



## College Update | Week 6, Term 1, 2025

### School Focus and Vision for 2025

**WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE**  
**2025 PRIORITIES**  
 Educational Achievement Wellbeing & Engagement Culture & Inclusion

- 1 EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT CURRICULUM**  
 Enhancing teacher expertise that promotes professional collaboration to drive continuous improvement through the implementation of v.9 AC.
- 2 WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT PEDAGOGY**  
 Enacting differentiated, high-impact teaching strategies to improve learning outcomes and enhance student engagement and wellbeing.
- 3 CULTURE & INCLUSION CASE MANAGEMENT**  
 Strengthening inclusive practices to ensure all learners have access to appropriate learning opportunities and tailored supports in order to achieve.

*Creating an environment where every student can succeed, where we empower each other, and where everyone feels connected.*

Imagine  
 Believe  
 Achieve

#### Moving Forward Together: Achieving Our School Priorities

As we embark on this journey together, we are guided by a shared commitment to excellence, inclusion, and wellbeing. Our school priorities—Educational Achievement, Wellbeing and Engagement, and Culture and Inclusion—are the foundation of our collective growth. By working together, we can turn these priorities into meaningful action.

#### School Priority 1: Educational Achievement – Curriculum

- Strengthening teacher expertise through professional collaboration and ongoing learning.
- Engaging in reflective practice and professional dialogue to refine curriculum delivery.
- Implementing the v.9 Australian Curriculum with a focus on deep learning and student success.

#### School Priority 2: Wellbeing and Engagement – Pedagogy

- Implementing differentiated, high-impact teaching strategies that cater to all learners.
- Fostering positive relationships to enhance student engagement and motivation.
- Embedding wellbeing into the learning experience to support holistic growth.



### School Priority 3: Culture and Inclusion – Case Management

- Building an inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and supported.
- Ensuring tailored support structures to enable all learners to thrive.
- Embracing diversity and strengthening inclusive practices across the school community.

By embracing these priorities as a community, we strengthen the foundations of learning, wellbeing, and belonging.

### Year 11 & 12 Exam Information

Year 11 and 12 exams will take place from Wednesday, 12 March to Wednesday, 19 March 2025. During this time, all students must attend school as there will be no study-at-home period. Being in class ensures students can access support from their teachers.

Exams will be held during regular class times and will be no longer than 60 minutes, except for Modern and Ancient History, which require longer exams due to syllabus requirements. For further details please refer to email 02 March from Mrs Hawkins (Head of School – Secondary).

Specific dates and times for exams will be communicated to students by their classroom teachers.

### P&C Easter Raffle – Raffle Launch this Friday!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the P&C Easter Raffle. The funds raised will support some fantastic school projects, including:

- ✓ A student-run coffee cart
- ✓ Upgrades to the tennis courts
- ✓ Improvements to the primary play areas

Class Challenge: The class that donates the most chocolate will win a hot chip party!

#### Key Dates:

- Friday 7 March – Raffle Launch
- Wednesday 1 April – Raffle Draw



### NAPLAN Readiness (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9) 12 - 19 March 2025

As we approach NAPLAN, preparations are well underway to ensure students feel confident and well-supported. 2025 NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers and schools can determine how well young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning. NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, so the best preparation is learning what we do in the classroom every day.

Read the [NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers](#). To see the format of the online tests, visit the [public demonstration site](#).

Families with students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9: Information on arrangements for 2025 NAPLAN testing was distributed via two emails on Tuesday 11 February and Tuesday 25 February. We ask that you familiarise yourself with the information provided. If you did not receive these email communications, please contact the college.





## GEM Focus – Empathy

This week, our GEMS focus is Empathy—starting with being kind to yourself. Be kind to yourself today. Take a moment to check in with yourself and do something that brings you joy.



It could be:

- ✓ Exercising or going for a walk
- ✓ Reading a book or listening to music
- ✓ Watching a favorite movie or spending time with loved ones

**Our CARES values**—Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm and Safety — are already shining through in the way students are engaging with their studies, peers, and teachers.

Our CARES focus for the week: **Respect** – We value ourselves, others, and our community.

**Teaching Focus:** We follow instructions at all times We embrace every opportunity.



## Student Attendance

Our transition bell rings at 8:40am with **lessons commencing at 8:45 am in both Primary and Secondary sectors each day**. Please ensure that your child is ready to commence their learning at 8:45am by ensuring that they are arriving at school on time.

If your child/children are absent for the day please contact our administration office and provide a reason for this absence. Parents can inform us of student absences in the following ways:

Email [admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au)      Student Absence Text: 0428 632 704      Telephone: 3900 8370

When possible please inform the school of student absences prior to 8:45am.

Looking forward to a fantastic week 6!

Kind regards  
*Richenda Wagener*  
College Principal

## Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 6	
Mon 3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Campers depart (Monday – Wednesday)</li> <li>• Primary assembly – hall 2:00pm</li> </ul>
Wed 5 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Campers – return</li> <li>• Primary Clean Up Australia</li> </ul>
Thurs 6 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FUSE Cup Years 9- 12</li> <li>• International Women’s Day (assembly – secondary)</li> </ul>
The Week Ahead ... Week 7	
Wed 12 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN commences (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9)</li> <li>• Year 11 exams commence</li> </ul>
Thurs 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 exams commence</li> </ul>



## Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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