

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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From the principal's desk:

The **Trial HSC examinations** continue for our HSC students. On behalf of all staff, students and our school community, I would like to encourage our HSC students to "persevere" and do your best.

COVID-smart measures to continue throughout Term 3. From Week 5, Monday 15 August, the following COVID-smart measures will remain in place in our schools:

- Students and staff must stay at home if unwell and not return to school until symptom-free.
- If a student or staff member is symptomatic, they should take a rapid antigen test (RAT) and isolate until they receive a negative test result. Further RAT kits will be distributed by the school in the coming days.
- Masks continue to be strongly encouraged for all staff, students and school visitors, particularly when indoors and when physical distancing is not possible.

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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 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 Y8 Music Composition Due 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)
Week 8
Monday 5 September Year 11 Buffer Week 5/9-9/9 incl. Y8 Science Depth Study test
Tuesday 6 September Y8 Commerce Task 1
Wednesday 7 September Y10 Mathematics Test 3 Australian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO) 7/9-9/9 incl.
Thursday 8 September Y10 Commerce Task 3 Y9 Mathematics Test 3 Australian Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO) RU OK DAY Assembly P3
Friday 9 September

- Household or close contacts who are symptom-free can attend mainstream schools if they receive a negative RAT result every day for 5 school days and wear a mask (staff and high school students) while on site.
- All staff and eligible students and their families are recommended to keep up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including getting a booster shot.
- Visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, are able to come to school sites but may be required to wear a mask if in close proximity to students at greater risk of severe illness if they were to get COVID-19.
- Natural ventilation and personal hygiene is, as always, encouraged.
- Events, gatherings and overnight excursions are able to go ahead. Schools consider the risks associated and make COVID-smart decisions based on the current situation with COVID-19 and other illnesses in their communities.

School uniform. Correct school uniform is expected to be worn at all times by students. If, for any reason, your student is unable to wear school uniform on a particular day, they are required to bring a note from a parent or carer to be sighted and signed by a Deputy Principal before school. The student will be issued a Uniform Pass for the day.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

Baulko News

METROPOLITAN INTER-SCHOOL CHESS 2022

In this year's Metropolitan Inter-School Competition, conducted by the NSW Junior Chess League, Baulkham Hills HS entered 13 four-player teams in three age divisions. After a gruelling nine-round season lasting through much of Term 2 and the first few weeks of Term 3, no fewer than four of the BHHS teams emerged as divisional winners, advancing to the Met West finals series.

Congratulations to the Senior team - Winston Zhao Chen (Year 12, captain), Shivam Pant, Jonathan Yap, Dhvani Patel and Kaibing Qi (all Year 11)), the Intermediate A team - Joshua Seo (captain), Judy Huang, Daniel Lukins (all Year 10) and Ethan Gao (Year 9)), the Intermediate B team - Roy Liu (captain), Daniel Toole, Taehoon Kim (all Year 10) and Andy Liu (Year 9)), and the Junior A team - Sayum Rupasinghe (captain), Abinesh Janarthanan (both Year 8), Benjamin Jiang, Terry Gao and Jamie Hao (all Year 7).

The finals series will be held over Weeks 4-6 of Term 3. Let us hope that one or more of these teams can add to our growing honour roll of Met West champions!

Mr Michael Salter

Update of Address and Contact Details

If there have been any changes to your home address, phone number or email address, please email the school with any changes asap.

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/yahoo address please check your spam/junk folder

Band News

Some great progress was made during the band workshop on Sunday, well done to everyone who attended. 130 pizzas were consumed!

A huge thank you to Ms Kim, Mrs Martin, Mr Mak, Baulko band conductors, tutors and amazing parent committee members and helpers.

Thank you Mrs Margaret Howard

A special thank you to Mrs Howard who is handing over the Band Administrator reigns today. We are very grateful for her many years of service to the band, school and dedication to the students, parents ensuring everything goes like clockwork and ensuring the band program is always a success. Wishing you all the best!

Welcome Mrs Lucy Romain

On behalf of the Band Committee, we extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Lucy Romain who will be taking over. Mrs Romain is well versed in music, having been a music teacher and running her own music business will be of great value to the band program.

Thank you Ms Yvonne Brown

After four years of conducting at Baulko Band, Ms Brown will be leaving to pursue other opportunities. Ms Brown has made a significant contribution to the band program and has encouraged, supported and nurtured many talented musicians through Junior and Senior Band. She constantly strives to bring the best out of the students and creates joy from music. We wish you all the best!

Ms Fiona Lucas who many of the band students maybe familiar with as she has attended band camps and workshops, will be standing in till the end of the year. A warm welcome to Ms Lucas to our conductor team.

A note from Ms Brown

"Dear Junior and Senior Band parents

As you are now aware I will be stepping back from my role as a conductor in the Baulkham Hills High School Band Program after our workshop day on Sunday. This is not a decision I have taken lightly but it is one which means I am able to take up opportunities that have opened for me musically both here and overseas. I have enjoyed working with the students at Baulko over the last 4 years, they are not only thoughtful, focused and pursuers of excellence, but also witty, inspiring and hard working. Thank you for the privilege of being part of you children's musical development and for your support in that endeavour.

Best wishes for the remainder of 2022 and future years.

Yvonne Brown"



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Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 Cohort were very enthusiastic for their first camp! For many of our students it was their first camp ever away from home due to Covid19. Year 7 enjoyed two days and one night at Stanwell Tops. Throughout these two days students participated in archery, go-carting, high ropes, giant swing, treetops and many more activities. Year 7 had an amazing time and many of the students are already counting down the days to their next camp. Specials thanks to the teachers who attended the camp (Mr O'Shea, Mr Dhall, Mr Salter, Mr Helg, Mr Chiu, Mr Iaconis, Ms Fletcher, Ms Chapman, Ms Jamba, Ms Martin) as these camps cannot operate without them.

Mr O'Shea (Year 7 Adviser)

See below for Year 7 comments about the camp:

"The Year 7 camp was very fun, I loved all of the activities which challenged me and pushed me to my limit, especially abseiling and the giant swing. I would not have been able to push myself without the support of the staff at the Tops."

"It was amazing!!!!!! I wish we were there longer!!!!!! 😊😊"

"Made loads of new friends, camp was a great experience!"

"The camp was great! Some of the food was interesting, the activities were very interesting and fun, and we also learnt a lot. The silent disco was awesome as well, and it was a memorable experience. The cabins were clean and tidy as well; overall, I highly recommend going to the Tops for camp."

"The camp offered a lot of opportunities for me and my peers to leave our comfort zone."

"It was amazing! The activities were very fun, and I am happy that I became closer with some other students in the grade. While some of the activities challenge some fears, they helped towards overcoming said fears. My favourite thing we did was most likely the Silent Disco. It was very fun to sing along to music. My only wish is that it could be a bit longer to do some more activities."

"The Year 7 Camp was an amazing experience, and I had lots of fun with my friends. The camp allowed me to meet new people and try new things, which was really enjoyable (the disco night especially). Although, I do wish it was longer, since it was only 1 night. But other than that, it was a great camp."



Cadets Timberwolf 22 Camp

Friday 29 July to Sunday 31 July 2022

Timberwolf was the first camp I attended and I'm glad it was because it was a wonderful and thrilling first experience. It was both educational and active and it was executed in a very creative and fun way. It was also an overall comfortable stay, other than the very cold nights. We had a multitude of theory lessons and hands-on activities during our three-day stay.

Every activity was interactive and made with a lot of effort from the NCO's. One of the activities we participated in was an obstacle course. We had to use different skills we learnt over the course of the few days and implement it in the obstacle course. It was challenging and competitive between the people in each group, which made it enjoyable and tested our abilities in what we learnt simultaneously.

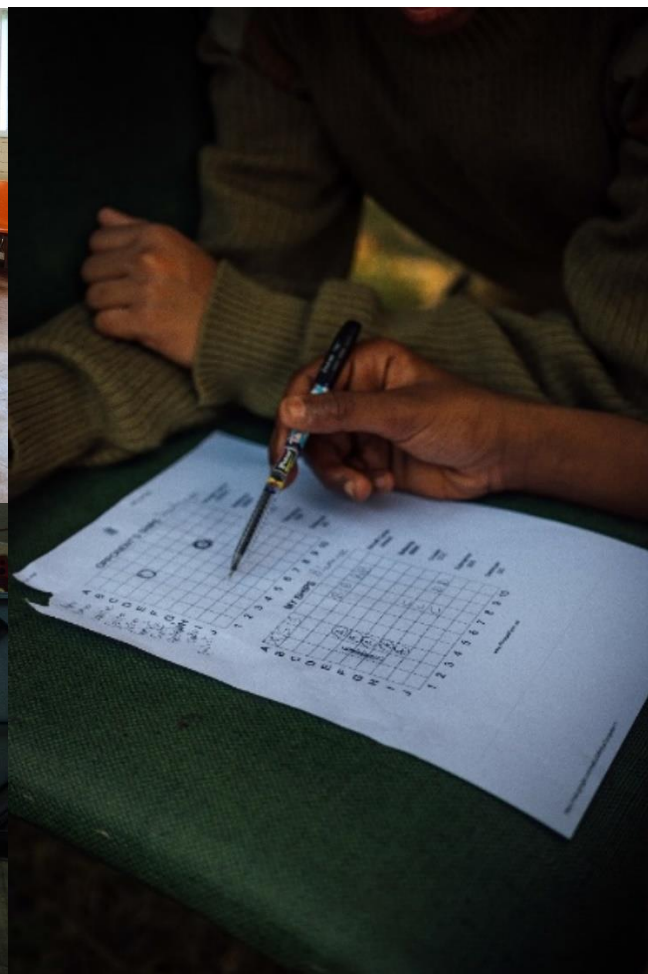
We also did a practical activity on first aid and how to communicate through a radio if we do find an injured person. This activity was to show whether we understood the correct steps of first aid (as we had learnt in a theory lesson) and if each group could work to help the injured people.

One of my personal favourite activities was a game of Ghost Walking: red light, green light. The game tested an important ability we were taught while playing a game everyone enjoys. It was a pity we couldn't continue due to the wet weather conditions, but I was grateful we stopped because it was super cold the next morning and no one had gotten a cold from the game too.

This camp helped all recruits learn more about Army Cadets and practice various skills needed in outdoor life. I would definitely recommend this camp to any recruits who want to join!!

CDTRCT Zaman, Afia





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.

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

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Year 10 Camp Photos





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)

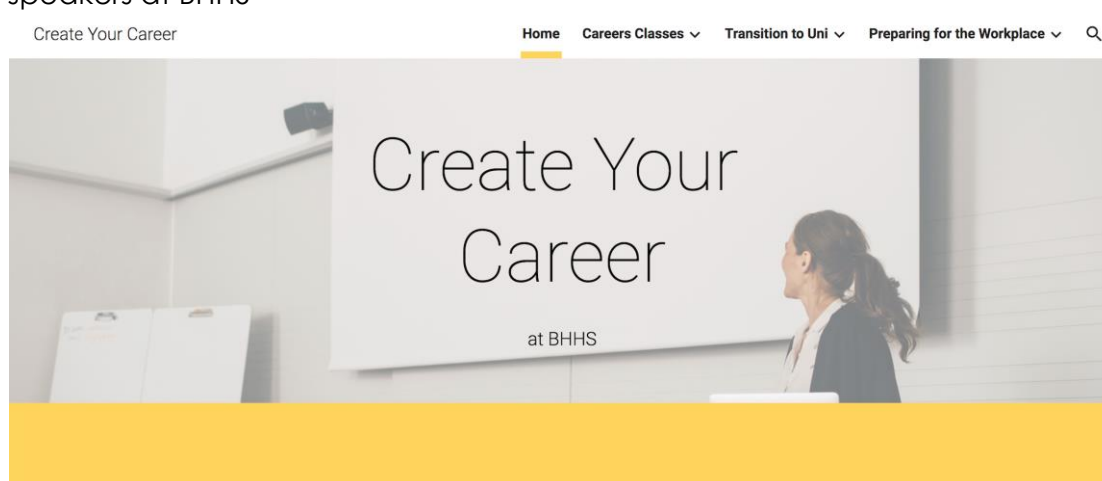
Year 12

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

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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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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 arrange 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>