



College Update | Week 4, Term 1, 2026

Imagine Believe Achieve

Our 2026 Student Leadership Investiture Ceremony was a proud and significant occasion for our college community. Each year, this event provides an opportunity not only to formally recognise our student leaders, but to reaffirm the mindset and values that shape leadership at Whites Hill State College.

Our 2026 leadership theme is anchored in our enduring motto: Imagine. Believe. Achieve. These three words are more than a statement, they are a signpost for our students. They remind us that leadership begins with imagination, is strengthened by belief, and is realised through achievement in action.

In addressing our community, I reflected on what leadership truly means.

Leadership is not defined by a badge, a title or a single defining moment. It is found in the everyday choices, the quiet encouragement, the inclusive gesture, the courageous decision to stand up for what is right.

These seemingly small actions accumulate to create cultures of belonging and high expectations. Leadership, at its heart, is an act of service.

To imagine is to see possibility — not only for yourself, but for others.

To believe is to back yourself with courage, discipline and resilience — particularly when the pathway feels challenging.

To achieve is to take consistent action, knowing that growth requires effort.

Our leaders were reminded that courage is not always comfortable. It requires vulnerability, teamwork, curiosity and a willingness to learn. No one leads alone. Strong leadership depends on connection, trust and a shared commitment to lifting others.

The words of Theodore Roosevelt, capture the spirit of courageous leadership:

“It is not the critic who counts... The credit belongs to the one who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly... who at the worst, if they fail, at least fails while daring greatly.”

This quote speaks powerfully to our students. Leadership is not about perfection. It is about stepping into the arena trying, striving, learning and growing. It is about having the courage to imagine something better, to believe you can contribute, and to act in ways that strengthen our community.

Mindset remains central. While we cannot control every circumstance, we can choose how we respond. When students shift from “impossible” to “I’m possible,” they open doors to growth and achievement. Fear of failure can limit dreams, but effort, reflection and resilience transform them into reality.

We congratulate our 2026 student leaders and look forward to working alongside them as they model service, courage and high expectations. Together, as a college community, we will continue to Imagine boldly, Believe deeply and Achieve collectively.

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P&C - Family Fun Day - Postponed

Mindful of the forecast weather conditions, our P&C Association has made the decision to postpone the Family Fun Day event that was scheduled for this Saturday. The event will now be held on: Saturday 28 February (2:00pm – 5:00pm).

We thank our P&C for their proactive planning and commitment to ensuring a safe and enjoyable event for our community. We look forward to gathering later in the month!

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Kind regards

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Week Ahead (current)

The Week Ahead ... Week 4	
Mon 16 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Based Health Nurse – Year 11 Talks
Wed 18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm

The Week Ahead ... Week 5	
Mon 23 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 5/6 Camp - Gold Coast Recreation Centre School Based Health Nurse – Year 8 Talks
Tues 24 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 5/6 Camp - Gold Coast Recreation Centre AFL boys trials for district sport (sec)
Wed 25 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 5/6 Camp - Gold Coast Recreation Centre Netball trials for district sport (sec) AFL girls trials for district sport (sec) Yr. 10 vaccination Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm
Thurs 26 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRIP Leadership Day
Fri 27 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Newsletter – First Edition for 2026

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