



## College Update | Week 6, Term 2, 2025

We've officially passed the halfway point of Term 2, and the energy across our college continues to build as students engage in learning, prepare for upcoming assessments, and take part in a wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities. It's been fantastic to see students settling into strong routines and demonstrating curiosity, effort and pride in their learning across Prep to Year 12.

We're also looking forward to one of the highlights of our school calendar—our **Twilight Expo on Monday 26 May**, from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity for both current and prospective families to visit the College and experience the learning, programs and community spirit that make Whites Hill State College so special. There will be classroom displays, student-led activities, performances, information booths and a chance to meet our dedicated staff. Whether you're looking ahead to prep or high school, or interested in the French Bilingual Program, or simply want to see what your child is part of each day, we encourage all families to come along and explore all that Whites Hill State College has to offer.

### Under 8's Day

Our Under 8's Day celebration on Thursday 22 May was an absolute delight! It was wonderful to see our youngest learners from Prep to Year 3 engaging in a variety of hands-on, creative, and joyful activities that celebrated play, discovery and community. From face painting and obstacle courses to craft corners and sensory play, the day was filled with smiles, laughter, and wide-eyed wonder. A heartfelt thank you to our staff, student leaders - including both primary and secondary students, and volunteers who made the day such a success, and to our families who joined us to share in the fun. Events like these truly highlight the warmth and connection within our school community.

### Spotlight on Attendance – Arriving on time

The school day at Whites Hill starts at 8:45am. Arriving before 8:45am ensures that all students have a settled start to the day. At 8:45am students need to be at their class and ready to start the day. We understand that sometimes unavoidable events occur in the morning and this can prevent students from arriving at school on time. If a student is going to be late for school we request:

- A parent/caregiver phone, text or email the school and provide a reasonable explanation why your child is going to be late for the day. Preferably this is done before the student arrives at school.

Attendance at Whites Hill is closely monitored, and when students demonstrate a pattern of late arrival without a justifiable reason year level CEC's will be in contact with parents/caregivers to discuss strategies to ensure that students have the opportunity to develop the habit of being on time.

### CARES Focus: Empathy – Seeing Through Someone Else's Eyes



This fortnight, our CARES value focus is Empathy – the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Empathy helps us build stronger relationships, resolve conflicts more peacefully, and create a more caring and inclusive school environment. When we take the time to listen, pause, and imagine what someone else might be feeling, we show that we value and respect them.

Empathy is not just about being kind; it's about being *present*. Whether it's offering a helping hand, standing up for someone, or simply checking in with a friend who seems quiet, small acts of empathy can make a big difference. At school, we practise empathy by listening without judgment, thinking before we speak, and treating others how we'd like to be treated.

Let's keep looking out for one another. When empathy is at the heart of our actions, we create a school culture where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported.

### A reminder about parking respectfully

As always, we ask our community to please be mindful of local residents and other families when parking near the school.

Please avoid blocking driveways, obey local signage, and keep clear of pedestrian crossings and corners.



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## College Newsletter

Our college newsletter is published in week 5 and 10 of each term.

The latest copy of our newsletter was published last week. You can read it [here](#).

## Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

### The Week Ahead ... Week 6

Mon 26 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National Sorry Day</li><li>Whole of College – Twilight Expo (3:15pm – 5:30pm)</li></ul>
Wed 28 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secondary FBP (small group) – Les Misérables (evening event)</li></ul>
Thurs 29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eco Marines Excursion - Osprey House Moreton Bay ECC</li></ul>

### The Week Ahead ... Week 7

Tues 3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secondary – Winter Interschool Sport Commences</li></ul>
Wed 4 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Big Bang Education - Prep and Year 4</li></ul>
Thurs 5 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 12 100 Days Remain of School</li></ul>

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of your child's education and of our school community. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Twilight Expo and wish you a positive and productive week ahead.

Kind regards,

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## Helpful WHSC Links

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