



## College Update | Week 7, Term 1, 2026

As we move into Week 7 of Term 1, our college community continues to demonstrate the spirit of belonging, effort and connection that makes our college such a special place to learn and grow. The coming weeks bring a number of important academic events, opportunities for community connection, and moments to celebrate the hard work of our students and staff.

### NAPLAN – Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN testing from Wednesday 11 March.

Our message to students is simple: try your best, stay calm and approach each test with a positive mindset. NAPLAN is just one snapshot of learning, and our teachers have been preparing students with the skills they need.

Parents can support students during this period by helping maintain simple routines such as:

- A good night's sleep
- Healthy breakfasts and balanced meals
- Encouragement and reassurance

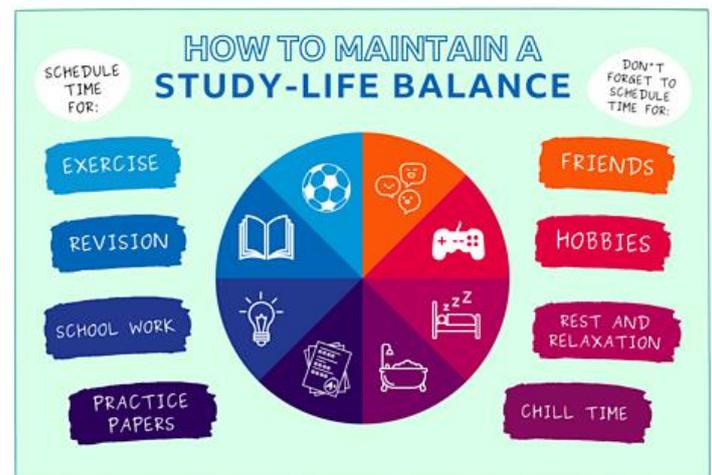
### Secondary Exams – Preparation and Balance

The coming weeks also see the commencement of assessment and exam periods for our secondary students.

While this is an important time academically, it is equally important that students maintain balance and wellbeing. Many of our senior students juggle study commitments alongside part-time work, sport and family responsibilities, and learning how to manage these demands is an important life skill.

A few helpful reminders for students during this period include:

- Plan study time in manageable blocks
- Maintain healthy sleep routines
- Continue eating well and staying hydrated
- Balance study with time to relax and recharge



Our staff are always available to support students in developing organisation, study habits and resilience as they work through these busy weeks.

### P&C Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 18 March

Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) plays a vital role in strengthening the partnership between families and the college.

The P&C General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on: Wednesday 18 March – 6:30 pm in our AALC (WHSC) or via [TEAMS](#).

All parents and community members are warmly invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the work of the P&C, share ideas, and support the initiatives that benefit our students.

### P&C Family Fun Day - Saturday 21 March

We are also looking ahead to Saturday 21 March, with fingers crossed for clear blue skies and great weather as our community gathers for this upcoming event. These occasions are always a wonderful reminder that a school is more than classrooms and curriculum, it is about community, connection and shared experiences.

### Belonging and a Positive Mindset

As we approach these busy weeks of NAPLAN, exams and college events, it is important that our students remember they are part of a supportive learning community.

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Success is not just about results, it is about effort, persistence and learning from every experience. With encouragement from families and the support of our staff, our students are well positioned to approach these upcoming opportunities with confidence and a positive mindset.

Together, we continue to build a community where every student belongs, is supported, and is encouraged to achieve their best.

## 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](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.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Kind regards

*Richenda Wagener*

College Principal

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

### The Week Ahead ... Week 7

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

### The Week Ahead ... Week 8

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| <b>Mon 16 March</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)</li> <li>Golf trials for district sport</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tues 17 March</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wed 18 March</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN Testing (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)</li> <li>Flexible Timetable finish for eligible Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 12:55pm</li> <li>P&amp;C AGM and GM – 6:30pm</li> </ul> |

## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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