

# Whites Hill State College

PREP – YEAR 12

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## College Update | Week 2, Term 1, 2026

Welcome to Week 2 of the 2026 school year at Whites Hill State College!

It has been wonderful to see students across all year levels settling into routines with positivity, purpose and a growing sense of belonging. Classrooms are alive with learning, friendships are being re-established and formed, and there is a strong sense of connection as we build momentum for the year ahead.

Our 2026 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) has a clear focus on knowing our students well, strengthening engagement, building consistency in expectations, and supporting wellbeing for all. These priorities are already evident in classrooms and learning spaces across the college as staff and students work together to establish strong foundations for learning.



Our CARES values — Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm and Safety — continue to guide daily interactions and expectations. We are seeing these values reflected in the way students are engaging with their learning, supporting one another and taking pride in being part of the Whites Hill community.

**cares** We are also seeing GEMS in action, with students demonstrating Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and self-regulation as they navigate the start of the school year. These skills are central to our wellbeing approach and play an important role in supporting learning, resilience and positive relationships.



### Upcoming Events:

#### Student ID Photos – Thursday, 5 February

New students will have their ID photos taken on Thursday. Full college uniform is required, with attention to neat presentation. These photos are important for student records and our college identification systems.

#### Investiture Ceremony – Monday 9 February

Our annual Investiture Ceremony will be held on Monday 9 February, celebrating the induction of our 2026 student leaders. This important event acknowledges the commitment, responsibility and leadership shown by students selected to represent their peers.

Families of student leaders are warmly invited to attend. Due to space limitations in the school hall, this event will be attended by students in Years 5–12, with the ceremony live streamed to students in Prep–Year 4 so all students can share in this special occasion.

#### P&C Family Fun Welcome Picnic – Saturday, 14 February (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)



Join us for an afternoon of fun and connection at the P&C Family Fun Day Welcome Picnic!

This is a great opportunity for new and returning families to meet, relax, and enjoy our wonderful community. The event will be held in the Prep Green Space, with access via Burn Street. Pack a blanket, a chair, bring some snacks, or enjoy the sausage sizzle and crepes available, and get ready for games, laughter, and the chance to make new friends. Thank you to our P&C for this wonderful college community event for all ages.

### Uniform Focus

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **Hats**

Whites Hill is a sun safe school. All students at the college are required to wear a hat when they are in the sun or outdoors. Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#). Uniform shop [link](#).

### Student Resource Scheme

Are you signed up to the Student Resource Scheme? Participation in SRS ensures students have access to essential learning resources. SRS is also a very economical way to ensure students have resources for learning. If you would like to participate and haven't already signed up, or require further information please email [admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au)

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## Back to School Boost (Primary Students)

The Queensland Government's Back to School Boost is available to support families with Primary-aged students (Prep to Year 6). This initiative provides financial assistance to help with the costs associated with school expenses such as uniforms, books, stationery and other educational resources.

At Whites Hill State College, Secondary students (Years 7–12) have been part of the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) for a number of years, therefore the Back to School Boost is a Primary-only initiative. Further information about eligibility and how the Back to School Boost can be accessed is available via the Department of Education, and we encourage Primary families to review these details to ensure they can take advantage of this support.

## Student Attendance in 2026

Our transition bell rings at 8:40am with **lessons commencing at 8:45 am in both Primary and Secondary sectors each day**. Please ensure that your child is ready to commence their learning at 8:45am by ensuring that they are arriving at school on time.

As we finalise our class lists and student numbers for the year it is important that student absences are recorded correctly. If your child/children are absent for the day please contact our administration office and provide a reason for this absence. Parents can inform us of student absences in the following ways:

Email [admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au)

Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704

Telephone: 3900 8370

When possible please inform the school of student absences prior to 8:45am.

As we continue to settle into Term 1, thank you for your ongoing support in establishing strong routines and positive habits for learning. Together, guided by our AIP priorities, CARES values and shared commitment to wellbeing, we are building a college community that is connected, supportive and has high-expectations for 2026.

Have a fantastic week.

Kind regards

*Richenda Wagener*

College Principal

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

The Week Ahead ... Week 2	
Mon 2 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Based Health Nurse – Year 11 Talks</li></ul>
Wed 4 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Character Builders – <i>incursion</i></li><li>Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm</li></ul>
Thurs 5 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ID photos for new students</li><li>Year 7 Character Builders – <i>incursion</i></li></ul>
Fri 6 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 12 Biology Excursion – Numinbah Valley EEC</li><li>Year 7 Character Builders – <i>incursion</i></li></ul>

The Week Ahead ... Week 3	
Mon 9 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Investiture Ceremony</li></ul>
Tues 10 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yr. 11 Accounting Forum</li></ul>
Wed 11 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internation Day of Women and Girls in Science</li></ul>
Thurs 12 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>South District Swimming</li><li>Women in STEM</li></ul>
Fri 13 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Valentines Day initiative – secondary</li></ul>
Sat 14 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>P&amp;C Family Fun Day Picnic 2:00-5:00pm</li></ul>

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## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

## Executive team

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Join us for a day full of joy and laughter!  
An initiative from our P&C

*Bubble Show!* *Exciting Activities!*

# Family FUN DAY

**Sausage Sizzle  
Crepes  
The WHSC Coffee Van**

 Saturday  
14 February 2026

 Time  
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Held on site at WHSC - in the Prep Area on Burn Street.  
Bring your BBQ chairs and a rug.

