



College Update | Week 3, Term 2, 2024

The first two weeks of term are under our belts and we are off to a great start! Even though the term seems a long 10 weeks we have a lot to achieve during this time, and with another Public Holiday on the horizon the weeks will no doubt fly by.

ANZAC Service

Thank you to our families, staff and students during our recent ANZAC Service. Our leadership team and our esteemed guests were very impressed with the calibre of our student leaders and the respect demonstrated by all of our students at this very important service.

Thanks also to our students who represented our school with dignity and pride at the community ANZAC march along Old Cleveland Road and subsequent service held at Camp Hill Infants and Primary School, it was an honour to accompany them at this significant event.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents able to make it to our Parent Teacher meeting last Tuesday for our secondary students. At Whites Hill we know that it's vital that our students see parents and teachers working together as this sends a powerful message about how education is a team effort and an important one that is valued by all.

Thanks to the administration and facilities staff for coordinating and organising a busy night and our fabulous teaching staff that undertook back-to-back meetings into the night. Remember: teachers are available for other times as well. Please reach out if you would like to continue your discussions.

Sports Aerobics Excellence

Congratulations to our Excellence and General Sports Aerobics teams who competed at the first Sports Aerobics competition of the season on Saturday, at the MRSA Gala. Congratulations to all WHSC competitors! WHSC came away with an amazing 21 medals, a fantastic achievement.

- 13 gold
- 7 silver
- 1 bronze

P&C

A reminder that the P&C Family Picnic is coming up very quickly (Sunday 5 May 3:00pm – 5:00pm). Please BYO picnic blanket and basket. There will be many exciting games and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Our thanks to our P&C for hosting this event. Further thanks in advance to our P&C for sponsoring a coffee van next Friday 10 May as a little treat for all in the lead up to Mother's Day.

Mindfulness it's the little things we do that can change our day or outlook – *"Mindfulness isn't difficult. We just need to remember to do it."* - Sharon Salzberg.

Enjoy each moment. Have a fantastic week.

Kind regards,
Richenda Wagener
College Principal

The graphic features the P&C logo at the top left, with 'WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE Parents & Citizens Association' to its right. Below the logo is the text 'Get ready to jump, skip, and play!' followed by a quote: "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around / Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground / Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, show your shoe, / Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, that will do!". The quote is surrounded by illustrations of yellow teddy bears and a yellow airplane. Below the quote is an illustration of a person performing double dutch with two other people. At the bottom, there is a small cartoon girl and a yellow brick. The text 'Double Dutch skipping will be one of the many afternoon activities. Sign up here, to help: volunteersignup.org/AJH47' is placed above the 'Whole School Picnic' information. The picnic details are: 'Whole School Picnic Sunday 5 May 2024 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.' The background is a light yellow color.



CARES focus this week



Safety

We actively support the wellbeing of all.

Spotlight on Attendance - at Whites Hill our attendance target is 95%

Please ensure that all student absences are explained.

To notify us of an absence, please call the school directly and follow the prompts for the student absentee line.

When possible, please do this before 8:45am for each day your child is absent from school.

Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704

Student Absence Email: admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

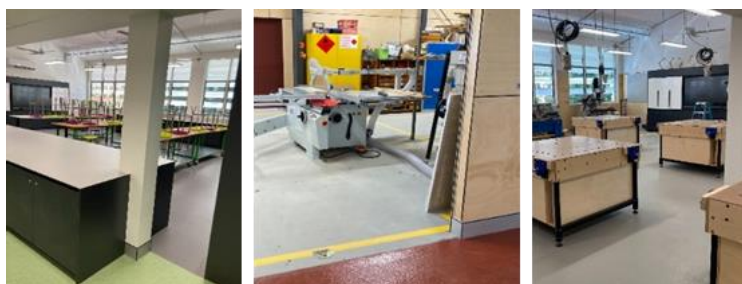
Every Day
+
On Time
+
Attendance
= **Academic Success**

Facilities

Spotlight on Secondary

Our new Design and Technology space is looking fantastic – we are looking forward to our students having full access and seeing their great work in action.

Our student plaza is in its final stages of completion, we hope to be able to open this space within the next fortnight.



Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. Our uniform is a purposeful measure by our college and the community to unite us. While deviations to this uniform may seem trivial, it sends a very clear message to others. We want all students to be in full uniform as we develop a culture of united learning and playing in our school. Please refer to the information further on in regards our expectations and parent commitments to our school pride.

This week our focus is: the wearing of **jewellery**.

Whites Hill students are permitted to wear jewellery that meets our school guidelines of safety and respect. Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#). Uniform shop [link](#).



The fortnight ahead

Week 3	
Mon 29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Biology Excursion HoS College Tours
Tues 30 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary – Met East Cross Country (Tingalpa Sport Centre)
Wed 1 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary – Women in Engineering Explore Engineering (UQ) Year 12 Biology Excursion P&C Meeting
Thurs 2 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Assembly Year 5 Eco Marine Ambassador Training Day
Fri 3 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear Pink for Hannah Primary Assembly – held each Friday in the ILC. Parents are welcome to join us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3–6 9:00am start Years Prep–2 10:05am start
Sunday 5 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Picnic 3:00 – 5:00pm hosted by P&C

Week 4	
Mon 6 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 7 May	
Wed 8 May	
Thurs 9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Eco Marine Ambassador Training Day Secondary Assembly
Friday 10 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother’s Day Coffee Van – thank you to our P&C Primary Assembly – held each Friday in the ILC. Parents are welcome to join us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 3–6 9:00am start Years Prep–2 10:05am start

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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