



## Stage 3 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. 2024 promises to be a very busy year with many interesting experiences planned for your child. A 'Meet the Teacher' information session will be held on Wednesday morning in Week 3. At this session, teachers will give a brief overview of the program for the year, provide information about online High School enrolment for Year 6 classes, NAPLAN for Year 5 students and answer any questions regarding the school year ahead. Individual Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 11 where you can discuss your child's progress. More information on these events will be provided in a later note. Weekly parent information will be posted in each class Seesaw. If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the class teacher, to arrange a suitable appointment time.

In order to help your child achieve success at school next year, it is recommended that they have the items listed below:

- 3 blue ballpoint pens
- 3 red ballpoint pens
- 3 HB lead pencils
- 2 quality (Bostick or UHU) glue sticks
- 30 cm wooden/plastic ruler (not flexible)
- Assorted colours eg. colouring pencils, textas, crayons etc.
- 1 eraser
- 1 canister sharpener
- 1 packet of highlighters
- 1 packet of whiteboard markers
- 1 black permanent marker
- 1 black fine line pen
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 Geometry set
- 1 **A3** spiral bound Visual Arts Diary
- 1 small/medium pencil case
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 packets of antibacterial wipes
- 1 container of hand sanitiser
- 1 roll of paper towel
- 1 set of headphones (in a zip lock bag labelled with your child's name, not bluetooth) - to be kept at school

**All pencil case items are to be clearly labelled with your child's name and brought to school on Day 1, 2024. Please note that items will need to be replenished as required throughout the year.**

### Homework

Homework will begin in Week 4. Students will receive homework each week/ fortnight according to classroom teacher instructions. **The children will have access to class OneNote and Microsoft Teams and other platforms** as per teacher instructions.

### Sport

All Stage 3 classes will be participating in sport on Fridays. Students are required to wear their sports uniform (including school hat) and appropriate joggers to participate in the planned sporting activities.

### Library

Students will be given the opportunity to visit the library each week. Books must be returned on their library day before students may borrow again, and they must have their library bag at school. Students will be informed of their library day once timetables have been finalised.



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### Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Whilst students are asked not to bring mobile phones and smart watches to school, we understand that it may be necessary for them to use a phone or communication device before or after school. Any mobile phone or smart watch brought to school must remain switched off in the students' bag and it is not to be used on the school grounds or during school hours. Quakers Hill Public School is under no obligation to provide storage facilities for student devices and the school takes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices while in transit to, or on school grounds. Students are not allowed to use digital devices in the following spaces under any circumstances: playground during recess and lunch or before and after school, toilets, while on excursions or other school events or when representing the school in sport or other extracurricular activities.

### Social Media

Our school regularly communicates through our school website, school parent portal app and social media accounts. More and more of our wonderful families are following us on social media.



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### School Bytes Parent Portal

The School Bytes Parent app is now available to download. Please ensure you download the app to your device/s to access the parent portal and;

- Receive news and push notifications
- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Explain student absences
- View and sync the school calendar to a device
- Access student academic reports



### 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. The [School Uniform Policy Implementation Statement](#) is available on the school website; outlining the school uniform guidelines. School uniforms can be purchased online at [www.qhpspnc.com.au](http://www.qhpspnc.com.au) or on-site at the Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm and Thursday mornings 9:15 am to 10:30 am. To contact the Uniform Shop, please email [support@qhpspnc.com.au](mailto:support@qhpspnc.com.au).

### 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 and understand our expectations, particularly in Stage 3 as they are the 'leaders' of the school'. We continue to use our 'Steps' system to maintain our high expectations and also our Blue awards system to ensure positive behaviours are recognised and celebrated.

Thank you for your support,

Bert Lo Campo  
Principal

Kristine Belista  
Year 5 Assistant Principal

Wendy Poole  
Year 6 Rel. 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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