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CALENDAR DATES FOR TERMS 2 & 3 2022

Tues. 21 June	Year 6 Diagnostic Testing Session 1
Thurs. 23 June	QCCP Australian Museum excursion Primary Prosperitas Mentoring Meeting 8.30-9.30am Duke of Ed Caring for Community Voluntary Activity 3-4pm
Friday 24 June	Chess comp 3-5pm
Tue. 28 June	Pathways to Dreaming Excursion, Music/Drama HSC performances
Thurs. 30 June	Reports available on parent portal Year 7-10 Duke of Ed Caring for Community Voluntary Activity 3-4pm
Friday 1 July	Newsletter issued, Chess comp 3-5pm, SLR Gym Excursion , Last day Term 2
Monday 18 July	Staff Development Day
Tues. 19 July	All students return

19 July—5 August Subject Selection Interviews

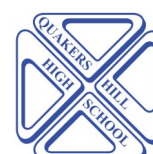
25 July—5 August Trial HSC

SPORTS CALENDAR

Every Wednesday Support Unit Swim School

Tuesday 21 June Blacktown Secondary Schools Netball Cup

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY
MONDAY 8.10AM—9.30AM AND
WEDNESDAYS 2.45PM—3.45PM**



SMART Focus for weeks 9 & 10 Treating shared school amenities respectfully

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SOME STAFFING CHANGES

Earlier this term we were very sad to say goodbye to Mufaro who served as our school chaplain for most of Semester One. Mufaro worked closely with many of our students, building relationships and supporting some of our young people as they faced various challenges. We thank Mufaro for his service and wish him well for his new fulltime position. We will also miss his singing skills.

Last week we welcomed Isidro Alfonso to the role of school chaplain. Isidro brings a positive energy and one of the biggest smiles I have ever seen. He is passionate about supporting young people and he is already known to many of our students, particularly those who visit the Monday and Friday breakfast club where he has worked as a volunteer. Welcome to our wellbeing team Isidro!

BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

In a newsletter published in May, we included a focus article on behaviour and expectations at the 7-11. We have seen a significant improvement in this, and I am sure that community members have noticed a difference. Just a couple of reminders – we do ask that students are not collected from the 7-11. This is an unsafe practise and leads to numerous students hanging around and blocking the driveway. Please remind your children to cross all roads safely. Last week I had to speak very sternly to a year 7 student who ran across the road oblivious to the car that had to swerve to narrowly avoid him.

VAPING

It seems that each week we are talking to our students about the dangers of vaping. At an assembly last week all students were addressed about this once again considering the recent disturbing news of a young person suffering a seizure in the school toilet at a Blue Mountains school. I know parents are concerned about their children engaging in this practise also and we encourage you to maintain the conversation. Statistics are showing an alarming growth in the number of young people vaping and given there is as yet little research and no long-term studies on the detrimental effects it is genuinely concerning to hear young people are taking up this habit in ever growing numbers.

As a school we are managing vaping within our SMART expectations and disciplinary system whilst also encouraging students to critically evaluate their choices. Students learn about the dangers of vaping in PDHPE, and these dangers are regularly addressed in year meetings and assemblies.

To minimise opportunities to vape in the toilets at break times we now have a system of students being counted in and out of the toilets to ensure that they cannot group and vape together. Our approach to vaping continues to be a work in progress and we thank you for your support. You can access more information at the following website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping>.

The Athletics Carnival was a wonderful opportunity for students to compete, cheer and celebrate in the wintry sunshine. Student behaviour was excellent and we had numerous competitors in a range of events. A positive was the number of students who sat together playing card games, board games and reading aloud to each other – and this was on a day where students were allowed to access their phones. We have certainly seen a significant improvement in students socialising since the introduction of Yondr.

A big thank you to our sports organisers, Mr Hawkes and Mr Hill who did a sterling job of organising the event. Also, a big thank you to Ms Lachevre for her photographic record of the day.



PROSPERITAS/ DEBATING

Congratulations also to our Stage 4 Debating team on their recent successes in the rhetorical field. The team meet regularly to practise and their efforts are paying off. Thank you to Mr Brien and Ms Tran for their hard work and extra hours spent coaching and mentoring the team. Thank you also to Ms Tran for her outstanding leadership and coordination of Primary Prosperitas. her outstanding leadership and coordination of Primary Prosperitas.



LOOKING FOR EXAM SUPERVISORS

With the upcoming Trial [HSC \(Higher School Certificate\)](#) we are once again looking for exam supervisors. For Term 3 we need 2 supervisors from 26th July to 3rd August. All exams are going to be held in the morning, concluding by noon. All supervisors must have a **current working with children check** and cannot have a child or relative in year 12. So if you have a friend, relative, neighbour or you yourself are interested in 7 days of exam supervision please let us know. There will be more exam supervision opportunities coming up at the end of Term 3 for Year 11 and early Term 4 for years 7-10.

REPORTS AND SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

A reminder to all parents that reports will again be published to the Sentral parent portal. If you do not have access to the parent portal, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can send a parent portal key out to you.

TERM 2 COMMUNITY CONNECT

Don't forget to join the 115 other parents who have registered for Dr Kristy. This term's Community Connect is a Webinar with Dr Kristy Goodwin. Dr Kristy is a nationally renowned expert on raising teenagers in a digital age. In this session she will provide parents with evidence based strategies and techniques to build their confidence in this area.

DATE - 21 June 2022

TIME - 7:00pm

LOCATION - Online

REGISTRATION - <https://bit.ly/3FPBFGN>



About Kristy

Dr Kristy Goodwin is one of Australia's leading digital wellbeing researchers, speakers, authors & media commentators. She provides brain-based solutions to help children and teens thrive in a digital age. Kristy arms parents with science-backed, yet simple solutions to help their 'screenagers' develop healthy and sustainable digital behaviours. Kristy's former clients include the NSW Department of Education, the Reserve Bank of Australia, Westpac, Optus, Apple, Macquarie Bank, Randstad, DLA Piper and public and private schools across Australia.



WEBSITE



FACEBOOK



LINKED IN



INSTAGRAM

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

We still have some Year 7 Book-packs available for purchase at the front office for \$40.

BELL TIMES - 2022

TUES THURS FRI	ROLL	8.45	8.55	10'
	1	8.55	9.55	60'
	2	9.55	10.55	60'
	RECESS	10.55	11.25	30'
	3	11.25	12.25	60'
	4	12.25	1.25	60'
	LUNCH	1.25	1.55	30'
	5	1.55	2.55	60'

MONDAY	ROLL	8.45	9.05	20'
	1	9.05	10.05	60'
	2	10.05	11.05	60'
	RECESS	11.05	11.35	30'
	3	11.35	12.35	60'
	ASSEMBLY	12.35	1.20	45'
	LUNCH	1.20	1.50	30'
	5	1.50	2.50	60'

WEDNESDAY	ROLL	8.45	9.05	20'
	1	9.05	10.05	60'
	RECESS	10.05	10.35	30'
	2	10.35	11.30	55'
	3	11.30	12.25	55'
	LUNCH	12.25	12.55	30'
	4	12.55	1.50	55'
	5	1.50	2.45	55'

BELL SIGNALS SYSTEM

There are various bell signals which tell students and staff what to do.

SINGLE RING indicates the start of the day, end of lessons or breaks and the end of the day.

TWO RINGS indicate an assembly in the quadrangle has been called. All students and staff should assemble in the quad as quickly as possible.

THREE RINGS indicate that the oval is closed due to extreme heat or rain. Undercover walkways become in-bounds for that break.

WHOOPEE SOUND indicates that an evacuation is necessary. Students and staff must evacuate the buildings and assemble on the oval.

DOORBELL SOUND indicates a lockdown is required. All students and staff must remain in the buildings, close and lock all doors and wait for the all clear (which is two rings calling everyone to the