



College Update | Week 1, Term 3, 2026

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We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 13 July for the commencement of Term 3.

As students enjoy a well-earned holiday break, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. Term 3 is always a busy and exciting term, with many opportunities for students to learn, perform, compete and achieve across all areas of college life.

Synapses Ignite

What an incredible evening our annual Synapses Ignite event proved to be.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported this wonderful showcase of student creativity, talent and innovation. The quality of work on display throughout the evening was truly exceptional and a testament to the dedication of both our students and staff.

From stunning visual art installations and digital media productions to live performances, photography, sound engineering and multimedia presentations, our Secondary students once again demonstrated why the Arts continue to be such a strength of our college. The professionalism, creativity and technical expertise on display was genuinely first class.

Our Strings and Band performances were outstanding and showcased the countless hours of rehearsal, commitment and passion invested by both students and staff throughout the semester.

One of the highlights of the evening was the involvement of our Primary students, who joined Synapses Ignite for the first time. The energy and enthusiasm generated by the Bucket Drumming and Primary Choir performances was simply fantastic.

We were absolutely blown away by the number of Primary families who attended to support our young performers. The level of community support was extraordinary and reinforced the importance of creating opportunities for students to showcase their talents.

In fact, the response was so overwhelming that planning has already begun for next year's event, including exploring alternative performance spaces to better accommodate the incredible number of supporters attending our Primary performances.

A sincere thank you to every student, staff member, volunteer and family who contributed to making Synapses Ignite 2026 such a memorable success. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, belonging and achievement.

School Photos – Friday 18 July

A reminder that School Photo Day will take place on Friday 18 July (Week 1, Term 3).

Students are asked to:

- Wear their full and correct college uniform
- Present neatly in accordance with college expectations (including jewellery and hair expectations)
- Arrive on time for class and photography schedules

Sibling photographs will occur between 8:00am and 8:45am and must be pre-ordered.

Further information regarding photo orders has been distributed to families.

Term 3 Parent Teacher Meetings

Once again, we will be holding our parent teacher interviews for all students Prep – Year 12, over one evening on **Monday 20 July** in the hall.

Interviews are strictly 13 minutes in duration. In addition, the scheduled times on Monday will be for physical interviews only and if you prefer a phone interview, again, please contact your child's teacher directly for a mutually convenient time on an alternate day.



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Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **gyzj2**.

Bookings will:

- **OPEN** on Monday 13 July from 9:00am *and*
- **CLOSE** on Friday 17 July at 9.00am

Uniform Focus

As we prepare to commence a new term, we ask all families to support our college's uniform expectations.

Wearing the correct uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride and connection to our college community. It also ensures consistency and equity across our Prep to Year 12 setting.

As the weather cools, please ensure students are wearing approved college uniform items, including approved outerwear where required.

Thank you to families for your ongoing support of our P&C endorsed Uniform Policy.

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 1 TERM 3 NAIDOC Week of Acknowledgement	
Mon 13 July	• First day term 3
Wed 15 July	• 100 Days of Prep
Thurs 16 July	• Yr 10 Digi Tech students <i>Big Day In</i> – UQ Excursion • Play and Learn 9:15 -10:00am for our 2027 Prep families
Fri 17 July	• Photo Day Advancedlife online portal

The Week Ahead ... Week 2 TERM 3	
Mon 20 July	• Parent Teacher Meetings - Hall
Fri 24 July	• Sports Aerobics – FISAF QLD State Championships • Yr. 7 excursion (Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium) • Bastille Day acknowledgement

Every student. Every classroom. Every day.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Helpful WHSC Links

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