

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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**Support Unit Art Exhibition**

## From the principal's desk:

Students are in the midst of assessments and examinations. HSC students and Years 7, 8 and 10 have concluded their tasks, Year 9 commence this week, and Year 11 have theirs (their first HSC tasks) in Week 8. May I encourage students to ensure they are looking after themselves physically and mentally with the stresses of assessment tasks, but still strive to do their best? Even though examinations may have concluded for some years, learning still continues across the school.

This Friday the school will pause at 11 am to mark Remembrance Day. Let's not forget.

As always, there are many events coming up at BHHS. The P & C Multicultural Food Fair is on Saturday 18 November from 5 pm at the school. Both Year 8 and Year 10 students have their annual camps coming soon. Please make sure permission notes and payments are returned by due dates.

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## Calendar 2023

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](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Term 4

<b>Week 5</b>
<b>Monday 6 November</b> Y9 Assessment Week – 6/11 to 10/11 incl. Y8 PDHPE Practical Assessment task
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b> Y12 Sign Out day
<b>Wednesday 8 November</b>
<b>Thursday 9 November</b> Y11 Recognition Assembly
<b>Friday 10 November</b> Cadets Remembrance Day Ceremony Y8 PDHPE Practical Assessment task
<b>Week 6</b>
<b>Monday 13 November</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b> P&C Meeting 7.30pm Y7 Check-in Assessment
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b> Y8-11 (new students) Orientation day Y8 Check-in Assessment
<b>Thursday 16 November</b> Y9 Check-in Assessment
<b>Friday 17 November</b> Y7/8/9 Check-in Exam Catchup day
<b>Saturday 18 November – P&amp;C Multicultural Food Fair 5pm</b>
<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Monday 20 November</b> Y11 Buffer Week 20/11 to 24/11 incl. Y8 Year Assembly for camp
<b>Tuesday 21 November</b> Peer Support Planning and Training day 2023
<b>Wednesday 22 November</b> Y12 Formal
<b>Thursday 23 November</b>
<b>Friday 24 November</b> Y9 Wellbeing day
<b>Week 8</b>
<b>Monday 27 November</b> Y11 Assessment Week (HSC Task 1) 27/11 to 1/12 incl. Y10 Wellbeing Day Outreach – Operation Christmas Child food drive
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b> Orientation New Year 7 - 2024
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b> Y8 Camp 2023 – 29/11 to 1/12 incl.
<b>Thursday 30 November</b> Y10 Food Technology Sydney Tower Dining
<b>Friday 1 December</b> Australian Schools Teams Chess Championships 1/12 to 3/12 incl.
<b>Week 9</b>
<b>Monday 4 December</b> Y7 Ancient History Show Y10 Urban Challenge Camp 4/12 to 6/12 incl.
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b> Y9 Christmas Cupcake Incursion
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b> Band – Auditions for 2024
<b>Thursday 7 December</b> Band – End of Year Concert
<b>Friday 8 December</b> SRC Planning Day 2024 SRC End of Year Celebration Dinner

Clayton Button (Year 10) has commenced today at Productivity Bootcamp. This is a concentrated 8-week program, giving young people the construction skills and work values needed to succeed in the industry, with hands-on experience in many trades. The approach is “roll up your sleeves and learn what is needed to walk on to a job site, armed with the basic

knowledge and understanding of what is required to get the job done correctly and safely”. We wish Clayton the very best at Bootcamp.



The school has received notification late last Friday that Krystal Jessen (Year 11) has been awarded a 2023 NSWCHSSA State Blue in the sport of Swimming. Students receiving a NSWCHSSA Blue have displayed outstanding sportsmanship, dedication and commitment during their representation as a member of a NSWCHSSA state team. This is the highest honour awarded to a student in the high potential and gifted sporting education program. The presentations will be made at a function to be held on Monday 27 November 2023 in the Noble Dining Room, Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park. Congratulations Krystal.

**Wayne Humphreys**  
Principal



## Baulko News

**Krystal Jessen receiving a 2023 NSWCHSSA Blue Award in the sport of Swimming in Assembly**



Congratulations Krystal on this high honour!

## Check-In Assessment

In Week 6, students in Years 7, 8, and 9 will be participating in their check-in assessments for both numeracy and reading. These assessments are scheduled to take place in the Houliston Center.

Here are the details of the schedule:

Year 7 on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November

Year 8 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November

Year 9 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November

Numeracy assessments will occur during Periods 1 and 2.

Reading assessments will be conducted during Periods 3 and 4.

Students are required to bring with them a fully charged device and headphones. They will be provided with their unique login details on the day.

With kind regards

Rita Daher

Relieving HT Teaching and Learning

## P&C News

P&C will organise raffle tickets sale from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November with great prizes. Please come over to the uniform shop to purchase.

Not only the prizes below, there are many others to come! Good luck!

<b>Baulkham Hills HS P&amp;C Multicultural Food Fair</b>	
1st Prize: Macbook Air 13.3" x1 ***Sponsored by EduVision Pty Ltd***	
2nd Prize: Apple 10th Generation 10.9-inch iPad x1	
3rd Prize: Bose SoundLink Flex Bluetooth Speaker x1	
<b>TO BE DRAWN ON 18 NOV 2023</b>	
<b>0001</b>	<b>\$6 each, \$10 for two tickets</b>
Name: _____	
Phone: _____	
Address 1: _____	
Address 2: _____	
Email: _____	
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## Baulkham Hills High School Uniform Shop 2024 Order Guide

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday & Friday 8:00am–11:00am

**Option 1:** Purchase in person during opening hours.

**Option 2:** Order online refer to detailed instruction below and pick up at uniform shop. We will notify you through text message when the uniforms are ready.

### Online order (strongly recommended)

Please order through Munch Monitor at [www.munchmonitor.com/](https://www.munchmonitor.com/)  
School ID: baulkhamhhs Password: munch2153

#### 1. New Register -> MyAccount

**Step 1.** Go on the website, use School ID, Password above to register a new Account, then select 'ADD NEW STUDENT PROFILE'

#### School Details

**Step 2.** Create Students: Please select class according to your grade. For year 7 new starter, Please select Y72024 for class and save the profile;

**Step 3.** Go to Home and select School Shop to place orders

#### 2. Existing Munch monitor account, MY ACCOUNT -> Profile -> Add Student

#### Refund/exchange:

Please refer to school website

**BHHS Uniform Shop Team** Tel: 02 9639 8699

Email: [bhhsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhhsuniformshop@gmail.com)

## Baulkham Hills High School Uniform Price List 2023



### BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2023

(Effective from 1st July 2023)

CATEGORY	ITEMS	PRICE (GST inclusive)	SIZE AVAILABLE
<b>Junior Boys (Year 7 - Year 9)</b>	Grey Pants	\$53.00	10-22
	Grey Shorts	\$45.00	8-20
	Short Sleeve Shirt	\$42.00	10-22
	Junior Boys Tie	\$17.00	-
	Long Sleeve Shirt	\$44.00	10-22
<b>Senior Boys (Year 10 - Year 12)</b>	Blazer	\$200.00	28-48
	Grey Pants	\$53.00	10-22
	Grey Shorts	\$45.00	8-20
	Short Sleeve Shirt	\$42.00	10-22
	Senior Boys Tie	\$17.00	-
<b>Junior Girls (Year 7 - Year 9)</b>	Grey Pants	\$53.00	6-18
	Skirts	\$48.00	6-20
	Short Sleeve Blouse	\$42.00	6-18
	Junior Girls Tie - Green	\$8.00	-
	Long Sleeve Blouse	\$44.00	6-16
<b>Senior Girls (Year 10 - Year 12)</b>	Blazer	\$200.00	6-18
	Grey Pants	\$53.00	6-18
	Skirts	\$48.00	6-20
	Short Sleeve Blouse	\$42.00	6-18
	Senior Girls Tie - Orange	\$8.00	-
<b>Unisex Items</b>	Bomber Jacket	\$85.00	8-24
	Jumper	\$95.00	8-24
	PE Shirt	\$48.00	10-22
	PE Shorts	\$40.00	10-22
	Sports Jacket	\$75.00	10-22
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Sports Pants	\$53.00	10-22
	Apron	\$15.00	-
	Baseball Cap	\$16.00	-
	Bucket Hat	\$19.00	M, L
	Draw String Bag	\$10.00	-
	Grey Socks	\$5.00	6-11, 11-14
	School Bag	\$55.00	-
	Tie	\$18.00	-
	White Cap	\$8.00	-
	White Socks	\$5.00	-

Uniform Shop opens every Wednesday and Friday, 8-11 am during school terms.

Uniforms can be purchased:

- 1 - Directly at the counter, in person during the uniform shop operating hours
  - 2 - Munch Monitor: Order through Munch Monitor at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
- School ID: baulkhamhhs  
Password: munch2153

A text message will be sent as a notification when the order is ready to pickup in the shop. Delivery is not available for uniform orders.

## Excellent Results in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition

Geography students in Years 9, 10 and 11 at Baulkham Hills High School tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition.

Over 65,000 students from 700 schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition, so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography.

We have a number of students in our school who performed exceptionally in the competition this year with the following results:

Year 9 students are in the top 1% of Australia.

- Alan Chandralal Prabu
- Calvin Edirimanasinghe
- Shaurya Patel
- Aaryan Sharan
- Vandan Sonara

Year 10 students are in the top 1% of Australia.

- Vedant Bansal
- Janice Chang
- Vaani Gupta
- Erene Li

Further to this, 24% of BHHS students achieved high distinctions, 18% achieved distinctions, and 24% earned credits.

We are very proud of all of these students and congratulate them on their fine achievements.

Mrs Mogoko  
Head Teacher Social Sciences



## ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOS - 20% Discount on Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available before 8/11/2023

Dear Parents,

These school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 10/03/2023:

Band and Orchestra	School Captains	SRC
House Captains	Sports Captains	Vice Captains
Prefects	Sports and House captains	

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order **before 8/11/2023** you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

<https://www.advancedimage.com.au/PublicPortal/BrowseGroups.aspx?nbnhmHqqedBw+sOCStJYvw==>

Images can also be viewed by visiting [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) entering the code: M8W XEH MBB and clicking on "Group Photos"

### Important

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school.
- If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered.
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted **early** order period has closed.
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's **advancedorder** and your child's **advancedyou** photo sites.

**Advancedlife** would like to express our appreciation to Baulkham Hills High School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact).





## MEP Ensemble Program

### **Baulkham Hills High School Multicultural Food Fair** **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November - 5pm to 9pm**

**Junior Band, Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and Senior Wind** will be performing at this event. All students must wear their band uniform.

There will also be plenty of incredible food and performances by BHHS students, including dancing, music, and more! Come along and celebrate the cultural diversity and many talents of students at our school!

SWE: Arrive at 5:00pm

SW: Arrive at 5:15pm

Orchestra: Arrive at 6:30pm

Junior Band: Arrive at 6:30pm

### ♪ 2023 Music and Art Showcase ♪ 🎭 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December - 6:30pm 🎭



The 2023 Music and Art Showcase will be bigger and better than ever! This year we are holding the Showcase at The Concourse in Chatswood. Every ensemble will be performing, alongside students from Year 9-10 Elective Music and Year 11-12 Music 2 and Extension classes. All of Year 7 will perform as a massed choir. There will also be a large display of artworks created by BHHS students of all grades.

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**TICKETS:** 1 ticket \$30, 3 tickets \$75

To purchase music showcase tickets, please scan the QR code or click the link then press 'add item' to select the ticket type.

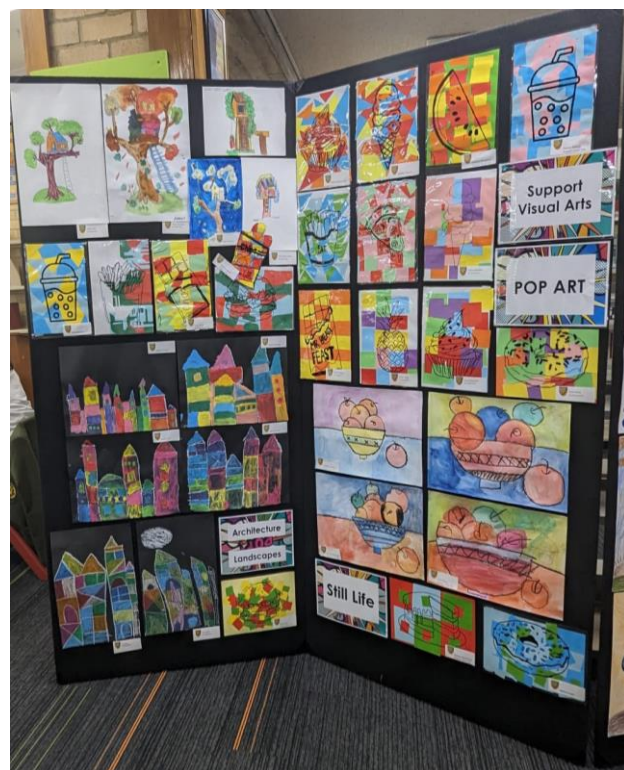
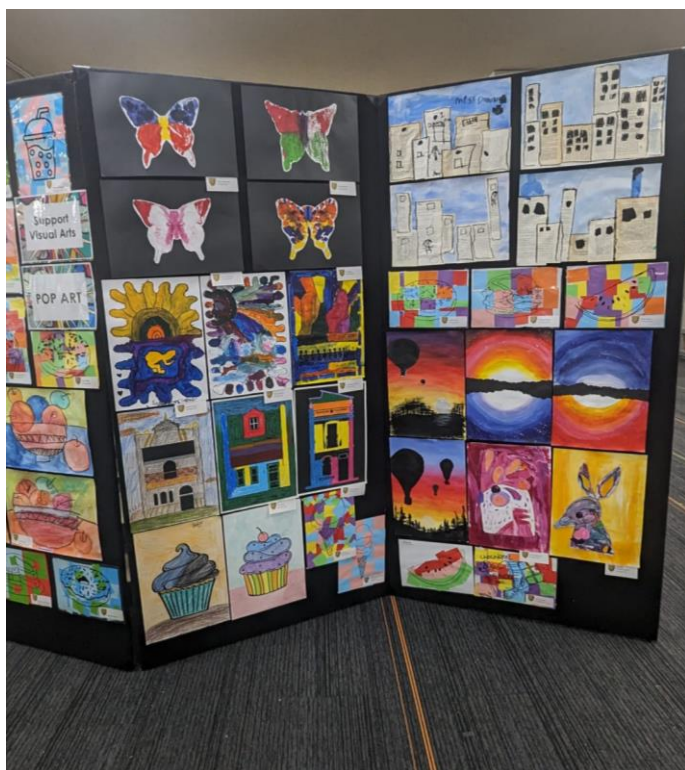
Once you have paid for the tickets, you will need to print the receipt and bring it to the CAPA staffroom to Ms Kim to get the tickets. We will be selling tickets from the front row first, so buy your tickets early to get good seats.



<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/2100>

All Music Ensemble Program students must wear their band uniform for their performances. Year 7 students are to wear full school uniform and change as necessary for ensemble performances. Elective music students are to wear performance blacks.

## Support Unit Art Exhibition







**CAPA**  
BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

**MUSIC & ART**  
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**SHOWCASE**  
**2023**  
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**THE CONCOURSE, CHATSWOOD**  
**THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**6:30PM**

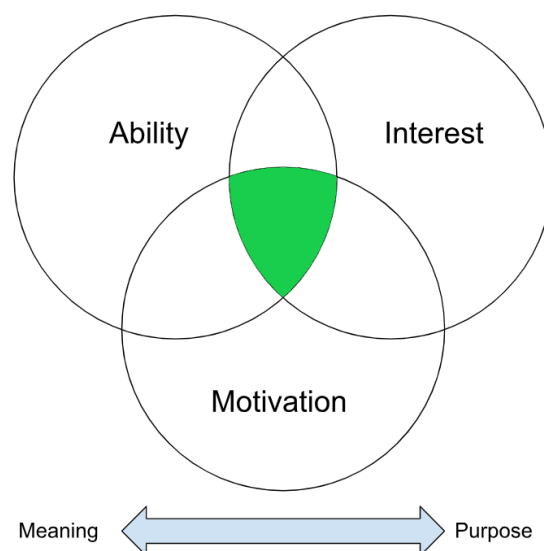


## Careers News

This is a quick note for Year 11/12 parents that UAC has a Parents Newsletter and other resources. Sign up here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/parents> It's a **very** useful page and newsletter. You might also like to know that, at least once per month, UAC go live on Facebook and you can ask them questions directly.

This week in Careers classes, Year 10 students have been presenting their Post-School Plans and I encourage parents to talk to students at home about their futures. The generally accepted model among Career Practitioners is some version of accounting for students Abilities, Interests and Motivations (AIMs).

In this green space where our abilities, interests and motivations overlap is where we should find our career. AIMs are not one single thing but sets of things. For example, BHHS students are multi-skilled, so we're not managing a single ability, but many abilities. This can be a source of some difficulty for students in deciding upon their future direction: *"If I have many options, which one do I choose?"* That's where our interests and motivations come into play.



*"But, sir"* students say, *"I have many interests because I am so enthused about the world, how it works and my place in it."* Absolutely, so we want to consider which are the ones we want to use daily in our work. Just because you're good at something, doesn't mean you want to do it all the time and/or on demand in a work setting.

So, motivation is where we get to. In my discussions with students, I find there is a surface level of motivation and a deeper level. It is this deeper level that I am most interested in but let's deal with the surface first. Surface level motivation is the stuff that is necessary to consider but, on its own, only affects the student: money, prestige, being 'the best', and similar things. They are all things to consider but to take the money example, what happens when you finally achieve the pay packet you've desired? Does your motivation to improve or do better evaporate? If yes, we need deeper motivations.

That's where meaning and purpose come in. The arrows are there to represent that 'meaning' is everything from the past that has made you who you are, ultimately forming your beliefs, values, and personal qualities and characteristics. 'Purpose' is what you are motivated to do because of that meaning. I imagine it metaphorically as having internal boxes that need to be ticked. And when we tick them, we're really satisfied that we have done something of value. I give students 3 criteria for this:

1. It should be future-focused (we cannot change the past)
2. It should be realistic (neither impossible or too low of a standard)
3. It should be bigger than you.



The reason earning lots of money is usually unsatisfying on its own is because it only affects you. Now, if there's something you could do with that money and it impacts others, whether that's immediate family or the wider world; that's Purpose. I make purpose in what I do because I give young people advice and then they go out into the world and have entire careers based, at least partly, on my advice. I also contribute to a system of public education that I believe all people should have access to. Discuss meaning and purpose with your very thoughtful children and I guarantee you a wonderful conversation with life-long meaning.

Chris Buchli  
Careers Adviser

### 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. A late SMS message will also be sent to the parent/carer. Please respond to the SMS asap or 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**

### Procedure for Early Leavers

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to get the note signed by a Deputy Principal before school and hand into the office by 8.30am where they will be issued an early leave pass.** The student can then present the pass to their teacher and leave school at the time advised on their early leave pass.

Senior Students with **Early Study Leave** permission should sign out at the office before leaving School.

**Early Flexible Study Leave for Senior students – Sign out is at lunchtime at the Front Office**

## Administration Updates

## 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, ***otherwise it will remain unjustified.*** If a student is absent for three (3) days or more a **Medical Certificate** is required.

## Application for Extended Leave – Travel

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate. A copy of flight details or itinerary is also to be included. The student can bring the hard copy form to be signed which is subject to approval before going on leave. ***The certificate of extended leave travel will be given back to the student if travel leave is approved.***

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-2.pdf>.

## Planned Travel

**Planned travel** should only be taken during school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and the school is here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, or other reasons, please inform the school of their absence.



### Permission and Payment for Excursions, Sporting Events/ Activities

Baulko is currently using "School Bytes" as a form for permissions and payments for various activities. You will receive the required permissions and or payment via email. **If it is not finalised by the deadline, your child will not be able to attend.**

**Please check these emails are not going into your spam as they are named school bytes.**

## School Bytes Parent App – available now



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Please read below and download as soon as possible.**

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

Baulkham Hills High School uses the parent portal for various things, including **online permission notes and payments**, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

**IMPORTANT** – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

### **Detailed steps**

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

*You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.*

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this process please contact the school.

### Activating the Parent App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

**Apple:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

**Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.
3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.
4. If prompted, allow notifications.

You are all set to go!





## BHHS Mobile Phone Policy and Implementation Term 4 Trial Procedures

### Purpose Statement:

The "no phones in school" policy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions. The implementation of this policy is a requirement by the NSW Department of Education under the *Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy*.

### Rational:

From Term 4, 2023, students are not permitted to use mobile phones whilst on school grounds, including before & after school, recess and lunch. We understand that phones are an integral part of life and that parents/carers provide their children phones for their personal safety and security. However, whilst at school, the school would encourage students to engage in meaningful conversations with each other and physical activity during breaks rather than online activities. In emergency situations, students and parents/carer may contact each other through the Front Office. The school understands that there are some circumstances where a phone may be required by students. Therefore, exemptions are available for students that may require the use of a mobile phone for wellbeing reasons, learning or medical needs.

The NSW Department of Education provided five options for schools to implement this policy. After surveying the views of teachers, students and parents, there was majority support for the introduction of the option "**phones off and away**". It has been decided to trial this option during Term 4, with a review in early 2024.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

#### **Principal, Executive and Teachers:**

- Practice consistent with the school behaviour policy
- Staff model appropriate use of mobile phones
- Organise safe keeping of mobile phones if confiscated

#### **Office staff:**

- Organise safe and secure keeping of confiscated phones
- Keep an accurate record of collected mobile phones
- Communicate with parents/carers as required

#### **Parents and carers:**

- Encourage students to follow the school policy
- Communicate with their child through the front office rather than contacting the student directly
- Understand that the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to phones
- Encourage their children to engage in social and physical activities during break times
- Work collaboratively with the school and help reinforce the school's procedures and behaviour management policy and use of phones at school to support staff

#### **Students:**

- Turn off the phone and place it in a bag or pocket for the duration of the time on school grounds, this extends to excursions, sports activities and other events on or offsite unless otherwise advised
- In some circumstances, students may be requested to place their phone in a secure safe in the staffroom, which will allow the phone to be provided as required
- Engage in learning in the classroom
- Engage in social and physical activities during break times
- It is the responsibility of students to follow the guidelines outlined in this document

### Implementation of policy:

Updated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

At BHHS, the “no phone” policy will be implemented by requiring students to turn off their phone when entering the school grounds and place them in their bag or pocket for the duration of the day. They will only be allowed to take them out and use them when leaving the school grounds at the end of the day. This means that they are not permitted to be used at recess and lunch, and before/after school on school grounds. It also extends to excursions, sports activities and other events on or offsite unless otherwise advised.

Students are not permitted to congregate around the school entrances before entering the school grounds in order to use their phones, especially in the morning. Once arriving at school, students must enter the school grounds where there is teacher supervision.

The exceptions to this policy will include:

- Exemptions through an application process for wellbeing, medical or students with specific needs
- Required as a learning tool for educational purposes with explicit teacher permission

Applications for exemptions from parents/carers and students is through an application process from the relevant Deputy Principal unless already identified by the wellbeing team.

### Phone Protection:

- Students must take full responsibility for any phone brought to school. The School and staff accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.
- Confiscated phones will be labelled and then stored in a secure place in the front office. Any existing damage will be noted and added to the phone documentation.
- Students are advised to mark their mobile phones clearly with their name.
- BHHS strongly advises the use of passwords and Personal Identification Number (and not to share these with others) to protect mobile phones from unauthorised use.

### Consequences:

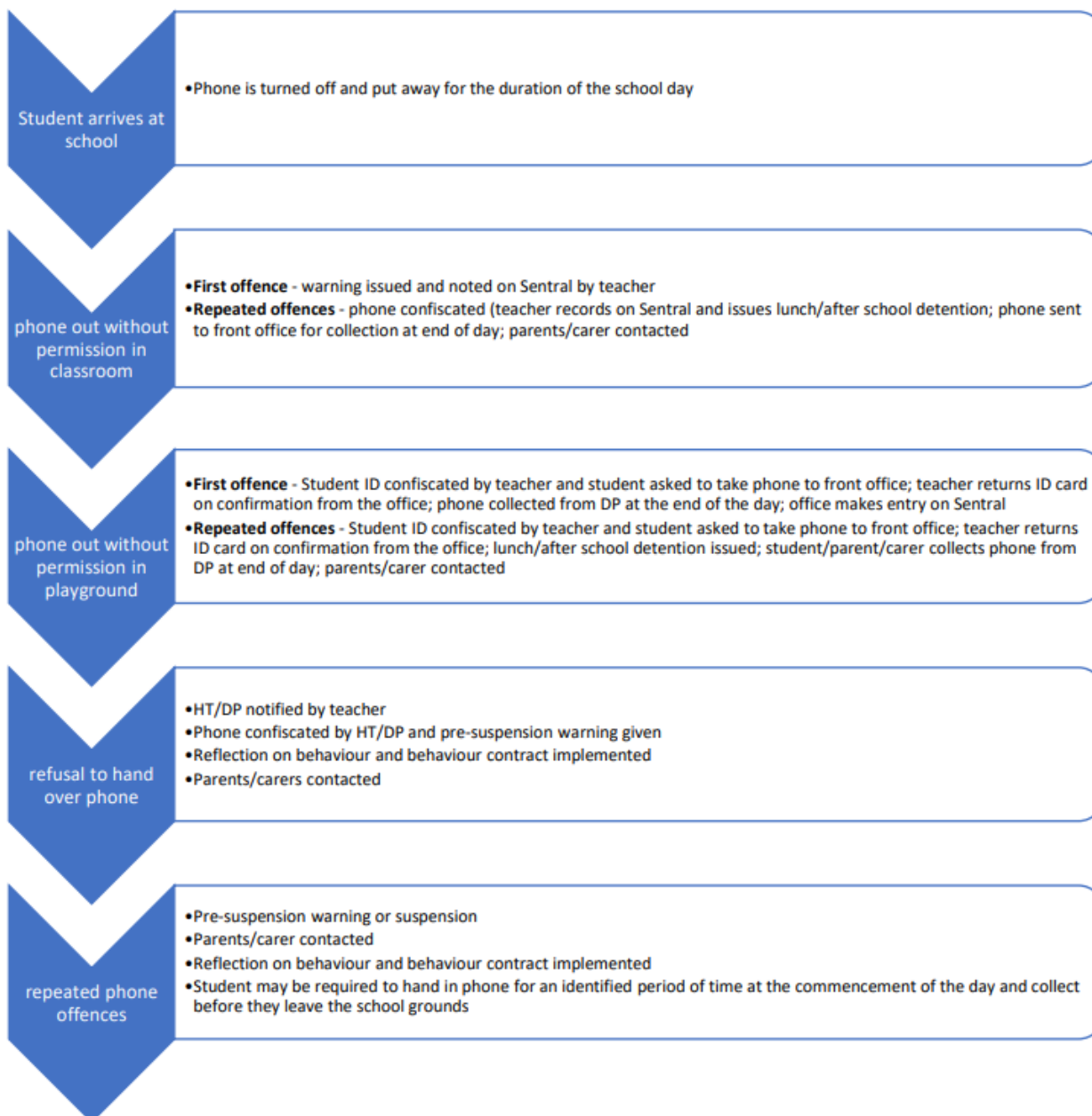
- Students who do not meet the expectations in this policy will be subject to consequences consistent with the school behaviour management plan.
- The use of mobile phones without permission during lessons, assemblies, excursions or other school events will be managed according to the BHHS Behaviour Management Policy.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Confiscation of the mobile phone for the remainder of the school day.
  - Confiscation of the mobile phone until such time as their parent/carer can attend school to collect the device
  - Removal of “**phones off and away**” and replaced by “**phones stored in office**” for the school day.
  - Issue of warning of suspension
  - Suspension for continued disobedience due to failure to follow the procedures of this policy and the Behaviour Management Policy.
- Confiscated mobile phones will be stored securely at the Front Office.

Updated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### In the Classroom and/or Playground



Updated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Transport for NSW



## School Student Travel

### Term 4 2023

#### 2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

#### Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.



### School Student Travel Term 4 2023

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/plan-your-trip-to-school)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/fares-concessions-tickets-top-up-feedback)



## PWDA Disability Advocacy Futures Program

Are you a student living with disability?

Do you live in southeast, southwest or central Sydney?

Do you study in one of the public schools or are a parent/guardian of a student with disability from the above regions of NSW?

Do you need help to access or navigate the NSW public education system or access NSW Government-funded services?

**Our advocates are here to help you!**

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### We can help you with

#### Information & Referrals

- Your rights as a student with disability,
- What specific help the school should provide to students with disability while in the school,
- Connecting you to other services that can help.

#### Advocacy

- Help access and talk to the school system,
- Help prepare letters and applications to the schools,
- Assist you raise concerns with schools and the Department of Education where appropriate.

#### Contact us

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm  
1800 422 015

[intake@pwd.org.au](mailto:intake@pwd.org.au)

[pwd.org.au](http://pwd.org.au)

#### PWDA Information Request Form



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**Free and confidential help**



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If you live in southeast, southwest, or central Sydney, we can help provide:

- free, confidential, and personalised support to students with disability and their families,
- assistance to access and navigate the public-school education system and other services,
- explore options that facilitate the studies of students with disability in public schools.



### 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)

### 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.

### 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.