

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Term 1 Week 4. We have already had a busy start to the term with the Year 7 and 11 Orientation week in week 2 and the Year 7 camp in week 3. Although very warm last week, students and staff had a great time on the Year 7 camp and it certainly provided wonderful memories that will stay with the students throughout their school life, from the activities that they participated in, teamwork demonstrated, through to the friendship bonds formed.

Mr Humphreys will be on leave for the next four weeks so there has been some changes to the school leadership team during this time.

13 February – 24 February

Acting Principal - Mrs A. Martin

Relieving Deputy Principal - Ms T. Fletcher

Relieving Head Teacher, Welfare - Mr R. Dunne

27 February – 10 March

Acting Principal - Ms M. Clarke

Relieving Deputy Principal - Mrs S. Yassa

Relieving Head Teacher, History - Mr A. Dhall

13 February 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 1

Week 4
Monday 13 February Y8 English Incursion – Poetry in Action
Tuesday 14 February SRC – Valentine’s Day
Wednesday 15 February
Thursday 16 February Presentation Night 7pm
Friday 17 February
Week 5
Monday 20 February
Tuesday 21 February Year 7 Vaccinations Y10, 11, 12 Visual Arts Students - Art Express at Hazelhurst Gallery
Wednesday 22 February
Thursday 23 February
Friday 24 February Cadets online registration closes HSC Chemistry Practical Assessment Task
Week 6
Monday 27 February AAA Week – Prefects 27/2 to 3/3 incl. Y12 Biology Depth Study to UNSW
Tuesday 28 February Model UN Trials
Wednesday 1 March OzCLO Competition – State Round
Thursday 2 March
Friday 3 March
Week 7
Monday 6 March Swimming Carnival (competition only) Y10 Science Practical in class 6/3 to 10/3 incl. Prelim Physics Task 1 – In class Depth Study
Tuesday 7 March Y10 Wellbeing Day Y9 English Assessment Task 10.21am – 11.41am
Wednesday 8 March Zone swimming carnival @ Blacktown Aquatic
Thursday 9 March Y9 PASS Raw Challenge
Friday 10 March School Photos – Whole school Y9 Mathematics Test 1 8.44am–10.01am Y8 Mathematics Test 1 10.26am–11.46am
Week 8
Monday 13 March Y7/10 Peer Support Session P8 Y10 Science Practical – written assessment component
Tuesday 14 March School Photos Catch up Y7 Mathematics Test 1 10.26am – 11.46am
Wednesday 15 March
Thursday 16 March SRC World’s Greatest Shave
Friday 17 March NAPLAN Reading Y12 Geography excursion – Cabramatta (Filewood)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the front office on 9639 8699 or email the school at baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au so that we can reply to you as soon as possible.

This week, we are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students from 2022. Presentation Night will be on Thursday 16 February. Thank you to the school team that organise this event especially Mr Iaconis and Mrs Greenlees, as well as our wonderful office staff, Mrs McNicholl and Mrs Lennox who have worked tirelessly since the end of 2022 to ensure that this presentation ceremony recognises our high achievers and runs smoothly.

Congratulations to Qingyuan He and Arya Ahluwalia who were successful in achieving Co-op scholarships at UNSW for Data Science and Decisions. These scholarships are not only awarded for their academic ability but also on their communication, motivational and leadership potential. This is a great achievement which will provide them with industry experience leadership, mentoring and networking.

Year 12 students (2023) may continue to attend school on a flexible basis where study periods permit. Due to changes in timetabling for the new year, a new permission form must be completed. This permission note was sent via School Bytes last week. Students must sign in and out at the front

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Principal's Desk Continued

office if they arrive after 8.44m and/or leave before the end of the normal school day. Please see the email for specific details. Year 12 students who do not demonstrate responsibility for their school attendance may lose the privilege of late arrival and early leave. This includes any form of truancy and frequent lateness / absenteeism. If students do not follow the attendance guidelines, they will be considered partial truants and will be dealt with according to the school's behaviour support and management plan. We encourage any Year 12 student who needs support to talk to their teachers, Year Advisers, Head Teacher Welfare and/or their Deputy Principal. We are all here to support students to attend school and realise their potential as they work towards the HSC 2023.

A reminder that payments through School Bytes will be unavailable from 4pm 15 February through to 21 February as there are some changes in the school financial management system occurring during this time. We have ensured that upcoming events that require payment do not fall due during this time. Payments can recommence on 23 February.

Please ensure that you have access to the Sentral Parent Portal. This is an important form of communication where you can access your child's:

- academic reports
- attendance records
- timetable
- calendar of events
- newsletters
- newsfeed

The Sentral parent app (available through the app store) allows you to access this information on your phone as well as the notifications that may need to be sent to provide information with short notice.

New parents to the school should have already received an email with access details. If you need any assistance in accessing the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact me by sending an email to alexia.martin@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please note that most school emails will be issued via School Bytes as will permission notes for excursions and incursions. Please check your spam folder to make sure that they have not been misdirected.

Have a wonderful week.

Alexia Martin
Acting Principal



P&C AGM 2022 – Tuesday 28 Feb 2023 @ 7:30pm

The P&C AGM will be held on 28th Feb at 7:30pm. This will be our very first fully in person AGM since 2020. I would encourage all parents to be there and participate in the nomination and election process.

Our AGM will be at the TLC, the following positions are open for nomination on the night:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Committee Members x 13

Only P&C paid members can vote in the AGM according to P&C Federation regulations. We will have P&C stalls outside the TLC to collect membership fees and issue you with a receipt.

Please prepare a \$2 coin per person, it will speed up the queue at the entrance for parents.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Raymund Wong
BHHS P&C President

2023 House Captains



<p>Meehan (Yellow)</p> <p>Vice Captains – Ada Hu and Zachary Casey</p> <p>Captains – Fedora Ahmad and Zuhair Hasan</p>	<p>MacDougall (Red)</p> <p>Vice Captains –Vyvy Nguyen and Saranyan Satyajith</p> <p>Captains – Nithya Seella and Neelesh Shrestha</p>
<p>Hughes (Green)</p> <p>Vice Captains - Rishi Jaiswal and Saleena Khan</p> <p>Captains – Sophia Liu and Khoi Nguyen</p>	<p>Suttor(Blue)</p> <p>Vice Captains – Coco Yang and Sean Zhuang</p> <p>Captains - Isaac Truong and Nicole Zhou</p>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 21 February 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payment at the front office, online or EFTPOS payments.

What this means for you

- **No payments can be made at the school front office or on-line from 4pm, Wednesday 15th February 2023.**
- **Payments can resume on Thursday 23rd February 2023.**
- **Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system.**
- **After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)**
- **All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal.**

Student Absence

SMS Response and Parent Portal

The Attendance App for student absences is no longer operational. If your child is absent please respond to the SMS that you will receive advising your student is absent on that day. You can also explain the absence via the parent portal for 1 to 2 days only. If any longer than 2 days, an email is required with an attached medical certificate.

If your student is going on extended travel leave for over 5 days, a travel leave application form is required to be filled in and approved by the Principal. Link below:

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



Baulko Musical 2023 is coming!

Rehearsals have been underway since last term for our 2023 school musical, "Footloose". Our talented cast is busy dancing, singing, and acting their hearts out in preparation for our performance in Week 1, Term 2. Keep an eye out for ticket bookings.



FLIP

Introducing a new program called FLIP, being implemented this year which is another way we are working towards supporting students with individual learning needs here at Baulkham Hills High School. The program is based on current research and best practice and is designed to supplement the learning that is being carried out in the classroom in the areas of Maths, English and Science. Only years 8, 9 and 10 are involved in the program this term, and as the year 7 student learning needs are identified, we will extend the program to include students from year 7.

Expert teachers or tutors will deliver small group or one on one tutorial sessions once a week for the term. Student progress is monitored through pre and post testing and will determine future directions for individual students.

Parents/carers of students selected for the program will be contacted with an email through School Bytes to give permission. We hope that you will be supportive and encourage your children to embrace the opportunity to be involved in the program, and respond promptly to help facilitate the organisation of sessions.

Contact Rita Daher (Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning) for further information.

rita.daher@det.nsw.edu.au

Rita Daher
Relieving HT Teaching and Learning

BHHSACU Promotions – February 2023



CDTCPL SAANVI ASGOUD

CUO AADIE KARIM

CUO CYNTHIA PAN

CUO DANIEL TOOLE

CUO NATHAN WAHIUDINATA

CUO SEAN ZHUANG

CUO KEVIN ZOU

CDTWO2 KANUHA SRITHARAN
CDTWO2 PRATHEISH SURESHWARAN

CDTSGT TANISHKAA RAMESH

CDTSGT ANGELINA XU

CDTSGT HARRY YANG

CDTSGT NICOLE ZHOU

CDTCPL DANULI KANKANAMGE

CDTCPL AASHKA BHATT

CDTCPL TAEHOON KIM

CDTCPL DEREK LI

CDTCPL AYUSHI PATEL

CDTCPL MICHAEL SUN

CDTCPL DENZEL WONKO

CDTLCPL GABI KIM

CDTLCPL NETHYA LIYANAGE

CDTLCPL AYAN SHEIKH

CDTLCPL DIHAN WIMILASIRI

Procedure for Sick Students

Students who are sick in class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must go to sick bay (which is in the Front Office) and follow instructions from the office staff, who will contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents first. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication (panadol).

If students are sick please stay home until you are well. Please provide a Medical Certificate if you are absent from school for 3 days or more.

Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations at Baulko – Online Consent for 2023

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations.

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Year 7 are scheduled to receive their first round of vaccinations at Baulkham Hills High School on Tuesday 21st February, with Year 10 vaccinations scheduled for later in the year.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received, so we encourage all parents to complete the following online consent process as soon as possible.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:
<https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a [ServiceNSW](#) account, refer to [ServiceNSW](#) to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a. Enter your child's personal details
 - b. Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - c. Read the [linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement](#)
 - d. Provide consent

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

If you have any questions about vaccinations at Baulkham Hills High School, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Terryanne Fletcher, Head Teacher Wellbeing.

Thank you.





Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.

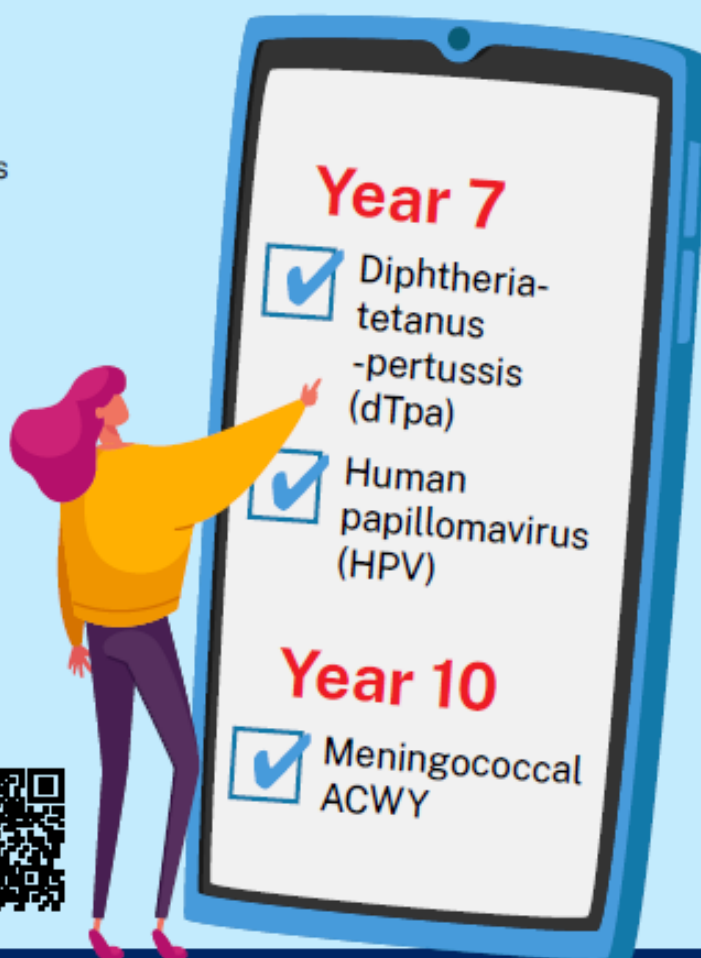
Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- the link provided by the school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.



For more information on vaccination visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

Year 7 O Week



Year 7 Camp Photos



Year 7 Camp Photos continued





Procedure for Late Arrivals

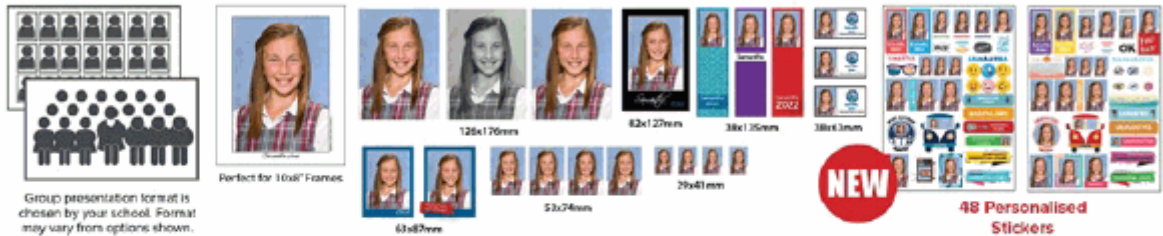
If a student arrives at school late, they must provide a note to the office signed by their parent/guardian when signing in giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to sign in at the Office when they arrive at school including senior students with study leave in the morning.** The student will be issued a late arrival pass which they can present to their teacher when they arrive in class.

If a note is not provided from home, the student will be issued with a late pass slip which is signed by a parent/guardian. The signed slip must be handed into the office the next day or **within 7 days.**

Senior students with Flexible Study Leave must be in by Recess and sign in at the Front Office

School Photos 2023 (to be held on 10 March)

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:
M8W XEH MBB
in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.

Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students
If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

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FACTSHEET

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. **When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



NO STOPPING

You must not **STOP** at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

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THERE ARE NOW INCREASED PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES.



NO PARKING

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from
\$196 and 2 demerit points



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty from
\$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from
\$352 and 2 demerit points

Double parking	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$469 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$587 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$469 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$469 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$352 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021
For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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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 (more than 5 days)

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate (for more than 5 days). A print of flight details or itinerary is also to be included. The student can bring the hard copy form to be signed and approved by the Principal before going on leave. The certificate of extended leave travel will be given to the student for the purpose of travel once approved.

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

NSW Health Updates

Please follow the link below to fact sheets from NSW Health as regards the linked topics.

- Japanese encephalitis - https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/japanese_encephalitis.aspx
- Mosquitoes - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx>
- Japanese encephalitis virus and mosquito bite avoidance - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/japanese-encephalitis-questions-answered.pdf>

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.

Please email the school if your email address has changed.



School Opal Cards for bus travel

Busways has been conducting checks at your school regarding Opal card usage.

Your child did not have an Opal card today when travelling on the school bus.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please ensure that your child has a valid Opal card (either a School or Child/Youth Opal card) and taps on and off when travelling to and from school.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 13 67 25 (13 OPAL) or apply online at www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/.

For other enquiries, our customer service team is happy to help. Call 1300 69 2929 (Monday to Friday 7am-5.30pm) or email infoline@busways.com.au.



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.