

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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CAPA Showcase – Senior Wind

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From the principal's desk:

As the school celebrates Christmas Week with lots of fun activities, as Years 7 to 10 have their Recognition Assemblies for the end of the year, and as we wait for the HSC results to be released on Thursday, I would like to thank the community of Baulko for their ongoing support of our school. The school enjoys a strong and positive relationship with our community, and I am always reminded of the trust and responsibility given to us, the educators of your students. Thank you for your support.

I am sure our community will join me in thanking our staff for their continued dedication and support in the education of our students. Our students are indeed blessed to have such dedicated, passionate staff who go above and beyond in their care of our students.

Mr Scott Henretty commences at BHHS today in the substantive role of Deputy Principal. Mr Henretty joins Baulko from

11 December 2023



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

Term 4

Week 10
Monday 11 December Christmas Week – PREFECTS Y7 Recognition Assembly P1&2 Y9 Recognition Assembly P5&6
Tuesday 12 December Y8 Recognition Assembly P1&2 Y7 Wellbeing Night
Wednesday 13 December Y10 Recognition Assembly P1&2
Thursday 14 December
Friday 15 December Students last day for the year

Term 1, 2024

Week 1
Monday 29 January HOLIDAY
Tuesday 30 January Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 31 January Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Thursday 1 February Year 7, 11 and 12 Return to School Y7 Orientation Day
Friday 2 February Year 8, 9 and 10 Return to School
Week 2
Monday 5 February Year 7 Camp 5/2 – 6/2 incl. Year 11 O Day
Tuesday 6 February Year 11 O Day
Wednesday 7 February Year 7 IT Set Up
Thursday 8 February Year 7 O Day
Friday 9 February Year 7 O Day Mirai – Futures with Japan Excursion Y10Acc/Y11/Y12
Week 3
Monday 12 February
Tuesday 13 February Y7-10 Elevate Workshops
Wednesday 14 February
Thursday 15 February
Friday 16 February
Week 4
Monday 19 February
Tuesday 20 February
Wednesday 21 February
Thursday 22 February Presentation Night 7pm
Friday 23 February

Girraween High School. Thank you to Mrs Yassa for her excellent work in relieving as Deputy Principal for an extended period of time.

Finally, thank you and congratulations to our students for their diligent efforts, hard work, and willingness to get involved and make a difference in our school and our world.

The CAPA Showcase was a wonderful evening last Thursday. It was an opportunity to showcase the talents and abilities of our CAPA students and demonstrate what hard work can really achieve. Thank you to our CAPA staff, led by Ms Kim, for bringing the evening together so successfully.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and holidays. See you in 2024.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

Travel Forms – Extended Leave

Please Note: Holidays/Extended Leave are not to be submitted through the parent portal. An application needs to be completed. Click on link:

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

Baulko News

Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023 Congratulations Farheen Galaria, Year 7

Congratulations to Farheen Galaria from Year 7 who received a Bronze Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) is the world's oldest international schools' writing contest, established by the Society in 1883. Each year, entrants write on a theme that explores the Commonwealth's values, fostering an empathetic world view in the next generation of leaders and encouraging young people to consider new perspectives to the challenges that the world faces. Themes have included the environment, community, inclusion, the role of youth leadership, and gender equality.

There were a record-breaking 34,924 entries this year from Commonwealth countries around the world.

Celebrating the Commonwealth Year of Youth, the theme, 'A Youth-Powered Commonwealth,' asked QCEC entrants to explore the power young people hold within the global community and to consider how this power can be harnessed to make a meaningful impact in the world.

We are very proud of Farheen and her achievement in this competition.

Ms Martin
Deputy Principal



Sport News

Here are our 2023 TERM 4 GRADE SPORT teams.

TERM 4 2023 OPEN NETBALL



TERM 4 2023 OPEN BASKETBALL A & B



TERM 4 2023 OPEN VOLLEYBALL A & B



TERM 4 2023 15s VOLLEYBALL A



TERM 4 2023 15s VOLLEYBALL B



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

Chess News

Over the weekend, top players from Baulkham Hills High School represented NSW to compete in the Australian Schools Teams Championship held in Adelaide, facing the top teams from each state. Despite the long hours spent playing on both days, Baulkham Hills managed to finish 3rd out of the 8 teams that played in this event. Congratulations to Sayum Rupasinghe (Year 9), Shivam Pant (Year 12), Benjamin W Jiang (Year 8), Joshua Seo (Year 11), and reserve Alexander Warne (Year 7) for this grand achievement, and thank you to all the parents and Mr Hu for coordinating and preparing the team over the few months. - Joshua Seo (Team Captain).





Music and Art Showcase

The Music and Art Showcase was a huge success! Here are some highlights of an extraordinary night that unfolded at the Concourse, Chatswood. Thank you to all who attended the concert to support our talented students.

String Ensemble



Guitar Ensemble



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Angela and Fiona (Year 10 Accel. Music)



Anthony and Lucas (Year 10 Accel. Music)



Caitlin Ong (Year 7)



Choir



Judy Huang (Year 11)



Julie and Brandon (Year 10 A)



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Michael Zhao (Year 10 Elective Music)



Senior Wind



Symphonic Wind Ensemble



Symphonic Wind Ensemble



Year 9 Elective Music



Year 11 Ensemble



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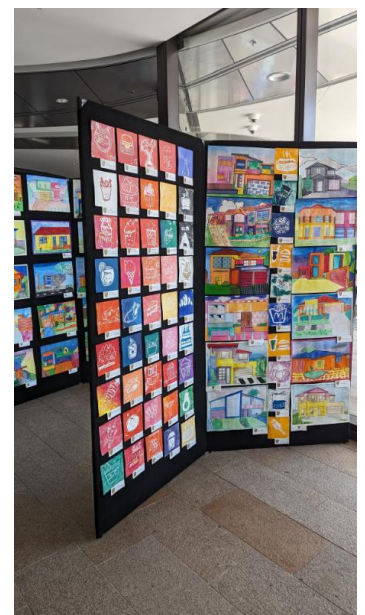
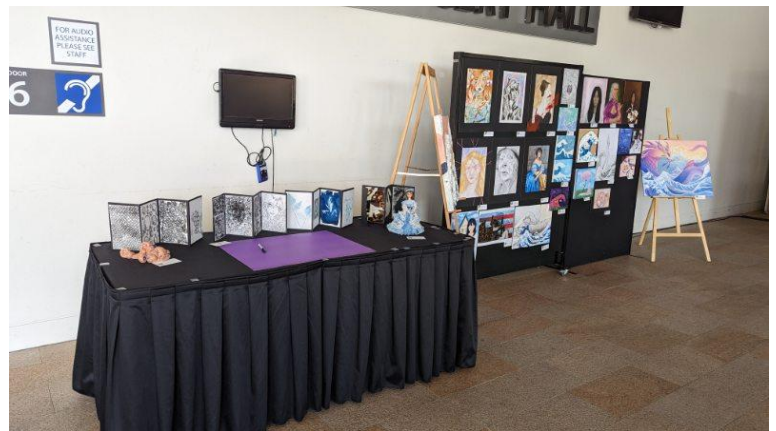
Year 10 Elective Music



Orchestra



MCs





Baulkham Hills High School Music Ensemble Program

The BHHS music ensemble program consists of several concert bands, guitar ensemble, string ensemble and an orchestra, who rehearse weekly and contribute to numerous performances and competitions each year. The music ensemble program includes the following instruments.

Wind	Brass	Percussion	Strings
Flute Piccolo Oboe Clarinet Bass Clarinet Bassoon Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Baritone Saxophone	Trumpet French Horn Trombone Euphonium Tuba	Timpani Auxiliary Percussion Mallet Percussion Drum kit	Violin Viola Cello Double Bass Classical Guitar

Beginner Players

Junior band

This band caters for students who have not previously played a musical instrument or who wish to try a new instrument. Beginner players will be offered a place in the program by the band director. The instruments offered are based on the needs of the program. In 2024 we will be accepting the following instruments into junior band: 2 percussion, 2 clarinets, 2 trumpets, 2 alto saxophones, and unlimited numbers of:

- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- French Horn
- Bassoon
- Tenor Saxophone
- Baritone Saxophone
- Bass Clarinet
- Oboe

There will be a first in, first served policy for instruments with limited numbers. For junior band expression of interest, please use the separate junior band google form.

Rehearsal is on Thursday morning starting at 7:20 am

Experienced Players

Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)	Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)	Senior Wind
SWO comprises of students playing intermediate level concert band repertoire. Students from SWO are able to progress to higher level bands through an audition process. The expected standard of playing of students in the orchestra is approximately grade 3-5 AMEB . <i>Rehearsal is on Friday mornings starting at 7:20 am</i>	SWE is the school's premier concert band for students in years 7-12 who perform a challenging repertoire. The expected standard of playing of students in the orchestra is approximately grade 5 AMEB . <i>Rehearsal is on Tuesday mornings starting at 7:20 am</i>	Senior Wind is our highest ensemble at BHHS. This ensemble plays exciting and difficult music and is for our most experienced players in the Music Ensemble Program. There is an expectation of commitment from students as they are selected individually for the ensemble. Students are welcome to audition for the conductor. <i>Rehearsal is on Monday mornings starting at 7:20 am</i>
String Ensemble	Orchestra	Guitar Ensemble
The String Ensemble is an excellent introduction to orchestral playing. It is suitable for students with at least two years of experience . Students in the String ensemble perform exciting and challenging repertoire specifically chosen to develop their musical abilities in a fun and rewarding environment. Students improve their intonation, bowing, tuning and ensemble skills. Members will have the opportunity to join the Orchestra once they have developed sufficient skills and may also continue playing in the Strings Group. <i>Rehearsal is on Friday mornings starting at 7.20 am</i>	The Orchestra is the ultimate ensemble in the music ensemble program at BHHS. It caters to students who play an orchestral instrument as well as provides the opportunity for string players to develop their ensemble and performance skills. Students are expected to commit with a high degree of performance standard. The expected standard of playing of students in the orchestra is approximately grade 5 AMEB . <i>Rehearsal is on Wednesday mornings starting at 7.20 am</i>	The Guitar Ensemble is a unique ensemble that caters to dedicated guitarists and bassists of a wide range of abilities. Students in this ensemble have opportunities to develop their technique and musicianship by playing repertoire from a range of styles, with parts chosen to suit the skills of each student. Guitarists will be required to read both tablature and notation. All students are invited to audition for the conductor. <i>Rehearsal is on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:50am</i>



2024 Auditions

Auditions for Year 8-12 students in 2024 were completed on Friday of Week 9. It was a pleasure to hear so many of our talented musicians and encouraging to see the amount of effort and passion for music on display, particularly following the incredible Music and Art Showcase. Auditions will be held for Year 7 students and students who are new to BHHS or rejoining the MEP early in Term 1. All students who have filled out the MEP expression of interest form will be invited to audition (excluding Junior Band). Please keep an eye out for more details once the date has been confirmed.

Audition Requirements are as follows:

Students must prepare a piece of their own choice and an unseen piece of ensemble repertoire provided in the week before the audition. All students must also perform at least one scale and sight reading. Scale requirements vary depending on each ensemble:

SWO: major and minor scales with up to 3 sharps/flats

SWE: major and minor scales with up to 4 sharps/flats

Senior Wind, String Ensemble, & Orchestra: major and minor scales with up to 5 sharps/flats

Guitar ensemble: minor pentatonic scale in any key without open strings. G major scale (first position).

Fees

The music ensemble program is an extra-curricular activity offered to students at Baulkham Hills High School. **The compulsory annual fee** covers the costs of an administration assistant, band conductors, music scores, entry to competitions and festivals, workshops, band equipment and at times hire of performance venues. Fees are charged based on the number of ensemble(s) you participate in. For band camps and tours there will be additional fees.

Band Fees for 2024 are per student, and are compulsory in order to attend

- 1 ensemble - \$400.00 to be paid February 2024 (\$10 per rehearsal)
- 2 or more ensembles - \$480 (\$6 per rehearsal if you attend 2 or more rehearsals)
- Guitar Ensemble only - \$250 (30 minute rehearsal each week)

Band Policy and Membership expectations

All students who join the band should make a commitment to being a part of the band for a **minimum of one year**. Students are expected to attend rehearsals, workshops, performances, competitions and camps as required, including in-school performances during the school day. Advance notice from the parent or guardian must be given to the conductor if a student is unable to attend band related activities. If a student is absent from rehearsals due to illness, or other unavoidable circumstances, the conductor must be advised by email via the band email address – bhhsbandcom@gmail.com. Students are expected to be punctual and must help with setting up and packing away. It is vital that students co-operate with conductors, fellow band members, tutors, and parent helpers.

Students **must retain private tutors** for music tuition of individual instruments at their own expense. Tuition is not offered at school. However, we do have an extensive list of tutors in the area if you need to find one.

Band & Orchestra Uniform

White, long sleeve collared shirt with black trousers or black skirt and black tights, polished black shoes.







The band tie is available to purchase from the uniform shop for \$17 in-person and online.

Band Recognition

Students are awarded with a badge after 3, 4 and 5 years' service to the band. Band is noted as an extra-curricular activity on school reports, subject to attendance and attitude. There is an expected attendance of at least 80% to qualify for band badges.

Band Instrument Hire

There are a limited number of instruments available to hire. These instruments are listed on the MEP expression of interest form. If you are interested, please fill out the form and you will be contacted with more information. For all other instruments families will need to purchase their own or hire externally. If you are looking to hire an instrument we do not offer, we encourage you to inquire with the Arts Unit as they have a range of instruments available to hire.

For more information on the Music Ensemble program, have a look at our handbook here.	If you are looking to hire an instrument we do not offer, here is the link to the arts unit instrument hire website.
	
To fill in the expression of interest form for an ensemble next year, scan here.	Here is a link to our tutor list with our recommended tutors and music shops/servicers.
	
Here is the link to the MEP page on the school website.	To fill in the expression of interest form for junior band next year, scan here.
	

Update of Personal Details

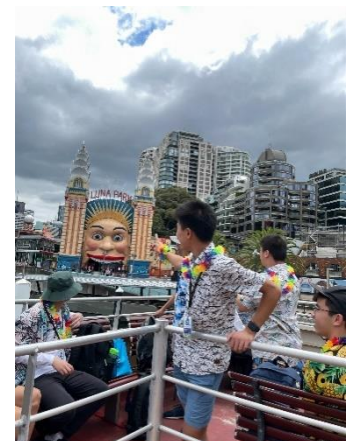
If there have been any changes to your personal details, please email the school with any changes –

It is important that parents/guardians keep the school informed of any changes.

baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

if your preferred email address is a Hotmail address please check your spam/junk folder for emails from the school.

Year 10 Urban Challenge Camp Photos





20% Discount on Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 13/12/2023

Dear Parents,

These school co-curricular groups were photographed on 26/10/2023:

Captains and Prefects	School Captains	Leaders 2024
Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains	School Vice Captains	
Prefects	Sports Captains	

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 13/12/2023 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?nbnhmHqgedBw+sOCStJYvw==>

Images can also be viewed by visiting 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.



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'

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

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
Junior Boys (Year 7 - Year 9)	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
Senior Boys (Year 10 - Year 12)	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	-
Junior Girls (Year 7 - Year 9)	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
Senior Girls (Year 10 - Year 12)	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	-
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
Miscellaneous	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
- 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

UAC Info

First up a reminder that UAC holds frequent online events so that you can understand what they do and you can ask questions directly. Coming up is a webinar explaining how preferences and offers work. If you missed my presentation to the P&C, or would like a refresher, they have this one coming up on Wednesday, Dec 6th, at 6pm: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/rego-preferences-and-offers-2023>

UAC also has a newsletter, and if you're a parent of a new Year 12 student, you should definitely sign up to that. You can choose what you'd like to hear about from them. I would recommend ticking the boxes for 'Parent of a high school student', 'Undergraduate', 'Access schemes' and 'Equity Scholarships' (if you have financial disadvantage). It's also worth noting that UAC changes how it does some things each year so, even if you've had a child finish school previously, it's good to find out what's new or different. I will try to keep you across that via this newsletter as well. Here's the UAC newsletter sign up: <https://enews.uac.edu.au/h/r/A04226FFCE21EA4>

HSC Stats

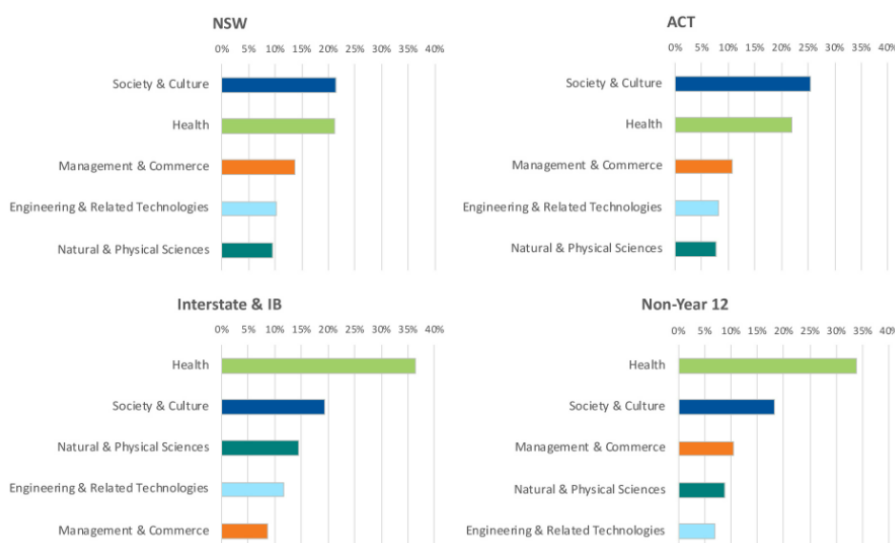
<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/statistics/domestic-undergraduate-application-statistics-at-early-bird-closing-2023>

On the above page, UAC publishes stats related to students' study preferences. A full list of their publicly available stats are here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/statistics>

A quick quote from the page: "Overall, Health has again taken the top spot as the favoured field of study, with 25.7% of early bird applicants listing it as their first preference. Society & Culture came second, receiving 20.6% of first preferences across all applicant types."

Society & Culture loosely means 'Arts' degrees. Also here in graph form:

Field of study by first preferences and applicant type: 2023-24



Enjoy,

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 8th 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:

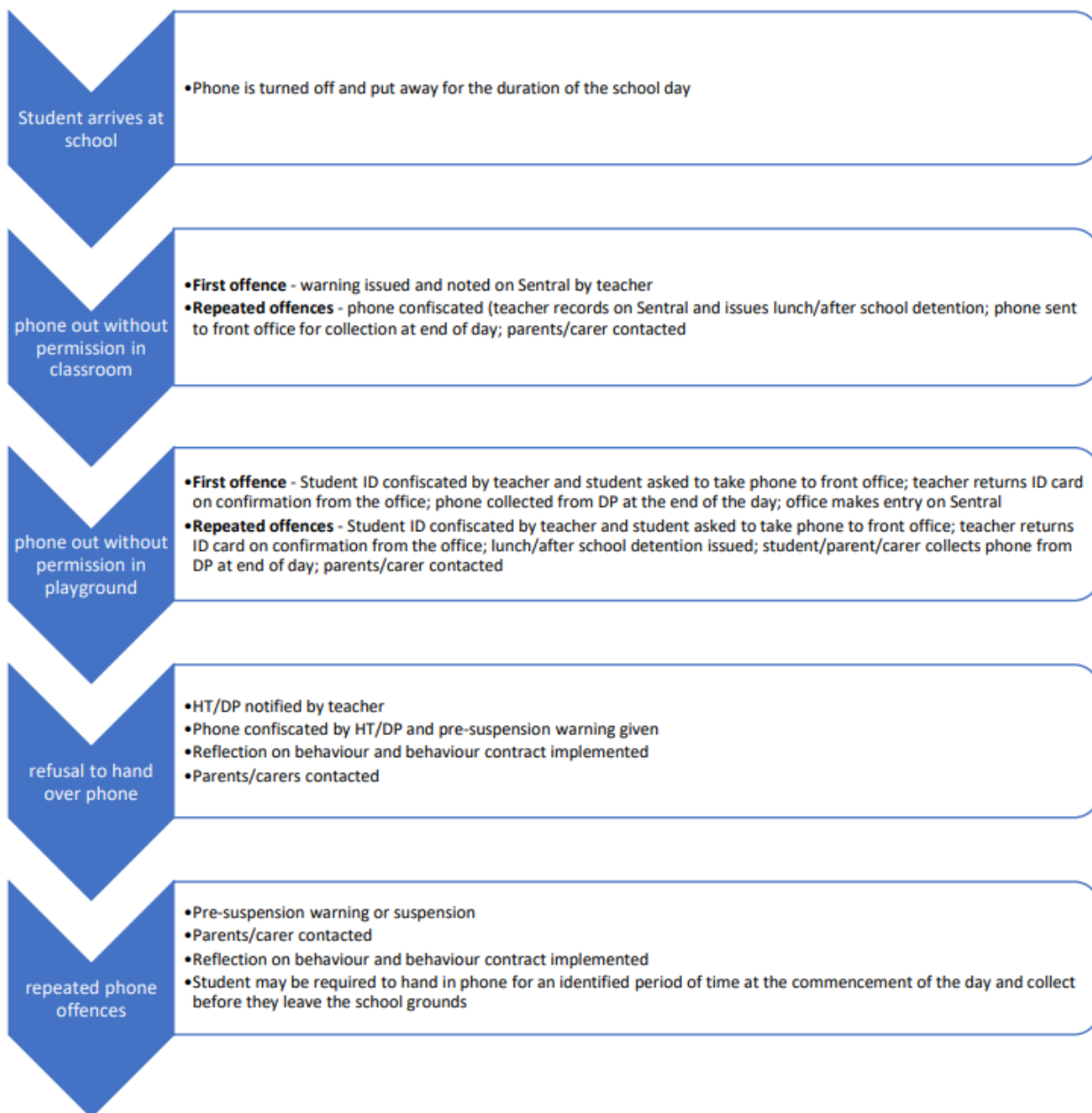
- Students must take full responsibility for any phone brought to school. The School and staff accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.
- Confiscated phones will be labelled and then stored in a secure place in the front office. Any existing damage will be noted and added 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.

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PWDA Disability Advocacy Futures Program

Are you a student living with disability?

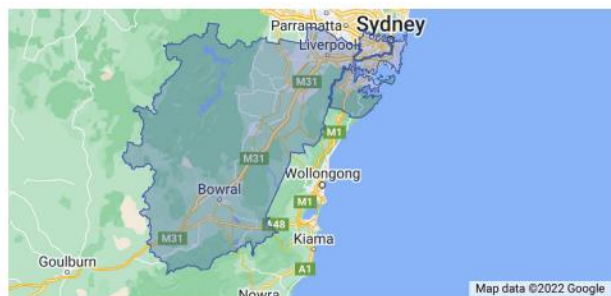
Do you live in southeast, southwest or central Sydney?

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!

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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

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PWDA Information Request Form



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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.