



College Update | Week 2, Term 2, 2025

A Wonderful Start to Term 2

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back last week for what is shaping up to be another vibrant and productive term at Whites Hill. We began the term with great energy, and it has been fantastic to see students reengaging with their learning, reconnecting with friends, and embracing new opportunities.

Our Cross-Country events were a real highlight – congratulations to all students who participated with such spirit and determination. Thank you also to the staff and volunteers who made the day a success despite the rescheduling challenges experienced last term.

Our school ANZAC services were also a powerful reminder of the importance of respect, remembrance, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the many students who proudly represented our school at the community ANZAC March.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held this Monday, 28 April (Week 2). These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and set goals for the rest of the semester.

The Resilience Project – Supporting Student Wellbeing

We are proud to continue embedding The Resilience Project (TRP) across our school community. TRP focuses on teaching evidence-based strategies that promote positive mental health and wellbeing through the core pillars of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness, and Emotional Literacy. Students participate in classroom lessons, activities, and reflections that help them build resilience, cope with challenges, and foster strong, supportive relationships.



TRP@HOME

You can support your child's journey at home too, by encouraging daily conversations around gratitude, practicing mindfulness together, and recognising empathetic actions. You can find some great TRP resources for use at home [here](#).

Spotlight on Attendance

Regular school attendance gives students a better chance in life. Students achieve better when they go to school all day, every day because:

- They have increased access to learning opportunities.
- They stay connected to curriculum progression.
- They develop self-efficacy as a learner.
- They maintain friendships.
- They have better long-term life outcomes.

If students need to be absent from school, please ensure that all absences are explained.

To notify us of an absence, please call the college directly and follow the prompts for the student absentee line. When possible, please do this before 8:45am for each day your child is absent.

- Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704
- Student Absence Email: admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au
- Telephone: 3900 8370

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

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Our Term 2 Focus – Moving Forward Together

This term, we continue to bring our 2025 vision of Moving Forward Together to life. Guided by our three school priorities — Educational Achievement, Wellbeing and Engagement, and Culture and Inclusion — we are committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive.

- In Educational Achievement, we are focused on deep learning, reflective practice, and curriculum excellence, with implementation of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum well underway.
- In Wellbeing and Engagement, including initiatives like TRP, we are embedding wellbeing strategies across teaching and learning to ensure every student feels safe, motivated, and connected.
- In Culture and Inclusion, we continue building a school culture where diversity is celebrated and every student feels valued and supported.

We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to all the achievements, big and small, that Term 2 will bring. Thank you, as always, for your support, encouragement, and partnership.

Let's continue to move forward together!

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 2	
Mon 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBYHN - Health Talks Year 10 • Parent teacher meetings (interviews will be held at the College Hall on Samuel Street.)
Thurs 1 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Success Assembly
Sat 3 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Day P&C Fundraiser Stall
To volunteer: volunteersignup.org/33DML	

The Week Ahead ... Week 3	
Mon 5 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Holiday Labour Day
Tues 6 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interschool Sport
Wed 7 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thurs 8 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South District Cross Country • HALT Program - Small Steps for Hannah Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fundraiser and awareness
Fri 9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr. 7 Epilepsy Qld talk

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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 **Federal Election =
Democracy Sausage Time!**

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Parents & Citizens Association

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, CAKE & CRÊPES STALL + COFFEE VAN



SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025

6:00am–3:00pm

(1-hour volunteer shifts available)

**Serving from 8:00am,
when polls open**

(Federal Electorate: GRIFFITH)

Volunteer here: <https://volunteersignup.org/33DML>

