



## College Update | Week 1, Term 4, 2025

Welcome back to what is always one of the most exciting and rewarding terms of the year! We hope all our students, staff, and families enjoyed a restful break and are returning refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Although this first week is a little shorter with just four school days, it's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, reset routines, and refocus on our learning goals for the term ahead. Term 4 is traditionally a busy one across the College, filled with celebrations, achievements, and important milestones for students from Prep through to Year 12.

For our senior students, this term marks a particularly significant time. Friday 21 November is the official final day of attendance for Year 12 students. We are incredibly proud of how our seniors have approached their final year and look forward to celebrating their journey at the upcoming Graduation and Formal events.

For students in Years 10 and 11, Friday 28 November is the final day of attendance for 2025. These final weeks of the year will be focused on assessment completion, preparing for transitions, and setting goals for the year ahead.

Across all year levels, Term 4 will feature many celebrations, student leadership announcements for 2026, and transition activities for those moving into new phases of learning. As always, we encourage our families to stay connected through our college newsletter, Facebook page, and class communications to keep up to date with key events.

Let's make this final term of the year one of focus, gratitude, and shared celebration as we continue working together to ensure every student feels supported and inspired to achieve their best.

### School Improvement Priorities

As a reminder, our school improvement journey for 2025 continues to be shaped by our commitment to excellence, inclusion, and wellbeing.

Our three key priorities are:

- **Educational Achievement – Curriculum**
- **Wellbeing and Engagement – Pedagogy**
- **Culture and Inclusion – Case Management**

Together, these pillars support every student to thrive, every staff member to grow, and every family to feel connected to our college's purpose and progress.

### 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 our 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](#).

A few reminders for our **secondary students** and their families:

1. Skirt and short length – some students are rolling their skirts and shorts up with the goal of making these uniform items shorter. A set length has been determined for the school skirt (middle of the knee) and sports short (mid to lower thigh) to uphold the dignity of students. Students who have skirts and shorts that are too short will be verbally reminded of the required length for skirts and shorts and asked to rectify the situation. If students cannot immediately rectify the situation parent contact will be made and arrangements to replace uniform items that are not a suitable length will be discussed with parents.
2. Facial piercings – students are not permitted to have facial piercings at Whites Hill State College. This is a long-standing element of our uniform policy. If students have facial piercings, they will be asked to immediately remove the piercing. Band-Aids will be provided to students who are unable to remove piercings. The college has a supply of clear facial piercings that will be supplied to students as a once off to support them with upholding our uniform expectations.

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Imagine Believe Achieve

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### 3. Hair colour – Hair is to be of a natural colour.

If students are unable to wear their full school uniform, please email the relevant Culture and Engagement Coordinator (CEC). If at any time students require adjustments to their uniforms e.g., broken shoes, please email the relevant CEC so that an individualised adjustment/support plan can be put into place for students for an agreed period. In cases where a long-term adjustment to the uniform is required medical documentation is required to support this request/need.

### Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



This week, our focus is on **Gratitude**. *What is something at home that you are grateful for?*

Taking a moment to recognise the small things that bring us comfort, joy, or connection helps build a positive mindset and strengthens our appreciation for the people and places that matter most.

We're excited to begin another term of learning, growth, and community connection. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and our college.

Kind regards,

*Richenda Wagener*

College Principal

### Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead (current)

#### The Week Ahead ... Week 1

Mon 6 Oct	• Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 7 Oct	• Day 1 Term 4
Wed 8 Oct	• P&C Mtg @ 6:30 in AALC
Thurs 9 Oct	• Secondary Success Assembly

#### The Week Ahead ... Week 2

Tues 14 Oct	• Prep RSPCA Incursion
Fri 17 Oct	• Year 5 Incursion - UPP Leadership • Maths Mastermind - Year 6 (selected students)

#### The Week Ahead ... Week 3 Year 12 SWATVAC

Thurs 23 Oct	• Yr 9 Online Safety QPS Presentation
Fri 24 Oct	• Year 6 Lions Wellbeing presentation – Incursion

### Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

### Executive team

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