



# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 21 October 2022 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 4 2022

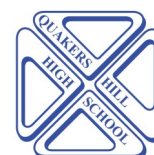
### 24 October — 4 November— Stage 5 Exams

- Tues 25 October Work experience & community access support unit, Code Club, After School Farm Crew, Debating Club
- Thurs. 27 October Past the Shallows Year 12 excursion
- Friday 28 October The Barista Program, Drama Club

### 31 October— 11 November— Stage 4 Exams

- Tues 1 Nov. Work experience & community access support unit, Code Club, After School Farm Crew, Debating Club
- Thurs. 3 Nov. Pathways to Dreaming Yarning Session, Japanese Foundation Excursion
- Friday 4 Nov. Newsletter issued, Pathways to Dreaming Year 8 Campus Experience Day, Pathways to Dreaming Yarning Session, The Barista Program, Drama Club, Afternoon farm crew
- Tues 8 Nov. Work experience & community access support unit, Code Club, After School Farm Crew, Debating Club, Year 12 Graduation Ceremony 4-6.30pm
- Wed. 9 Nov. Collegiate Year 12 Formal
- Thurs. 10 Nov. Pathways to Dreaming In School Mentoring, Year 12 Celebration Dinner 6-10pm, Afternoon Textile and Design Club
- Friday 11 Nov. The Barista Program, Drama Club, Afternoon farm crew
- Mon 14 Nov P&C Meeting 7pm
- Tues. 15 Nov. Work experience & community access support unit, Code Club, After School Farm Crew, Debating Club
- Wed. 16 Nov. Senior Youth Leadership Encounter

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY  
MONDAY MORNING  
8.10AM—9.30AM**



**SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Properly organised bookwork**

# IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **HSC Students**

Our Year 12 students are almost halfway through their HSC exams. We are feeling confident they have been able to do their best and demonstrate their knowledge and skills effectively. With two weeks of HSC exams to go, our celebration events for Year 12 are imminent. Our rescheduled Year 12 Graduation is on Tuesday 8 November, followed by the Nirimba Collegiate Formal on Wednesday 9 November. To round out the celebrations we have our Quakers Hill Year 12 Celebration Dinner on Thursday 10 November.

### **Tell Them From Me**

The Tell Them From Me survey results are in and there are some positive signs in student learning and wellbeing. The survey is designed to give us student, staff and parent feedback in a range of areas including those that indicate we need to assess certain programs and strategies. I will elaborate on the findings in a future newsletter but for now thank you to all the students, parents and staff who took the time to complete the survey.

### **Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools**

The NSW Department of Education has recently introduced a package of new policies called Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools (IERS). Part of this includes a new Student Behaviour Strategy. For information and resources to help understand this change and to support your child at school please see: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/behaviour-support-toolkit/support-for-parents>.

### **Parent Teacher Evening**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent parent-teacher evening. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to another commitment in the city. From all reports it was a very valuable opportunity for feedback and reflections on student learning and progress. If you were unable to attend or you would like to chat with any of our teachers or executive staff, please reach out to the school by phone or email.

**Jason White**  
**Principal**

## HSC Updates

Our first HSC in over 20 years is in full swing with students from both Quakers Hill High School and Seven Hills High School having already completed several exams. Students and staff have generally been pleased with the questions, describing them as 'tough but fair.' Once students had that first English exam under their belts most felt much more confident about the days and weeks ahead. Students have been completing the exams in the school hall which has impacted the rest of school in some ways. A noticeable impact for the students is that the area around the hall has been roped off and students have been required to sit at some distance. We have been very proud of the majority of students who have demonstrated deep respect in staying away from the hall and minimising noise.

## Year 7-10 Examinations

Over the next three weeks, students in Years 7 to 10 will be undertaking their whole cohort and elective exams. Some of these will be held in the hall while others will be undertaken in individual classrooms. Irrespective of where exams are undertaken, examination behaviour is expected to be in accordance with the smart expectations. Prior to every exam the staff supervisor will read out the SMART examination script which is captured here below for your information. All examination schedules have been emailed to the students who have also been provided with a hard copy. Students are reminded that being absent for an exam requires the completion and submission of a misadventure form. Misadventure forms can be downloaded from the school website or hard copies can be collected from the front office. If students are unsure of what or how to revise, they are strongly encouraged to seek assistance from their class teacher, Year Adviser or Learning and Support staff.

Once again, we have employed examination supervisors to assist with the supervision of exams. Teachers use the extra time available to them to collaboratively mark, complete marking, provide feedback and begin composing report comments.

We wish all students the very best in all of their end of year examinations.

## Exam Script Extracts

- Any student found with notes, paper, unauthorised material or any communication device, such as a mobile telephone will receive a penalty, such as a zero for this examination.
- If you have any of these items on you, please raise your hand and they will be collected and returned to you at the end of this exam. There will be no penalty if they are handed in now.
- Throughout the examination you must remain in your seat and be silent. You are not to attempt to speak to or communicate in any way with any of the other students. If you have a question, please raise your hand and a teacher will help you. Teachers will not read the question, explain words or questions to you so do not ask.

**NOTE:** You will be warned once if you are not following the exam rules. A teacher will write 'warned', what you were warned for and the time you were warned on the

front of your paper. If you act inappropriately a second time, than you will be removed from the examination room and will receive a zero. You must attempt all parts of the paper and do your best.

Students considered to have made a non-serious attempt will be expected to redo the paper.

- Watches are to be removed and placed in clear view on your table.
- Equipment should be in a clear bag or pencil case.
- Water bottles are to be placed on the floor.
- No one may begin writing until instructed to do so, and all students must stop immediately when instructed to do so.
- No student can leave the room during this examination.
- You will be required to write **your name on every page of your writing booklets.**

## **World Teachers Day**

On Friday 28 October Quakers Hill High School will be celebrating World Teachers Day. This is a very timely opportunity to thank all staff and to recognise all teachers across the world for the remarkable contribution that they make to the lives of young people and to the future of our society. Mr Robert Bredin, a former Deputy Principal of Quakers Hill High School was fond of saying 'I am a teacher, I save lives' and indeed this is even more true today than it has ever been before. Teaching is perhaps the most multifaceted of all roles; combining educator, counsellor, social worker, 'in loco parent' parenting advisor, coach, guide and mentor. The theme for World Teachers' Day 2022 is "**The change of education begins with teachers**" so take the opportunity over the next week to thank the teachers in your lives and think about the power of education and educators to inspire and create change.

## **Attendance**

Attendance continues to improve, and Year 8 are particularly to be congratulated with an 11% improvement in overall attendance. Attendance at this time of Term 4 is usually quite positive and we encourage all students to maintain these high standards for the rest of the year and to defy the temptation to drop their attendance once the exams are over. Congratulations to Mr Krilic's Year 8 class who won the pizza last term with no unexplained absences! What an achievement. Good luck to all classes who are in the running to be the winner for Term 4.



# QHHS ATTENDANCE MATTERS COMPETITION

## Which roll call will win?

For the rest of Term 3 and for Term 4 we are running a whole school competition on explaining absence. If you are absent ensure you bring a note or that your parent responds to the SMS, calls the school or emails to let the school know of the reason for your absence. The roll call with the least unexplained absences will win a pizza lunch at the beginning of Term 4.

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**LET THE BATTLE FOR BEST ROLL CALL BEGIN!!**



### **SMART expectations are for everyone**

The modern world is a busy one full of pressures, stressors and difficulties and this can mean that frustrations run high, and patience can be in short supply. We recognise that there are times when parents are angry and upset about a situation and want it to be resolved immediately. Unfortunately, this sometimes leads to parents being rude in tone, word and manner to our office staff. Please be mindful that we expect everyone to be polite and respectful to all of our staff. A please, a thank you and a recognition that our office staff are doing their best goes a long way. We all deserve a respectful workplace and as the front facing members of Quakers Hill High School, our office staff are only ever trying to help.

### **Teacher expertise and class teacher changes**

At our first P&C meeting for the term, a parent raised their concern about their child having three teachers in as many terms. We own that this is far from ideal, but it was useful to be able to have a conversation about how that situation has arisen. Maternity leave, illness, temporary contracts and the offers of permanent positions elsewhere all come into play in this situation. Moreover, many parents will have read about the substantial teacher shortage and its immediate impact. Staffing is always a tricky balancing act that is made more difficult with the current teacher shortage. Our students are at the forefront of all our decisions – even when these may be less than ideal. If you are concerned or frustrated by

class or staff changes, please reach out and we can make some time to talk through any decisions that have impacted your child.

### TAFE opportunities

Well over 40 of our Year 10 students are currently participating in a diverse range of TAFE courses. With the current skill shortage across multiple industries this is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to experience different industries and build their skills and experience. Mr Hutton has worked tirelessly to support our students in these applications, and we thank him for his efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Rebecca Mahon,  
Deputy Principal  
Years 8, 10 and 12



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### STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

First date of absence \_\_\_\_\_

Last date of absence \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reason for absence:

**The reason for the absence must be shown below. (Please tick the appropriate box and give details.)**

**Note: If you prefer, you may telephone the school to explain your child's absence.**

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Sickness (please give details, eg flu)

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Family reasons (please give details, eg attendance at a funeral)

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Other reason (please give details, eg attendance at a religious ceremony)

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Name of parent or carer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or carer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# School Travel

## Term 4 2022

### 2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)



# TAP on & TAP off

## CAMPAIGN SUPPORT

Communications toolkit  
for schools



In Term 4 across the western Sydney bus region we'll be running a campaign to increase the correct use of Opal Cards on the bus network. If students don't tap on and tap off every time, then school bus services will appear underutilised with low passenger numbers, which can affect planning of services for your school. Our campaign message is simple - tap on and tap off your Opal card, every time you travel by bus.

During Term 4 we encourage your school to share resources and information within the communications toolkit to students, parents and carers.

Busways has provided a Communications Toolkit, and the contents include:

- Email to parents and carers
  - School web tiles; [290w x 170h](#), [290w x 290h](#) and [170w x 262h](#)
  - School [Facebook tile](#) with content for 3 posts
  - School newsletter article and website content
  - Script for school assembly or teacher / student meeting
  - [Poster](#) to be printed and placed within the school grounds.
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- A printed [Opal card flyer](#) for parents and carers of students who do not have an Opal card but wish to travel on the school bus is available on request.
  - Our drivers will support your efforts on the ground reminding students to tap on and tap off.

Thank you,  
Steve Lumley  
Community Stakeholder Engagement Manager

# SCHOOL TIMETABLE

# WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

## Quakers Hill High School

Timetable effective from Monday 10 October 2022

Amended 09/09/2022

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

### MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
-	745	7:42 AM	Glenwood Stanhope Gardens Quakers Hill	Departs Glenwood Park Dr & Wheedon St via Glenwood Park Dr (R)Forman Av (R)Glenwood Park Dr (L)Sorrento Dr (R)T-Way (L)Stanhope Pkwy (L)Sentry Dr (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Famham Rd to Bamier Dr (8:03am), continues Famham Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Grady St (R)Lalor Rd to School.
-	745	7:51 AM	Glendenning	Departs Adienne St & Lamb St via Adienne St (R)Armitage Dr (L)Golding Dr (R)Richmond Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Grady St (R)Lalor Rd to School.
6077	-	8:03 AM	Quakers Hill	Departs Quakers Hill Station via Pearce Rd (R)Lalor Rd (L)Hambledon Rd (L)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Bamier Dr (L)Famham Rd (8:16am) (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Pye Rd (R)Highfield Rd (R)Lalor Rd to School.
-	752	8:05 AM	Blacktown Station Marayong Quakers Hill	Departs Blacktown Station via Richmond Rd (R)Davis Rd (L)Quakers Rd (8:12am) (R)Narabari St (R)Bombala Cr (R)Ottley St (L)Amott Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cres (R)Quakers Rd (8:20am) (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Lalor Rd (L)Pearce Rd to roundabout, turns around & returns to Quakers Hill Station (8:28am), continues Pearce Rd (R)Lalor Rd to School.
6035	-	8:05 AM	Blacktown Marayong Quakers Hill	Departs Blacktown Station (Rank A) via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (8:17am) (R) Narabari St (R)Bombala Cres (L)Amott Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd to School.
6072	-	8:06 AM	Glendenning Dean Park	Departs Adienne St & Lamb St via Adienne St (R)Armitage Dr (L)Golding Dr (L)Richmond Rd (R)Yarramundi Dr (L)Hoyle Dr to Dean Park Shops (8:14am), continues Hoyle Dr (R)Symonds Rd (L)Richmond Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Grady St (R)Lalor Rd to School.
-	732	8:12 AM	Quakers Hill Station	Departs Quakers Hill Station via Pearce Rd (R)Lalor Rd to School.
6097	-	8:12 AM	Nirimba Fields	Departs Triton Pde & Aerodrome Dr via Triton Pde (R)Nabthorpe Pde (L)Firefly St (L)Mariner Av (R)Triton Pde (L)Siding Toe (L)Lockheed St (R)Aerodrome Dr, Veron Rd (R)Schofields Rd (R)Railway Toe, Burdekin Rd (R)Walker St (L)Bali Dr to Hambledon Public School (8:28am), continues Bali Dr (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)into Bus Bay.
6020	-	8:13 AM	Amott Rd Warrimoo Dr	<b>LAST PICK CHAPLIN CR &amp; QUAKERS RD</b> Departs Amott Rd & Quakers Rd via Amott Rd (L)Warrimoo Dr (L)Chaplin Cr to Quakers Rd, then to School.
6031	-	8:15 AM	Blacktown Marayong Quakers Hill	Departs Blacktown Station (Rank B) via Richmond Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd to School.

### AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
6627	-	3:03 PM	Nirimba Fields	Departs School via (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon (L)Burdekin Rd, Railway Toe (L)Schofields Rd (L)Veron, Aerodrome Dr (L)Lockheed St (R)Siding Toe (R)Triton Pde (L)Mariner Av (R)Firefly St (R)Nabthorpe Pde (L)Triton Pde to Aerodrome Dr (3:25pm).
6568	-	3:03 PM	Amott Rd Warrimoo Dr	Departs School via Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Quakers Rd (L)Chaplin Cr, Warrimoo Dr (R)Amott Rd to Quakers Rd (3:17pm).
6584	-	3:08 PM	Quakers Hill	Departs School via Lalor Rd (L)Hillcrest Rd (L)Pye Rd (R)Wilson Rd (L)Chase Cr (3:14pm) (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Famham Rd (L)Kennington Rd (R)Famham Rd (L)Bamier Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd to Hambledon Rd (3:33pm).
6540	-	3:20 PM	Blacktown	<b>FIRST SET DOWN DAVIS RD</b> Departs School via Lalor Rd, then to Quakers Rd & Davis Rd, continues (R)Davis Rd (L)Richmond Rd to Blacktown Station (3:40pm).



## UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM



ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	SIZE	AMOUNT
<b>GIRLS</b>				
Jnr Tartan Skirt (Yrs 7-10)	\$50.00			
Snr Navy Skirt (Yrs 11-12)	\$50.00			
Blouse - White (Yrs 7-10)	\$30.00			
Blouse - Blue (Yrs 11-12)	\$30.00			
Long Pants - Navy	\$40.00			
Shorts - Navy	\$32.00			
<b>BOYS</b>				
Shorts - Navy (sizes 8-2XL)	\$25.00			
Shorts - Navy (sizes 3XL up)	\$30.00			
Long Pants - Navy (sizes 8-2XL)	\$30.00			
Long Pants - Navy (sizes 3XL up)	\$40.00			
Business Shirt - White (Yrs 7-10)	\$30.00			
Business Shirt - Blue (Yrs 11-12)	\$30.00			
<b>UNISEX</b>				
Polo Shirt - White (Yrs 7-10)	\$30.00			
Polo Shirt - Blue (Yrs 11-12)	\$30.00			
Sloppy Joe - Navy	\$35.00			
Woollen Jumper - Navy (sizes 10-22)	\$55.00			
Woollen Jumper - Navy (sizes 24-30)	\$60.00			
Soft Shell Jacket - Navy (Yrs 11-12)	\$70.00			
Microfibre Jacket	\$60.00			
Tie - Optional	\$20.00			
School Scarf	\$10.00			
<b>SPORTS UNIFORM</b>				
Sport Trackpants	\$40.00			
Sport Shorts	\$30.00			
Sport Polo	\$35.00			

RECEIPT NO: .....  
CASH / CHEQUE / CREDIT

Credit Card No: .....  
Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: .....

Signature: .....

### ONLINE BANKING DETAILS

Email address: [quakershillhighschool-uni@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:quakershillhighschool-uni@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

Bank deposit (attach banking receipt)

CBA Bank

Account: QHHS P&C Association

BSB: 062-425

Account No: 010014308

Ref: (your surname)

OFFICE ASSISTANT: .....

SASS REQUIRED: YES / NO

DATE OF PURCHASE: .....

TOTAL AMOUNT: .....

STUDENT'S NAME: .....

STUDENT'S YEAR: .....

GOODS TAKEN: YES / NO

**Effective: 1 October 2022** (open Mondays 8:10am-9:30am or by appointment)

## 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.

**WHOOP 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