

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News



NOVEMBER
2025

CALENDAR EVENTS

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Wednesday 12 Nov: Year 11 SLR URBNSURF Aquatics Excursion

Wednesday 12 Nov: Western Sydney Wanderers All Abilities Football program

Thursday 13 Nov: After School Volleyball

Friday 14 Nov: Chinese Enrichment Program

Friday 14 Nov: UnSerious Careers Presentation

Wednesday 19 Nov: 2025 Showcase Matinee and Night Performance

Wednesday 19 Nov: Western Sydney Wanderers All Abilities Football program

Thursday 20 Nov: After School Volleyball

Friday 21 Nov: Year 8 PASS Excursion

Wednesday 26 - Thursday 27 Nov: Year 7 swim school

Wednesday 26 Nov: Year 10 Drama and dance excursion

Wednesday 26 Nov: Western Sydney Wanderers All Abilities Football program

DECEMBER

Friday 28 Nov - Monday 1 Dec: Year 11 Life Ready Course Incursion

Tuesday 2 Dec: Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 3 - Thursday 4 Dec: Year 8 swim school

Thursday 4 Dec: After School Volleyball

Friday 5 Dec: Years 7 beach excursion

Monday 8 Dec: Year 11 Life Ready Ryda Excursion

Tuesday 9 Dec: P&C Meeting @ 6pm

Wednesday 10 Dec: Presentation Day

Friday 12 Dec: Year 11 Celebration of Learning

Monday 15 Dec: Rewards Day

Wednesday 17 Dec: Celebration Assembly

Friday 19 Dec: Last Day of Term 4

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Members of Our School Community,

As we reach the half-way point of Term 4, it has been a very busy time for our students and staff.

Last week, our Year 12's finished their last HSC exams with Food Technology being the very last exam. I would like to congratulate all our Year 12 students, your hard work, perseverance, and commitment throughout this important year have been commendable, and we look forward to celebrating your achievements in the weeks ahead.



Over the past couple of weeks, we had the pleasure of recognising and celebrating two groups of staff at our school. Friday October 31st was World Teachers' Day, a special occasion to recognise the incredible work our teachers do each and every day. Teaching is a profession that goes far beyond the classroom – it is about inspiring curiosity, building confidence, and helping young people realise their potential. Our teachers at Seven Hills High School demonstrate unwavering dedication, creativity, and care in supporting our students' learning and wellbeing, and I am deeply proud of the work they do.

On Friday 7th November we also celebrated School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day. This is an opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contributions of our dedicated school counsellors and psychologists, Ms Myers, Mr Deljoie and Mr Sunga, our Senior Psychologist Education. Their work in supporting student wellbeing, guiding complex decision-making, and fostering a safe and supportive school environment is vital to the Seven Hills High School community. Though much of their work happens quietly behind the scenes, the impact is profound and far-reaching.

We have recently hosted two big events at our Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC). In week 3 we held the final of the Primary School Innovation Cup. This was our first year running the Innovation Cup and was the brainchild of Ms Matchett. The Innovation Cup is a unique competition for our local Year 6 primary school students and is designed to develop and showcase their General Capabilities and Work Enterprise skills. Last term we had six of our local Primary Schools compete including Quakers Hills PS, Lynwood Park PS, Doonside PS Marayong PS, Bert Oldfield PS, and Metella Road PS. All teams returned for the final and congratulations to Quakers Hills Public School who were crowned the inaugural winners of the Innovation Cup. A big thank you to Ms Matchett and all the staff that supported her in creating these amazing opportunities for our local primary schools.

Last week we hosted the MiniSkills competition also at the VIC. Miniskills is our version of the WorldSkills competition. WorldSkills is a global competition that promotes technical and vocational education and training and skills excellence through a series of competitions, advocacy, and skill development programs. Over the 3 days. Stage 6 students from across Western Sydney competed in various competitions testing their skills and knowledge against their classmates while being judged by experts from TAFE, Industry and the DoE. Competitions included Drainage, Business Services, Augmented Reality Welding, Electrotechnology and Health. Once again, a big thank you to all the staff for their involvement in what was a fantastic event and an incredible opportunity for our students.

Finally, I would like to inform you of some important changes to the school bell times that will take effect from the start of the 2026 school year. After careful consideration, we have adjusted the bell schedule to simplify the daily timetable. Key changes include:

- All class sessions will be of equal length, providing a consistent and balanced learning structure for students.
- Classes will now begin precisely on the hour or half hour, rather than a few minutes before or after, helping to create a clearer and more punctual routine.
- Lunch and recess breaks will be half an hour each, there will no longer be a Lunch 1 and Lunch 2
- Introduction of the Connect pastoral care program each morning.
- There will no longer be a late start on Wednesday (this is normally when staff professional learning would occur), the day will begin at 8.40am every day.
- Thursday will be an "Early Day" for all students with students dismissed at 2pm. These changes allow for staff professional learning to be moved from the Wednesday morning to Thursday afternoon, ensuring our staff have greater time to engage in development activities that ultimately benefit our students. Students who are unable to leave at 2pm due to reasons such as a parent's work schedule or needing to catch a school bus after 3pm will be supervised by teaching staff on this day until the usual finish time of 3pm.

Connect is a pastoral care program designed to support the well-being and personal growth of every student. Through regular small-group sessions, students build meaningful relationships with peers and caring staff, fostering a sense of belonging and community. Connect provides a safe space for students to explore social, emotional, and academic challenges, develop resilience, and enhance their communication and problem-solving skills. By promoting positive connections and wellbeing, the program helps students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

We believe that these improvements will enhance both teaching and learning experiences across the school. We will continue to communicate these changes in the lead up to the end of the year via the usual channels. Further details about the Connect pastoral care program will be shared with you all in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

A copy of the 2026 Bell Times can be found on the following page.

Thank you once again to our entire school community for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership in making Seven Hills High School such a positive and thriving place for learning.

Warm regards,
Matthew Saville

2026 School Bell Times

Week A/Week B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Connect	8.40am	8.40am	8.40am	8.40am	8.40am
1	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
2	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am
Recess	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am
3	11.30am	11.30am	11.30am	11.30am	11.30am
4	12.30pm	12.30pm	12.30pm		12.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm	1.30pm	1.30pm	12.30pm	1.30pm
5	2.00pm	2.00pm	2.00pm	1.00pm	2.00pm
Final Bell	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	2.00pm	3.00pm

Alternative Assembly Day

	Thursday A
Connect	8.40am
1	9.00am
Assembly	9.50am
Recess	10.30am
2	11.00am
3	11.50am
Lunch	12.40pm
4	1.10pm
Final Bell	2.00pm

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

On-Site Emergency/Evacuation: One continuous escalating siren and PA announcement

Lockdown Procedure: Intermittent (Woop Woop) Bell 10 seconds and PA announcement, and Intermittent (Woop Woop) Bell again

Lockout Procedure: Announcement over PA and telephone system

Accessing School Systems while Overseas

The NSW Department of Education is changing the way students access school systems. From the start of Term 4 2025, students will be blocked by default from accessing any department system including things like their school email, the student portal, or online learning platforms from outside of Australia or using a virtual private network (VPN).

The change will better protect student privacy and the reputation of the department

This is a new policy to help protect student's privacy and reduce cyber security risks for the Department of Education. We need to make sure our systems are as safe as they can be.

Do not use a virtual private network (VPN) to access department systems

VPNs can resemble unapproved overseas access or mirror cyber-criminal activity, where it might be used to create the appearance of being inside Australia. Students are not permitted use any remote access tool or VPN to access department data.

Any student who uses a VPN at school or home to access department data will be blocked by default and may have their account scrambled or locked.

What if my child is away on extended family leave?

We understand that some students may need to travel overseas for extended family leave. If this is the case for your child, the school can grant them an exemption to the new rule to make sure they can continue their learning. Please note if your child is on a family holiday or extended leave there is no expectation that the school will provide any new classwork whilst overseas.

To apply for an exemption, parent or carers can send a request to the school's general email address. Once approved, your child will be able to access their school systems for the dates of their approved leave.

Class Highlights

Year 9 Food Technology – ‘Let’s Celebrate!’ Assessment Task -

Ms Hopkins and Ms Tunks

Year 9 Food Technology students recently completed their ‘Let’s Celebrate!’ party-themed assessment task, showcasing their skills by designing and creating a celebration cake. The quality of cakes this year was truly outstanding, with students demonstrating impressive creativity, attention to detail, and technical skill. An exceptional effort and achievement from all students – congratulations on your amazing results!



Class Highlights



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Year 7 Technology visiting the Agriculture Plot

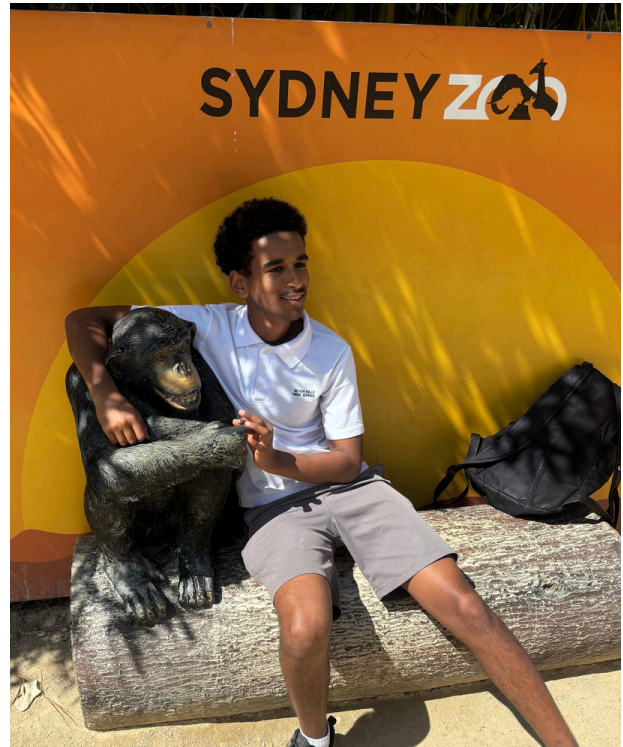


Inclusive Education

At the end of Term 3, our S1, S2, and S3 Inclusive Education classes enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Sydney Zoo in Western Sydney. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore, learn, and connect with the natural world.

Throughout the day, students and teachers moved through the exhibits together, gaining front-row views of a range of fascinating animals. The clear favourite of the day was the meerkats, who kept everyone smiling with their curious personalities and playful behaviour.

The excursion provided valuable learning experiences, supported social interaction and created special memories for everyone involved. It was a joyful day of discovery and togetherness, and we look forward to many more learning adventures like this in the future.



Halloween CosPlay event

Students and staff celebrated Halloween in the library with spooky Halloween decorations and a display of the library's horror books.

Students enjoyed participating in a Halloween CosPlay event. Best dressed prizes were awarded to: Mia Kovacs - Most Scary, Jasmine Grevett - Most Creative, and Matilda Ross - Most Original.

Students also competed for Halloween candy in a Spooky Halloween trivia contest based on the library's horror novel collection. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Special thanks to students and staff from Inclusive Education for helping make this a very successful library event.



Vocational Innovation Centre

Innovation Cup Challenge Final 2025

On Monday, 27th October, Seven Hills High School's Vocational Innovation Centre proudly hosted the inaugural Innovation Cup Challenge Final 2025!

Teams from Quakers Hill Public School, Lynwood Park Public School, Doonside Public School, Marayong Public School, Bert Oldfield Public School, and Metella Road Public School returned to take on a brand-new set of challenges designed to put their General Capabilities to the test – including problem-solving, collaboration, creative thinking, and social skills.

All students performed outstandingly on the day, showcasing teamwork, determination, and school pride throughout a very fierce competition.

Congratulations to our 2025 winners – Quakers Hill Public School!

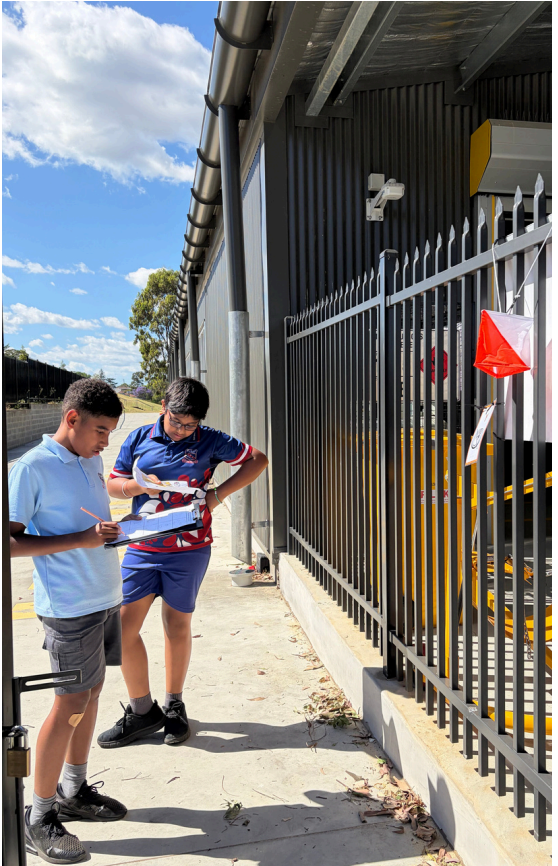
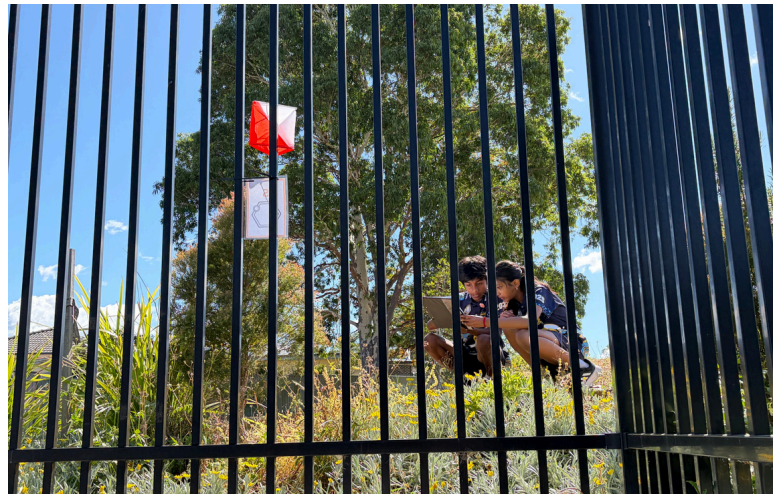
We can't wait to welcome all schools back for an even bigger challenge in 2026!



Vocational Innovation Centre







Student Pick Up Safety



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7 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to kindly remind all members of our school community about the importance of maintaining safe and orderly traffic conditions around our school during pick-up times. It has come to our attention that some parents have been double parking in the bus bay outside our Vocational Innovation Centre on Johnson Ave while waiting to pick up students at the conclusion of the school day.

Double parking and picking up students in this area not only causes traffic congestion but also creates significant safety risks for our students, families, and other road users. The driveway to the Vocational Innovation Centre is often completely blocked by cars waiting to pick up students, stopping deliveries and our school bus from entering or leaving the Vocational Innovation Centre.

To ensure the safety of everyone and to keep traffic flowing smoothly, we ask that parents avoid double parking and picking up in this location.

For your convenience, we recommend using the following alternative pick-up locations which are safer and less congested, see map on the following the page:

- Katrina St
- Northcott Ave
- Pineleigh Rd
- Linda St
- Jannarn Grove

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for our students. If you have any questions or would like further information about pick-up procedures, please contact the school office on 02 9624 3329.

Warm regards,

Matthew Saville
Principal



