



College Update | Week 3, Term 1, 2025

The first two weeks of the school year have flown by!

It has been wonderful to see students settling in with positivity, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to their learning. As we move forward, we look forward to seeing all students continue to embrace new challenges, set personal goals, and strive for their best throughout the year.

A Strong Start to 2025

Thank You to Our Parent Community

A heartfelt thank you in advance to our Prep - Year 7 parents and carers who will be joining us next Monday evening (17 February) for our Parent Meet and Greet event. We greatly appreciate your time, dedication, and willingness to work in partnership with us. Your involvement plays a vital role in ensuring every student is supported to reach their full potential, and we look forward to strengthening our home-school connections. Please check with your child's teacher or our office for further information.

Secondary Swimming Carnival – A Day of Spirit and Fun

Last Wednesday's Secondary Swimming Carnival was filled with energy, house spirit, and a great sense of camaraderie. A special mention to our Year 12 students, who took the lead in bringing the fun factor and encouraging participation from all year levels. Events like these showcase our inclusive and supportive school culture, and we extend our sincere thanks to the HPE team for organising such a successful day.

Student Investiture – Welcoming Our 2025 Leaders

Last Friday, we came together as a college community to officially recognise our 2025 student leaders. The Investiture Ceremony is a significant event on our school calendar, providing an opportunity to reflect on leadership in all its forms. At Whites Hill, leadership is about service—supporting others, contributing to something greater than ourselves, and making a positive impact on the future of our college. This year's student leadership theme, "*Together We Achieve*," reflects our commitment to teamwork, inclusivity, and striving for success as a united community. Congratulations to our 2025 student leaders – we are definitely looking forward to working together in support of our wonderful college community.

Thank You for a Wonderful Family Fun Picnic!

A huge thank you to our P&C and all the families who joined us for the Family Fun Picnic on Saturday. It was fantastic to see so many new and returning families come together to connect, relax, and enjoy an afternoon of fun in the Prep Green Space. Events like these highlight the warmth and inclusivity of our college community, and we truly appreciate the P&C's efforts in organising such a successful gathering. Your support and involvement make a meaningful difference, and we look forward to many more opportunities to come together throughout the year!

Looking Ahead

Academic Success – Setting Goals for Term 1

Our students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning by setting academic and personal goals. Our teachers continue to guide students in reflecting on their progress and developing positive study habits.

NAPLAN Readiness (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)

As we approach NAPLAN, preparations are underway to ensure students feel confident and well-supported. Further details will be shared with families in the coming weeks.



Wellbeing Focus – Gratitude

This week, our GEMS focus is Gratitude—recognising and appreciating the positives in our lives, both big and small. Gratitude helps build resilience, strengthens relationships, and fosters a positive mindset. We encourage students to take a moment each day to reflect on what they are thankful for, whether it's a supportive friend, a helpful teacher, or a personal achievement. By practicing gratitude, we create a culture of kindness and appreciation, making our school an even more uplifting place to learn and grow.



CARES focus this week

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.

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Our CARES focus for the week: Enthusiasm – We embrace every opportunity.

Uniform focus this week

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

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.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a positive and enriching school environment. Here's to another great week of learning and connection at Whites Hill.

Kind regards

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

What's on this fortnight

Monday 10 February	Year 11 Accounting Excursion Morning Tea for new International Families
Tuesday 11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science – Primary and Secondary Campus
Wednesday 12 February	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm - AALC
Monday 17 February	Meet the Teacher Prep – Year 7



Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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