Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Congratulations and best wishes to Stephen Liu (Year 10) as he travels to Slovenia to represent Australia at the World Youth Championships for Table Tennis. Many students are usina the schools table tennis tables frequently, especially with mobile phones being required to be off and away. and the sport does indeed seem very popular with some of our students.

This Saturday 18 November sees the return of BHHS P & C Multicultural Night from 5 pm. The evening will include stalls and performances. Thank you in advance to all staff, students and community members who have worked tirelessly in bringing this evening together. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking around the school area. Only community members with an official parking pass permitted to park on school grounds.

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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

Week 6

Monday 13 November

SRC – Streetball Competition

Tuesday 14 November

Y7 Check-in Assessment Wednesday 15 November

Y8-11 (new students) Orientation day 9am

Y8 Check-in Assessment

International Children's Day – Movie night Houliston 6pm-8.30pm

Thursday 16 November

Y9 Chećk-in Assessment

Y10 Critical Thinking Excursion

Friday 17 November

Y7/8<mark>/9 Check-in Exam Catchup day</mark>

Saturday 18 November – P&C Multicultural Food Fair 5pm

Week 7

Monday 20 November

Y11 Buffer Week 20/11 to 24/11 incl.

Y8 Year Assembly

Tuesday 21 November

Peer Support Planning and Training day 2023

Wednesday 22 November

Y12 Formal

Thursday 23 November

Friday 24 November

Y9 Wellbei<u>ng day</u>

Week 8

Monday 27 November

Y11 Assessment Week (HSC Task 1) 27/11 to 1/12 incl.

Y10 Wellbeing Day

Outreach – Operation Christmas Child food drive Y10 Trivia 3.30pm - 6pm

Tuesday 28 November

Orientation New Year 7 - 2024

Wednesday 29 November Y8 Camp 2023 – 29/11 to 1/12 incl. Thursday 30 November

Y10 Food Technology Sydney Tower Dining

Friday 1 December

Australian Schools Teams Chess Championships 1/12 to 3/12 incl.

Week 9

Monday 4 December Y7 Ancient History Show

Y10 Urban Challenge Camp 4/12 to 6/12 incl.

Tuesday 5 December

'9 Christmas Cupcake Incursion

Wednesday 6 December Band – Auditions for 2024

Thursday 7 December

Band – Énd of Year Concert Y8 James Adams Medieval Show

Friday 8 December

SRC Planning Day 2024 SRC End of Year Celebration Dinner

Week 10

Monday 11 December

Christmas Week – PREFECTS

Y7 Recognition Assembly P1&2 Y9 Recognition Assembly P5&8

Tuesday 12 December

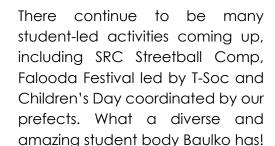
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Y7 Wellbeing Night

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Friday 15 December

Students last day for the year



Thank you to all our students for

their dedication and zeal.

Wayne Humphreys Principal







Baulko News

BHHSACH Remembrance Day Ceremony 10 November 2023











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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 14th of November Year 8 on the 15th of November Year 9 on the 16th 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 8th 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!

Baulkham Hill	s HS P&C Multicultural Food Fair	Name:
Spo 2nd Prize: App	Prize: Macbook Air 13.3" x1 onsored by EduVision Pty Ltd ole 10th Generation 10.9-inch iPad x1 e SoundLink Flex Bluetooth Speaker x1	Phone: Address 1: Address 2:
TO BE DRAWN ON 18 NOV 2023		Email:
0001	\$6 each, \$10 for two tickets	0001





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.

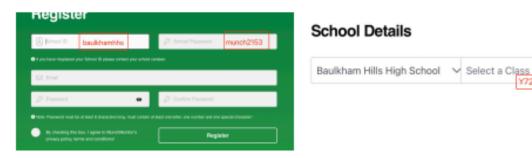
Option 2: Order online refer to detailed instruction below and pick up at uniform shop. We will notify you through text message when the uniforms are ready.

Online order (strongly recommended)

Please order through Munch Monitor at www.munchmonitor.com/
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'



Step 2. Create Students:Please select class according to your grade. For year7 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



Baulkham Hills High School Uniform Price List 2023



BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2023

(Effective from 1st July 2023)

		PRICE	
ATEGORY	ITEMS	(GST inclusive)	SIZE AVAILABLE
Junior Boys	Grey Pants	\$53.00	10-22
(Year 7 - Year 9)	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
Senior Boys	Blazer	\$200.00	28-48
Year 10 - Year 12)	Grey Pants	\$53.00	10-22
(Tear 10 - Tear 12)	•	\$45.00	8-20
	Grey Shorts Short Sleeve Shirt	\$42.00	10-22
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	Senior Boys Tie Long Sleeve Shirt	4	10-22
	Long Sieeve Shirt	\$44.00	10-22
Junior Girls	Grey Pants	\$53.00	6-18
(Year 7 - Year 9)	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
		¥11100	
Senior Girls	Blazer	\$200.00	6-18
(Year 10 - Year 12)	Grey Pants	\$53.00	6-18
	Skirts	\$48.00	6-20
	Short Sleeve Blouse	\$42.00	6-18
	Senior Girls Tie - Orange	\$8.00	-
	Long Sleeve Blouse	\$44.00	6-18
II-lea-Home		*****	
Unisex Items	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
	Sports Pants	\$53.00	10-22
Miscellaneous	Apron	\$15.00	-
	Baseball Cap	\$16.00	
	Bucket Hat	\$19.00	M. L
	Draw String Bag	\$10.00	m, L
	Grey Socks	\$10.00 \$5.00	6-11, 11-14
	School Bag	\$5.00 \$55.00	0-11, 11-14
	School Bag Tie	\$55.00 \$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:

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.



^{1 -} Directly at the counter, in person during the uniform shop operating hours

^{2 -} Munch Monitor: Order through Munch Monitor at www.munchmonitor.com



MEP Ensemble Program

Baulkham Hills High School Multicultural Food Fair Saturday 18th 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 7th of December - 6:30pm 國



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.

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

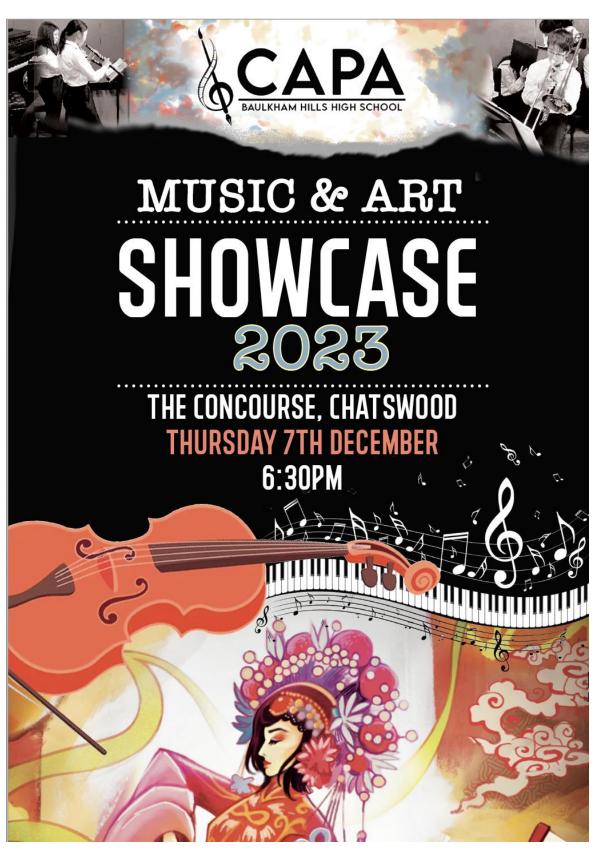
Procedure for Early Leavers

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







Davidson Shield Regional Final – Baulko Cricket Team

Another wonderful game of cricket last Thursday at the Davidson Shield Regional Final.

Baulko's 1st XI fought valiantly but were only able to secure 2nd place. Well done to the team from Model Farms High School who now move forward to the next level of the competition.

Baulko's streak with losing the coin toss continued and we were sent out to field. The ground was a little dewy, but quickly turned into a warm one. Sadly, one end of the pitch was quite sandy and, combined with the dew, restricted our pacemen from their full-strength attack. Fortunately, Darsh's attack from the other end was able to collect two early wickets. A third wicket from Ketharan made a promising 3/61 in the 12th over. However, Model Farms fought back to 4/132 at the 20-over drinks break. After drinks, Baulko changed tactics to a full barrage of spin bowling by Riyyan and Rishi. Riyyan bowled with complete class, claiming four wickets. From the other end Rishi helped to build pressure and took two wickets in support of his bowling partner. Finishing the Model Farms innings five overs early for 186 runs.

Transitioning to a batting attack was not a smooth process. While a quick four and six from our openers looked promising after two overs, by the 4th over Baulko was sitting at 3/12. Ketharan and Darsh stabilised the innings, standing firm for almost 15 overs, however, the run rate of 2/over was problematic. Unfortunately, just as the boys started to attack with the bat, one of the bowlers took an unbelievable catch that was surely going to have been a six if not interrupted (this bowler did not return to the game, with the velocity of the catch injuring his hand). This wicket led to an early drinks break, at 4/38 after 19 overs. Mr Humphreys, who had arrived shortly before the break, sought to inspire the Baulko boys. However, the Model Farms team had just received news that one of their players (who had just injured his hand with an amazing catch) had been made school captain (very tactical). After the drinks break Rishi and Ketharan attempted to replicate the Glen Maxwell brilliance. Rishi also made a highly tactical pants change (surely to intimidate the bowlers, rather than because the drawstring on his pants snapped). Ms. Clarke also made a guest appearance in her new role at Model Farms.

Sadly, our boys only managed to put on 97runs before dismissal. While our bowling held up, sadly, we needed to refine our batting for this game.

Excellent work to all the Boys of the Baulko Cricket team.

Our team will now begin preparation for the 2024 competition. With five of our students in Year 11, we will be needing to replenish the ranks.

Dale Paton
English Teacher and
Davidson Shield Cricket Team Coach



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Careers News

Now is the time of year that graduating students are being made offers for Medicine interviews. UAC compiles a <u>list of Med courses (NSW only)</u> and their key dates - it also includes Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine. Universities provide a range of information, and some more than others.

There is a common factoid which says that the way to get an interview for Medicine is to have a UCAT score in the top 10%. One interesting snapshot of the above data is that UNSW informs us via the above page that they intend to interview around 500 students. Interviews are based on UCAT performance in most cases, as the UCAT is the only data universities have at this stage. The UCAT Consortium tells us that around 14,000 students take the UCAT every year which means that around 3-4% of students who sit the UCAT will gain an interview at UNSW. Via their FAQ page, UNSW tells us there are 198 places for domestic students. It's closer to 150 since some places are set aside for rural students. So, just under a third of interviewees will gain a place at UNSW. That means something like the top 1 - 1.5% of students who sat the UCAT.

This is only one university, of course, and all the Medicine programs are very good, and can be considered on a roughly equal basis by students. It's just worth keeping this in perspective; Medicine is very competitive.

As such, any student who wanders into my office and indicates that they want to study Medicine will be encouraged to consider what they would study if not Medicine. This has a few purposes:

Firstly, students need to plan ahead for this because you do not want to start considering your future clearly only after getting UCAT results in September. You no longer have the time to think about it whilst focusing on getting great HSC results. It takes time and some calm and rational reasoning. This is much harder with the stress of the looming HSC exams.

Secondly, Medicine interviewers will ask you what you want to do if you miss out on Medicine. There's no correct answer, although it should probably be something in Health or Science. If a student isn't interested in Health or Science, they probably aren't realistically interested in Medicine either. Interviewers will notice this. Interviewers also want to know that students are good pragmatic decision-makers. If a student hasn't considered that they might not get in, they aren't clearly acknowledging the options and are unlikely to be considered suitable to being a doctor at this time.

Thirdly and most importantly, you must consider the scenario that you never gain a place in Medicine, even as a graduate student. You don't want to spend years gaining an undergraduate degree that you think will get you into Medicine, only to find yourself without a place in Medicine and with a degree you don't want. At that point you should have a degree in an area of real interest, so students should make sure they have made a genuine choice to avoid such a tragic disaster of career planning.

Chris Buchli Careers Adviser



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.

Days missed = years lost



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.



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- 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:

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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 <u>without permission</u> 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:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.

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In the Classroom and/or Playground

Student arrives at school

. Phone is turned off and put away for the duration of the school day

phone out without permission in classroom

- First offence warning issued and noted on Sentral by teacher
- Repeated offences phone confiscated (teacher records on Sentral and issues lunch/after school detention; phone sent
 to front office for collection at end of day; parents/carer contacted

phone out without permission in playground

- First offence Student ID confiscated by teacher and student asked to take phone to front office; teacher returns ID card on confirmation from the office; phone collected from DP at the end of the day; office makes entry on Sentral
- •Repeated offences Student ID confiscated by teacher and student asked to take phone to front office; teacher returns ID card on confirmation from the office; lunch/after school detention issued; student/parent/carer collects phone from DP at end of day; parents/carer contacted

refusal to hand over phone

- HT/DP notified by teacher
- Phone confiscated by HT/DP and pre-suspension warning given
- •Reflection on behaviour and behaviour contract implemented
- Parents/carers contacted

repeated phone offences

- Pre-suspension warning or suspension
- ·Parents/carer contacted
- ·Reflection on behaviour and behaviour contract implemented
- •Student may be required to hand in phone for an identified period of time at the commencement of the day and collect before they leave the school grounds

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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!











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



pwd.org.au

PWDA Information Request Form





Disability Advocacy Futures Program

1800 422 015

intake@pwd.org.au

Free and confidential help















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.

