

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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14 AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3 2023

Monday 7 August—Friday 18 August—Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

Mon. 14 August	P&C Meeting 7pm
Tues. 15 August	Year 9 Photography Cityscape excursion, Debating Club, Senior Tuesday After School Farm Crew
Wed. 16 August	Wednesday After School Farm Crew, Support Unit Swim School
Thurs. 17 August	History Incursion, Primary Prosperitas mentoring session, Thursday After School Textiles & Design Club & Caring for Community Project
Friday 18 August	Intensive Drama workshop, Years 10 & 11 Support Unit students at TAFE, Friday After School Farm Crew
Monday 21 Aug.	QHHS Cultural assembly
Tues. 22 August	Japanese excursion to Cherry Blossom Festival, Debating Club, Senior Tuesday After School Farm Crew
Wed. 23 August	Support Unit Swim School, Wednesday After School Farm Crew
Thursday 24 Aug.	Thursday After School Textiles & Design Club & Caring for Community Project
Fri. 25 August	Friday After School Farm Crew, Support Unit Job Readiness program
Monday 28 Aug.	Newsletter issued
Tuesday 29 Aug.	Year 12 gown fitting for graduation, Debating Club, Senior Tuesday After School Farm Crew
Wed. 30 August	Support Unit Swim School, Wednesday After School Farm Crew
Thurs. 31 August	Thursday After School Textiles & Design Club & Caring for Community Project
Friday 1 Sept.	Friday After School Farm Crew

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



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LOOKING GOOD!



We are continuing our quest to improve our facilities. Here are a few of the projects underway and/or near completion:

- * **Senior area** landscaping has been completed (phase 1). The furniture and umbrellas are being installed. The area is looking great and will be ready for our seniors to use later in the week. Phase 2 will see more landscaping works and the installation of a giant chess set.
- * **Ceiling replacement** – many of our classrooms and staffrooms have old ceiling tiles that are in need of replacement. This project commenced today and will be progressively rolled out across the school until the end of the year.
- * **Painting** – we have finally been earmarked by the department for painting (inside and out). This will start once the ceilings are done and will see a refreshed look for the school – goodbye Teal!
- * **Science labs** will be upgraded towards the end of this year. Benches and sinks will be replaced and the rooms given a fresher, more modern look.
- * **Landscaping** work has commenced in various areas of the school, including the street frontage and the memorial pathway. We are aiming to replace some vegetations with low-maintenance native shrubs and ground covers, particularly at entrances.
- * Last, but not least, our **electronic gates and CCTV cameras** are now operational. Visitors will need to press the intercom and speak with our office before entering.

We have further school improvement projects planned that I will detail once we have clarified costs and gain departmental approval.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

As evidenced by our SMART expectations, safety is our number one priority in schools. We work hard here at Quakers Hill High School to ensure that learning takes place in

an environment that maximises the opportunity for students and staff to thrive.

However, at times events in the community mean that school does not feel as safe as it should. On Tuesday last week there was an incident in a local park involving students from our school and young people from elsewhere. As a result, we requested support from the police the following afternoon to be proactive and visible. We were very grateful for their support, although we didn't expect there to be so many patrol cars given that there were no further incidents last week.

Several community members also reached out and provided helpful information. Thank you to those who did so. If you are aware of any unsafe activities in the neighbourhood, please continue to contact the school and if necessary call the police.

I know that our executive team worked hard to make sure school operations were unaffected and that the students who were involved have had the appropriate interventions.

Jason White
Principal



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UNIFORM REMINDER LETTER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Winter is upon us, and although it has been a mild winter thus far there are certainly mornings where it is quite cold and students need to be reminded of uniform requirements.

Hoodies and tracksuit pants, irrespective of colour, are not permitted as school uniform. Any time a student wears a hoodie they will be asked to remove it and replace it with either a jumper or a jacket from the wellbeing store. Students are allowed to wear long sleeved white undershirts underneath the white polo shirts, and they can wear scarves and woollen beanies also for additional warmth - though these do need to be in school colours.

Boys are encouraged to wear the school pants, or they are allowed to purchase navy blue dress pants. Girls are encouraged to wear the school pants in cold weather, or they may choose to wear navy blue tights under their skirt. A reminder that shoes must be black leather shoes - this is a state-wide requirement for work, health, and safety (WHS) reasons.

We believe that our uniform is an attractive one and our students look very smart and professional when wearing it; moreover, we work closely with the P&C to ensure uniform is a priority for our school community. Whenever we go on excursions or providers attend our school, people always comment on how good our students look in their uniform.

We realise that uniform comes at a cost, and we are always ready to work with parents to provide clean, second-hand uniform where available or assist in the purchase of new uniform. Remember that the uniform shop is open on Monday mornings from 8.10 am.

Please support us and your child by ensuring your child is wearing uniform to school each day. If you have any questions or concerns about this communication, you are welcome to email me at rebecca.mahon@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kind regards,
Rebecca Mahon
Deputy Principal
16.6.23