



College Update | Week 8, Term 2, 2024

As we approach the end of term 2, I am proud to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students and the dedication of our staff.

This past week (and the week ahead) has been bustling with activities and events that showcase the talents and hard work of our college community, as our students continue to demonstrate their outstanding commitment and spirit. Let's continue to strive for excellence as we head into the final weeks of the term as we make the most of every opportunity for growth and learning.

Show your colours!

We encourage all students and members of our college community to wear their colours (or sports jersey) on Wednesday 5 June, for a gold coin donation.

The funds raised from this event will go to [Small Steps 4 Hannah](#). Looking forward to seeing everyone in their maroon, blue or pink!



Spotlight on Attendance – arriving on time

As our term draws to a close it is timely to reflect upon the importance of arriving at school on time. Our school day at Whites Hill starts at 8:45am. Arriving at 8:45am ensures that all students have a settled start to the day. At 8:45am students need to be at their class and ready to start the day. We understand that sometimes unavoidable events occur in the morning and this can prevent students from arriving at school on time. If a student is going to be late for school we request:

- A parent/caregiver phone, text or email the school and provide a reasonable explanation why your child is going to be late for the day. Preferably this is done before the student arrives at school.

Attendance at Whites Hill is closely monitored, and when students demonstrate a pattern of late arrival without a justifiable reason Year Level CEC's will be in contact with parents/caregivers to discuss strategies to ensure that students have the opportunity to develop the habit of being on time.

Head of School Tours

If you are or know of a prospective family who is interested in learning more about our college, our next Head of School Tour will be held Monday 29 July, please share the below details. [Book a Tour - link](#)

Choose from two tour options

1. *Starting Strong* Tour – focusing on Prep and the Early Phase of Learning. Facilitated by either Briohny Cuskelly or Alice Patterson, Heads of School Primary.
2. *On Track for Success* Tour – focusing on the Junior Secondary Phase of learning. Facilitated by Samantha Hawkins, Head of School Secondary.





Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.

Whole Family Activity: Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park or just around your streets.
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. e.g.: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard or felt.

Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel (they can also thank the chef!).



As always, have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,
Richenda Wagener
College Principal

Student Resource Scheme

Are you signed up to the Student Resource Scheme? Participation in SRS ensures students have access to essential learning resources. SRS is also a very economical way to ensure students have resources for learning. If you would like to participate and haven't already signed up, or require further information please email admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

CARES focus this week

We model the CARES philosophy of Cooperation Achievement Respect Enthusiasm Safety

Week 8 – Cooperation - We work together to accomplish goals

Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **Jumpers (and scarves for our Secondary students)** with the cooler weather upon us, please remember the right colour, worn in the right way. Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#).

The Fortnight Ahead

Week 8 Push Up Challenge @ 8:30am at the Student Plaza 5 June --->	
Mon 3 June	
Tues 4 June	
Wed 5 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show us your colours – gold coin donation • P&C Meeting (asbestos training for school volunteers) - @ 6:30pm
Thurs 6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Origin Oz Tag – Major Break session (secondary) • Secondary Assembly



Fri 7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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Week 9	
Mon 10 June	
Tues 11 June	
Wed 12 June	
Thurs 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 5 & 9 EcoMarines- Waterways event • Secondary Assembly
Fri 14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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