satisfied the above criteria have been placed on a non-attendance list and they will be expected to demonstrate, through improved behaviours, that they have earned the right to attend. Parents who have outstanding elective fees owing are encouraged to contact Mrs Mahon or Mrs Sampson to work out a payment plan.

If you have any questions or concerns about these matters please contact the school on 9837-1533.

Andrew Skehan
Principal
23 October 2020