



College Update | Week 7, Term 2, 2025

On Monday May 26, our college was on show at our annual Twilight Open Night. WOW! It was a fantastic evening, and throughout the evening we received a steady stream of positive feedback from families who were genuinely impressed by the breadth and depth of experiences that learners at Whites Hill have access to. Many families spoke about the welcoming atmosphere, student performances in the plaza, and the evident pride that staff and students have in our college. Visitors commented on how great it was to see and to be able to discuss learning across all year levels, and many noted how the night gave them a deeper appreciation for all the WHSC has to offer. Thank you to everyone who participated on the night and contributed to making it such a great event.

Final Four Weeks of Term 2

As we enter the final four weeks of Term 2, our students continue to be involved in a wide variety of activities. The final four weeks of a semester is peak assessment time for many students. Assessment is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they can do and what they have learnt. It is important that all students continue to engage in healthy habits across the next 4 weeks, so that they can demonstrate what they know to their best of their ability. Healthy habits include movement, nutrition and sleep hygiene.

Year 12 Students

For our Year 12 students, QCAA have released the [2025 External Exam timetable](#). External exams will be held from Monday October 27 through to Tuesday November 18, 2025. On Thursday June 5, our Year 12 students will come together to mark the commencement of their final 100 days of high school. Year 12 will share breakfast and come to school in costumes that represent which pathway's they plan on entering post Year 12. We look forward to sharing this exciting morning with our year 12 students.

Spotlight on Attendance – Arriving on time

The school day at Whites Hill starts at 8:45am. Arriving at 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.

Every Minute Counts.....			
When your child misses just.....	that equals.....	which is.....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of lost learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ½ years of lost learning

Your child's best learning time is at the start of the day..... School starts at 8:45am

CARES Focus for Week 7

This week in Primary: RESPECT

We use polite and positive language.

Our **cares** focus this week

This week in Secondary: ACHIEVEMENT

We encourage and strive for success.

Our **cares** focus this week

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Imagine Believe Achieve

Artist: Danielle Leedie Gray

The Resilience Project – GEM focus this week

MINDFULNESS
Practice mindful stretching. Do some gentle stretches, playing close attention to the feelings and sensations in your body as you move.

Our **G.E.M.** focus this week

College Newsletter

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



The latest copy of our newsletter was published in week 5. You can read it [here](#).

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 7

Tues 3 June	• Secondary – Winter Interschool Sport Commences
Wed 4 June	• Big Bang Education - Prep and Year 4
Thurs 5 June	• Year 12 100 Days Remain of School

The Week Ahead ... Week 8

Tues 10 June	• Big Bang Education – Year 3 • R U Ok? Convoy – Samuel St green space.
Wed 11 June	• Big Bang Education – Year 1 and Year 2
Fri 13 June	• Year 10 Careers Expo

Upcoming Variation to Uniform Days

Upcoming

Wed 18 June	• Wear your footy jersey or State of Origin colours for game 2 of the State of Origin.
Thurs 24 th July	• Wear blue or wear a beanie for a gold coin donation – Fight MND awareness raising.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of your child's education and of our school community. We wish you a positive and productive week ahead.

Kind regards,

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Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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