



College Update | Week 8, Term 3, 2024

Welcome to week 8.

Thank you to all of our staff who organised student activities, and students and community members who participated in Book Week. It was epic! Check out our Facebook page for great photos.

We invite our community to celebrate Father's Day with us on Thursday August 29 from 7:30am to 8:30am in the green space in between OSHC and the ILC. This event is being sponsored by our P&C. Please note this isn't restricted to just our dads, we know we have diverse family structures - all parents, carers, grandparents are welcome! Such events are a great opportunity to re-connect and catch-up.


[R U OK Day](#) will take place on Thursday the 12th of September. This is an important day to us at Whites Hill. We encourage all of our community members to wear yellow on this day. Check in, connect, have a conversation, it could change someone's life.

There is a Pupil Free Day on Friday the 30th of August. The college will be closed on this day. Please ensure care arrangements are in place for your children on this day.

Applications are open for Secondary Students to apply for the prestigious fully funded [Premier's Anzac Prize](#). This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to delve into the Anzac legacy through workshops and visits to historical sites in the United Kingdom and the Western Front (France and Belgium). [Applications close on the 6th of September](#).

The Stop it at the Start campaign is holding a [RESPECT COMPETITION](#). This competition is open to all students in Years 4 to 9. Students are invited to create a storyboard to demonstrate what respect means to them. The winning entry will be turned into an animation by a professional animation studio. Winners and runners-up will receive excellent prizes.

Be kind to yourself and others. Have a fantastic week. *Sam Hawkins* (Acting Principal)

CARES focus this week		Explicit Teaching of CARES values
	Enthusiasm We embrace every opportunity.	Primary – We encourage our peers to be excited about learning, and we are willing to try new things.
		Secondary – We acknowledge that attendance at school creates a solid foundation for our future.



Uniform focus this week

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **HAIR**

Our uniform policy can be found on our [website](#).

When should a student have their hair tied back?

- Hair is to be simple, safe, neat, presentable and off the face.
- Colour is to be natural.
- **Hair that touches or is longer than the shoulder seam on the college shirt is to be tied back.** →
- Long fringes are to be tied back and off the face.
- Accessories, including head scarves, are to be simple, plain in white, black, navy or maroon (school or neutral colours).
- No severely short cuts (no less than 2 blade), no great variations to hair length in the style, no tracks, patterns or rats tails.
- Boys facial hair should be presentable and well maintained.

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Gratitude Empathy and Mindfulness



Take a moment to look out the window or around the room. What are 3 things you can **see**? What are 2 things you can **hear**? What is 1 thing you can **feel**? How do you feel after stopping for a moment?



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.



Spotlight on Attendance – Target 90%

Primary			Secondary		
YTD Cohort Percentage	Number of students with 100% attendance	Number of Students with attendance ≥90%	YTD Cohort Percentage	Number of students with 100% attendance	Number of Students with attendance ≥90%
Prep	90.31%	2	Year 7	90.04%	5
Year 1	91.14%	6	Year 8	86.06%	4
Year 2	89.55%	3	Year 9	86.25%	0
Year 3	85.27%	6	Year 10	89.37%	4
Year 4	91.52%	4	Year 11	90.52%	2
Year 5	86.91%	5	Year 12	92.69%	5
Year 6	91.6%	5			

What's on this week – Week 8

Thursday 29th August	Year 4 to 6 Gala Day Father's Day Coffee Van – Join us from 7:30am to 8:30am in between OSHC and the ILC.
Friday 30th August	Pupil Free Day

What's coming up

Week 9	Welcome back Mrs Wagener! Monday 2 nd to Wednesday 4 th September – Year 5/6 Camp Saturday 7 th September – Matsuri Festival
Week 10	Monday 9 th September – P to 6 Parent Teacher Interviews Monday 9 th September Year 12 Mock External Exam Block commences Thursday 12 th September – R U Ok Day Friday 13 th September – Write a book in a Day. All week – Year 10 and 11 Hospitality Work Experience