



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

Date	Event
24/10/17	Stage 3 Milo Cup Regional Finals Milo Cup Cricket Sydney West Finals
26/10/17	Kindy Transition
27/10/17	Grandparents Afternoon
30/10/17	Kindy Expo Night
31/10/17	NRL League Tag Gala Day
01/11/17	BLC Public Speaking

School Banking each Wednesday

Uniform Shop each Monday (8:45am to 10am)

From the Principal



Welcome back for Term 4, and welcome to our new students and their families, I trust that you had a wonderful, restful time with your child(ren) over our recent break. Can you believe that it is almost the end of the year? That we only have 10 weeks to go till the Christmas break?

Term 3 was such a busy, but very productive term for the students of our amazing school. Our amazing school enjoyed so many successes and achievements and so many changes in so many different areas.

Sport; Our PSSA and representative teams represented our school with great pride and outstanding sportsmanship. They achieved great results and many of our students gained representative at state honours.

Our Rugby League teams had a successful year for QHPS. Our teams just missed out on the semi-finals. The team also competed in the Greg Alexander and Royce Simmons Shields narrowly missing the semis. Our skills development and experience increases exponentially due to our Backyard League Skills Clinic participation numbers

being at a record high. Our girl's participation numbers are also at a record high, with 4 teams competing at the Stage 3 Pink Panther Trophy and 3 girls teams at the Stage 2 Royce Simmons Shield.



Our junior and senior soccer students represented Quakers Hill Public School in various football competitions. Both the Junior and Senior teams competed in the Winter PSSA, and all made it through to the semi-finals. Our senior team competed in the Knockout Cup and the Western Sydney Wanderers School Cup, where they demonstrated the great sportsmanship and teamwork, they had built across the year. Each time the students took the field; they played to the best of their ability and represented our school with pride.

The senior AFL team competed in the Tony Lockett knockout competition. The day is based around learning the game of Aussie Rules through a range of round robin games and the eventual final winner progresses to the next level of competition. Quakers Hill did not make it to the grand final but enjoyed their day and had lots of fun.

Cricket began with player visits to conduct Leadership and Cricket for Girls and Boys workshops in Term 1 with WBBL Sydney Sixers players and former student and current Aust u/19 Captain Param Uppal.

The Senior Boys cricket team progressed to the State K/O Quarterfinals to be played in Term 4. The Senior Girls A and Boys A teams both won the Milo Cup Blacktown District finals with our B and C teams also making the semi-finals. The Sydney West Milo Cup finals will be held for our Senior A Girls and Boys teams during Term 4. Two of our Senior Boys Nikhil Thokala and Xavier Nath selected in the Sydney West team to play in the State Championships at Orange in late November.

During term 3 our Milo Cup campaign started off perfectly with both our Senior Girls and Boys teams winning the Blacktown District Competition. Our junior boys and girls team were also very successful, with our 2 top boys teams and top girls team going through undefeated in the Blacktown District Round Robin Competition. Our defence of the Sydney West and State boys Milo Cups begins next Tuesday, 24th October with the Sydney West Competition @ Blacktown International Sportspark.

Stage 3 Mini Fete; Term 4 has truly begun and we have hit the ground running with the Mini Fete on Monday of Week 2. Children from all Stages could be seen and heard enjoying themselves at the annual school fundraising event. Stage 3 worked hard to prepare for the day, organising stalls and activities including hairspray and nail polish, 'Disgusting Dip', water balloon throws, various Showbags and the main attraction – the Tunnel of Doom. Year 6 students were proud of what they had achieved and were glad to see all their hard work pay off. The event has become a school tradition with funds raised going back into providing our students with innovative technology and resources to be used in our classrooms. A special thanks to Mr Hynes for coordinating the event and a huge congratulations to our Stage 3 students!

Debating; Our district and premiers debating teams, led by Miss Bowman excelled, winning many of their debates. Highlight being, the Premier Debating Team were quarter finalist. An outstanding achievement.



Public Speaking; Our multicultural public speaking team, led by Mrs Kovac competed in the area finals, beating Barnier PS. All of our QHPS students gave outstanding speeches in both the prepared and in the impromptu category. Congratulations to Hayley O'Connor from 5/6B who won the Stage Three competition and will proceed on to the regional finals where she was runner up.

In the inaugural Hills Public Speaking our school reps were grand finalists.



Performing Arts; Our Band, Bollywood dance and Choir groups performed at the Blacktown Music Festival, with schools across Blacktown and captivated the audience with their wonderful talent, passion and pride.

Academically; academically, our students achieved great success in the university competitions in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Computer Skills. Our 2017 results were (as always) outstanding with many high distinctions and distinctions achieved. Special note being that Anunjan who achieved the Highest score NSW/ACT in English ICAS competition. He will shortly receive his Gold Medal.

The 2017 National Assessment Program, acknowledged the amazing work and powerful teaching that occurs on a daily basis with our students achieving wonderful results in literacy and numeracy, with our kiddies achieving at and well above state average. Our results were simply spectacular and have once again exceeded all expectations.

This year, 42 Year 6 students gained admission in to selective schools including, Baulkham Hills, Girraween, James Ruse High and Blacktown Girls High for 2018. This number equates to 65% of the students who sat the selective high school test were successful. While 14 of our Year 4 students gained admission into the 2018 opportunity classes. Quakers Hill continues to provide quality teaching and learning programs for all of our children. Our opportunity and enrichment classes have a strong reputation within the wider community, providing an excellent education for our enrichment students.

Fathers' Day; During Term 3 our students were also afforded the opportunity the school also celebrated father's day by holding a fathers' day breakfast. What an amazing morning this was and it was wonderful to see so many dads, granddads and significant male role models interacting with their children and sharing a cuppa and hot breakfast. A stunning morning appreciated by all who attended.

NAIDOC Day; The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week celebration is - *Our Languages Matter*. The Theme aims to emphasize and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Quakers Hill celebrated NAIDOC week by through a series of planned, integrated activities held throughout the day. Quakers Hill Public School celebrated our wonderful Aboriginal history and culture through classroom activities, dance performances and a formal NAIDOC Day assembly run by Jie Pittman.



Education Week; Quakers Hill celebrated Education Week Open Day and what a marvellous day it was. Our students demonstrated just why they are the best children in NSW, with extremely talented teachers and wonderfully supportive parents. The students and teachers worked hard (practising every week) to provide us with an array of different and wonderfully entertaining performances which included dancing, singing, and band items. Our performance groups, the dance groups, the

choir and band group were also simply sensational on the day, capturing the attention and imagination of the audience.



Book Week; Book week was also celebrated during Term 3, culminating in our K-6 book parade. To see the enormous effort that parents and students put into their costumes and the enthusiastic manner in which our dedicated staff supported this event through their costumes was simply altruistic. What a memorable day.



Of course we also had our In-School sports program, NAIDOC week, K-2 and 3-6 school sports carnivals and many, many more activities.

Diwali; Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights and a significant event in the Hindu calendar. Quakers Hill PS celebrated Diwali on Wednesday 18 October with a number of whole school activities which embraced the cultural diversity of our wonderful community. School

activities included a whole school performing arts assembly, food stalls and a picnic lunch for families



DIWALI - It is the festival of Lights

A celebration of new beginnings and Diwali was just that on Wednesday 18th October. The joyous occasion was a wonderful way to highlight some of the culture in our school community. There was a whole-school assembly which included a candle lighting ceremony, traditional dances performed by our students, and a staff dance led by some of our talented parents, and of course at lunch time, a feast of Indian food. The school was awash with colour, teachers and students dressed in Indian clothing and vibrant Rangoli artworks were made in the classrooms. A very special thank you to the dedicated parents and teachers who worked together in organising the day and making it such a huge success.

Publishing Crew

Mr Robert Pugh; Congratulations to Mr Pugh on receiving a 'NSW PSSA Service Award for Athletics'. This award recognises Mr Pugh's amazing contribution to PSSA Athletics (at school, zone, region and state levels) over his 30+-year career. A thoroughly deserved award for a remarkable public school teacher and Quakers Hill Public School staff member.

It is because of the wonderful people like Mr Pugh, that our students continue to receive these wonderful opportunities in life. Congratulations Mr Pugh, we are all very proud of you.



Ashleigh Out; Congratulations to Ashleigh Out on her wonderful achievements at the State and Metropolitan Swimming Championships over the weekend. Ashleigh qualified for NSW Long Course 10-12 years State Championships in December for 200m butterfly and the NSW Long Course Metropolitan Championships in November for 12 years 100m butterfly.

A truly outstanding achievement by Ashleigh who has trained so hard for the last 12mths to achieve her goals. All her hard work and determination has paid off. An outstanding role model for her peers and a wonderfully talented athlete. We are so proud of Ashleigh



Maureen Wijaya; The achievements of Quakers Hill Public School students are not limited to the classroom. Congratulations to Maureen Wijaya from 5B for her accomplishments at the recent Badminton NSW Junior Spring Open. She won the title championship for the Under 11 Girls Single and the Under 13 Girls Single and was also the runner up in the Under 13 Mixed Doubles. On Sunday 22nd October, she will be taking part in the selection for the WSBA Under 13 Interstate Series & Regional Team Challenge and Under 13 Australian Championships.

Good luck Maureen, hopefully in 2018 you will be representing Team NSW!



October's core value is DEMOCRACY - Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

Bert Lo Campo – Principal

Term 4 is already shaping up to be an extremely busy time for Quakers Hill. Student reports will be sent home at the end of Week 8, Year 6 will have their farewell, Kindergarten orientation, Kindergarten Transition groups, Kindergarten Information evenings and Kindergarten picnic day will be held. The opportunity Class orientation day and information evening will also occur, not to mention our annual drama and CAPA night performances, celebration of excellence assembly and our annual swimming scheme. Wow, wow, wow! What a busy, busy Term.

Term 3 PBL Rewards Day

As another busy yet wonderful term at QHPS drew to a close, students all over our school could be seen and heard enjoying fun activities including board games, playing on devices and also art and crafts in their classrooms on Friday 22nd September. Being a 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' (PBL) school means that at QHPS we strive for and celebrate having hundreds of committed learners who demonstrate the school values on a daily basis. PBL Rewards Day was, as always, a fun-filled way to end a term full of hard work and dedication from our students and staff at Quakers Hill.

Article written by Crystal Liu, 5/6H

Kindergarten Information Evening

This year's Kindergarten Orientation Evening will be held on **Monday 30 October commencing at 6pm**. On the night information about Kindergarten, programs, expectations and preparation will be discussed. The orientation session has been organised as an 'expo' style night. School uniforms will be on display and can be ordered on the night. Our transition program will run over 3 morning sessions starting at 9.10am on **Thursday 19, 26 October and 2 November**. I look forward to meeting as many of our new Kindergarten parents as possible.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrol now for 2018 don't miss your opportunity to enrol in our great school.



Quakers Hill Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2018 they can enrol at Quakers Hill Public School for 2018. Please collect an enrolment package from the office and return it as soon as possible. Proof of age and residency status will be required.

The safety of our Students – Staff Car Park

A reminder that parents are not to park in the staff car park during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up due to the obvious safety risks to children. Children are not often as aware of what is going on around them, especially in the excitement of going home at the end of the day and when talking to their friends.

I remind our wonderful families that entry and exit into our school is through the pedestrian gates only, not through the staff car park

Parking - Please, Please, Please

Parking along Medlow Drive continues to be an issue at Quakers Hills, during drop off and pick up times (morning and afternoon). The congestion along Medlow Drive between 3pm and 3.30pm is a concern for our parents and residents. **Infringing on residents' driveways is one major concern** and an unsafe practice.

I strongly encourage our school community to be mindful of the parking situation and understanding of the rights of our residents. **Simple precautions such as parking** along Quakers Rd or at Quakers Court and walking a short distance to the school would go a long way to easing the congestion along Medlow Drive and ensuring the safety of our wonderful students.

During morning and drop off times Medlow Drive (school side) is a no parking section, it is a drop and go zone only. Police do monitor the drop off zone from time to time.

Another dangerous practice is that of carrying out a three-point turn along Medlow Drive, or driving into the staff driveways. Please note that Medlow Drive leads to Quakers Rd in both Directions. There is no need to complete a u-turn or a three-point turn.

QHPS Website/School App/Facebook/Twitter and the Blacktown Learning



Community Communication
The key to a successful relationship between our school and our community is strong communication. To help this newsletter and our school website provides an abundant supply of information about our school and what is going on.

For up to the minute notifications our smartphone app is a great tool. For both Apple and Android phones, you can always get a reminder of what is happening. After downloading the app type in:

Username: quakershil Password: community

QR Codes



QHPS – Website



QHPS – Speech



QHPS - E-learning



Our School



Android App



Apple App



Facebook Page



Blacktown Sun – Article



5/6P Blacktown Sun

*Our codes will be added to regularly
Use your smart phone/tablet QR reader and join the fun*

QR Codes are a digital tracking system that removes the need to remember URL codes, websites and other sources of digital information with a quick and simple scan. They connect the real world with the digital world.

At Quakers Hill we are developing the use of QR codes to allow instantaneous information at your 'e-device fingertips'. When the codes are scanned using a smartphone, tablet or camera enabled computer, a text message is displayed or an action will be performed by the device. The code instantly connects the device to a website, can initiate a phone call or SMS message. It can send an email or connect to Google Maps or Twitter and most importantly to our school. These are a few of the many tasks that can be initiated by the QR Code.

As we continue to build upon our use of QR coding you will be able to scan and learn about the exciting things happening at Quakers Hill on a regular basis. Your children will become familiar with their use as they will become embedded in our teaching and learning programs.

Continuing in our endeavour to ensure we have the best communication between our community and our school our already successful Facebook page and twitter accounts are now connected to the Blacktown Learning Community's Facebook page/twitter accounts. Many activities and events our school participate in are run

through the Blacktown Learning Community. If you are a Facebook / twitter user keep up-to-date with what is going on. www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity and Twitter https://twitter.com/BLC_Schools

Please visit all forms of our social media accounts as each play different, but important roles in communicating and celebrating the wonderful events and achievements of our school, our students, our staff and of course pour amazingly supportive community.

Our webpage - www.quakershil-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Our Twitter - <https://twitter.com/QuakersHPS>

Our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Quakers-Hill-Public-School-254166201373045/>

Our school app - <http://quakershillps.myauschools.com/authentication/login>
OR download the app from the app or google play store.

Professional Learning



Teacher professional learning, professional reading and dialogue are integral components in order to ensure that teachers in all schools continue to keep up to date with current trends, programs and philosophy and that our students continually receive the very best teaching and learning possible.

Quakers Hill Primary School is committed to ensuring that its teachers are involved in a process of continual learning and continually attending quality professional learning opportunities. Throughout 2016, the staff have been involved in many varied and innovative professional learning activities.

The knowledge, skills and pedagogy the staff bring back to our school, their classrooms and for your children will

be pivotal in ensuring that what happens in the classrooms is exemplary, up-to-date teaching.

Our school has a structured process in place for when teachers attend important learning opportunities. Teaching and learning programs, literacy and numeracy lessons **do, at all times, continue** and are carried out by teachers covering classes.

School Uniform



Boy's school uniform consists of the royal blue shirt and grey pants with white socks and black shoes. Girls have the choice of wearing either the school dress (preferred option) or the royal blue shirt with skorts and white socks and black shoes.

The yellow polo shirt is now the school's Friday sports shirt and is worn with royal blue shorts for boys and royal blue skort for girls (with the school's emblem) and sneakers with white socks.

During the winter months our students also have our wonderful micro-fibre track top and pants. Our girls can choose to wear the school dress (with the school microfiber/bomber jacket). In 2014, the school has added long grey pants for boys and blue slacks for girls for the winter months.

For the winter months the school has added new bomber style jackets, these are replacing the older fleecy jackets. The bomber jackets are extremely warm and a great look. QHPS beanies are also available from the uniform shop. These have been added to the list of school uniform after many parent requests. Please note, that only QHPS crested beanies are to be worn at school.

We have an amazing school array of school uniform for our amazing students. Only school branded clothing, purchased from the uniform shop is to be worn to school. Please ensure that your child is always in our school uniform.

Please note that yellow polo shirts are worn on Friday sports day only and school hats are to be worn at all times. Our uniform can be purchased from the P&C uniform shop located in school grounds, at the old hall.

Morning Assembly

Morning assemblies are a time that teachers pass on the day's information and any quick notices. It is also a time to quickly settle our wonderful kiddies and ready them for the mornings teaching and learning sessions. These assemblies happen every morning other than Tuesdays. Our school encourages parent involvement in the school; it is an important philosophy that is embedded within our ethos. However, I ask that mums, dads and caregivers stand quietly at the **back of the assemblies** away from the kiddies, allowing the teacher to leading the assembly. It is also important that once the assembly is dismissed that parents do not follow their child's class to the classroom. Please say goodbye to your child prior to the morning assembly commencing.

Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school. Please remember that all children who ride their bikes or scooters to and from school must wear a bike helmet.

Morning Arrival Times

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.40am. Teaching staff is not available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time.

We well understand that many parents have commitments at work, which require them to leave before 8.40am. However, there is available within the school a Before and After School Care service which operates from 6.30am every school morning. Alternatively, you may be able to arrange with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children. Some families in the school with working parents take turns to take each other's children to school. As well, many employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents' working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, please understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8.40am when supervision begins. I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.40am anymore.

Late Pick Up

School concludes at 3.15pm. Whilst we understand that from time to time parents are running late to pick their children up from school, we do ask that students are collected in the afternoon on time. If you know that you

are running late on a particular day, we do ask that the school is notified.

Parents will be contacted for children who are not collected by the time the final school bus leaves the school. If parents are unable to be contacted, students will be admitted to before and after school care. Please note that this will incur a cost from the before and after school care providers.

Student Absences

Quakers Hill uses an electronic system to monitor student attendance. As part of this system letters are generated for students who have unexplained absences. These letters are sent home and I ask that you return the note to your child's teacher explaining the reason for your child's absence. On occasions, you will receive an attendance letter asking for an explanation of absence and which you believe you have already explained. If this occurs, please return the letter anyway with an explanation. Sometimes our electronic system has made a mistake and of course there are times when human errors are made. I do apologise for the inconvenience this causes, but I am sure that you'll understand that it is far better to better safe than sorry and follow up on unexplained absences.

A positive attitude towards punctuality and full attendance at school are most important in ensuring the best possible learning opportunities for all students. Children who attend school regularly are usually more successful and happier than those with frequent full or partial absences. We realise, that on occasion, events occur beyond your control and students are absent from school, however, we ask for your support to ensure that your child is at school by 9.05am each day.

From time to time Department of Education and Training officers audit the school attendance records. In these circumstances children with attendance patterns that are of concern may be identified. If attendance and partial attendance become a concern to the school, then parents will receive an attendance concern and partial attendance concern letter. These letters will need to be signed and returned to the school.

If you have any concerns over your child's attendance, please arrange an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school? Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

Please remember that the easiest and best way to provide the school with an explanation of your child's absence is through the school app.

Approaching Students and Parents

As a parent myself, at times issues occur in my children's school concerning other children. I know that when issues do occur, as parents, they affect us emotionally and we want to sort out these issues for our children by talking to the students concerned, this is a natural human reaction. When issues occur, I encourage you not to confront or talk to the children involved. If there is an issue with another child or parent, it is imperative that you talk to your child's teacher, any of the assistant principals, Mrs Davis, Mr Lambert or me (Bert Lo Campo).

Please ensure that you do not speak to anyone else's child or their parent as this often escalates matters. Our school has very clear expectations about this. Please be assured that the school will deal with any issues/concerns raised by parents and we will work to resolve them for you. Your co-operation on this matter is very much appreciated.

The use of inappropriate language, even just in conversation, is always inappropriate (in and around students). The school has clear expectations of what we expect from our amazing students – who are the very, very best to be found in any school setting. As a school and wider community the same high expectations are in place for all of us at all times and should be demonstrated at all times.

Please note, that just as a school community, we have zero tolerance of inappropriate behaviours from the students, the same philosophy applies to adults. I will not hesitate to take stern action in regards to such incidences.

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Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

MEET DAVIDE!

"I have a passion for the arts. I dedicate a lot of my time to photography, drawing, music and writing. I am also addicted to reading and I'm a great cook. I have an active nature and I enjoy outdoor sports such as volleyball, biking and running. I'm from a talkative family and I love to tell them all about my day. I hope my host family enjoy the experience as much as I will!"

STEP 1 - REQUEST PROGRAM INFO

- Email or call Sylvia at WEP: sylvia.kelly@wep.org.au / 03 9598 4733

STEP 2 - CHOOSE YOUR STUDENT

- WEP will send you comprehensive program and student information, so you can choose the student best suited to your family.

STEP 3 - PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- WEP will assess your application, prepare you for your student's arrival and take care of everything, including school enrolment, assistance with your application for relevant working with children checks, flights, insurance and more!



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Our passionate team at OSAN Ability Assist provide supported living services to people with disabilities, older people and their carers who are living in their own home or living with others.

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OSAN Ability Services

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- Mobility Equipment
- Plan Management, Support Coordination and Case Management
- Consumables such as incontinence aids



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Parramatta High School

Open Night

Wednesday 18 October 2017
Commencing in the School Library
5pm School Tour
6pm Information Session

*An information session for
 parents of students in the
 2018 Selective Classes, and
 parents of students in Year 5
 seeking placement in 2019*

*Contact the school on
 9635 8644 for further details, or
 visit the school website
[www.parramatta-
 h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)*

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 Great Western Highway
 Parramatta NSW 2150*



Respect - Responsibility - Honesty





**GIRRAWEE
HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7 2019 Information Evening to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 15 March 2018. Online applications open 10 October 2017 and close 13 November 2017. For more information please refer to our website.

The information evening will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2017

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEE NSW 2145

Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303

Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

2016 HSC Achievements

Girraween ranked 20th in the state overall with 16 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 25 students of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.95 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 17 "all rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:

4th for Economics

8th for Modern History

15th for English Advanced

20th for Biology

313 distinguished achievers; students who achieved 90% or better in a subject

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for English Extension 1, Maths Extension 2 and Visual Arts. Almost 90% of students achieved in the top two bands for English Advanced, English Extension 2, Maths Extension 1, Biology, Senior Science, Modern History, Legal Studies, Society & Culture, Business Studies, TAS & Japanese continuers.

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GREEN WALL**

- ==> Collect GREEN 1.25L and 2L plastic soft drink bottles (we DO NOT need clear bottles).
- ==> Wash the bottle thoroughly.
- ==> Keep the cap screwed tightly on the bottle.
- ==> Carefully remove the label from the bottle.
- ==> Bring the bottle/s to school and place into the specially marked bin under the COLA.

NEW EFTPOS FACILITIES

The school office now has an Eftpos machine and can take credit and debit card payments.

Eftpos payments can only be made between the hours of 8.30am to 2.00pm as we need to balance the money at the end of the day.

You can also pay by **cash** and by the **online payment** option on our school website. Please remember when paying online that you need to pay before 6pm for the school to see the payment the next day.



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY ONLINE?

Many families are now using the school's online payment option linked to our school website to pay for school related expenses. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other (any items not listed above)

Unfortunately, payments to the uniform shop and P&C cannot be accepted via this system.

How do I make a payment?

Go to the school website.

Click on make a payment, found on the front page of the school website.

1. In the student and payer details, fill in all the **green asterix** items. (These are compulsory)
2. Choose a payment option.
3. Enter the amount you are paying and the payment description (Eg: the name of the excursion)
4. Enter credit card details.
5. Confirm payment details.
6. Receive online payment receipt.

Pay before 6pm for the school to receive your payment the next working day.

How do I let the school know I paid online?

Please write the receipt number on the permission note and return to the school.

**Making an online payment does not constitute permission.
Please return all signed permission notes as per normal.**