

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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## From the principal's desk:

Congratulations to all who contributed to the outstanding success of the BHHS P & C Multicultural Food Fair last Saturday night. Words would not do justice to the time, effort and dedicated work that was put in by BHHS P & C, volunteers, staff and students into making the night the success it was. A special thanks to BHHS P & C President Mrs Maggie Wang and BHHS Deputy Principal Mrs Alexia Martin for their leadership and coordination in bringing a myriad of people together for such an amazing event. It was a simply wonderful evening of food, dance, music and a celebration of the BHHS community. Thank you to everyone who played small or large roles in contributing to the success of the evening.

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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 7</b>
<b>Monday 20 November</b> Y11 Buffer Week 20/11 to 24/11 incl. Y8 Year Assembly
<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 Y10 Trivia 3.30pm - 6pm
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b> Orientation New Year 7 – 2024 <b>P&amp;C Meeting 7.30pm</b>
<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 Y8 James Adams Medieval Show
<b>Friday 8 December</b> SRC Planning Day 2024 SRC End of Year Celebration Dinner
<b>Week 10</b>
<b>Monday 11 December</b> Christmas Week – PREFECTS Y7 Recognition Assembly P1&2 Y9 Recognition Assembly P5&8
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b> Y8 Recognition Assembly P1&2 Y7 Wellbeing Night
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b> Y10 Recognition Assembly P1&2
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b> Students last day for the year

### Term 1, 2024

<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Monday 29 January</b> HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday 30 January</b> Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
<b>Wednesday 31 January</b> Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
<b>Thursday 1 February</b> Year 7, 11 and 12 Return to School
<b>Friday 2 February</b> Year 8, 9 and 10 Return to School

This Friday and Saturday a small but dedicated group of BHHS Support students will take to the stage for the NSW School Spectacular. There is a cast of 2,300 dancers, a combined choir of 2,500, an 80-piece full symphony orchestra, and a 25-piece stage band. The full list of school involved can be found at <https://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/participatingschools2023/> and you may still be able to purchase tickets at <https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/school-s-spectacular/tickets>. The School Spec will be televised on Channel 7 in the coming weeks. Thank you to Mrs Bolton and Mrs Stinson for their tireless work in enabling our students to experience and thrive in this wonderful event.

**Wayne Humphreys**  
Principal



## Baulko News

### Australian Mathematics Competition

The results are in for the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). This year 832 students from Baulkham Hills HS competed and we were awarded the following certificates:

299	Credit
380	Distinction
67	High Distinction
8	Prize
1	Best in School

Students in Years 7 to 10 who received a Prize or High Distinction will be presented with their certificates during their Recognition Assembly. Unfortunately, the certificates arrived too late for the Year 11 Recognition Assembly, so they were presented at the full school assembly instead.

I had the pleasure of attending the Australian Mathematics Competition 2023 State Awards last week. Four of our students were recognized as high achievers. Congratulations to Olivia Jung (Year 7) and Bowen Zou (Year 8) for receiving their Prize Certificates during the event.

Austin Ye (Year 7) was also presented with a medal for his outstanding achievement. Medals are awarded to approximately 1 in 5000 students.

Finally, Iris Xu (Year 11) was awarded with an AMC medal and the Cheryl Praeger medal. The Cheryl Praeger medal is awarded to the female student with the highest score in Australia.

I would also like to congratulate Bowen's mother for winning a prize on the evening for correctly answering 3 AMC questions. It goes to show that not only are our students talented but so are our parents.

Congratulations to all of the recipients. We are incredibly proud of your achievements.

Jason Ribbons  
Head Teacher Mathematics







## MEP Ensemble Program

### ♪ 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.

**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.



The poster features a collage of images at the top: students playing instruments. The central text is set against a black background with white and orange accents. At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of a violin, a piano keyboard, musical notes, and a woman in traditional Japanese attire.

**CAPA**  
BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

**MUSIC & ART**  
.....  
**SHOWCASE**  
**2023**  
.....

**THE CONCOURSE, CHATSWOOD**  
**THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
**6:30PM**

## Check-In Assessment Make Up Day – 21 November

Years 7-9 check-in Assessment make up day will be Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

All students who missed the check-in assessment will need to catch up on this day. Numeracy will be during periods 1&2 and Reading will be during periods 3&4, in the Houlston Centre.

Rita Daher  
HT Teaching and Learning (Rel)

## Sport News - House Captains 2024

### Meehan Vice Captains -

Kian Bagherian  
Ethan Gao

### Meehan Captains –

Rivithu De Silva  
Chloe Djajakusli

### Hughes Vice Captains -

Chloe Li  
Katy Lee

### Hughes Captains –

Tao Lai  
Amelia Kim

### MacDougal Vice Captains -

Kashish Narayanan  
Naina Mittal

### MacDougal Captains –

Jashanjot Sahni  
Gurteer Rai

### Suttor Vice Captains -

Angelina Xu  
Justin Zhuo

### Suttor Captains –

Siddarth Thamma  
Kanuja Sritharan

## Cancer Symposium Excursion

Last Friday, fifteen Yr 10 students went to the Westmead Institute for Medical Research, where they participated in various activities related to cancer research, particularly melanoma.

They attended exciting lectures, the first being about the biology behind melanoma with the second explaining the importance of melanoma prevention. This was followed by a break where morning tea was provided and they were sorted into groups for the day's activities. The first of these was a presentation on cancer pathology, where they were informed on the process used by pathologists to identify cancer in a sample and got to test their skills with an interactive slideshow.

Next was a tour of the labs at the facility where students met researchers and learned about the work they do with innovative techniques and machines. Lastly, they participated in an activity about identifying types of skin cancers. After a quick lunch break, the day ended with Q&A sessions where melanoma survivors and workers in the field shared their experiences and answered student's questions.

Learning about melanoma, touring the labs and hearing survivor's stories developed a new understanding of melanoma (and other skin cancers) and has inspired me to pursue medicine in the future. Overall, it was a very fun and educational experience. - Grace Liu

The HSCS was an excellent opportunity to see the inner workings of WIMR and learn about melanoma. I particularly liked the QnA panels as they offered excellent insight into the firsthand experiences of people impacted by melanoma. - Janice Chang

The day was very fun as I got to spend time with friends learning about an interesting topic in a new environment. Touring the labs was a highlight where we met the researchers and learnt about their work. - Vedant Bansal

The HSCS was a truly unique experience that allowed us to not only understand the nature of skin cancer in medical terms through the laboratory tours, but also to listen to people who overcame cancer provide insight on their personal experiences in the final QnA Session. Skin cancer is a critical issue in Australia and viewing it through so many lens was exciting and stimulating. - Tanishkaa Ramesh

Despite developing a fear of the sun, I thoroughly enjoyed the event, particularly how skin cancer was presented through different lens. This included seeing what different skin cancers looked like from a pathology perspective as well as how it may present in a clinic. -Angelina Xu

The HSCS was an extremely fun event and allowed us to delve deeper into how skin cancers develop and appear. The talks were very informative, especially the lab tours since they gave a first-hand view of how researchers study melanoma and other cancers.

As the saying goes, it's one thing to hear about something and another to see it for yourself. Being able to tour the labs, talk to cancer survivors, and talk to experts in their fields about the ways in which they identify and treat cancer, put a face to what cancer and its treatment looks like in Australia, and made the HSCS such a fun, yet insightful experience! - Nila Manimaran



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Learning about skin cancer (especially melanoma) was fascinating but also fairly terrifying. Despite the absolute paranoia it has instilled in me, it was such a wonderful experience and has strengthened my ambition to go into medical research as a career path (specifically histology).







## 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.

## Careers News

As our graduated Year 12 students move closer to receiving their ATARs and offers for courses, it's a good idea to consider what all the options are before having the added time pressure of close of preferences. The timeline from here is as follows:

**Dec 14** - students receive HSC Results and ATARs.

**Dec 15 (11:59pm)** - students need to have their final preference list in place before the list locks down and cannot be changed before offers are released.

**Dec 21** - Main round offers released by UAC. After this there are two rounds in January.

This means there are two days in which students can change preferences after receiving their ATAR. This can present a pitfall to students who sometimes change their mind based on what their ATAR is. The problem with making the choice at that time is that you're making the choice at the culmination of 13 years of study i.e. under considerable pressure. It is best to do this decision-making beforehand and have a preference list with three sub-plans:

- A plan for the best
- A plan for the worst
- A plan for the likely

The *plan for the best* is the thing students really want and should be their highest preference.

The *plan for the worst* is the alternative and sure way to get into the thing they really want. If they want to be a lawyer, for example, it's the way they can do that if their ATAR falls short of their expectations. Usually that means taking longer to get there and/or not doing it at their first-choice university. Neither of these are bad outcomes if it gets them where they want to go. This should be their 5th or lowest preference; they do not have to have 5.

The *plan for the likely* can be determined ahead of time by consulting with me directly or by having a way of determining how they are tracking, in terms of results. They don't need to get this process exactly right as students have 5 preferences on their list and they can account for a number of options. If they have thought about the options ahead of time, they won't need to change their preferences at all after they get their ATAR.

In terms of the practicality of how the offers work - UAC's system will try to offer students their highest eligible preference. This means that the list has 5 options, arranged in the student's preference order, then the computer tries to offer the highest preference first. If the student is eligible i.e. the uni is willing to offer them a place, it will make that offer. If not, it will check the 2nd preference, then 3rd and so on until it can make an offer. It makes one offer per round; always the *highest eligible preference*.

Here is UAC's page all about offers: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/faqs-and-forms/uni-offers#:~:text=You%20can%20only%20receive%20one,course%20you've%20already%20accepted>.

It's a confusing process, especially if it's your first time. Please get in touch if I can help.

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.



### 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:

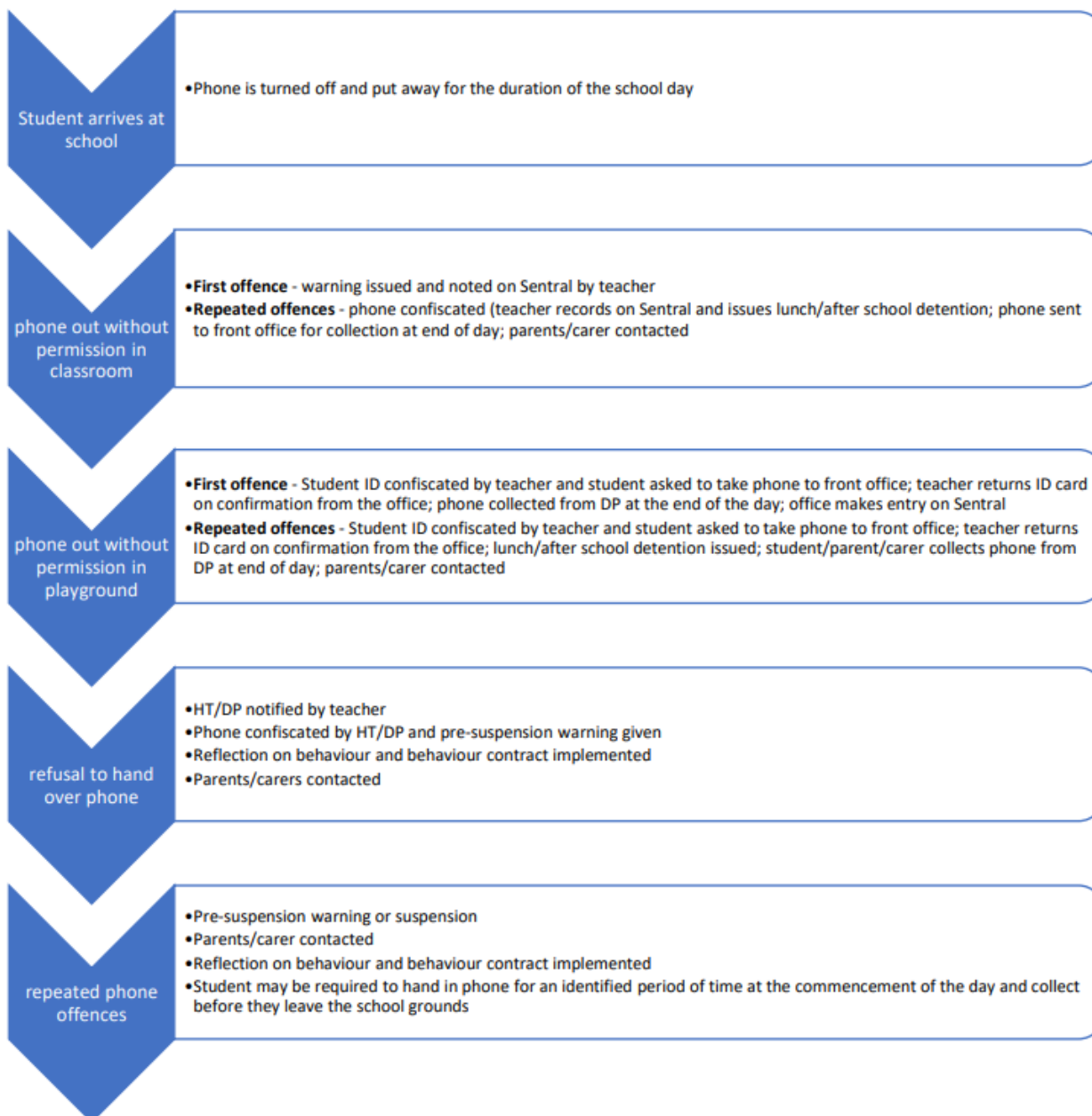
- Students who do not meet the expectations in this policy will be subject to consequences consistent with the school behaviour management plan.
- The use of mobile phones without permission during lessons, assemblies, excursions or other school events will be managed according to the BHHS Behaviour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





## 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



## Disability Advocacy Futures Program

1800 422 015

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

**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.