



3 February 2020

Stage 2 Welcome Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you to a new year at Quakers Hill Public School and we look forward to meeting you throughout the year. 2020 promises to be another busy year with many wonderful experiences planned for your child.

Below is a list of items your child will require this year. If you have not done so already, requirements can be purchased through on online portal: [OfficeMaxSchools.com.au](https://www.officemaxschools.com.au)

Simply enter your access key: 4UZ8R to purchase the requirements listed below. Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase items through this website.

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

- 2 packets of HB led pencils
- 1 packet of coloured pencils
- 2 highlighters
- 1 wooden ruler
- 1 eraser
- 1 canister sharpener
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 whiteboard markers
- 1 black permanent marker
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pencil case
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of hand sanitiser
- 1 packet of wet wipes
- 1 plastic document wallet

Items will need to be replenished as required throughout the year.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 4. Your child's teacher will provide more information about the homework routines for their class. Students will also have access to Literacy Planet and Mathletics. It is strongly encouraged that students read every night.

Social Media

Our school regularly communicates through our school website <https://quakershil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and social media accounts. More and more of our wonderful families are following us on social media, follow us on:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Quakers-Hill-Public-School-254166201373045/?ref=hl>

Twitter **@QuakersHPS**

Instagram **@quakershilp.school**



School App

Our school uses an app called SCHOOL STREAM. This can be downloaded onto your mobile phone. This will enable our school to send out important notifications at a much faster rate all at the convenience of your mobile device. Newsletters, notes and school events will be uploaded, reminders sent through, as well as information of your child's grade/stage when at school or attending excursions. School Stream is available via the App Store for iPhone/iPad iOS and the Play Store for Android/Tablets.

Curriculum

Each week students will engage in learning activities across subject areas English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History and Geography, Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education. In Terms 1 and 2 we will focus on the following:

English: The core focus of the English syllabus is *making meaning through language*. In Stage 2 students will develop their proficiency in communicating through speaking, reading, writing, viewing and representing.

Mathematics: Students will develop their understanding and fluency of mathematical concepts through inquiring, exploring and connecting mathematical concepts. They will be taught strategies to develop their problem-solving, communication and reasoning skills.

Science and Technology: Our unit focuses on how solids and liquids change state, and the properties of natural and processed materials. Students will also learn how to use digital systems to transmit data and engage in visual programming.

History: Our history unit teaches historical concepts and skills while learning about world history and the movements of people. In particular, the European exploration and colonisation of Australia and the impact of this on other societies.

Creative Arts:

- Music: Students will sing and play to music, organise simple compositions and listen to a range of music.
- Visual Arts: Various techniques will be taught to create different artworks. Students will discuss the similarities and differences between artist's artworks.

PDHPE: Students will explore strategies to manage emotional change and develop resilience. They will also apply movement skills in games and activities, learning to show cooperation and teamwork.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Quakers Hill Public School will continue to run the BYOD program in 2020. Students who choose to participate in the program will be permitted to bring in their own devices from home to participate in learning activities in the classroom. The BYOD program will not replace the school's policy of 1 device for every 2 students in a classroom. Instead, we aim to further improve the ratio of devices per student. Being a multi-platform school, we are open to students bringing in any one of a range of devices. Any iPad or Android device should be appropriate, but if you are unsure of your devices suitability, simply ask your classroom teacher. Mobile phones are not acceptable to use as part of the BYOD program.

Students who wish to participate in the program need to sign and return the student agreement form prior to bringing in their device. The student agreement outlines the responsibilities and obligations of students and parents as part of the program.

Uniform

Students at Quakers Hill Public School are expected to wear full summer uniform on return to school; this includes a school hat and black school shoes. As sport occurs on Friday, students are required to wear their sports uniform and appropriate joggers to participate in the planned sporting activities. Uniforms can be purchased through the uniform shop.



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Expectations

Quakers Hill Public School prides itself on being a school that demonstrates innovation, excellence and success; these are the foundations upon which our school is built. It is through our PBL welfare system and our school expectations of **Safe, Responsible, Proud Learners** that we nurture our students to achieve great success. It is imperative that all students know, understand and uphold our expectations. We continue to use our 'PBL steps' system to maintain our high expectations and also our blue awards system to ensure positive behaviours are recognised and celebrated.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 12 February – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 1 April – Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes with more information regarding these events will be sent home.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the class teacher either by a note, or by phone, to arrange a suitable appointment time.

Thank you for your support,

Bert Lo Campo
Principal

Katherine Meiring
Assistant Principal

A copy of this note can be located on the school website – <http://www.quakershil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes>

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