



College Update | Week 8, Term 4, 2025

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4. As we approach the final stretch of the 2025 school year, our campus continues to be filled with celebrations, learning, and meaningful milestones across our Prep–12 community. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership during this busy time.

Year 12 Graduation – Congratulations to the Class of 2025

Last Friday, 21 November, we gathered as a community to farewell and celebrate our Year 12 students at their official graduation. It was a truly special occasion, marking the end of their school journey and the beginning of exciting futures ahead.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements, resilience, and growth, and thank the families and staff who supported them throughout their time at WHSC.

Final Attendance for Year 10 and 11 Students

A reminder that this Friday, 28 November, is the final day of attendance for Year 10 and Year 11 students.

We congratulate all students on their effort and commitment this year and encourage them to use the upcoming break to rest, reset, and prepare for the opportunities that 2026 will bring.

Remaining Weeks for Prep – Year 9

For students in Prep to Year 9, there are three school weeks remaining before the summer holidays. Many families have already informed us of early departures—thank you. If your child will be finishing earlier than the scheduled end of year, please notify us as soon as possible. Early communication helps us plan effectively for curriculum, supervision, and end-of-year organisation.

To notify us of absences:

- **Email:** admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au
- **Text (Student Absence):** 0428 632 704
- **Phone:** 3900 8370

Planned Industrial Action – Tuesday 25 November (supervision model)

Further to previous communication regarding the planned industrial action by members of the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) on Tuesday, 25 November 2025, we confirm the following arrangements:

- The school will remain open, however normal classes will be disrupted (this will mean that students may not have their regular teacher or be in their regular classroom for the day / lesson).
- A reduced number of staff will be onsite.
- Supervision and safety arrangements have been put in place to support all students throughout the day.

Students who are absent (and have notified of absence) will not receive an absence penalty for this day. **NB** – please refer to Year 10 exam details below where attendance is compulsory.

Year 10 Exams – Proceeding as Scheduled

The Year 10 exams planned for Tuesday 25 November will continue as follows:

- **Year 10 Science** 8:55 am – 11:15 am, ILC
- **Year 10 Visual Art** 11:45 am – 12:55 pm, ILC

In line with normal exam block procedures, **attendance at exams is compulsory. Year 10 students will depart once they have completed their exam.**

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AAFEBS Conference

Last week, some teachers from our French Bilingual Program, along with myself, attended the AAFEBS Conference in Canberra.

It was a valuable professional learning experience, connecting with educators from across Australia who deliver bilingual programs similar to ours. We also had the opportunity to visit classrooms at Telopea Park School and Narrabundah College, gaining insight into diverse approaches to high-quality bilingual programs. We look forward to incorporating these learnings as our own program continues to grow.

Preparing for 2026 – Uniform Shop

As we move toward the end of the year, it's a great time to start preparing for 2026. The Uniform Shop experiences a very busy period leading up to school return, with many new families requiring fittings.

To assist our existing families, we strongly encourage you to organise any uniform items needed for 2026 during Term 4.

The **Uniform Shop will have extra opening days during the last two weeks of Term 4** and extended hours in the week prior to school returning in 2026.

Please visit our college [website](#) to view these extended hours and access all other uniform information. Planning ahead now will ensure a smooth and stress-free start to the new school year.

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



This week, we are focusing on *Emotional Literacy*. Take a quiet moment to pause and check in with yourself.

How are you feeling right now, in this moment—and why?

Noticing and naming our emotions helps us understand ourselves better and supports healthier choices, stronger relationships, and a calmer mindset throughout the day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing engagement with our college community. We look forward to a positive and productive Week 8 as we move toward the end of another successful school year. Looking forward to a wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead (current)

The Week Ahead ... Week 8		Yr. 10 Exam Block
Tues 25 Nov	• Queensland Teachers Union - Planned Industrial Action (supervision model)	
Thurs 27 Nov	• Yr. 10 RACQ incursion	
Fri 28 Nov	• Yr. 10 / 11 Movie World excursion • Last day for Year 10 and Year 11 students	

The Week Ahead ... Week 9	
Mon 1 Dec	• Yr. 6 Spark Lab Incursion
Tues 2 Dec	• Year 7 in 2026 <i>Meet and Greet</i> Day • Primary Student Leaders speeches and voting • <i>Day 1 Ready</i> Yr 6 into Yr. 7 – Parent Q&A Session –5:00pm to 5:45pm (via Teams)
Thurs 4 Dec	• P-6 Awards assembly 9:30 am event concluded by ~ 11:00am • Yr. 9 Online Safety – QPS Incursion
Fri 5 Dec	• P-6 Colour Run – please refer to Primary Update for further information • <i>Miracle on Samuel Street</i> (P-6 concert after school)

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The Week Ahead ... Week 10

Mon 8 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P – 3 Swimming Carnival Yr. 6 Graduation Yr. 9 Lovebites Incursion
Tues 9 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 6 Big Day In <i>Shuffle Up</i> for students in Prep – Year 5
Wed 10 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 6 Swimming Carnival Yr. 9 Dinner Dance
Thurs 11 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 7 / Yr. 8 Dreamworld excursion
Fri 12 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of School Year

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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