



College Update | Week 3, Term 2, 2025

We're now well into Term 2, and it's been heartening to see students across the college fully immersed in their learning and embracing the routines and opportunities of the term. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a positive, connected learning environment for all.

Social Media

Teaching our young people to be responsible consumers and users of social media is a team effort.

The [eSafety Commissioner](#) site has an excellent suite of resources to support our community and great information for parents and carers.

[Please use this link to access the Term 2, 2025 eSafety parents and carers webinars](#)

An overview of the term 2 schedule is presented in the graphic >.

The *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024* will introduce a mandatory minimum age of 16 for accounts on certain social media platforms, in December 2025.

If students have access to social media platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat I urge parents to read the [eSafety guides](#) published by the eSafety Commissioner. Find out more about [Social media age restrictions](#). I have placed links to two of the safety guides here [Snapchat](#) and [TikTok](#).

The following point is important one to be aware of:

- When student conduct on social media disrupts the good order and management of the school, brings the school into disrepute, or qualifies as bullying behaviour, the Whites Hill Student Code of Conduct will be used to address this behaviour.

Year 12 Biology Students Shine in Field Work Experience

On Monday 17 March 2025, our Year 12 Biology students took part in a significant component of their IA2 Student Experiment Assessment—an immersive field work day at the stunning Springbrook National Park. Under the expert guidance of staff from the Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre (NVEEC), a Department of Education facility, students visited four diverse ecological sites, gathering data for their scientific investigations.

Adding to the excitement of the day, our students were invited to feature in a new instructional video being developed by NVEEC to showcase their programs to other schools. We are delighted to share the final product here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di01m_W4uNo.

In a glowing follow-up message, the Principal and Lead Educator of NVEEC commended our students for their exemplary conduct, collaboration, and efficient approach to data collection. They also expressed their gratitude for the students' contribution to creating a high-quality resource that will assist other schools in considering NVEEC for future field work.

A heartfelt thank you to our Head of Department Science / Tech Ms Emma Scotney and our Year 12 Biology cohort, for representing our college with pride and professionalism. You continue to make us proud!

The graphic is a promotional poster for eSafety webinars. At the top, it says 'Term 2, 2025' and 'eSafety parents and carers webinars'. Below this, it invites parents and carers to join a free live webinar. It lists four topics: 'Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes)', 'Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (30 minutes)', 'eSafety 101 - how eSafety can help you (30 minutes)', and 'Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (45 minutes)'. On the right, there is an illustration of a family sitting on a couch, with speech bubbles containing icons for a location pin, a padlock, and a speech bubble. At the bottom, it provides the registration link 'eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars' and logos for the Australian Government and eSafety Commissioner.

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Mother's Day Stall for Primary Students – Wednesday 7 May

We are pleased to let you know that our annual Mother's Day Stall for Primary students will be held on Wednesday 7 May. This much-loved event is proudly organised by our hardworking P&C, who volunteer their time to give our students the opportunity to purchase a small, thoughtful gift for their mums, grandmothers, or other important special figures in their lives. Gifts will be priced affordably, and our primary students will attend the stall with their class at a rostered time throughout the day.

Please send money in a named envelope if you would like your child to take part. Please be aware that the maximum threshold per student to spend will be \$15.

We thank the P&C for their continued efforts to support community connection and fundraise for our school — your involvement makes a real difference.

The Resilience Project (TRP) – Building Emotional Awareness



TRP@HOME

This week in our wellbeing focus through The Resilience Project, students are continuing to explore the theme of Emotional Literacy — the ability to recognise, understand, and respond to emotions in ourselves and others.

Developing emotional literacy helps children express themselves more clearly, manage difficult feelings, and build stronger relationships with peers and adults. You can support this learning at home by simply asking your child how they're feeling and helping them put their emotions into words — even using a feelings chart can be helpful for younger students.

Together, we can support the social and emotional development of our students and help them build the confidence and resilience they need to thrive.

Small Steps 4 Hannah Assembly – Thursday 8 May

On Thursday 8 May, our secondary students will take part in a special Small Steps 4 Hannah Assembly. This respectful and age-appropriate event aims to raise awareness about the importance of respectful relationships and domestic and family violence prevention.

As part of the day, all students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to wear pink and bring a gold coin donation in support of the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation. This is a cause that touches many lives, and we appreciate your support as we stand together for kindness, respect, and change.

Activities throughout the day will provide opportunities for students to engage in awareness-building and inclusive events that reinforce the values of kindness, respect, and care for others.

We appreciate the support of our families as we stand together for positive change and honour the legacy of this vital campaign.

As always, thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We're looking forward to another positive and meaningful week ahead.

Supporting our French Bilingual Program

We're excited to share some great news about our French Bilingual Program. To support the program's development, we are currently recruiting for a Head of School – French Bilingual, a new leadership position that will provide direction and coordination across the bilingual pathway. We're also expanding our in-class support with additional French Bilingual Teacher Aides, who will be working closely with students and staff in bilingual settings.

I would like to recognise the outstanding contribution of Emma Van Cuylenberg, (Head of Department Curriculum – French Australian Bilingual) who has led the bilingual program across both Whites Hill SC and Tingalpa SS with remarkable dedication and skill. Emma's leadership has been central to the program's success, and we're thrilled she will continue in this work, alongside a new Head of School – French Bilingual. Together, they will form a strong, collaborative leadership team to guide our students and staff and help ensure a vibrant future for bilingual education at our college.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards,

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Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

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 – junior secondary
Wed 7 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Mother's Day Stall (for Primary students) P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Thurs 8 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South District Cross Country Whole of College Wear Pink for Hannah Day Fundraiser – Gold coin donation Years 7 – 12 HALT Program - Small Steps for Hannah Foundation
Fri 9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 7 Epilepsy Qld talk

The Week Ahead ... Week 4	
Mon 12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10BLA HP Magistrates Court excursion Primary Assembly
Tues 13 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10BLA HP Magistrates Court excursion
Fri 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Science Incursion

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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 Parents & Citizens Association

MOTHERS' DAY GIFT STALL

Term 2, Week 3:
Wednesday, 7 May 2025
Open from 8:45am to 3:00pm
ILC (Integrated Learning Centre)

Primary students will visit the stall during their class's scheduled time, as arranged by the Principal. Teachers will accompany their classes.

Gifts range from \$1-\$10 (some items up to \$15)

Cash accepted for all purchases

We can't wait to help our young shoppers surprise someone special!

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Wear Pink for Hannah Day

Thursday, 8 May

Funds raised will be donated to the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation.

- Wear pink for gold coin donation
- Donate for pink hair spraying and face painting