



College Update | Week 3, Term 3, 2024

As we move into Week 3 of Term 3, the excitement and energy around our college continues to grow. It's been fantastic to witness our students engaging enthusiastically in their studies and extracurricular activities. We have more exciting events and initiatives lined up over the coming weeks, and as always, I have no doubt our students will continue to give it their all and participate with great eagerness.

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." - Anonymous.

*This week, our GEM focus is on **Gratitude**. Gratitude involves recognising and appreciating the good things in life, which can enhance our overall well-being and strengthen our community bonds. Here are some ways to practice gratitude:*



- **Gratitude Journals:** Write down three things you are grateful for each day.
- **Thank You Notes:** Take a moment to write a thank-you note to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- **Mindful Moments:** Spend a few minutes each day reflecting on what you are thankful for.

Did you know ...

Expressing gratitude can:

- *Improve your mental health.*
- *Enhance your relationships.*
- *Boost your self-esteem.*
- *Increase your overall happiness.*



Engineering and Design Centre and Student Plaza

The official opening of the Engineering and Design Centre (F Block) and Student Plaza was a resounding success! We were honoured to have Joe Kelly MP, Member for Greenslopes, representing Minister Farmer, along with members of our staff and P&C Association, to celebrate this milestone. These new facilities will undoubtedly enrich our students' learning experiences and foster a sense of community. Thank you to all members of staff and our students for their commitment to excellence in demonstrating what a fantastic place WHSC is!

Semester 2 Assessment Calendars – Secondary

The Semester 2 Assessment Calendars for Years 7 to 12 have been published on our website. You can access the calendars [here](#). These calendars are essential tools for planning and organizing your academic workload.

We encourage all students to note their assessment due dates in their school planners and set electronic reminders on their phones. This proactive approach will help manage time effectively and stay on top of deadlines.

We wish all our students the very best as they work towards their personal academic goals this semester.

Congratulations – Sports Aerobics

Our Sports Aerobics students were involved in the States Championships over the weekend, (Friday secondary and Saturday Primary). The results were outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of all teams and individuals. Especially in the way our young athletes worked as a team, demonstrating respect and cooperation for each other and the other competitors.



Mrs Katie Stankovic was very proud to have coaches from other schools congratulate the team on the high standard of our athletes.

We had 11 groups qualify for Nationals and 7 teams will be moving on to Future Champions.

- **Nationals:** 30th/31st August at Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, Carrara
- **Future Champions Competition:** 16/17 August at Logan Metro Centre, Crestmead

Our ongoing thanks to Mrs Stankovic and to those who assisted over the weekend: Mrs. Blackmore, Miss Herman, Miss Deag, Mrs. O'Meara, Miss George, Coach Suzette, and Patricia, your support is greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting was rescheduled and will be held this Wednesday, 24 July at 6:30pm in the AALC. Our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association plays a crucial role in supporting our school community through fundraising, organising events, and providing feedback on school initiatives.

Your participation and input are highly valued, and we encourage all parents/carers to attend to stay informed and involved in your child's education.

Spotlight on Attendance

Our attendance goal for each student remains at **95%**. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and overall development. Students who attend school regularly:

- Have better academic outcomes.
- Develop essential social skills.
- Stay connected with their peers and teachers.
- Build a strong foundation for their future.

If your child needs to be absent from school, please ensure that all 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

Telephone: 3900 8370

Education Queensland has created a suite of school attendance resources to support parents. To access these resources, please click [here](#)

Final thoughts

As I prepare to take my long service leave, I know that Mrs Samantha Hawkins will continue to lead our college smoothly during my absence. In addition, I am pleased to announce that Mr Mark Granrose will be stepping into the Head of School – Secondary role. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful progress and achievements upon my return.

Have a fantastic week ahead, and let's continue to make this term a memorable one at WHSC!

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal



CARES focus this week



We model the CARES philosophy of Cooperation Achievement Respect Enthusiasm Safety

Week 3 – Achievement - We encourage and strive for success

Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **jewellery**, please reinforce our clear expectations regarding the type of jewellery that is and is not permitted. Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#).

The Fortnight Ahead

Week 3	TERM 3
Mon 22 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lytton District Athletics @ St Lucia Athletics Centre
Tues 23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lytton District Athletics @ St Lucia Athletics Centre Yr. 11 and 12 Hospitality students - RSA course
Wed 24 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Geography Fieldwork
Thurs 25 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Assembly
Fri 26 July	

Week 4	TERM 3
Mon 29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P – 6 Whole of Primary Assembly ~ 2:00pm. Parents are welcome to join us
Tues 30 July	
Wed 31 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Science- Rock Investigation Thunderbird Park
Thurs 1 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Leadership Days Secondary Assembly
Fri 2 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Leadership Days

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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