

Whites Hill State College

PREP – YEAR 12

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College Update | Week 6, Term 1, 2026

As we move into Week 6, there is a strong sense of momentum across Whites Hill State College. Our classrooms remain focused and purposeful, and students are demonstrating increasing confidence in their learning routines. This is the point in the term where consistency, effort and resilience become especially important, and it has been wonderful to see our students rising to that challenge.

Across Prep to Year 12, our commitment to strengthening implementation in 2026 is evident. Explicit teaching, consistent routines and a deliberate focus on reading continue to anchor learning in every classroom. These foundations matter. When we strengthen what happens in every lesson, every day, student achievement follows.

Educational Achievement

Our focus on reading and strong literacy practices remains central. From early years phonics and decoding to comprehension and analytical skills in Secondary, our staff are working intentionally to build confident and capable highly literate young people. Families can support this work at home through regular reading, discussion and encouraging positive study habits.

For our Secondary students, assessment schedules are now well underway. Planning ahead, using class time effectively and seeking clarification early are key strategies for success as we approach the latter half of term.

Belonging and Engagement

High expectations are always paired with high support. Our staff continue to prioritise positive classroom cultures where students feel safe, known and valued.

Attendance remains a key focus, every day of learning counts. Thank you to families for supporting punctuality and consistent attendance. Strong routines established now set students up for long-term success.

We also remind families of the importance of respectful interactions, both in person and online. Our college values of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm and Safety (CARES) guide how we learn and interact together.

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2026 PRIORITIES

Annual Implementation Plan

School Priority 1
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Strengthen high-quality, high-impact evidence-informed curriculum instruction across Prep to Year 12 to improve student achievement, with a deliberate focus on reading through the Australian Curriculum in Prep /1 and junior secondary (intentionality Year 6 into Year 7).

- Consistent, high-quality enactment of the intended curriculum across P-12
- Strong, Explicit Instruction (research based) embedded across learning areas

School Priority 2
BELONGING AND ENGAGEMENT

Embed inclusive, high-impact pedagogical practices that respond to data, support engagement and wellbeing, and strengthen learning outcomes for all students with a focus on strong Tier 1 implementation.

- Positive transitions into secondary schooling
 - Responding to the changing needs of adolescent learners to support every student
- Building respectful and reciprocal relationships and collaborative partnerships with EOCs
 - Fostering positive transitions into Prep and supporting the continuity of learning

Strengthen inclusive systems and case management to ensure equitable access, improved attendance, and positive learning outcomes for all students

Creating an environment where every student can succeed, where we empower each other, and where everyone feels connected.

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P&C Family Fun Day – Postponed (again!)



It seems the weather has decided it would also like to have a say in our calendar this term.

Unfortunately, due to the current forecast, the P&C Family Fun Day scheduled for **Saturday 28 February has been postponed.**

While we are disappointed (and slightly suspicious of the rain clouds by now!), the safety and comfort of our families always come first. We sincerely thank our P&C for their flexibility and ongoing commitment to bringing our community together, and we look forward to confirming a new date soon, hopefully with sunshine firmly on our side. Stay tuned for updated details!

AEFE Inspection for Accreditation – Primary (Prep to Year 3)

Sincere thanks to our parents, staff and students who were involved in supporting the recent AEFE inspection visit. Your openness and pride in our French Bilingual Program were evident throughout the process. A very special thank you to Mme Emma Van Cuylenberg for her significant leadership, preparation and coordination behind the scenes, her dedication to the program and our students is deeply appreciated. We now look forward to receiving the official outcome in June/July.

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NAPLAN Readiness (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9) | 11 - 18 March

As we approach NAPLAN, preparations are well underway to ensure students feel confident and well-supported. 2026 NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers and schools can determine how well young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning. NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, so the best preparation is learning what we do in the classroom every day.

Read the [NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers](#). To see the format of the online tests, visit the [public demonstration site](#).

Year 5 / 6 Camp

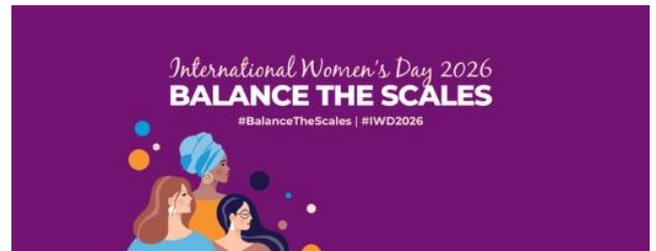
Our sincere thanks to our staff, Miss Hollands, Miss Chippendale, Mr Metcalf, Mrs Ludwick, Mrs McConnell, Mr Jessup, and Mr Shay who accompanied our Year 5 and Year 6 students on camp.

School camps provide invaluable opportunities for growth, independence, teamwork and resilience, experiences that remain with students long after they return to the classroom. These opportunities are only possible because of the dedication of our staff, who generously give their time and spend nights away from their own families so that our students can enjoy new challenges, shared experiences and lasting memories. We thank them for their commitment to our students.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day 2026 reminds us that *"Balance the Scales"* is more than a theme, it is a promise that every woman and girl deserves to feel safe, heard and empowered to shape her own future. While progress continues, unjust laws, policies and ingrained barriers still exist across the world, limiting fairness and opportunity.

As a college community, we reaffirm our commitment to equity, respect and inclusion, and to fostering a culture where every student is encouraged to imagine boldly, believe in their potential and achieve without limitation. Our secondary students will be participating in a special assembly this Thursday, with a breakfast then held Friday morning for students in years 5 – 12.



Student Attendance

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.

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

Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704

Telephone: 3900 8370

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

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Kind regards

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Important Date Claimers for the Week Ahead (current)

The Week Ahead ... Week 6	
Mon 2 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Based Health Nurse – Year 8 Talks
Wed 4 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm
Thurs 5 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women’s Day assembly (secondary)
Fri 6 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women’s Day 2026 breakfast for students 8:00-8:30 (Yrs. 5 – 12) NAPLAN practice test Summer Senior Gala Day

The Week Ahead ... Week 7	
Tues 10 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby League Trials for district sport
Wed 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9) Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm
Thurs 12 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)
Fri 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)

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[Uniform Shop information](#)

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