



## College Update | Week 6, Term 2, 2026

### Imagine. Believe. Achieve.

As we move into Week 6, it has been wonderful to see the continued sense of purpose and positivity across Whites Hill State College. Students remain engaged in their learning, classrooms are focused and productive, and there continues to be a strong sense of connection and belonging throughout the college.

With the cooler weather finally arriving, we hope families have had the opportunity to enjoy the recent sunshine and crisp mornings. The winter chill has certainly arrived, and with this comes a timely reminder about correct winter uniform expectations and ensuring each of our students are prepared for the day ahead.

### Open Day & Twilight Expo – Monday 25 May

We are excited to warmly welcome current and prospective families to our upcoming Primary Open Day and Secondary Twilight Expo on Monday 25 May.

#### Primary Open Day 8:50am – 10:45am

Families interested in enrolling new students into our Primary years are invited to explore classrooms, meet staff and experience the strong sense of belonging and learning within our Primary precinct.

#### Secondary Twilight Expo - 3:15pm – 5:30pm

Our Secondary Twilight Expo is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many pathways, programs and opportunities available across Years 7–12.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, visitors will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in guided campus tours
- Experience interactive learning displays and demonstrations
- Meet our enthusiastic staff and student leaders
- Explore subject areas, specialist programs and extracurricular opportunities
- Learn more about our French Bilingual Program and wider college offerings

Families will also have the opportunity to experience performances and showcases from our talented students, including our highly successful Sports Aerobics teams and a range of engaging learning area displays.

Most importantly, these events provide an opportunity to experience the strong community spirit that makes Whites Hill State College such a welcoming and inclusive place to learn.

We certainly have a wonderful “village” at Whites Hill, and we look forward to welcoming both current and future families to our college community.

### Celebrating Under 8’s Day

Friday’s Under 8’s celebrations were truly spectacular. It was wonderful to see our Prep to Year 2 students enthusiastically engaging in the wide range of activities alongside their families and staff.

A special highlight was welcoming several of our local Early Childhood Centres and their little learners to our college. Events such as these are a wonderful reminder of the importance of play, curiosity, creativity and connection in the early years of learning.

Thank you to our Deputy Principal Primary Mrs Cowley, our dedicated Early Years staff for the tremendous organisation behind this wonderful event, alongside our Head of School Primary Mrs Cuskelly for their leadership and support throughout the morning. A special thank you also to Mr Fontana for keeping the coffee flowing from the coffee van, Ms Hanson and the Secondary Science team for the fabulous hands-on science experiments, and our outstanding Secondary student volunteers whose enthusiasm, leadership and support across the activities added so much to the day.

Most importantly, thank you to the many families and community members who joined us in making the celebration such a positive, vibrant and memorable occasion for our youngest learners.

# Whites Hill State College

PREP – YEAR 12

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## Spotlight on Attendance – Arriving on Time Matters

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential habits for student success.

The school day at Whites Hill State College begins at **8:45am**, and students are expected to be at class and ready to learn at this time. Arriving on time allows students to settle calmly into the day, connect with their peers and teachers, and begin learning positively and successfully.

We understand that occasionally unavoidable circumstances may impact arrival times. If your child is going to be late, we ask that parents and caregivers:

- Contact the college via phone (3900 8333), text (0428 632 704) or email
- Provide a reasonable explanation for the late arrival
- Where possible, notify the school prior to the student arriving

Attendance and punctuality continue to be closely monitored across the college. Where students demonstrate ongoing patterns of late arrival without a reasonable explanation, our year level teams will work with families to support improved routines and attendance habits.

Developing strong attendance habits is an important life skill and directly supports student engagement, achievement and wellbeing.

### Every Minute Counts.....

When your child misses just.....	that equals.....	which is.....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ year of lost learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ½ years of lost learning

Your child's best learning time is at the start of the day..... School starts at 8:45am

## Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 6	
<b>Mon 25 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Open Morning</li> <li>Secondary Twilight</li> <li>Basketball Trials for district sport</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 26 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sorry Day</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 27 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Simultaneous Storytime</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 28 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep Vision Screening (Q Health)</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 29 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep Vision Screening (Q Health)</li> <li>Careers Expo (Yr. 10 and 12)</li> </ul>

The Week Ahead ... Week 7 - National Reconciliation Week	
<b>Thurs 4 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Cricket Trials for District Sport</li> <li>100 days remain for our Yr. 12 students</li> <li>Character Builders Year 9</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 5 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball Trials for district sport</li> <li>Winter Senior Gala Day</li> </ul>

Kind regards,

*Richenda Wagener*  
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WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE

**PRIMARY**

**OPEN DAY**

Monday, 25 May 2026

8:50-10:45am

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**THIS EVENT IS FOR FAMILIES LOOKING TO ENROL AT WHSC**



WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE

**SECONDARY**

**TWILIGHT EXPO OPEN DAY**

Monday, 25 May 2026

3:15-5:00pm

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