



## College Update | Week 6, Term 3, 2025

### Welcome to our 2026 Prep Families

Over the past few weeks, it has been a real joy to meet many of our incoming Prep students and their families during our Prep Interviews.

For those who have not yet lodged an enrolment form for 2026, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible — we would love to meet you before our Prep Explorers program begins on Thursday 4 September.

This program is a wonderful first step in your child's learning journey at WHSC, helping them feel confident and connected before starting school. For further information, please contact our friendly school office on 3900 8333.

### Intention of Enrolment

A reminder that Intention of Enrolment online forms have been sent and we appreciate your swift response. These help us plan accurate class sizes and ensure the right ratio of staff for our 2026 enrolments. We thank the many families who have already submitted their forms and provided us with valuable information to support your child's future learning.

### Respectful Behaviour at WHSC – Everyone's Role

At WHSC, we believe that respectful relationships between students, staff, and families are the foundation of a thriving school community. Respect is more than a value — it is a daily action that shows we care about one another's learning, wellbeing, and success.

Our school day commences at 8:45am and finishes at 2:55pm, and we warmly welcome families on site to drop off and collect their children. However, we ask that all adults be mindful of their behaviour and actions while on school grounds.

Respect in our school means:

- Speaking courteously to all members of our community — students, staff, and other parents.
- Being mindful of our surroundings and the impact our noise and actions have on others.
- Supporting students to stay focused by keeping waiting areas calm and considerate.

As parents and carers, you are your child's first and most influential teacher. The way we, as adults, speak to one another, respond to challenges, and handle frustrations provides a powerful example for our young people. When children see us showing kindness, patience, and respect — even in busy or stressful moments — they learn how to carry those values into their own interactions at school and beyond.

When we work together in this way, we model the very behaviour we wish to see in our children — kindness, patience, and respect.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure WHSC remains a safe, supportive, and positive place for every learner. Together, we create the conditions for our students to achieve their best.

### Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

Our GEM focus this week is **Empathy** - the ability to understand and share the feelings of others.



We encourage everyone—students, staff, and families—to pause and reflect:

- What can you do to help out at home or school this week?
- How did that action make the other person feel?
- How did it make you feel?

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When we pause to imagine what someone else might be experiencing and then take action to support them, we build stronger connections and a kinder community. Sometimes, even small gestures — like holding a door open, helping clean up, or checking in on a friend — can make a big difference.

Remember: Empathy grows when we not only notice the needs of others, but also reflect on how our actions impact them and ourselves.

Have 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 the P&C:

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**.

## Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 6	
Mon 18 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Week (Primary focus)</li> <li>• English Week (Secondary focus)</li> </ul>
Tues 19 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interschool Sport finals (secondary)</li> </ul>
Thurs 21 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr. 12 RACQ presentation</li> </ul>
Fri 22 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Week Parade</li> </ul>

The Week Ahead ... Week 7	
Wed 27 Aug	P&C meeting @ 6:30pm in AALC
Fri 29 Aug	Wear it Purple Day – secondary only

## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

## Executive team

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## WP&C WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE Parents & Citizens Association

We're excited to host our Father's Day Stall to help our students find the perfect gift for the special father figures in their lives! ❤️👨👦👧

👨👦 Primary students will visit the stall during their class's scheduled time, accompanied by their teachers.

🎓 Senior students can shop during first and second breaks only.

💰 Gifts range from \$1 to \$10, with a maximum spend of \$20 per student.

💻 If you have any questions or need to get in touch, please email us at [pandc@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au) or chat to one of our friendly Executive Team members.



📅 **Wednesday 3 September 2025**  
that's, Term 3, Week 8!

📍 **ILC (Integrated Learning Centre)**

👨👦 We'd love your help on the day! If you're available to volunteer, please sign up here:

[volunteersignup.org/KRP37](https://volunteersignup.org/KRP37) ❤️



# FATHERS' DAY GIFT STALL

Thank you for supporting our school community, we can't wait to see the kids enjoy the joy of giving! 🎁👦👧