Whites Hill State College

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College Update | Week 2, Term 4, 2025

We've had a great start to Term 4, and it's wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm from our students as they settle into the rhythm of the new term. Week 2 brings even more opportunities for learning and engagement, with a variety of activities planned across all year levels.

For our Year 12 students, we are now in the final stretch before external exams. We continue to offer a myriad of supports to ensure they feel prepared and confident. Parents, please continue to encourage your Year 12s to use these resources and stay focused during this critical time.

Our Prep to Year 11 students are also diving into their Term 4 learning, with many exciting activities to look forward to in the coming weeks. From excursions and special projects to sports events and creative performances, this term offers students many chances to shine in areas both inside and outside the classroom.

Year 12 - Throwback Thursday

This week, our Year 12 students will celebrate their final week of classes with a *Throwback Thursday* dress-up day on Thursday 16 October. Students are invited to come dressed in styles from past decades — the '70s, '80s, '90s or early 2000s — whether it's bell-bottoms, denim jackets, vintage band tees, or other fun, school-appropriate throwback looks.

All outfits must meet college standards: shorts, skirts and shirts should be of appropriate length and sun safe, with no offensive slogans or language, footwear must be enclosed, and hair is not to be coloured.

The cohort will come together for morning tea and take group photos to capture this special day. Students have been reminded that all celebrations must remain positive and respectful — no "muck-up day" behaviour or property damage will be tolerated.

We look forward to seeing our Year 12s celebrate their final week with creativity, fun, and school pride!

Monty's The Monsta Fundraising Colour Run Campaign

We are excited to share that our P&C will be running a Monty's The Monsta Fundraising Campaign this term for students in Prep to Year 6. As part of this initiative, **Primary students** will participate in a fun and vibrant **Colour Run** to celebrate their fundraising efforts on Friday 5 December.



Each participating student has received a sponsorship booklet explaining how to set up their *My Profile Page* to collect online donations. Students only need to raise \$10 to receive their first incentive prize, with even more rewards available as their fundraising grows!

Families who prefer to support a good cause instead of claiming prizes can choose to direct donations to one of six charitable projects — planting coral or trees, providing meals to those in need, supporting literacy programs, protecting turtles, or helping to end bullying in schools.

A fantastic 56% of profits from online donations (and, if applicable, 94.5% from business donations) will go directly towards Primary School facilities improvements, making this a fun and meaningful way to support our students and school community.

Our P&C is also seeking parent and caregiver volunteers to help on the day of the Colour Run. If you're available and would like to lend a hand, please contact the P&C to offer your support.

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.

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If your child needs to be absent from school, please ensure that all absences are explained. To notify us of an absence, please contact the school using the below details. 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

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



This week, our focus is on **Gratitude**. What is something at home that you are grateful for? Taking a moment to recognise the small things that bring us comfort, joy, or connection helps build a positive mindset and strengthens our appreciation for the people and places that matter most.

We're excited to begin another term of learning, growth, and community connection. As we move through these early weeks of Term 4, it's inspiring to see the effort and enthusiasm from both students and staff. This term is a time of focus, growth, and celebration.

We are proud of the progress so far and look forward to seeing what the rest of the term will bring. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and our college.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener

College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead (current)

The Week Ahead Week 2 <u>Final week of classes for Year 12</u>			
Tues 14 Oct	Prep RSPCA Incursion		
Thurs 16 Oct	Year 12 Throwback Thursday dress up day		
Fri 17 Oct	Year 5 Incursion - UPP Leadership		
	Maths Mastermind - Year 6 (selected students)		
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The Week Ahead Week 3 Year 12 SWOTVAC			
<u>Pool Water Safety Lessons Commence – Primary Students</u>			
Thurs 23 Oct	Yr 9 Online Safety QPS Presentation		

Helpful WHSC Links

Fri 24 Oct

College Policies Outside School Hours Care Uniform Shop information

Year 6 Lions Wellbeing presentation – Incursion

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