



## College Update | Week 4, Term 3, 2025

At Whites Hill State College, we believe that with the right mindset, every student can achieve success. As we head towards the middle of Term 3, we know this is a crucial time in the academic journey for many of our students.

For our Year 10 students, this Monday marks the beginning of their Senior Education and Training (SET) planning—an important milestone where they begin mapping out their future pathways. We also warmly welcome our 2026 Prep families on Monday afternoon for an insight into all that our wonderful Prep environment entails. We look forward to partnering with students and families to shape goals, identify strengths, and explore future options.

Meanwhile, our Year 12 students are heading towards the final stretch of their schooling. This is both an exciting and challenging time as they complete assessments and begin to look beyond the gates of high school.

Across all year levels, students continue to work through the teaching and learning cycle, which includes assessments—working on tasks, refining drafts, and preparing for exams. This is a time that requires determination, consistency, and support.

Establishing a strong home routine can make a big difference. The resource “[10 ways to help your child with their homework](#)” is a useful tool to spark conversations about effective study habits. Creating a predictable routine helps students stay on track and build confidence in their learning.

It's also important to remind our students that success doesn't happen overnight. Behind every great achievement is a story of persistence, setbacks, growth, and effort. Progress may not always be visible immediately—but step by step, day by day, it builds.

We are proud of how far our students have come and excited about the opportunities ahead.



### Upcoming Highlights and Reminders:

- [Science Week](#) (Week 5) is almost here! Get ready for an exciting week of experiments, discoveries and STEM-based fun across the College. We're looking forward to celebrating curiosity, creativity and innovation in science with all students.
- [Children's Book Week](#) is also just around the corner (week 6), with Primary students invited to dress up and celebrate their favourite stories and characters on Fri 22 Aug.
- [School Opinion Survey](#) responses are due soon—your feedback helps shape our direction and improvement. We encourage all invited families to complete the survey if you haven't already.
- [Protected Industrial Action](#) is scheduled for [Wednesday 6 August](#). Please refer to the correspondence emailed to families on Wednesday 30 July for further information.
  - Please be aware that we will have a number of staff absent from school on this day.
  - WHSC is open for students – however it will be a supervision model and as such your child may not have their standard classroom teacher or timetable on this day.

If you have any questions, please contact our College Office.

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## Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. Our uniform is a purposeful measure by our college and the community to unite us. While deviations to this uniform may seem trivial, it sends a very clear message to others. We want all students to be in full uniform as we develop a culture of united learning and playing in our school. Please refer to Our uniform policy found on our [website](#) in regards our expectations and parent commitments to our school pride. Uniform shop [link](#).

## Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

This week, we're focusing on **Emotional Literacy** —the ability to recognise, understand, and manage our feelings.

- Think about a time when you felt **nervous**.
  - What did your body feel like?
  - Maybe your heart beat faster.
  - Maybe your tummy felt strange, or your hands were a bit shaky.
  - Maybe your mind was racing with “what ifs.”



Recognising how your body reacts to feelings is the first step in understanding them. When we know how we feel, we're better able to respond with kindness—to ourselves and to others.

This week, try checking in with yourself:

- What am I feeling right now?
- Where do I feel it in my body?
- What can I do to help myself feel calm and focused?

Big feelings are part of life. Learning how to name them, talk about them, and manage them is how we grow stronger—inside and out.

Looking forward to a wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards,

*Richenda Wagener*  
College Principal

## From our P&C



### We're on the Grill'd Local Matters board this August!

Our P&C has been selected as one of the three community groups at **Grill'd Camp Hill**—and your burger can help us win!

#### **Every burger = 1 token**

Whether you dine in or order takeaway, you'll receive a Local Matters token to vote.

#### **Here's how you can support us:**

1. Visit Grill'd Camp Hill.
2. Grab your token with your order.
3. Pop it in the *Whites Hill State College P&C* jar!

The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives **\$300**, while the others receive **\$100 each**.

Your support will help us celebrate Staff Appreciation Day this October — a special opportunity to recognise all our amazing staff as the *Drivers of Education Reform*. From teachers and aides to our admin, support, and grounds teams, every staff member plays a vital role in shaping our students' futures.

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## Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 4	
Mon 4 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep Information Session for 2026 families</li> <li>Yr. 10 SET Plans</li> <li>South District Athletics – day 1</li> </ul>
Wed 6 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hr Industrial Strike Action</li> </ul>
Thurs 7 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 12 First Aid Course</li> <li>Welcome to Mayfield SS students as they “Try Highschool for a day”</li> </ul>
Fri 8 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South District Athletics – day 2</li> </ul>

The Week Ahead ... Week 5	Science Week
Wed 13 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ekka Show Holiday</li> </ul>
Fri 15 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police Social Media Talk – Yrs 5 and 6</li> </ul>
Sat 16 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRSA Sports Aerobics Competition</li> </ul>

## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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# SCIENCE WEEK

AT WHSC

## Primary Timetable 11-15 August

<b>MONDAY</b> 11/8 Theme: The Code of Computers Coding Bag Tags Location: ILC	<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/8 Theme: The Code of Chemicals pH Testing and Colouring In Location: OSHC Grassed Area	<b>EKKA SHOW HOLIDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 14/8 Theme: The Code of Animals Scavenger Hunt and Sort Location: OSHC Area & Surrounds	<b>FRIDAY</b> 15/8 Theme: The Code of DNA Friendship Bracelets / Bag Tags Location: (morning) Flexispace (afternoon) ILC
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National Science Week 2025 theme - Decoding the Universe