

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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Year 10 Duke of Ed Camp
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From the principal's desk:

The **Trial HSC examinations** have commenced for our HSC students. On behalf of all staff, students and our school community, I would like to wish our HSC students every success in these exams.

A number of small **building projects**, delayed from earlier in the year due to the wet weather, are nearing completion. These include new cricket nets, covered walkways to areas that had previously been subject to wet weather, and faulty rain gutters being fixed.

Several **camps** have recently been completed, including Cadets, Year 7 and Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh. Thank you to students for following covid-safe guidelines to assist with the successful and safe running of these important activities in the wholistic education of our students. A special thank you to those BHHS staff who attended these camps to ensure the camps could proceed, and to support our students. Cont P2

8 August 2022



Calendar 2022

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.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Term 3

Week 4
Monday 8 August HSC Trial Examinations 5/8-19/8 incl.
Tuesday 9 August Y10 Subject Selection Interviews 9/8-11/8 incl. Y10 Interviews for subject selections 9/8 to 11/8 incl. S5 Community Access to Cockatoo Island
Wednesday 10 August
Thursday 11 August Y9 Science Practical Exam 11/8-12/8 incl.
Friday 12 August Big Science Big Fun Show - Support
Week 5
Monday 15 August HSC Trial Examinations 5/8-19/8 incl. Y11 Japanese Acc - Japan Foundation Visit Y7 and Y8 Premier's Debating Challenge
Tuesday 16 August
Wednesday 17 August
Thursday 18 August Meet the Music – Sydney Symphony Concert – Opera House
Friday 19 August Model UN Nationals Camp 19/8-21/8 incl.
Week 6
Monday 22 August Prelim Geography – Task 2 hand in Y11 and Y12 Luna Park Beyond the Thrills Excursion Prelim Geography – Task 2 hand in
Tuesday 23 August Y9 to Y12 French Excursion
Wednesday 24 August ICAS Science Online Test
Thursday 25 August Y7 Geography Assessment – Research Task 1 Y9/10 History Elective Maritime Museum Excursion Y11/12 Volleyball School Cup 25/8-26/8 incl.
Friday 26 August Y10 History Elective Research Task Y7 Wellbeing Day
Sunday 28 August – Australian School Band & Orchestra Festival (ASBOF)
Week 7
Monday 29 August Y9 Duke of Ed Camp 29/8-31/8 incl. Y10 Geography fieldwork at Chowder Bay
Tuesday 30 August Y12 Elevate HSC Seminar
Wednesday 31 August
Thursday 1 September Y7 Mathematics Test 3 Y8 History Research Task due Y7/8/9/10 Volleyball School Cup 1/9-2/9 incl.
Friday 2 September Y10 International Studies Task 3 – Culture in Film & Literature Task Y7 History Research booklet due Y10 Engineering – Tour of new Western Sydney Airport Prefect Induction Ceremony Variety Night - Prefects (5pm-9.20pm)

NSW Health are unwavering in their message that masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu.

As case numbers within the community continue to rise, this is a reminder that mask wearing is strongly encouraged for students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors, and that now is not the time to become complacent. Masks continue to be required for workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purpose (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.

Refer to NSW Health's Mask wearing page (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/guidance-on-wearing-face-masks>) link for further information. You can also go to the NSW Department of Education's Advice for families (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>) for full details of the COVID-smart settings currently in place at our school.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

Baulko News

P&C News

Working Bee – 3rd September

Working Bee is now back on for this year, for new parents, this is an opportunity to see the school and help the school. While you are helping to clean up and pretty up the school ground, you also get to meet parents from all other years.

The objective of the working bee this time is to clean up the garden, plant new trees so our kids can enjoy the school ground.

To sign up, click on the link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/QMKEJ>

P&C will provide morning tea and lunch on the day.

Details are:

Date: **3rd September 2022**

Time: **9am to 1pm**

What to bring: shovels and gloves, wear comfortable clothing for gardening work.

I would love to see you all there!

Raymund Wong

P&C President

Procedure for Late Arrivals

If a student arrives at school late, they must provide a note to the office signed by their parent/guardian when signing in giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to sign in at the Office when they arrive at school including senior students with study leave in the morning.** The student will be issued a late arrival pass which they can present to their teacher when they arrive in class.

If a note is not provided from home, the student will be issued with a late pass slip which is signed by a parent/guardian. The signed slip must be handed into the office the next day or **within 7 days**.

Senior students with Flexible Study Leave must be in by Recess and sign in at the Front Office



Band News

Workshop this Sunday 14th Aug

Reminder, this Sunday is band workshop day for the following bands. Please ensure you arrive promptly!

Symphonic Wind Ensemble (guest Conductor Mr Alvin Mak) 9:00am to 12:30pm. Start with rehearsal in TLC

Senior Band (Ms Yvonne Brown) 10:00am to 1:30pm. Start with rehearsal in TLC

String Ensemble (Mrs Ruth Choong) 10:00am to 1:30pm. Start with group tutorial

Concert Band (Dr Luis Madrid) 12:30pm to 4:00pm. Start with sectionals (G Block)

Junior Band (Ms Yvonne Brown) 1:30pm to 5:00pm. Start with rehearsals

What to bring:

- Instruments and music
- **Portable music stands**
- Condensation cloths (for brass instruments, etc)
- Water bottle
- additional snacks

Permission forms for ASBOF and Band NSW State Championships

These will be issued shortly. Please keep an eye out for these and complete them ASAP.

The school will send these via school bytes to the parent email address you have registered with the School, which may be different to the address you have supplied to the band, so check with other family members and also your junk folders.

Once you complete the form, please retain the email for your future reference and details for the event.

If you cannot remember if you have already filled the form, when you click on "View Online Form", it will highlight in green at the bottom of the page if you have submitted the form, with the date and time.

New Band committee members required

The band program is not able to run without the parent helper group.



The following positions are available:

President (2hrs /week)

Vice President

Treasurer (1-2 hrs/week)

Secretary

Committee members x 2

Meetings are held once per month (virtually)

Register interest or questions to the Band Administrator bhhsbandcom@gmail.com.

Do not be deterred if you do not have any experience, you will learn as you go. All that is required is passion and a love of sharing music! Many hands make light work.

New Band Administrator

There will be a new band administrator appointed to start on Monday 15th August who will be responding to all your queries from then.

I have enjoyed returning to this position for a second time, thank you for having me. It is wonderful to see so many students continuing in the band program since my previous time at Baulko, despite two very uneventful years.

Continue to make beautiful music together! Good luck to all the Year 12 students for their final term at school.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Howard
Band Administrator

LOST PROPERTY

Valuables lost at school (eg. phone, watch, ear pods, ear pod cases, jewellery, keys, purse, glasses) are handed into the front office for safe keeping.



If your child has lost an item of value please encourage them to come to the front office to enquire.

Proof of ownership (good description, entering of passcode etc) is required for valuables.

Any lost item (eg clothing, lunchbox, pencil case etc) without a name is in lost property in the library.



CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

Castle Hill Rotary Club

Supporting youth mental health in the Hills

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
BELLA VISTA FARM

Cnr Westwood Way &
Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista

REGISTER NOW AT
CROSSCOUNTRYCHALLENGE.COM.AU





Enter to win a share of \$7,600 in prizes!

Hello,

- Your school is invited to participate in this year's **Tax, Super + You competition**
- Students can start working on their entries now
- The competition is open 30 May – 19 August 2022

What's the challenge?

We want your students to unleash their creativity and explain tax and super in a fun and imaginative way. Not only will your students gain an understanding of this important topic, they also have a chance to win some great prizes for themselves and their schools. Students can enter individually or as part of a team.

The entry topics for 2022 are:

- **Junior (Year 7–9):** Tax, Super + Me – How tax impacts me in my daily life.
- **Senior (Year 10–12):** Top four things I need to know about tax and super when I start my first job.

What you can do

Tell your students about the competition, help them explore tax and super, and encourage them to get creative! You could even use the competition as a classroom activity. You can find free teaching resources at our new and improved Tax, Super + You website.

The new website makes it easier and quicker to find engaging content and activities, and plan face to face or virtual lessons that are aligned to the Australian and state curriculums. It's available at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

Prizes and entry details

The following prizes will be awarded for each category:

- First prize winner (\$600 plus \$600 for their school).
- Second prize winner (\$400 plus \$400 for their school).
- Third prize winner (\$300 plus \$300 for their school).
- People's Choice Award winner (\$600 plus \$600 for their school).

We've included posters with this letter to help spread the word in your school.

To find out more, go to taxsuperandyou.gov.au/competition

Kind regards,

The Tax, Super + You competition team
Australian Taxation Office

Careers News Term 3 2022

Year 12 Uni Applications

Year 12 have been sent videos and PP slides of the UAC process. Uni/alumni speakers visit in Term 2.

Year 10 Google Classroom

Year 10 have access to a specialised Google Classroom and have been emailed the code to access. All Year 10 students have access to the Morrisby Online Careers Profiling which provides university course and career suggestions ahead of subject selection. Year 10 students have access to a hard copy of the Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students publication from UAC from May.

Helping your child with their career development

To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child>. There is also a National Careers Week on demand webinar for Parents & Guardians – [Help guide your child to a career path that is right for them](#).

Careers Subscriptions

Years 7/8/9

Years 7/8/9 students have been emailed a code to complete the junior version of the Morrisby Profile (called Morrisby Careers).

Year 10 into 11

- Morrisby Online Career Profiling (aptitudes, personality, interests)
- Study Work Grow (guides, updates, portfolio) (parents can also sign up via code in Google Classroom)
- The Careers Department (virtual work experience, audios, videos)

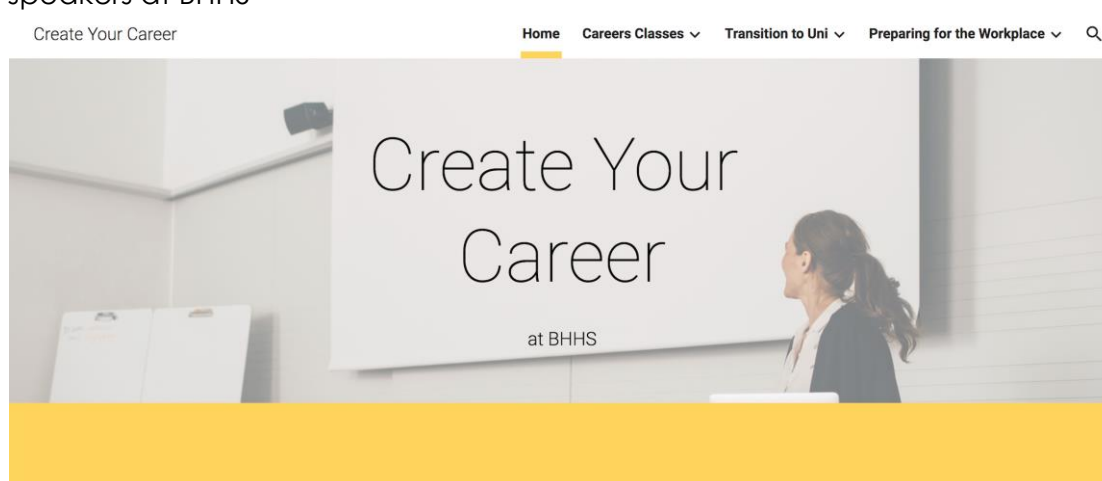
Year 12

Year 12 have access to all of the above subscriptions plus the following:

- From High School to Hireable (online interview skills course)

Google Classroom updates are posted for Year 12 including:

- Book a Careers appointment spreadsheet
- Careers Checklists & deadlines
- Uni speakers at BHHS



Create Your Career

Home Careers Classes Transition to Uni Preparing for the Workplace

Careers

- Morrisby Online Profile
- Written Applications
- Work Experience
- Future Work Skills
- Strengths
- Subject Selection
- Open Days
- Transition to University
- Interview Skills
- World of Work

Year 10 Careers Classes

Term 1 (Self Awareness) - Overview of Careers Education/Morrisby Online Careers Profiling/Work Experience/CV Writing

Students are introduced to resources and opportunities available to them (Google Classroom)

Create Your Career

Home Careers Classes Transition to Uni Preparing for the Workplace

Transition to

- Finding a uni course
- Open Days
- ☒ Studying in NSW (UAC)
- Studying interstate
- Studying overseas
- Scholarships
- How to pay for uni
- Elite Athletes/Perform...
- Tips for Transition

Transition to uni tips for Year 12 - things you may not know!

<https://sites.google.com/bhhs.com.au/create-your-career-at-bhhs/transition-to-uni>

Create Your Career

Home Careers Classes Transition to Uni Preparing for the Workplace

Preparing for the Workplace

- Portfolios
- Written Applications
- Interview Skills
- Work Experience
- Industry Info
- Labour Market Info
- Future of Work
- Entrepreneurship
- Lifelong Learning

INTERESTS

SKILLS

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Explore



9

My career profile activities



358

occupation profiles



Approx.

15,000

courses



33

career bullseyes



300+

videos



100+

career stories



100+

career articles



Join over

1 million

registered users

(as at 31 December 2021)

What is myfuture?

myfuture is Australia's National Career Information Service. It provides online resources to explore career pathways and tools to develop self-knowledge for career decision-making.

myfuture encourages students to consider how their interests, values and skills relate to a wide range of career pathways. It provides a complete and unbiased picture of opportunities, by showcasing both higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses.

Resources are designed to support three key audiences:



Students

Complete the short *My career profile* activities to identify students' interests, skills and values and generate a list of suggested occupations, or use the *Career bullseyes* to discover occupations related to school learning areas. Open up new possibilities by researching industries, occupations and courses and by exploring career stories shared by young people and articles contributed by experts. Save and revisit favourite content and activity results.



Teachers and career practitioners

A special section of the site contains resources to support teachers and career practitioners. It includes video libraries, resources to embed career learning across the curriculum, myfuture's recent webinars, newsletters and insights papers, and a range of high-quality content and resources written by career development and education experts.



Parents and carers

The earliest and often the most powerful learning about careers is shaped by the adults in a child's life. The resources curated in the *Parents and carers* section of myfuture are designed to assist these key influencers to begin the conversation with their child about the world of work.

How to access myfuture

myfuture is funded by Australian state and territory governments.

Visit www.myfuture.edu.au to sign up for a free account and check the box to receive up-to-date career information via email.



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myfuture.edu.au

Support From Reachout

The challenges of supporting students as parents and carers is always present. The issues around COVID-19 have made this an even more difficult and uncertain path to tread. I will be giving students short ideas via assemblies over the next few weeks in which they can proactively support themselves.

The website Reachout.com also provides advice for parent and carers over a range of areas. It is worth having a look at <https://parents.au.reachout.com/> as a starting point.

For students, have a look at <https://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-handle-fear-about-the-future-a-guide-for-year-12-students> (Dr Amy Burton, Clinical Psychologist)



All Abilities Cricket Program (AACP)

For Players with Special Needs

Mission: To enrich social & physical wellbeing by promoting Cricket as an inclusive All Abilities sport for children and adolescents with special needs.

Come Play Cricket With Us – AACP

Age Group: 10 – 17 Years

Duration: 10 Weeks (Sept 23rd onwards)

Session Day & Timing: Fridays 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Schofields Park (Near Schofields Public School)

What You Need: Basic Cricket Kit (Gloves, Pads, Guard, Helmet)

Cost: \$100 (Active Kids Voucher accepted)

Register Now:

Go to www.playhq.com → Search for Schofields Cricket Club → Click on 'Register' → Click on 'SCC AACP'

Contact Us – schofieldscricket@hotmail.com or 0434 083 057

Schofields Cricket Club - Est. 1924

TAFE Use

Students are reminded that the use of the adjacent TAFE facility to walk to and from Old Northern Rd is a privilege and not a right. Students are reminded to walk safely, quietly and quickly thorough the facility. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to enter, drive into, or park in the TAFE to pick up or drop off students.

Bus Travel

The **bus stop on Old Northern Rd in front of Baulkham Hills TAFE** is used each afternoon by approximately 100 students. Students have the privilege and responsibility of accessing this bus stop through the TAFE. I would remind students to be very careful and considerate when using and accessing this bus stop, waiting for a bus, and moving to the kerb to get on a bus. Buses sometimes approach the stop very quickly, with the front of the bus coming over the edge of the kerb. Please always demonstrate courtesy and safety, and remember that there is always another bus. Further to this, may I please remind all students that the **wearing of masks on public transport remains compulsory** in line with NSW Department of Health Public Health Order.

COVID-19 - A reminder that **regularly updated COVID guidelines** are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Student pickup after school

A reminder about parking and picking up around our school in the afternoons, especially in the school bus bay, Carver Crescent, Christopher Street, Coronation Road, and Baulkham Hills TAFE areas.

Please ensure you follow all traffic rules (especially traffic lights and not parking across driveways) when you are in these areas. You could even have your student walk a little but further away from the school gate – to assist their physical health, and alleviate the heavy traffic at the end of the school day.

The Hills Shire Council will have compliance officers at various times in these locations to ensure all drivers are following required traffic rules.

Absence Explanations

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school on the day of absence or **within seven (7) days** from the first day of any period of absence.

If a student is absent for three (3) days or more
(Not Covid)
a **Medical Certificate** is required.

Lost Property on Hills Bus

Lost Property Contact Details

For enquiries about lost items, please contact the relevant depot for further information.

Alternatively, if your matter is urgent please contact Transport for NSW on 131 500.

Not sure who to contact? Visit Lost Property – Transport for NSW.

Hillsbus

 (02) 9890 0000

 customer.service@cdcbus.com.au

NSW Health Updates

Please follow the link below to fact sheets from NSW Health as regards the linked topics.

- Japanese encephalitis -

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/japanese_encephalitis.aspx

- Mosquitoes -

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx>

- Japanese encephalitis virus and mosquito bite avoidance -

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/japanese-encephalitis-questions-answered.pdf>

Transport for NSW Face Masks are Mandatory

This is a reminder to all students that face masks are mandatory whilst waiting for and travelling on public transport, including all school buses. It is also mandatory for all students to tap on and off using a valid Opal card or eftpos card, every time they travel.

It is important for students that failing to wear a mask or tap on/off risk a fine by transport inspectors.

I have added a link below to Transport for NSW showing travel offences and fines for your convenience and information.

<https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/travel-offences-fines-penalties>