



College Update | Week 2, Term 1, 2025

Welcome to Week 2 of the 2025 school year!

It's been wonderful to see students across all year levels settling into routines with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose. Classrooms are buzzing with learning, friendships are being rekindled and formed, and there's a real sense of connection as we embrace the opportunities this new year brings.



Our **CARES** values—Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm and Safety — are already shining through in the way students are engaging with their studies, peers, and teachers.

We're also seeing GEMS in action, with many students demonstrating Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness, and self-regulation as they navigate the start of the school year.



Upcoming Events:

Secondary Swimming Carnival – Wednesday, 5 February

Get ready for a splash of fun and friendly competition! Our Secondary Swimming Carnival is a highlight of Term 1, fostering house spirit and teamwork. Students are encouraged to participate with energy, whether competing in races or cheering from the sidelines. Don't forget your house colours, sun protection, and plenty of water.

Year 7 & New Student ID Photos – Thursday, 6 February

All Year 7 students and new secondary students will have their ID photos taken on Thursday. Full college uniform is required, with attention to neat presentation. These photos are important for student records and our college identification systems.

Investiture Ceremony – Friday, 7 February

Our annual Investiture Ceremony will take place on Friday, celebrating the induction of our student leaders for 2025. This special event acknowledges the commitment, responsibility, and leadership qualities of those chosen to represent their peers.

Families of student leaders are warmly invited to attend and share in this proud moment. Unfortunately due to restricted space in our school hall, this event will be for students in years 4 -12, however we will 'live stream' to our students in Prep – Year 3 for this special event.

P&C Family Fun Welcome Picnic – Saturday, 8 February (2:30 pm – 4:40 pm)

Join us for an afternoon of fun and connection at the P&C Family Fun Welcome Picnic!

This is a great opportunity for new and returning families to meet, relax, and enjoy our wonderful community. The picnic will be held in the **Prep Green Space**, with access via **Burn Street**. Pack a blanket, bring some snacks, and get ready for games, laughter, and the chance to make new friends.





Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **Hats**
 Whites Hill is a sun safe school. All students at the college are required to wear a WHSC hat when they are in the sun or outdoors. Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#). Uniform shop [link](#).

Student Resource Scheme

Are you signed up to the Student Resource Scheme? Participation in SRS ensures students have access to essential learning resources. SRS is also a very economical way to ensure students have resources for learning. If you would like to participate and haven't already signed up, or require further information please email admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

Student Attendance in 2025

Our transition bell rings at 8:40am with **lessons commencing at 8:45 am 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 Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704 Telephone: 3900 8370

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

As we continue to settle into Term 1, thank you for your support in helping students develop strong routines at home and at school. Together, we are building a vibrant, connected, and caring college community.

Have a fantastic week.

Kind regards
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Helpful WHSC Links

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[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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