



## College Update | Week 1, Term 1, 2025



Welcome  
Glad you're here!

### Welcome to Term 1

Welcome to 2025 at Whites Hill State College! I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break, filled with time to reconnect and recharge with loved ones. As we embark on this new year together, I am excited about the opportunities ahead and the shared journey of learning and growth.

Our college is built on a foundation of CARES — Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm, and Safety — and these values will continue to guide everything we do. They remind us of the importance of working together, striving for excellence, and creating a positive and respectful learning environment for all.



Whites Hill works in partnership with [The Resilience Project](#). One of the cornerstones of this program is the concept of GEM; Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Each day students engage in at least one GEM activity.

This year, our GEMS focus will remain central to our wellbeing initiatives. Through Gratitude, Emotional Literacy, Mindfulness, and self-regulation, we continue to empower students to navigate challenges, develop resilience, and build meaningful connections within our community. These qualities are key to both academic and personal success, and we encourage all students to embrace them in their daily lives.



Whether it's through our Social and Emotional initiatives such as The Resilience Project (TRP), extracurricular activities, or simply a kind word in the corridors, we want every student to feel a strong sense of belonging.

### Pedestrians and Parking

I would like to remind our students and families of traffic safety this week. We are fortunate to have a number of pedestrian crossing zones to maximise student safety. It concerns me greatly when I see students not using these pedestrian crossing zones. Drop off and pick up times are naturally busy times around our campus. The safety of our community is a priority, therefore I ask that you are aware of the no standing/drop off zones around the college perimeter.

In addition, we kindly ask all families to be mindful of our neighbours and adhere to parking rules in these narrow streets. Please avoid blocking driveways, adhere to signage, and consider parking a little further away if needed to ensure the safety and accessibility of our community. Your cooperation helps maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps everyone safe. Brisbane City Council have informed us that our college will continue to be a part of their program of school patrols during 2025.

### Student Attendance in 2025

Our transition bell rings at 8:40am with **lessons commencing at 8:45am in both Primary and Secondary sectors each day.** Please ensure that your child is ready to commence their learning at 8:45am by ensuring that they are arriving at school on time.

As we finalise our class lists and student numbers for the year it is important that student absences are recorded correctly. If your child/children are absent for the day please contact our administration office and provide a reason for this absence. Parents can inform us of student absences in the following ways:

Email [admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au)

Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704

Telephone: 3900 8370

When possible please inform the school of student absences prior to 8:45am.



We look forward to celebrating achievements, big and small, as we work together toward our shared goals. Regular updates, events, and key milestones will be communicated through our newsletters, Facebook page, and parent portal, so please stay tuned.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making Whites Hill State College a place where every student can thrive. Together, let's make 2025 a year of growth, connection, and success.

Have a fantastic week.

Kind regards

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## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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