



College Update | Week 2, Term 3, 2026

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Welcome back to Term 3. It has been wonderful to see students return refreshed and ready for another term of learning, growth and opportunity. Across the college, classrooms have quickly settled into productive routines, and there is a positive sense of energy as students reconnect with friends, teachers and learning.

Term 3 is always a significant term in the school calendar, with many academic, cultural, sporting and community events ahead. We look forward to another successful term as we continue our focus on educational achievement, belonging and engagement across our Prep to Year 12 college.

Staffing Update – Secondary Leadership

As many families know, Mrs Samantha Hawkins has had her appointment as Principal of Holland Park State High School extended for Term 3.

This provides another opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Mark Granrose for his outstanding work throughout Semester 1 as Acting Head of School – Secondary. Mark's leadership, support of staff and students, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to Whites Hill State College have been greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mark, for stepping up and making such a significant contribution to our college community. Mark returns to his position of Deputy Principal – Secondary.

Following a selection process, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Kyle Jones as Acting Head of School – Secondary for Term 3.

Kyle brings extensive experience as a Deputy Principal and Acting Principal across a number of secondary schools, along with deep knowledge of curriculum, pedagogy, school improvement and student engagement. He will officially commence with us on Monday 20 July, and we are excited to welcome him to the Whites Hill community.

Please join me in making Kyle feel welcome as he begins his time at Whites Hill State College. We look forward to the experience, expertise and leadership he will bring to our Secondary sector during Term 3.

School Opinion Survey (SOS)

Each year, Queensland state schools participate in the School Opinion Survey (SOS), one of the Department of Education's largest and longest-running data collections.

The survey provides valuable feedback about schools and helps us understand our strengths, identify areas for improvement and inform future planning.

Survey invitations will be sent to:

- Parents and caregivers (one invitation per family)
- Students in Years 5, 6, 8 and 11

The 2026 survey collection period is: 27 July – 21 August 2026

We strongly encourage families who receive an invitation to participate. Your feedback is highly valued and plays an important role in shaping the future direction of our college.

AEFE Accreditation – a wonderful achievement

A huge congratulations to our Deputy Principal - French Bilingual Program, Mrs Emma Van-Cuylenberg and our incredible French Bilingual Program team.

After many months of anticipation, I am delighted to share that the Whites Hill State College French Bilingual Program has formally received AEFE accreditation from Prep to Year 3.

This achievement is a significant milestone in the history of our college. Through this accreditation, Whites Hill State College joins a prestigious global network of more than 600 accredited French schools across 138 countries, recognised by the Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Étranger (AEFE).

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The final step in the process is the formal signing of the agreement between the French Government and the Queensland Department of Education.

This accreditation is recognition of the exceptional work occurring every day within our French Bilingual Program and reflects the dedication, expertise and commitment of our teachers, students, families and wider school community.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the accreditation process and supported the inspector's visit during Term 1. Particular thanks must go to Emma and the French Bilingual Program team, whose vision, leadership and countless hours of work have helped make this achievement possible.

This is a remarkable accomplishment for Whites Hill State College and one that should make our entire community incredibly proud. It further strengthens our position as a truly unique P–12 college, providing students with world-class opportunities to become confident, capable and globally-minded learners. Félicitations à tous!

Le Festival Brisbane (24 – 26 July) and WHSC Bastille Day celebrations

As a proud supporter of French language and culture, Whites Hill State College is pleased to once again promote Le Festival Brisbane one of Australia's largest celebrations of French culture.

Le Festival offers a wonderful opportunity for students and families to immerse themselves in French language, food, music, art and culture. Our wonderful staff and students will be there with our WHSC Coffee Van across the weekend as well, please pop in and say hello!

Members of our college community can access a 10% discount on tickets using the promotional code **LEFESTIVAL10**.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C team for organising our upcoming **Bastille Day** celebrations! Please join us on Friday 24 July from 7:30 – 8:30am in the student plaza and enjoy delicious pastries, crepes and coffee from our van.

Looking Ahead

As we begin a new term, we encourage students to establish strong routines early:

- Attend school every day possible
- Arrive on time
- Stay organised with learning and assessment requirements
- Prioritise sleep, wellbeing and balance
- Seek support when needed

Small daily habits continue to have a significant impact on student success.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Whites Hill State College. Together, we continue to build a college community where students are known, supported and challenged to achieve their very best.

Every student. Every classroom. Every day. Have a wonderful Week 2.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

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 7:30 – 8:30 Student Plaza

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Mon 27 July	- School Base Youth Health Nurse Talks – Yr. 7 - AusAlert @ 2:00pm National Emergency Broadcast Trial
Tues 28 July	Primary Athletics Day
Wed 29 July	French Bilingual Program information for all Primary families 3:30 pm in ILC
Thurs 30 July	- Yr. 11 Character Builders - Yr. 8 Geography Excursion - Photo catch up
Fri 31 July	Yr. 11 Character Builders

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