



College Update | Week 3, Term 4, 2025

We've reached Week 3 of Term 4, and it's been a busy and positive start across the College! It's wonderful to see students settled into learning routines and engaging enthusiastically in classroom activities and upcoming events. Thank you to our families for continuing to support our focus on consistent attendance and strong learning habits as we move through this important final term of the school year.

Across the coming weeks, our focus remains on both celebrating student achievements and maintaining momentum in teaching and learning. Teachers are supporting students to complete assessments, prepare for transitions, and reflect on their progress. For our senior students, this is a time to stay focused and finish well as we approach the final stages of their school journey.

Best Wishes to Our Year 12 Students

We extend our very best wishes to all of our Year 12 students as they commence their external exams. This marks the final stage of their schooling journey — a time to demonstrate all they have learned and the dedication they have shown throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of the way our seniors have prepared for this important milestone, showing focus, resilience, and determination. On behalf of the entire Whites Hill State College community, we wish them every success and remind them that we are cheering them on, every step of the way.

Bikes, Scooters, eBikes and eScooters

We love seeing so many students making active and sustainable travel choices by riding or scooting to school. To help keep everyone safe and our grounds organised, we ask that all bikes, scooters, e-bikes and e-scooters be stored in the designated bike shed area upon arrival.

Students are reminded to bring their own chain or lock to secure their property during the day. Please note that for safety and space reasons, the Administration Office is not able to store bikes or scooters, including e-devices, due to trip hazards, limited space, and battery fire risk.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following these expectations to ensure a safe and tidy environment for all.

Spotlight on Attendance

Our attendance goal for each student remains at **95%**. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and overall development. Students who attend school regularly:

- Have better academic outcomes.
- Develop essential social skills.
- Stay connected with their peers and teachers.
- Build a strong foundation for their future.

If your child needs to be absent from school, please ensure that all absences are explained. To notify us of an absence, please contact the school using the options below. When possible, please do this before 8:45am for each day your child is absent from school.

Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704

Student Absence Email: admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

Telephone: 3900 8370

Education Queensland has created a suite of school attendance resources to support parents. To access these resources, please click [here](#)

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E: admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au



Imagine Believe Achieve

Artist: Danielle Leedie Gray

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



This week, our focus is on *Mindfulness*. Take a few moments to slow down and enjoy some mindful colouring. As you colour, pay attention to the colours you choose, the stroke of your pencil, and the feeling of the pencil and paper in your hands. Notice each movement and how it helps calm your mind. Students can find some mindful colouring pages in the back of their Student Journal — a great way to pause, breathe, and bring your focus back to the present moment.

The coming weeks will bring a number of exciting events, including end-of-year concerts, transitions, and celebrations of learning. Families are encouraged to keep an eye on our college website calendar for the most up-to-date information. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support — together we are creating a strong, connected school community where every student has the opportunity to shine.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead (current)

The Week Ahead ... Week 3 Year 12 SWOTVAC
Pool Water Safety Lessons Commence – Primary Students

Fri 24 Oct • Year 6 Lions Wellbeing presentation – Incursion

The Week Ahead ... Week 4 Secondary External Exams

Wed 29 Oct • P&C Mtg @ 6:30pm online only

Thurs 30 Oct • Yr 11 Lovebites – Incursion

Fri 31 Oct • Day for Daniel – wear red

Helpful WHSC Links

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[Uniform Shop information](#)

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