



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

Date	Event
20/11/18	Stage 2 Assembly – 2.15pm Author Visit – Stage 2 Western Sydney Wanderers Cup FINALS
21/11/18	P&C AGM – 9.30am
22/11/18	Early Stage 1 Incursion - Giggalees
26/11/218	Swim Scheme begins
27/11/18	Scripture – Christmas Concert OC Parent Information Evening for 2019
28/11/18	P&C Mufti Day
29/11/18	Early Stage 1 Assembly
03/12/18	QHHS Parent Information Meeting
04/12/18	QHHS Orientation Day, OC 2019 Orientation Stage 2 Assembly – 2.15pm
06/12/18	Kindergarten Concert

**UNIFORM SHOP MONDAYS – 8.45AM TO 10AM**  
**UNIFORM SHOP THURSDAYS – 2.30PM TO 3.30PM**  
**SCHOOL BANKING EACH WEDNESDAY**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Quakers Hill not only serves to improve student learning outcomes and academic success, which is a given and evident through all external assessment results, but our beautiful school is also about providing for the wellbeing of the whole child. We as a staff and a community are committed to ensuring that each child's emotional intelligence and resilience are also catered for. What this means for our students is that when things don't always go according to plan or when they feel down, they can bounce back and continue to be the happy, altruistic individuals that they are. It means that our kiddies will be able to face life's challenges with strength of character and a positive outlook. We are committed to ensuring that our students enjoy coming to school and that they enjoy learning.



Our core belief is that our school is built on innovation, excellence and success. This belief is evident in all that we do and achieve in every single classroom and across curricular and extra-curricular activities. The innovation, excellence, success was evident this year in terms of academic excellence through: our outstanding NAPLAN and university test results, demonstrated by 65% of the Year 6 students who sat the selective high school test being successful in gaining entry in to selective high schools and that 14 of our Year 4 students gaining entry into opportunity classes. These are amazing results by an amazing school by any measure.

**Staff Development Day Term 4, 2018 – Wednesday 19 December** is the last day of school for students. Please make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

**Parent Helper Morning Tea 2018**



Our annual parent helper morning tea will be held on Friday 13 December. On this day the staff at Quakers Hill PS will host a special morning tea to thank all those parents, grandparents and carers who so freely give up their time to assist with the many programs

and activities happening across the school. I look forward to sharing a cuppa with all of our wonderful parent helpers and personally saying thank you for supporting us in the provision of the quality education that our children receive.

**Celebration of Excellence**

This year’s celebration of excellence assembly will be held on Thursday 13 December. Together, our school community will celebrate the many successes and achievements of not only those students who will receive awards, but the achievements of all students who have worked so wonderfully ensuring that



Celebration of Excellence 2017



2018 was not just an outstanding year, but a magnificent one for Quakers Hill Public school and our students. It was a year filled with exciting achievements in academic areas,

in the sporting arena, in the area of the performing arts and in leadership. I would encourage all mums and dads to join us on the day and help to acknowledge and celebrate what was a truly and educationally rich year.

**Year 6 Farewell 2018**



This year’s Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 10 December. Arrival time for the farewell is 6 pm, with dinner commencing at 6.30 pm. Mums & Dads / caregivers may attend from 8:45 pm for the official ceremony. The evening will conclude at 9.45 pm.

**BLACKTOWN LEARNING COMMUNITY – PUBLIC SPEAKING**



Congratulations to our four Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking Representatives, Ronit, Abinesh, Liam and Francesca who competed at the BLC Public Speaking Competition. The competition was fierce with competitors from the 28 BLC schools demonstrating their public speaking skills. A huge congrats again to Francesca who took it out in the Year 6 competition and brought home the Year 6 trophy.



## Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 14 December. Semester 2 reports are an indication of your child's achievements during the past 6 months and our teachers have been assessing students according to the Board of Studies outcomes which generally allow 2 years for students to progress through each stage.

Learning is continuous and children learn at different rates. We have included an explanation at the beginning of the report. You are most welcome to discuss your child's report with their class teacher. Please make an appointment if you wish to discuss your child's report with his/her teacher as we do not have formal interviews at this time of the year.

All children need encouragement and praise to be confident, happy learners. Some children try very hard and find learning difficult. They deserve your praise and encouragement. Some children find learning easy and often don't try as hard as they could. Your encouragement here is critical as well. For those students who have no difficulty learning and put a lot of effort into their work, they need continued acknowledgement and praise to keep this level of enthusiasm and commitment. For those students whose effort is minimal, closer home/school partnerships are the key to improvement.

**November's core value is CARE** - Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

*Bert Lo Campo - Principal*

## Kindergarten Enrolments

**Enrol now for 2019 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 2019 they can enrol at Quakers Hill Public School for 2019.** 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 – 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 3 pm and 3.30 pm 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 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.

## School Uniform



The boys 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 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). There are also long grey pants for boys and blue slacks for girls for the winter months.

For the winter months the school has bomber style jackets, these replaced 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 array of school uniforms 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 to be worn on Friday sports day only and school hats are also 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. 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 STUDENT ARRIVAL TIMES**

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.40 am. 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 8.40 am. However, there is available within the school a Before and After School Care service which operates from 6.30 am every school morning. Alternatively, you may be able to make arrangements 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.

### **AFTERNOON LATE PICK UP**

School concludes at 3.15 pm. 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.

### **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 be 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 9.05 am 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.

**QHPS Website/School App/Facebook/Twitter**



Community Communication is 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.

Continuing in our endeavour to ensure we have the best communication between our community and our

school our already successful Facebook page, Instagram page and Twitter accounts. To find us please search for us on:

Instagram **quakershilp.school**, Twitter **@QuakersHPS** and Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Quakers-Hill-Public-School-254166201373045/?ref=hl>

We are now connected to the Blacktown Learning Community's Facebook page/twitter accounts. Many activities and events our school participates in are run through the Blacktown Learning Community. If you are a Facebook/Twitter user keep up-to-date with what is going on. To find the Blacktown Learning Community visit: [www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity](http://www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity) and [https://twitter.com/BLC\\_Schools](https://twitter.com/BLC_Schools)

Australia's most trusted parent communication app for schools, with millions of notifications going out every month is coming to Quakers Hill Public School. School Stream streamlines the communication of news, alerts, notices, events, reminders and more to parents. More information about downloading the app on your devices will be provided shortly.

The previous app is no longer in use and can be deleted from your devices. We look forward to communicating and sharing our news and events with our families using Schoolstream.



**Year 6 Mini Fete - Major Raffle Prize Winner**  
 Ramira Tangri  
 Class - 3/4J





## CANTEEN MENU

### Quakers Hill Public School



#### ~ FOOD CODING ~

- G Green - fill the menu
- A Amber - select carefully
- R Red - only occasionally

GF - Gluten Free

#### HEALTHY START

Fresh Yoghurt (G) (GF)	\$4.00
Seasonal Fruit & Yoghurt	\$3.50
Yoghurt & Berries (G) (GF)	
<b>Fruit (G)</b>	
Fruit available daily	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50
<b>Toasted Sandwiches (G)</b>	
Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & cheese	\$3.80
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00
<b>Toast (A)</b>	
Jam or Honey - 1 Slice	\$1.00

#### SNACKS

Orchy juice cup (G)	\$1.50
Custard (G) Low Fat	\$2.50
Jumpy's (A)	\$1.50
Ice blocks & ice creams (A)	\$1.00 - \$2.50
Banana Bread (A)	Half \$2.50 Full \$4.00

#### COLD BAR

##### ~ SANDWICH BAR ~

Vegetite (G)	\$2.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo (G)	\$3.80
Cheese & tomato (G)	\$3.80
Smoked Ham, cheese & tomato (G)	\$4.00
Smoked Ham & cheese (G)	\$3.80
Smoked Ham & Tomato (G)	\$3.80
Smoked Ham & salad (G)	\$4.20
Roast chicken (G)	\$3.60
Roast chicken, lettuce & mayo (G)	\$4.00
Roast chicken & salad (G)	\$4.20
Salad (G)	\$4.00
Beetroot, lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber	
Tuna (G)	\$3.60
Tuna, lettuce & mayo (G)	\$4.00
Tuna & salad (G)	\$4.20

#### COLD BAR

Breads (G) White, wholemeal	
Wrap	\$1.00
White roll	\$1.00
Turkish/Focaccia	\$1.00

##### ~ WRAPS BAR (G) ~

Sweet chilli chicken, salad & cheese (G)	Double \$5.00 ~ Single \$3.00
Chicken Caesar, bacon, cheese (G)	Double \$5.00 ~ Single \$3.00
Grilled Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce & mayo (G)	Double \$5.00 ~ Single \$3.00
Ham & salad (G)	Double \$5.00 ~ Single \$3.00
Cheese & salad (G)	Double \$4.50 ~ Single \$2.50

##### ~ SUSHI (G) (GF) ~

Chicken Teriyaki (G)	\$3.50
Tuna (GF) (G)	\$3.50

##### ~ SALAD BOX (G) ~

With chicken or tuna	Small \$3.50 ~ Large \$4.50
Chicken Caesar	Small \$4.50 ~ Large \$5.50
Garden Salad	Small \$3.00 ~ Large \$4.00

#### HOT BAR

##### ~ HOT MEALS ~

Chicken Nuggets or Goujons (A)	
x 4	\$3.00
x 5	\$3.60
x 6	\$4.20
Chicken wingettes (A) Each	\$2.50
Jaffle (G)	
Cheese	\$3.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.80
Low fat hot dog (A)	
No tomato sauce	\$3.30
With tomato sauce	\$3.50
With tomato sauce & cheese	\$4.00
Fish burger (A) With lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Lean beef burger (G)	
With tomato, lettuce, beetroot & bbq sauce	\$4.80
Lean chicken burger (A) With lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Garlic bread (A)	\$2.00
Nachos (A) With salsa & cheese	\$4.00
Chicken nuggets with mash potato (A) With 5 nuggets	\$5.00
Oven baked potato wedges (A)	\$4.00

##### ~ PASTA ~

Lasagna (G)	
Homemade beef / Homemade vegetarian	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognese (G)	\$4.50
Homemade Bolognese	

#### HOT BAR

Vegetarian Fried Rice (G)	Sml \$4.00 ~ Lg \$4.50
Butter Chicken (A) With rice	\$4.80
Honey Soy Chicken (A) with fried rice	\$4.80

##### ~ HOME MADE PIZZA SLAB ~

Margarita (G) Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Vegetarian (G) Olives & roast capsicum	\$4.00
Hawaiian (G) Ham & Pineapple	\$4.00
Chicken (G) Lean roast chicken & bbq sauce	\$4.00

##### ~ TURKISH BREADS ~

Chicken Schnitzel Delight (A)	\$5.50
Chicken schnitzel, roast capsicums & cheese	
Chicken Delight (G)	\$5.50
Roast chicken, avocado, tomatoes & cheese	
Mediterranean Delight (G)	\$5.50
Olives, artichokes, roast capsicum & fetta cheese	
Vegetarian Delight (G)	\$5.50
Eggplant, sundried tomatoes, roast capsicum & cheese	
Ham Delight (A)	\$5.50
Smoked ham, sundried tomatoes, olives & cheese	

#### HOT FOOD

##### ~ PIES ~

Lean Beef Pie (A)	\$3.60
Lean Sausage Rolls (A)	\$3.40
Lean Potato Pie (A)	\$3.80
Spinach & Ricotta Roll (A)	\$3.80

#### BEVERAGES

##### ~ COLD DRINKS ~

Water (G)	
Spring water 600ml	\$2.50
Sports water	\$3.00
Milks - Low Fat - 300ml (G)	
Plain	\$1.20
Chocolate, strawberry	\$2.50
Flavoured Milkshakes (A)	\$4.00
Chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, caramel	
Flavoured Mineral Water (A)	
Lemon lime, apple & raspberry	\$3.00
Juice Poppers (A) 99%	\$1.50



## Nirimba Collegiate

*"Widening Horizons through Innovative Education"*

### *Proposed Future Education Provision – Nirimba Collegiate*

#### **Community Q & A Nights**

The four Principals of the Nirimba Collegiate invite you to a Community Q & A Night.

In order to meet the needs of a growing number of students studying Years 11 and 12 in the North West region, the Collegiate Management Group, consisting of the Principals of Seven Hills High School, Riverstone High School, Quakers Hill High School and Wyndham College, are currently formulating a proposal that significantly expands our Collegiate.

In the proposed model Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools would become 7-12 campuses and Wyndham College would retain its status as a Years 11 and 12 campus.

All interested parents, carers and students from any of the Nirimba Collegiate schools and their local primary schools are welcome to attend ANY of the following Q & A Nights:

**7<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at Riverstone High School**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at Quakers Hill High School**

**14<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm at Seven Hills High School**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm at Wyndham College**

Your opinions, comments and feedback will be considered as we continue to develop the proposed model.

Yours sincerely,

**Greg Johnstone**  
*Principal*  
Seven Hills HS

**Karen Downie**  
*Principal*  
Riverstone HS

**Andrew Skehan**  
*Principal*  
Quakers Hill HS

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## TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP



Tue-Wed: 9am - 5.30pm, Thurs: 9am - 8pm, Fri: 9am - 5.30pm  
Sat: 9am - 4pm, Sun: 10am - 3pm

## PRICE LIST



 THE GENTLEMAN DELUXE \$40 (HAIR CUT, ALL FACIAL TRIM & RAZOR WORK)
 THE GENTLEMAN..... \$25
 THE CREW..... \$20
 THE YOUNG MAN..... \$22
 THE YOUNG BOY..... \$18
 THE SENIOR..... \$20
 THE PENSIONER..... \$18
 THE BEARD FROM ..... \$5

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE, CONSULT WITH YOUR BARBER  
EXTRA CHARGES MAY APPLY

02 9837 1399

Shop 15, 216 Farnham Road, Quakers Hill



## EFTPOS FACILITIES

The school office 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 5pm 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.**