# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Cadet Camp - 26 February to 1 March 2021

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# From the principal's desk:

The Strategic BHHS Improvement Plan for 2021 to 2024 will be published at the end of Term One. This document details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes and the achievement and growth of all students over the next four years. Students, staff and our community are key contributors this to document. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Two names were overlooked on our list of students attending the upcoming Sydney West Swimming Carnival – best wishes to Krystal Jessen and Vanessa Ozols as they represent BHHS.

As the end of term approaches, students will be completing assignments and assessment tasks as part of their courses of study. Let me encourage students to be well prepared, but also to stay healthy, as they enter this period of term. Year 12 are currently in Buffer Week,

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#### Calendar 2021

This calendar is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole year calendar is on the school website at www.baulkhamhillshiahschool.com.au

Term 1

Week 9

Monday, 22 March Y12 Buffer Week 22/3 to 25/3 incl.

Y7 Maths Assessment Test 1 P5&6 (Ribbans) Y8 Commerce final exam P1-2 (laconis)

Y10 Elective Geography Task Due in class (Morales) Y9 Science K,L,H,O Prac Assessment P5&6 (Hallal)

Tuesday, 23 March

Y7-12 Sydney West Swimming Carnival (Filewood)

P&C General Meeting 7.30pm

Y9U Science Prac Assessment P1&2 (Hallal)

Y8 B,L,K,O and H Science Prac Exam Task 2 in class (Ramachandran)

Wednesday 24 March

Thursday 25 March

Y7&8 Vaccinations P1-6 (Fletcher)

Y9 Geography Assessment task (Filewood)

Y8A Science Prac Exam Task 2 in class P1&2 (Ramachandran) Y10 Brain Bee Challenge. Pds 1&2 (Vasram)

Friday 26 March

Y12 Assessment

Y8 Vikings Source Test in class (Dhall)

Y8U Science Prac Exam Task 2 in class P5&6 (Ramachandran)

Week 10

Monday, 29 March

Y11 Buffer Week 29/3 to 1/4 incl.

Y11/12 Assessments 29/3 to 1/4 incl.

Y9 RAW Challenge P1-8 (Cardiff)
Y11 & Y9 Acc Society & Culture Assessment Task in class (Morales)
Y11 SDD Assessment Task 1 in class P1&2 and 5&6 (Dunne)

Tuesday, 30 March

Y10 History Source Test P1,2,6&8 (Reid)

Y9 Food Téch Practical Exam P3&4 (Payne)

Wednesday 31 March

Y7 Interim Reports Issued

Y8-11 Term 2 Grade Trials and Rec Sport Selections P5-8 (Filewood) Y7 and Peer Support Leaders – P5 (Iaconis)

Thursday 1 April

Y7 History Source Test (Thurlow) Y9 History Source Task (Thurlow) (Reid) (Kite)

Friday 2 April - GOOD FRIDAY

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 19 April - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday, 20 April Students commence

Y11/12 Assessments 20/4 to 23/4 incl. Y9 History Oral Task in class 20/4 to 29/4 incl. (Kite)

Wednesday, 21 April
Thursday, 22 April
Y7 and Peer Support Leaders P6 (Iaconis)

Friday 23 April

Prefect run Anzac Day Ceremony P7&8 (Kite)

Sunday

Week 2

Monday, 26 April

Y8-11 Shakespeare Carnival Rehearsal & Performance P1-8

Y9 History Oral Task in class 20/4 to 29/4 incl. (Kite)

Tuesday, 27 April

g 7.30pm

Wednesday, 28 April
Thursday, 29 April
Y12 Camp 29/4 to 30/4 incl.

Friday 30 April

10 Minimum Standards Testing P1-6 (Simmons)

Y10.5 Food Tech Practical Exam P7&8 (Payne)

with assessments commencing on Friday 26 March. Please continue follow COVID-19 health guidelines

(https://education.nsw.gov.au/co vid-19/advice-for-

families#School2), stay well, and do your very best.

Construction has been completed on the new storage shed adjacent to the Houliston Centre. The shed will house

- extra storage for our Cadet
- a garage for the school bus,
- improved, centralised, school archive storage, and
- a new home for the P & C Uniform Shop. This is scheduled to be in use from the start of Term 2, 2021.

### **Wayne Humphreys Principal**



Cadet Camp – more photos below



## Baulko News

## Masters Academy - Debating and Public Speaking

Invest in your child's speaking skills and confidence.

Debating and public speaking are great catalysts for learning invaluable communication skills.

Although not all students will go on to compete in debating and speaking competitions, all students will need to master active listening, critical thinking and learn to communicate effectively.

Through the practice of debating and public speaking, students will learn persuasive language, critical thinking and logical thinking skills, while gaining a deeper understanding of key knowledge areas, such as health, economics, history, law, politics, media and current affairs.

We teach these key life-skills through activities, teamwork, discussions and participation in classroom debates at your school.

Enrol now for Term 2: enrol.mastersacademy.com.au

#### **Masters Academy Team**

Office: (02) 9136 2482

Email: <a href="mailto:team@mastersacademy.com.au">team@mastersacademy.com.au</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.mastersacademy.com.au">www.mastersacademy.com.au</a>

Run by Masters Academy - more information is available at the office



### **P&C News**

### **P&C March General Meeting**

The P&C March General Meeting will be held virtually on <u>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30pm</u>. The link to the MS Teams meeting is: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_NDI2NDM3ZjktZTdkMi00Yzk3LTk2YTYtOGJhNTliYzQ4ZDI1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2212a3af23-a769-4654-847f-">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_NDI2NDM3ZjktZTdkMi00Yzk3LTk2YTYtOGJhNTliYzQ4ZDI1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2212a3af23-a769-4654-847f-</a>

958f3d479f4a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bdd9a015-b2b8-40f4-a434-1f382e470a7d%22%7d

Or you can scan the QR code below with your smartphone **QR Code scanner** (Note: WeChat will not work)



We look forward to see you there, virtually with the webcam on! ©

Raymund Wong P&C President

### **Procedure for Sick Students**

Students who are sick in class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must go to sick bay (which is in the Front Office) and follow instructions from the office staff, who will contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents first. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication (panadol).

If students are sick please stay home until you are well. Please provide a Medical Certificate if you are absent from school for 3 days or more.



### **Band News**

#### **BAND CAMP**

The band camp will be held from 30th April to 2nd May at Crusaders Galston Gorge at Galston.

All Junior, Intermediate and Strings ensemble band members are invited to attend the band camp. Permission slips will be sent out soon via email and google classroom.

The cost for the band camp is \$275. More details will be given in the permission slips. The last date to submit the permission slips is **2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2021**.

We urgently need parent helpers to help out with the band camp and interested parents can please reach out to <a href="mailto:bhhsbandcom@gmail.com">bhhsbandcom@gmail.com</a>

#### PART TIME BAND ADMIN ROLE

The Baulkham Hills High School band program has a position vacant for a band administrator. The role is salaried, averaging 10 hours work per week as there are very busy times at the start and end of the school year and less work during latter part of Terms 2 and 3. Great flexibility working from home. Must have own computer. Excellent communication and organisational skills required.

#### Role involves:

- Responding to email enquiries in a timely manner
- organising band camps and registering events as required
- Liaising with band committee and Conductors
- maintaining accurate band rolls
- maintaining accurate contact data base
- attending band meetings (usually once per term)
- scheduling audition days

Musical knowledge is not essential.

Applications and CV to be emailed to The Band Administrator <a href="mailto:bhhsbandcom@gmail.com">bhhsbandcom@gmail.com</a>. Applications close 7th June,2021. Start date 12th July.

Thank you, Band Committee



# Wellbeing News: Opportunity for Year 8 Students: 'Future Proofing' Study

Supporting the mental health of our students is a top priority at Baulko. As a result, I am thrilled to announce that our school is taking part in Australia's largest ever wellbeing study for high school students – the 'Future Proofing' Study. We'll be working with the Black Dog Institute and UNSW, along with 170+ other schools, to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Australian teenagers.

We all know 2020 was a difficult year and the wellbeing of our students has never been so important. That's why we're encouraging all Year 8 students to participate in this study.

Participating students will try out new mental health apps and complete 2 surveys about their health and wellbeing at school, each year until they are in Year 12. The surveys will ask about a wide range of issues important to young people, including health, emotions, friendships, school, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will also track student progress and better support their wellbeing.

Participation in this program will not impede on student's workload or class time, and will be overseen by myself and assigned supervisors from the Black Dog Institute.

Students need parent permission and a smartphone to participate. Please follow this link to read the study information sheet and complete the consent form: https://www.fpstudy.org.au/Baulk

We hope you consider your child's participation in this study. Even before COVID-19, research was showing that mental health concerns in teenagers are on the rise. Our school is keen to be part of the solution!

If you'd like to learn more, please feel free to watch this short information video from the research team: <a href="https://youtu.be/Mf2OsMfFKSs">https://youtu.be/Mf2OsMfFKSs</a>

Further information can be found at the following link: <a href="https://unsw-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/z3450507">https://unsw-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/z3450507</a> ad unsw edu au/EXJg-4N4kJFCgFbiwyOOCgsBSW7b3mvnzJPAWXD7mt77zw?e=2raeeL

Similarly, if you have any further questions, please contact me on <u>Terryanne.fletcher1@det.nsw.edu.au</u>. I have also included the parent information pamphlet, which follows this, for more information.

Kindest regards,

Ms Terryanne Fletcher Head Teacher Wellbeing







Cadet Camp Photos – AFX20: 26 February to 1 March 2021





## Wellbeing News:

## Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 2, 2021)

I am delighted that this year, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers">https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers</a>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey can be read below. If you <u>do</u> <u>not</u> want your child or children to participate, please return the form to the front office by 29/3/21. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers">https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers</a>

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated!

Kindest Regards,

Ms Terryanne Fletcher
Head Teacher Wellbeing
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Tell Them From Me student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 2 2021, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will <u>not</u> be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students will <u>not</u> be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to etter understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to the front office by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers

Terryanne Fletcher Head Teacher Wellbeing Baulkham Hills High School Dr Jenny Donovan Executive Director Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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## Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the front office by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student 1	Roll class of student 1
Name of student 2	Roll class of student 2
Name of student 3	Roll class of student 3
Name of student 4	Roll class of student 4
Name of parent/carer	
Signature of parent/carer	
Date	

www.cese.nsw.gov.au



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## Sydney West Swimming Carnival – 20 April

Good Luck to our Baulko Swimmers representing Baulko & Hills Zone At The Sydney West Swimming Carnival On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Tavishi FOTEDAR

Krystal JESSEN

Rachel KIM

Lydia LIN

Yuecheng LU

Benjamin MARCELLINO

Vanessa OZOLS

Fei SHEN

Julie SHIN

Patrick YI

Xuqing (Jacky) ZHANG

Mr Filewood, Sports Organiser

## Sport News – Sport Google Classroom for Recognition Assemblies

If you have represented in a specific sport or at any carnival you can register this using the google form provided. The link to this form is available on the **SPORT GOOGLE CLASSROOM** page.

This is for all specific sporting representations & carnivals, Hills Zone & beyond. This form is not for grade sport, knockout sport or school carnival representations.

If you do not register your sporting representation using this google form process you will not receive any type of award. There will be deadlines at various times throughout the year when year groups recognition ceremonies are being prepared. These deadlines will be announced publicly as they arise.

Mr Filewood, Sport Organiser



## **RECREATIONAL SPORT COSTS Term 2 & 3 - 2021**

(T2 - 9 weeks + T3 - 9 weeks) for Years 8-11

Venue	Sport (no of students allowed)	Cost
Anytime Fitness Old Northern Road Baulkham Hills	GYM 24	\$144
The Edge Castle Hill  Rock Climbing	ROCK CLIMBING 24	\$270
Peak Pursuits Castle Hill	CREATIVE CLIMBING CENTRE 55	\$270
Fred Caterson Tennis Castle Hill	TENNIS 55	\$235
Hills Stadium Fred Caterson, Caste Hill	BASKETBALL 55 (25/8 centre unavailable – no payment for this week)	\$170
AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ACADEMY  Annangrove Road Annangrove	TABLE TENNIS 55 Price includes x1 bat (paddle)	\$240
THE CENTRE  Dural	FUTSAL 55	\$235
Baulkham Hills Indoor Sports Hills Street Baulkham Hills	SQUASH 24	\$144
School – TLC	YOGA 20	\$20
School – B1	CHESS CLUB 30	FREE
School – DRAMA ROOM	THEATRE SPORTS 15	FREE
Baulkham Hills Area	WALKING (unlimited)	FREE
TORRY BURN RESERVE	RUN FIT (Ms Hardy) 20 BRAND NEW SPORT IN 2021	FREE

Your Recreational Sport selection can only be made online at <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/">https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/</a>

The code for Term 2&3 is: vm54n. The site will be open for use Wednesday 31st March at 7:30pm and close Thursday 1st April at 7:30pm. Site may also close early if bookings are completed.

After you have made your selection payments are made online at: <a href="https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/">https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/</a> and must be received by Friday 23rd April (no student registration number or invoice number is needed for online payments. (Select the item 'sport' as the payment type). Numbers are limited in all sports. This is due to venue restrictions, availability of instructors & bus limitations. Only online registration will get you a place in your chosen sport. Payments made without online registration will not give you a place in that sport. All students doing walking will meet in the shed on Wednesday 21st April at the end of lunch to allocate teachers. Please still register online for walking to help us with understanding our numbers.

There are a lot of rec sport fees in Term 1 that remain unpaid.

Please pay as they are overdue. If you are not sure check at the Office for outstanding payments.



### **Careers News**

#### Careers News - Create Your Career Google Site

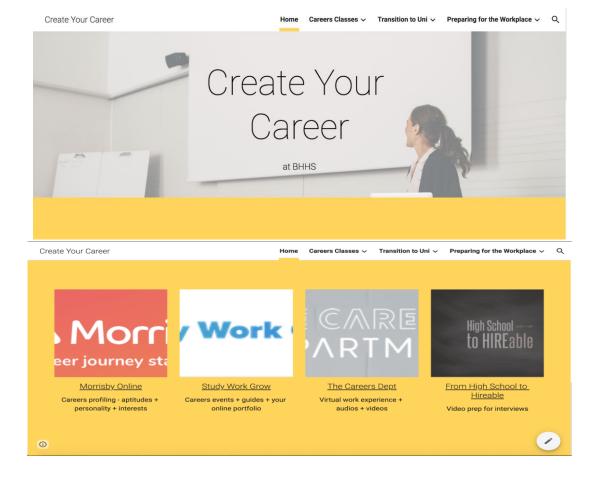
Students can access this content via their @bhhs Google accounts. To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: <a href="https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child">https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child</a>

From the homepage, students can access all their <u>subscription resources</u>:

- Morrisby Online Career Profiling (aptitudes, personality, interests)
- Career Central (Career Management software)
- Study Work Grow (guides, updates, portfolio)
- The Careers Department (virtual work experience, audios, videos)
- From High School to Hireable (coming 2021 online interview skills course)

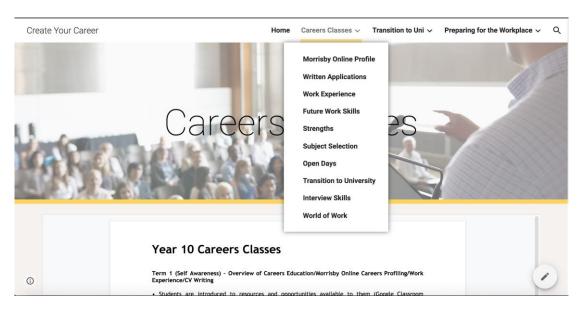
As well as content on <u>Careers Classes</u>, <u>Transition to Uni and the Workforce</u>, students have easy access to <u>useful tools</u>:

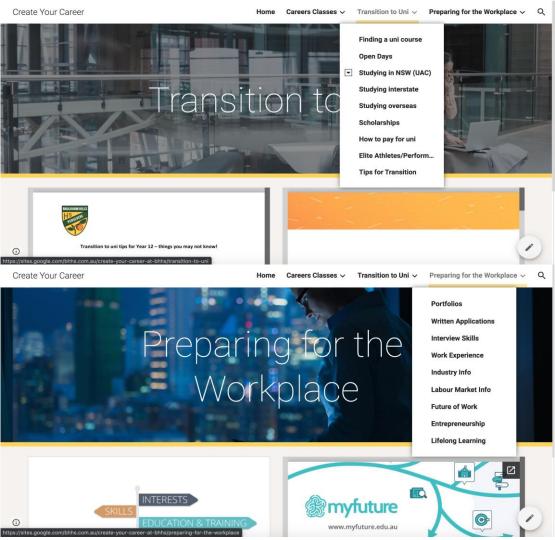
- Book a Careers appointment spreadsheet
- Careers Checklists
- Uni speakers at BHHS
- Year 12 Deadlines





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myfuture has a new look!

Informed by feedback from users and experts, myfuture's updated website continues to provide access to high-quality and reliable career information from official sources, but its tools and resources have been restructured to make them easier to explore. A number of new features have also been introduced, including a 'My Favourites' section, glossary terms and tips to help students uncover new information and options.

As a government-funded service, myfuture provides free online resources and tools to support students to develop self-knowledge for career decision-making.

myfuture's personalised features assist young Australians to explore how their values, interests and skills relate to a wide range of career options and vocational and higher education pathways.



Access important <u>industry information</u>, including employment prospects

Get tips and tricks by reading real-life <u>career stories</u>

Read <u>career articles</u> to discover practical information to support career exploration

Learn more about educational <u>institutions</u> and study options

Find out about <u>organisations</u>, career resources, opportunities and career pathways

Begin the conversation about the world of work as a parent or carer

Explore resources for teachers and career practitioners

myfuture also offers targeted resources and professional development opportunities for those who support or influence career choices, such as teachers, career practitioners, parents and carers.

Explore the recent updates: https://bit.ly/myfuture20



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#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Student Drop off/Pick up**. A reminder to follow all parking and traffic rules when dropping off or picking up your student from BHHS. Please allow your student to walk a few minutes from the gate to meet your vehicle at the end of the day – this helps to ease traffic congestion and improves safety in the afternoons. Students using the bus bay – remember to walk at all times in that area.

#### Masks remain compulsory on public transport for staff and students in Greater Sydney

as per NSW Government guidelines. All staff and students over the age of 12 in the Greater Sydney area must wear masks when travelling to/from school or when travelling for school activities using public transport or charter bus services. There have been complaints raised by the public about students not wearing masks on public transport. I would ask that parents and carers please remind their students that they must have and wear a mask for these activities (unless the student has a health exemption). More information about wearing masks is available on the NSW Government website - check <a href="https://rb.gy/fykkpp">https://rb.gy/fykkpp</a>

### Travelling Home from School by Bus using the Bus Bay

- Wait behind the white line leaving room for students to move down the walkway to their bus
- Don't cross the yellow line until you are ready to board a bus
- Always follow teacher directions
- Have your Opal card ready and wear your mask as per Covid 19 Govt regulations when boarding bus
- If catching the 601 on Windsor Rd beware of crossings, follow directions remember your manners



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There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



Double parking	\$349 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$349 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$464 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$581 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$464 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$349 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$464 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$349 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2020 For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.eu

3 Cotumbia Court, Baukkam Hills Miler 2153 PO Bas 70545, Basikkam Hills BC 2153 Phone 02 9843 0555 Email council@thekills.nousgou **#HILLS** 

## update of Personal Details

If there have been any changes to your personal details, please email the school with any changes -

It is important that parents/guardians keep the school informed of any changes.

baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

if your preferred email address is a Hotmail address please check your spam/junk folder for emails from the school.



## **Symptoms of COVID-19**

### Symptoms of COVID-19 include

- Fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- cough
- sore/scratchy throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell or
- loss of taste.

### Other reported symptoms include

- fatique
- runny nose
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite.

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia with severe acute respiratory distress.

### When COVID-19 symptoms appear

The amount of time between exposure to the virus and the first appearance of symptoms is usually 5 to 6 days, although it may range from 2 to 14 days.

People who might have been in contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19 should self-isolate for 14 days.

You should prevent the spread of viruses, by keeping your <u>hands clean</u>, not touching your face and <u>keeping your distance</u> from other people.

