



College Update | Week 2, Term 3, 2025

A huge thank you to the many parents, carers, and community members who took the time to speak with the School Review team last week. Your insights and reflections play a vital role in helping us continually improve and grow.

Our School Review process is an important opportunity to reflect on our strengths and future directions, and we are grateful for your engagement and support. Our ongoing work continues to be shaped by our School Improvement Priorities, which focus on:

- **Educational Achievement – Curriculum**
- **Wellbeing and Engagement – Pedagogy**
- **Culture and Inclusion – Case Management**

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support every student to thrive.

Parent Teacher Meetings

A reminder that Prep – Year 12 Parent Teacher Meetings are being held this evening, Monday 21 July, in the Hall. Thank you to families for making time to meet with our teaching teams. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to connect, share progress, and work together to support your child's growth and learning.

Exciting events this week

To help us kick off Term 3, our OSHC warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a “Welcome to Term 3” Coffee Morning, hosted by YMCA, on Tuesday 22 July. The coffee van will be on-site from 7:00am – 9:00am.

Come grab a free cuppa (for adults) and have a chat – it's a great opportunity to connect with staff from YMCA OSHC, our school team and fellow families. Thank you to the YMCA for generously offering this service to our school community.

We're also gearing up to celebrate 100 Days of Prep tomorrow – Tuesday 22 July! This milestone event is always a highlight for our Prep students and their families. Prep students are invited to wear their brightest, shiniest, sparkly clothes to in in the theme of “Celebration”. Please see your Prep teacher if you need additional information about the celebration or refer back to the correspondence shared in Week 10 of last term.

Don't forget – this Thursday, we invite students and staff to wear a beanie or something blue to support the Fight MND campaign. It's a **gold coin donation day**, with all proceeds going toward research and support for those impacted by Motor Neurone Disease. Every bit of awareness and generosity counts.

Finally, we invite families to come along and join us for a French-inspired celebration of Bastille Day, taking place on Friday 25 July in the Student Plaza before the morning bell. This annual event is a special occasion for everyone across our college, and a great way to start the day with music, culture and colour.



Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

“Kindness is the greatest wealth of all. Small acts of kindness last longer than a lifetime” - Eddie Jaku (Author of ‘The Happiest Man on Earth’).

This week, our GEM focus is on **Empathy**. Empathy involves understanding and sharing the feelings of others, which fosters a compassionate and connected community. Here are some ways to practice empathy:

- **Active Listening:** Pay full attention to the speaker, showing that you value their thoughts and feelings.
- **Perspective Taking:** Try to see situations from others' points of view.
- **Acts of Kindness:** Small gestures, such as offering help or a kind word, can make a big difference.

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Did you know

80% of our happiness is derived from:

- Friendship.
- Health.
- Work fulfillment.
- Loving relationships.



When you do something kind for someone else your brain releases the hormone oxytocin. This makes you feel good too. Check out Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project talking about being kind and the benefits of kindness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO-ja3h5INc>

Spotlight on Attendance

At WHSC our attendance goal for each student is 95%. Regular school attendance gives students a better chance in life. Students achieve better when they attend school all day, every day because:

- They have increased access to learning opportunities.
- They stay connected to curriculum progression.
- They develop self-efficacy as a learner.
- They maintain friendships.
- They have better long-term life outcomes.

If students need 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](#)

We look forward to seeing you throughout the week – and thank you again for your ongoing support of our wonderful college.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 2	
Mon 21 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent teacher meetings (College Hall on Samuel Street)
Tues 22 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YMCA sponsored coffee van 7:00 am – 9:00 am.• 100 Days of Prep Celebrations
Wed 23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parliament House Tour – Primary (select student leaders)
Thurs 24 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear your beanie and dress in blue - Fight MND. Gold coin donation
Fri 25 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Tree Planting Day• WHSC Bastille Day Celebration - Whole of College Community Breakfast – Student Plaza

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The Week Ahead ... Week 3

Mon 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 vaccination Year 10 vaccination
Tues 29 July	
Wed 30 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 6:30pm in AALC
Thurs 31 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Character Builders Year 8 Geography excursion School Photo catch up day (portrait and siblings only – no class photos)
Fri 1 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Character Builders French Bilingual Puppet show (primary French Bilingual classes)

Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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