

# QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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## 8 MARCH 2024 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 1 & 2 2024

### **TERM 1**

#### **MARCH**

Mon 11th	Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association meeting 7pm
Tues 12th	2024 QHHS Year 6 Information Night 6pm-8pm
Wed 13th-	NAPLAN—Years 7 & 9
Mon 18th	
Fri 22nd	School Photos
Mon 25th	School Photos Catch Up Day
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

### **TERM 2**

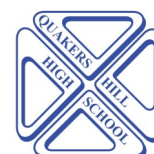
#### **APRIL**

Mon 29th	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Tues 30th	First Day Term 2 for all students

#### **MAY**

Mon 6th	Year 10 Subject Selection/Open Night
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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY  
MONDAY 8.10AM—9.30AM**



# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

## **Strategic Improvement**

Last week we had our annual executive team planning day. This is an opportunity for our head teachers and senior executive to discuss strategic priorities, evaluate current programs and plan for continuous improvement. Topics covered this year included:

- HSC Results Analysis
- Quality Teaching through “teaching sprints”
- School planning and improvement measures
- HSC Assessment practices, presented by a NESAs expert
- School communications and community engagement

I am looking forward to sharing our developing vision for the next school plan with parents and carers at our **Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association meeting on Monday 11 March from 7pm**. This meeting is also the P&C Annual General Meeting and will be held on site in the Learning Centre. I hope to see you there.

## **Camp**

This week saw most of our Year 7 and 11 students on camp, accompanied by many peer support leaders and our dedicated staff. From the images on our social media it certainly looked like an excitement filled few days. Thank you to all of our staff who took those days out of their week to be at camp and to help build those special memories for our students. As I highlighted in an email to parents on Wednesday, a student tested positive for Covid during the camp, so please ensure you are monitoring for symptoms and let our office staff know if you require additional RAT kits.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/covid-19/advice-for-families#Testing3>

## **Financial Contributions**

Earlier this week we sent out the annual statement of account accompanied by a letter about financial contributions. Thank you to all who have already paid some or all of these contributions.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you have read the letter as it explains the importance of financial contributions to our capacity to create high quality, innovative and engaging activities for our students.

You may be aware that school funding is frequently in the news. The current issue of concern to public schools is around the equity of funding for public and non-government schools. While the base level of funding we receive means we can deliver a simple level of teaching and learning resources, parent and carer contributions have al-

ways been vital to us being able to go beyond basics. This includes having quality modern equipment in practical spaces, a well resourced and dynamic library, plentiful technology, and a range of digital resources for students to access at school and at home.

To reiterate one of the messages in the letter, voluntary contributions and course contributions are not mandatory. However, as I have noted they are vitally important to resourcing our school to the extent that parents, students and teachers expect. Please let us know if you are having difficulty paying these contributions. It is always okay to pay them off gradually over the course of the year. The School Bytes platform makes this very straightforward, and it is also fine to pay in cash or by EFTPOS at the office

## **Facilities**

In other finance and facilities news, our projects using the “use it or lose it” funds I have previously mentioned are forging ahead. The new basketball court is currently being excavated and should be finished before the end of the term. The electronic gate project is finally almost finished at the Eastern end of our site.

Other plans involve installing air conditioning in the last two teaching spaces that do already have them, plus some office spaces that missed out in previous rounds. We are also looking to use some funds we receive from community users (karate, basketball, drama, etc), the canteen, and hopefully a donation from the P&C to fund some new signage at the front of our school. We are also planning to use some of that same community user funds to finally ventilate our hall with whirly birds and new quieter fans, which we are hoping will be ready for our end of year events.

## **Parent Survey**

Thank you to everyone who filled in the survey from two weeks ago. It’s still open so if you haven’t already had a chance to share your thoughts please click here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms///1FAIpQLScGYL3zyIYbJX7Is1GoW0aIWgQnUCVvm4dLHTj083Euck\\_mrQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms///1FAIpQLScGYL3zyIYbJX7Is1GoW0aIWgQnUCVvm4dLHTj083Euck_mrQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Jason White, Principal**



Year 11 Life Ready Program was a huge success. The students were outstanding and all the Camp Leaders commented on the level of engagement and encouragement that they saw for the 3 days away. Some students were so impressed with how much they enjoyed the camp that they wished they could stay on, an extra night. The teachers all commented on how well the students challenged themselves, interacted and supported their peers. All agreed that there was growth seen in their ability to build on skills, connections and leadership. Special thanks to the teachers who attended the camp and assisted with the groups: Mrs Perez & Mr Hutton, Ms Rodriguez, Mr Choi and Mr Hawkes.

Year 7 Camp was equally successful and we were extremely lucky to have the whole campsite to ourselves. Students were able to participate in all the activities according to their comfort levels. It was pleasing to see many students, way too many to name individually, who were keen to challenge themselves and went to higher levels than they are normally comfortable with. New friendships were formed as students got to know each other better. The staff were all pleased with their groups and found the Year 10 Peer Support leaders to be exceptional support with the activities. A big thank you to: Hannah Atkins, Stella Buttigieg, Andrea Christie, Ella Fulete, Rihanna Harrison, Fiona Lewis, Tye Matejus, Kristian McCardell, Issac Mendez, Leah Minton, Matthew Noble, Isabella Power, Jasmine Pratley, Lachlan Pullen, Charlotte Reynolds-Nutt, Lily Smith.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the wonderful teachers who gave up their time to be away from their families to be at camp: Mr Kantek, Ms Breen, Ms Chen, Mr Kaufmann, Mr Pecora and Mrs McCure.

Mrs Lachevre has done an amazing job in posting many photos on the school Facebook and Instagram. If you do not follow us please do.

### **Next week is NAPLAN!**

Quick reminder to Year 7 & 9 that NAPLAN starts Wednesday and students are to bring a fully charged laptop, headphones and some pens.

Mrs B Maricic  
Yr 7, 9 & 11 Deputy Principal

# NAPLAN schedule

**NAP** NATIONAL  
ASSESSMENT  
PROGRAM

**MARCH 13-25**

**2024**

<b>WED 13</b>	<b>YEAR 7 WRITING</b> Period 1	<b>YEAR 9 WRITING</b> Period 2
<b>THUR 14</b>	<b>YEAR 7 READING</b> Period 1-2	<b>YEAR 9 READING</b> Period 3-4
<b>FRI 15</b>	<b>YEAR 7 CoL</b> Period 3	<b>YEAR 9 CoL</b> Period 1
<b>MON 18</b>	<b>YEAR 7 NUMERACY</b> Period 3-4	<b>YEAR 9 NUMERACY</b> 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:  
**www.advancedlife.com.au/contact**

**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

