



College Update | Week 9, Term 3, 2025

As we move into the final stretch of Term 3, I want to take a moment to thank our families for the way you continue to partner with us in supporting every student at Whites Hill State College. With the recent Book Week celebrations, Father's Day Stall, and the 2026 Prep Explorers visits, it has been a busy and exciting time on campus.

Today (Monday 8 September), our Year 8 students head off to camp for the week — a fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork, resilience, and friendships. A big thank you in advance to our dedicated staff who make this memorable experience possible for our students.

Last week, our Year 11 students engaged in Academic Coaching and Conversations with many of our teachers and school leaders. These sessions are a valuable chance for staff and students to sit down together, reflect on learning progress, and map out future pathways. We are so proud to know each of our students and to guide them along their journey both now and into the future.

Supporting Students During Assessment and Exams

The end of term also means assessment and exam time for many of our students. We know this period can be a little stressful, and our role as a school is to help students manage their workload, stay organised, and keep perspective.

At Whites Hill, we remind students that success is not about one piece of assessment or one exam, but rather about the consistent effort they put in over time. We encourage them to focus on what they can control — preparation, effort, and mindset — and to see challenges as opportunities to learn and grow. This can be a busy and sometimes stressful time for young people, and we know that success comes not only from hard work at school, but also from the support they receive at home.

Families play a vital role — by encouraging routines at home, providing a quiet space for study, and reminding students to balance their efforts with rest, exercise, ensuring good sleep and nutrition and at times simply offering a listening ear. At school, our teachers continue to guide students with strategies for organisation, time management, and revision. By working together, we can help our students approach assessment with confidence and resilience, knowing they are supported both at school and at home. Together, families and our staff can model calmness, encouragement, and resilience, which helps students feel supported and confident in giving their best.

As we move into the final weeks of Term 3, our collective focus remains on supporting students through these assessment and exam periods.

Sunscreen in Primary Classrooms

A special note for our Primary families: each primary classroom has a large bottle of sunscreen readily available for student use. While staff are not able to apply sunscreen directly to students, children are encouraged to apply it themselves before outdoor activities. We ask families to reinforce the importance of sun safety at home by encouraging your child to use the sunscreen available in class and to bring a hat every day. Working together, we strive to build safe, lifelong sun protection habits.



Uniform focus

Maintaining high standards with our uniform is something we continually strive for together.

Our college uniform is an intentional choice, designed in partnership with our community to bring a sense of belonging and connection. Even small departures from the set uniform can speak volumes and affect how we are seen as a group. We ask all students to wear their full uniform with pride as we nurture a strong culture as a community.

- All students are subject to school expectations when they can be identified as Whites Hill State College students. This includes when they are travelling to and from school, as well as within the college grounds.

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- Each student's uniform is to be clean and presentable.
- On formal occasions, all students should wear the formal uniform (except in circumstances where uniform exemptions for medical conditions are in place).
- If a student's hair is touching or longer than the shoulder seam of the college formal shirt, it must be tied back. Hair is to be of a natural colour.
- Some points to note about jewellery:
 - 2 earrings (stud or sleeper) per ear in either lobe or helix may be worn.
 - Other piercings are not approved by the college as they can be a workplace health and safety hazard, this includes nose piercings and ear bar piercings known as industrial, scaffold or construction piercings.
 - Whilst in college uniform other piercings, existing or new, will be expected to be removed, or be pierced with a clear stud only.
- Specific details about **jewellery** can be found in the [uniform policy](#).
- For our secondary students, if a student is wearing a non-uniform item of clothing (including shoes) or missing an item, then it is their own responsibility to visit their Culture & Engagement Coordinator with an explanation before school begins. At times the administration office may be able to loan an item.

Please refer to our uniform policy found on our [website](#) in regards our student expectations and parent commitments. Uniform shop [link](#).

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



This week, our focus is on **Gratitude**.

Sometimes, the small moments are the ones that lift us the most. Think about your day yesterday or today — *what made you laugh?* Was it a funny joke from a friend, a silly moment in class, or something unexpected at home?

Laughter is a powerful reminder of the good things in our lives. Take a moment to be grateful for the people and experiences that bring you joy.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener
College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 9	Year 8 Camp Week
Mon 8 Sept	• Year 8 Campers depart
Thurs 11 Sept	• RUOK? Day
Fri 12 Sept	• Year 8 Campers return

The Week Ahead ... Week 10

Year 12 Mock Block Exams

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Tues 16 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic Practices 11A NSI Coral Reef Survey
Thurs 18 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary CARES Assembly 9-10am
Fri 19 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day Term 3 Secondary report cards emailed

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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