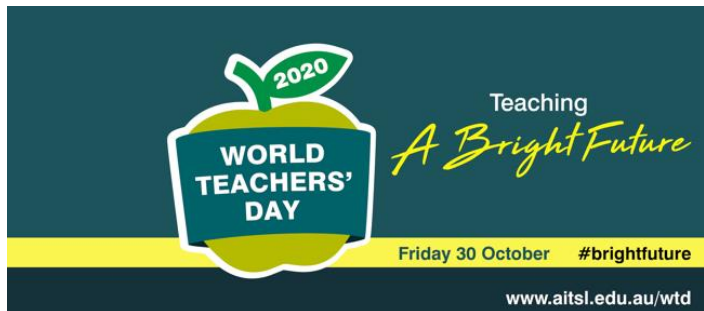


NEWSLETTER

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



Every year, World Teachers' Day reminds us of the critical role teachers play in achieving inclusive, quality education for all. Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on **World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October 2020**.

In 2020, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme *Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future*. The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, take notice of achievements, and draw attention to the voices of teachers, who are at the heart of efforts to attain the global education target of leaving no one behind.

This year's World Teachers' Day has an even greater significance in light of the challenges that teachers have faced during COVID-19. As the pandemic has shown, they make a crucial contribution to ensuring continuity of learning and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of their students. Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It has reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.

Here at Quakers Hill Public School, we are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated and hard-working teachers who truly care about the students and provide each and every child with the very best education; ensuring their academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs are catered for. Our teachers demonstrate their leadership skills on a daily basis, making decisions regarding teaching methods and pedagogical approaches, interpreting the curriculum, sequencing learning,

facilitating learning, monitoring and assessing outcomes, based on knowledge of students' ability levels, talents and challenges. Our teachers transcend narrow role definitions, leading the teaching-learning process by being innovative and making impactful decisions. They make decisions about the selection of ICT tools, learning management systems and online learning platforms, to support the teaching-learning process and meet expected learning objectives. Our teachers continuously reflect and evaluate their impact on student learning.

On Friday 30 October, we are encouraging students and families to send messages of appreciation to their teachers by:

- Sending a thank you card, poster or note. Make one or print one from our [school website](#).
- Posting a photo in your sunglasses on social media, either on your own or with family or friends. Use these tags on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) **#thankteachers #brightfuture @aitsl**

These can be sent to teachers through Seesaw or handed to teachers in person on Friday 30 October 2020.



STAFFING

It is with great pleasure, we announce that Miss Arianne Daloran, Miss Samantha Briggs and Miss Annelise Shields have been appointed to the position of permanent classroom teacher through the merit selection process. Whilst Miss Daloran and Miss Briggs commence their permanent positions immediately, Miss Shields will finish the year at her current school. We look forward to meeting Miss Shields when she joins QHPS in Term 1, 2021.

Miss Arianne Daloran



Miss Daloran has been a Stage 1 classroom teacher at Quakers Hill Public School since 2018. She is a hard-working teacher who implements effective evidence-based strategies to ensure all of her students are known, valued and cared for. Miss Daloran has coordinated the junior choir and events such as the Father's Day Breakfast. She has also been on many other committees that support our wonderful school community. Congratulations Miss Daloran!

Miss Samantha Briggs



Miss Briggs has been teaching at Quakers Hill Public School since 2017. During her time here, she has taken on many roles including Learning and Support Teacher, Stage 2 classroom teacher and for the last couple of years she has taught Year 1. Miss Briggs is a creative teacher who embraces future focused teaching practices and values working collaboratively with her colleagues. Miss Briggs has coordinated the senior choir and events such as the Father's Day Breakfast. She actively supports a number of other school committees and events. Congratulations Miss Briggs!

EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

On Wednesday 21st of October it seemed that many of the characters that we have grown to love and cherish had stepped out of their books and into our assembly area. Students in kindergarten dressed up to the theme *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds* and represented their favourite book character. Two classes went out at a time to parade around the turf whilst their peers watched and applauded. The student who best represented his character across Kindergarten was Harrison Devine in K White who was dressed as the Grug. All the students had a wonderful day and loved watching their friends and teachers parade in their costumes.



STAGE 1 NEWS

Stage 1 have had a very busy and exciting start to Term 4. We began our term with a Science incursion run by Mad About Science, where we were able to learn about and view different materials under a digital microscope as well as scientifically test a range of materials. We conducted experiments based on identifying the properties of materials and we sorted items based on whether they were raw (natural) or man-made. We also learnt about biodegradable products and the importance of them in our environment. It was an enjoyable and memorable learning experience and we had a wonderful time!



STAGE 2 NEWS

It has been a fantastic start to the term for Stage 2. We were lucky enough to have some normality with students dressing up for our annual Book Parade. Stage 2 did things a little differently and organised a virtual parade. Each teacher chose the three students who best represented their character to be part of an interview over Zoom with Mr Hynes. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm everyone showed when displaying their costumes and describing their characters! Congratulations to Kate in 3E and Cooper in 34N who won our stage competition. The teachers were amazed at the level of passion these students displayed during their interview. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Hynes who coordinated the event for our classes.



In other exciting news, Stage 2 teachers have been busy learning about a piece of technology that they will be using with their classes. Mrs Alexander and Miss Ng, our technology and coding experts, have been teaching the teachers how Merge Cubes can create virtual objects using coding skills. Each teacher is excited to bring this knowledge to their class and see how creative our students can be. It is vital that students develop these important computational thinking skills and we are so lucky to have the resources at our amazing school to make this happen!



STAGE 3 NEWS

Stage 3 have had a wonderful start to the term having some of our long-awaited events going ahead. Stage 3 students (and their just as excited teachers) looked fabulous in their book character outfits. We love watching the excitement of books coming to life each year and we appreciate all the effort students go to each year. Congratulations to Schanze (5H) and



Claudia (6J) who were our stage winners. A huge congratulations to Mrs Sutton and her debating team who are currently in the top 32 schools in the state and they are still in the competition. We wish them luck in their next debate.

Year 5 and 6 also have a few activities on the horizon and we look forward to a busy term ahead. They will experience a live show promoting making good decision and staying in a happy and healthy zone. The Year 6 farewell is being organised behind the scenes and we plan to send them off into their next chapters with a very special night. Keep an eye out for announcements and important information as it comes out.



BOOK WEEK

On **Wednesday 21 October 2020** QHPS celebrated Book Week. Students and staff had the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters and partake in a range of activities. Each stage celebrated in a different way, providing students with the opportunity to share their costume with their peers. Congratulations to the winners from each grade, who were determined to best represent their chosen characters.

- Kindergarten – Harrison Devine
- Year 1 – Moses Alfar and Faith Vittor
- Year 2 – Kawangan Juneja
- Year 3 – Kate Swales
- Year 4 – Copper Feltham
- Year 5 – Schanze Chishty
- Year 6 – Claudia Fuimaono



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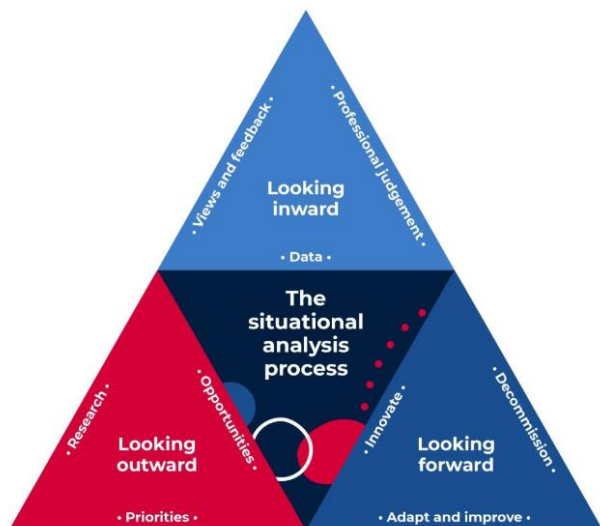
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SCHOOL EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

The school's executive team is currently completing a situational analysis, which explores school performance across a number of areas and considers resources and priority improvement areas. The situational analysis will be used to form the basis of our new four-year Strategic Improvement Plan (2021-2024). The situational analysis includes consultation with the staff, students and community. In the coming weeks we will be providing information to our school community and requesting your support with this process.



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION



The Kindergarten Transition Program assists with preparing your child for school and promoting a successful transition process. These transition practices, including orienting children and families to the school environment, experiences and routines remain an important priority for ensuring children have a strong and successful start to school.

The Transition sessions will begin next week in which the children will visit a Kindergarten classroom and participate in story time, counting and alphabet games, fine motor activities, language activities and developmental play. Quakers Hill Public School will also provide a virtual experience for parents and students to access the same face-to-face opportunities through our school website <https://quakershil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> to offer your families a unique opportunity to see what our school is like and access information about Kindergarten. Our school website also has parent workshops available for parents to give

them a better understanding of what Kindergarten is like and how to support their language and fine motor development.

The teachers look forward to meeting your children and getting to know them throughout the transition sessions. We would also be grateful if you could complete the following Transition to School survey monkey on your child. This information will be able to assist us in settling your child successfully into school life: <https://www.research.net/r/J656BR6>

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. The *Education Act 1990* requires parents/carers to ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. Education is a sequential process and absences often mean students miss important stages in the development of topics, causing them to find 'catching up' difficult. All appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours where possible. This includes the end of the school day; students should not be picked up prior to the 3:15 pm bell.

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day	3 days
30 mins per day	18 days

Minutes lost = days lost per year
A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2021

Each year, Term 1 commences with a Staff Development Day and then the students usually resume school the following day. Then at the end of Term 4, students usually finish two days before the teachers, who return for two additional staff development days. The Department of Education has announced changes, to reverse this from 2021. Teachers will return to school on Wednesday 27 January 2021 and have two days of professional development in preparation for the school year. Students in Years 1 to 6 will return to school on Friday 29 January 2021. This additional staff development day will be in

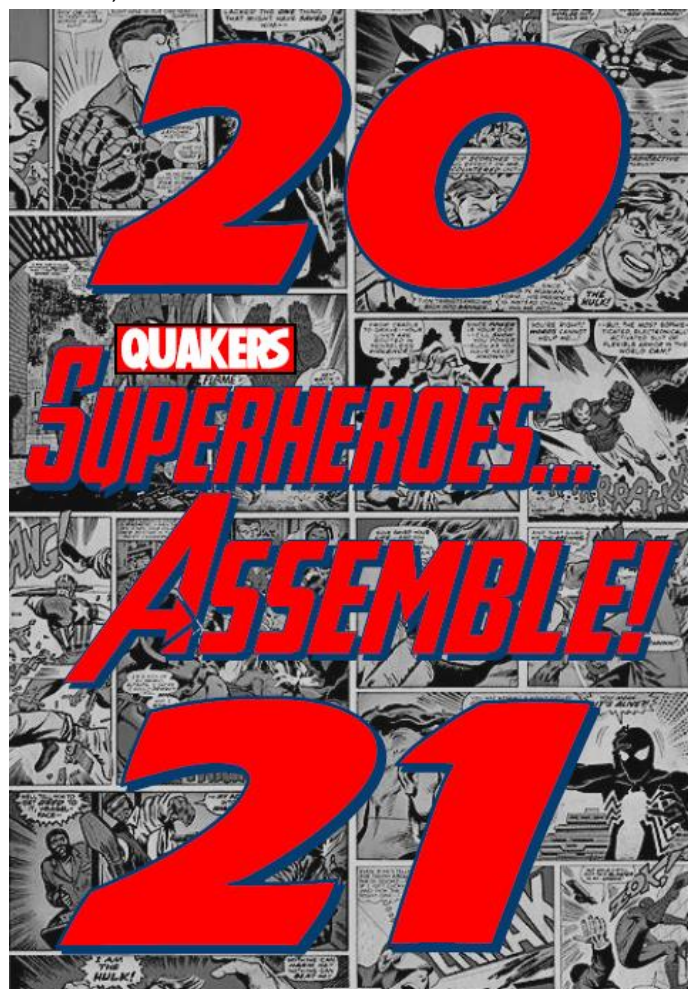


lieu of one at the end of the school year; with Term 4 finishing one day later for students and staff participating in only one Staff Development Day at the end of the year. This new structure will be beneficial for our teachers' preparation for the new school year. Staff development days 2021:

- 27 January 2021
- 28 January 2021
- 19 April 2021
- 12 July 2021
- 17 December 2021

SUPERHEROES...ASSEMBLE!

Unfortunately, due to the situation with COVID-19 we were required to postpone our 2020 Major Fundraiser, Superheroes...Assemble! Whilst this is extremely disappointing news, the decision was made with the health and safety of our students, staff and community in mind. If you have paid for Superheroes...Assemble! a credit will automatically be applied to your student account and can be used to pay for the event in Term 1, 2021.



KINDERGARTEN 2021

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. We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If you have a sibling who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2021 (turning 5 before 31 July 2021), please start the enrolment process as soon as possible. Applications can be obtained either from the school office or from the school website.



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2022 APPLICATIONS


High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Key Dates

Application website opens:
13 October 2020

Application website closes:
16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
2 July 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

From this year, you will be able to log into your application to send and receive messages and notices.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document. Check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-06](https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086) regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.



The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
 Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
 Telephone: 1300 890 367
 Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook:
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086)

ONLINE ENROLMENT SYSTEM

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 10 August 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../going-to-a-public-.../enrolment>

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../online-enrolment-for-nsw-pub...>

UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform shop has returned to normal operations. Physical distancing is required while waiting in queue. Download and view [Quakers Hill Public School uniform price list](#). Orders can also be placed through Flexischools, please see the next page for more details.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Unisex

- Hat Royal blue legionnaire or bucket hat with school logo. Year 5 and 6 students are permitted to wear the Stage 3 royal blue and yellow QHPS cap.
- Shoes School shoes must be all black and be fully enclosed.

Boys

- Shirt Short sleeve royal blue polo shirt with yellow trim and school logo
- Shorts Plain grey shorts
- Socks Plain white above ankle socks

Girls

- Option 1
- Dress A blue, yellow and white checked princess line dress
- Socks Plain white above ankle socks

Option 2

- Culottes Two tone blue check with fine yellow stripe dress shorts
- Shirt Short sleeve royal blue polo shirt with yellow trim and school logo
- Socks Plain white above ankle socks

For more information about the QHPS uniform please see the [School Uniform Implementation Statement](#).

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

To ensure there is clear communication between school and home it is extremely important that parents/carers notify the school of any changes to their contact details. The most common reason for school staff to contact parents/carers is to discuss a matter concerning your child. However, there are a number of emergency situations when we may need to contact a parent/carer, including when a child is ill/injured and needs to be collected from school. Please notify the school office of changes to your contact details, including mailing and email addresses, phone numbers and emergency contacts.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

With our morning kiss and drop procedures, please remember online lunch orders must be submitted prior to 9 am. Students are able to place lunch orders at the canteen before the 9:07 bell, however parents/carers are asked not to enter the school grounds of a morning.

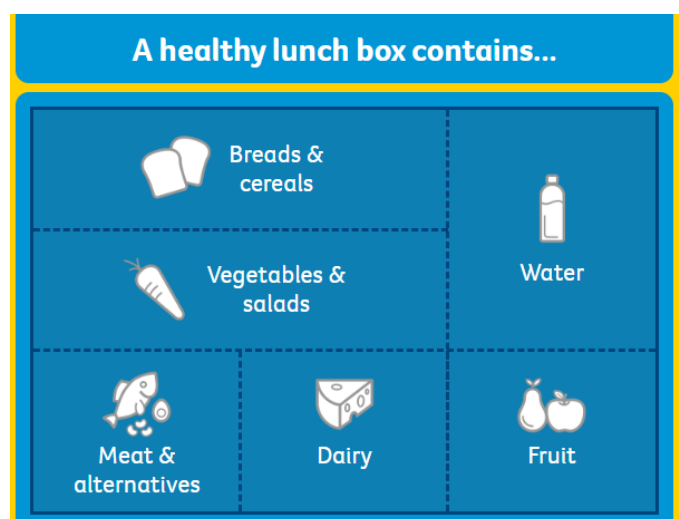
HEALTH AND SAFETY

Toilets

To ensure the health and safety of our students, community members are not allowed to use the student toilets when they are on site of an afternoon to pick up children. Any adults or pre-school age children must use the disabled toilet, which is attached the school hall.

Lunches

Try the Cancer Council's Lunch Box Builder. Developed by dieticians, the website helps with all things lunch boxes. Recipes and ideas are family friendly, packed full of fruit, veggies and wholegrains and use only simple, budget-friendly ingredients. Check out the Lunch Box Builder here: <https://healthylunchbox.com.au/builder/>





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Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for **Uniforms**, using Flexischools.

Flexischools allows you to place all your school orders online **in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.**

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.
Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website.

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use, so we look forward to seeing your next order online.

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.





School Opal Cards for bus travel

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

www.busways.com.au



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