

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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23 FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1 2024

FEBRUARY

Tues 27th Year 7 Camp meeting via Zoom 6pm-7pm
Year 11 Camp meeting via Zoom 7pm-8pm
Community Connect Yr 10 Assessment & ROSA presentation 7pm-8pm

MARCH

Mon 4th – Year 7 & Year 11 Camp
Wed 6th
Thurs 7th Pathways to Dreaming Yrs 11 & 12 Cultural Experience Day
Tues 12th 2024 QHHS Year 6 Information Night 6pm-8pm
Mon 13th- NAPLAN
Mon 25th
Fri 22nd School Photos
Tues 26th Year 7-12 Parent-Teacher Evening 3.30pm-7pm
Thurs 28th Athletics Carnival
Fri 29th Good Friday Public Holiday

APRIL

Mon 1st Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 9th High Potential & Gifted Education (HPGE) Information Evening for
Year 7 2025 parents
Fri 12th Last Day Term 1
Mon 29th Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Tues 30th First Day Term 2

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



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive start to the year. It's been great seeing Year 7 and all students generally settle into the academic year.

There are several important events in the coming weeks. This includes our Year 7 and 11 camp, NAPLAN tests for Years 7 and 9, various information nights and community connects, HPGE information night, and our first parent-teacher night of the year. We will keep you informed via the Contact newsletter, emails and of course Facebook and Instagram.

We are also in the midst of an important phase of our school planning. Every four years public schools create a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) to set directions for whole school improvement. We are currently in the evaluation and reflection phase and are aiming to finalise our new plan by the end of this term.

In order to help understand community priorities and gather some feedback, I have developed a short survey for you to share your thoughts. I'm hoping you can help us understand the priorities as you see them, what you value most about Quakers Hill High School, and the areas in which you think we should seek to improve.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/vSmM5Bo5mxru2kYv7>

Jason White, Principal

Principal's Recognition Assembly speech 20-02-24

Good morning and thank you for being here today to celebrate the achievements of our 2023 Year 12 student high achievers, our incoming Student Representative Council members, our peer support leaders, and our house captains.

The success of our well-documented shift to a 7-12 school within the Nirimba Collegiate is in evidence here today. Each year, schools are obliged to report on measures such as attendance, NAPLAN, and HSC results.

When we received the data for 2022 and 2023 HSC results for our school, we were greatly heartened by the strength and depth of achievement by our students. When compared to similar schools, we outperformed almost all. When compared to other well-established 7-12 and senior high schools in our region, our results showed we had exceeded all but a handful of mostly selective schools.

This is a remarkable achievement. Please join me in a round of applause for our HSC high achievers and for all our students who graduated Year 12 in 2023.

We are rightly proud of these results. However, I passionately believe that the power of public education lies not purely in metrics like the HSC and NAPLAN, but in the quality of human beings who graduate each year.

On this measure I can safely say we are all in good hands. This leads me to the other reasons we are here today.

Our incoming SRC students are being inducted today. This is an important moment for us all. Student voice is an area that we intend to continue incorporating into future school planning and to expand its impact on our future directions.

Leadership is of course more than a badge, a blazer or a title. Our students being inducted today represent our values and aspirations to a very high degree and I know they will make us proud in their commitment to our SMART code, and the way they embody the great human qualities of fairness, compassion, determination, and a strong work ethic.

Please join me in a round of applause for our incoming Student Representative Council.

Last but not least, we are here today to recognise the contributions of another set of leaders who have volunteered for Peer Support – a hugely important role in our school.

If you think back to your first day of Year 7, which for some of you may be several years and in my case several decades, you will remember the mixture of excitement and trepidation that day brings.

Our peer support leaders took a precious day out of their school holidays at the start of this year to help ensure that our incoming Year 7 students had the best possible start to high school. This work continues, with ongoing Peer Support check in opportunities plus many who have signed up to join Year 7 on their upcoming camp.

Peer leaders, we appreciate your service, your school spirit, and the way you exemplify the values of our school and public education. Please join me in a round of applause for these fine students.

Thank you all for joining us today, and thank you to our organising committee and technical crew for the work that has gone into making today special.

To our Year 12 2023 Alumni, to our incoming SRC, our Peer Support Leaders and our House Captains – you are all the reason we are here, you are our “why”, and you give us great hope for the future of our community.

Year 7 and 11 Camp

The camp arrangements have been sent to the campsite and all payments should now be finalised. The Camp Information ZOOM link will be emailed to parents, please ensure that you can access Zoom on your computer prior to the meetings on Tuesday the 27th February.

- Year 7 and 10 (Peer Support Leaders) Zoom Time – 6pm
- Year 11 Zoom Time – 7pm

If you are unable to attend, please note the following:

- read the Gear checklist to help your child pack. Label **all** items.
- Students are to meet in the Basketball COLA by 8.30am on Monday 4th March. There will be bag checks for banned items (this includes any digital equipment).
- No Phones are allowed but students are encouraged to bring a camera.
- Bus departs at 9.15am and aims to return at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th March.

Students not attending Camp

Those students who are not attending camp will be required to come to school as normal **as attendance to school is compulsory**. They will follow an alternate timetable over the three days in lieu of the camp.

- Year 7 are to meet at the Quad steps for Roll Call. Mr Dacey will divide the student into 2 classes and the alternate program for the day will be read to the students.
- Year 11 are to go to D3 for Roll Call every morning. They will complete the Life Ready program designed to complete the equivalent hours in lieu of the camp.

Year 9

On Monday 26th February students from Year 9 will be viewing a performance of “Smashed”. It is designed to engage young people in a safe and motivational discussion, enabling them to explore the dangers and consequences of underage drinking and binge drinking. It also equips them with the facts, skills and confidence to make better choices and develop a responsible attitude towards alcohol.

If you do not want your child to participate or if you have any concerns or questions about this performance, please call Mrs Maricic or Ms Kaur on 9837- 1533.

Mrs B. Maricic
Deputy Principal Year 7, 9 & 11

NAPLAN schedule

NAP NATIONAL
ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM

MARCH 13-25

2024

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| WED 13 | YEAR 7 WRITING Period 1 | YEAR 9 WRITING Period 2 |
| THUR 14 | YEAR 7 READING Period 1-2 | YEAR 9 READING Period 3-4 |
| FRI 15 | YEAR 7 CoL Period 3 | YEAR 9 CoL Period 1 |
| MON 18 | YEAR 7 NUMERACY Period 3-4 | YEAR 9 NUMERACY Period 1-2 |

**Bring your laptop,
headphones, and pen.**

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Quakers Hill High School

Day of Photography

22/03/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:

XZR MHV ZLF

3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
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advancedlife
school photography & print specialists



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

2024 QHHS YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

Change & Innovation. Civic Responsibility.
Academic Excellence.
Distinction in Sport & the Arts.

The event is designed to inform interested students & their parents of the educational programs & facilities at Quakers Hill High School & to assist them in making a smooth and harmonious transition to high school.

Tuesday, March 12 2024 | 6:00PM QHHS Hall

A BBQ will be available prior to the commencement of the event (At 5:00 pm)





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

2024 QHHS HPGE (GAT) INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

Learn about our HPGE application process.
Discover the HPGE programs on offer at QHHS.
Understand how we can enrich, extend and challenge
your child to achieve and succeed through a creative,
innovative and rigorous curriculum.

Tuesday, April 9 2024 | 6:30PM to 7:15PM

The QHHS School Library

The evening will conclude with a Q & A session

