

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Term 1 Week 5. Last week, we celebrated the achievements of our students from 2022. Thank you to the school team that organised this event especially Mr Iaconis and Mrs Greenlees, as well as our wonderful office staff, Ms McNicholl and Mrs Lennox, and our IT team, Ms Owen and Mr Lorback, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the presentation ceremony ran smoothly.

We have a very active student leadership team in the school who support a range of activities to promote a positive and inclusive school spirit. Thank you also to the SRC as well as Ms Chen and Ms Swancott for their coordination and celebration of Valentine's Day on Tuesday 14/2. We are also looking forward to the activities organised for AAA week, which promotes Awareness, Acceptance and Anti-discrimination, from Mon 27 Feb through to Friday 3 March. I would encourage students to involve themselves actively and positively in not only these activities, but the range of



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 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 Y8 Science Prac 8ScK and 8ScU in class
Wednesday 1 March OzCLO Competition – State Round Y8 Science Prac 8ScA, 8ScO and 8ScL in class
Thursday 2 March
Friday 3 March Y8 Science Prac 8ScB in class
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 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 Prelim Ancient History Task 1 – Source Task in class Prelim Chemistry Task 1 Depth Study in class 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 NAPLAN Writing SRC World's Greatest Shave
Friday 17 March NAPLAN Reading Y12 Geography excursion – Cabramatta (Filewood)
Week 9
Monday 20 March Buffer Week Year 11 & Year 12 20/3 to 24/3 incl. NAPLAN Language
Tuesday 21 March NAPLAN Numeracy Y10 Mathematics Test 1- periods 1&2
Wednesday 22 March
Thursday 23 March
Friday 24 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Source Test NAPLAN Catchup

leadership groups and clubs that the school has to offer.

This week Year 7 will have their vaccinations, thanks to the management and organisation of Ms Fletcher and Mr Dunne. We will also be going through the current evacuation procedures in case of an emergency with the students during assembly, with an evacuation drill to be held before the end of the term.

The school is currently having LED lights installed in all classrooms, staffrooms and offices. This will help to improve the energy efficiency of the school as well as improving classroom lighting. The program started last week in the G Block and is anticipated to take about 6-7 weeks. We anticipate that this will not interrupt the learning of students as the electricians are primarily working in the evenings and some weekends. I would like to thank Mr Parnaby and Ms Plant for coordinating this project.

School attendance is important to us as research highlights a correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, socio-economic and health outcomes. Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day;
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine;

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- Gives students time to build and maintain social connections before class rather than during lesson time;
- Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

We will be following up with students that are late to school with consequences being put in place for students that are repeatedly late to school and working in partnership with parents to support their children.

On occasions it is necessary for your child to be absent, such as due to illness. Following any student absence, you must send a note into school or logon to the Sentral Parent Portal app to provide an explanation of the absence within 7 days. If there no reasonable explanation within 7 days, the absence is recorded as unexplained and we are unable to change this record after this time.

In line with Department of Education policy, families are strongly encouraged to travel during the school holidays rather than during term time. Application for Extended Leave will not be granted during term time for a family holiday and travel, and will be recorded as unjustified leave. For extenuating circumstances, please discuss with myself, Ms Clarke or Mr Humphreys.

The dates for the school term can be found on the website and are published through the newsletter. Year 11 and 12 students were also provided with their assessment dates through the Preliminary and HSC assessment booklets that were handed out either as hard copies and/or electronic copies before the end of Term 4, 2022. These assessment booklets also have the weeks of the 2023 terms in relation to formal assessments.

Please be assured that we want to work in partnership with parents for the best learning outcomes of all students in the school.

Have a wonderful week.

Alexia Martin
Acting Principal



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

Coronation Drive Congestion

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a friendly reminder to please avoid blocking residential driveways when picking up or dropping off your child to/from school. The school has received some feedback from the community, related to residential driveways being blocked on Coronation Drive after school, and residents being unable to access their homes due to the congestion. When collecting your child from school, please be mindful not to block any driveways and to please give way to residents attempting to access such.

We appreciate that the after school pick up is a busy time for parents, students and the community. We would like to work together to ensure students, parents and the community are safe during these congested times.

Your support and cooperation with this matter is immensely appreciated.

Ms Fletcher, Relieving Deputy Principal



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.



BHHSACU's New Recruits 2023



Our new recruits have started their training to become cadets!

They have learnt how to come to attention and stand at ease, and we ran through some team building exercises while our senior cadets have begun practising for ANZAC services at local public schools.

It is not too late to join them, as registrations close on the 24th of February. Joining Instructions can be found on the BHHSACU Google Classroom (the code is **yxtw5yu**) underneath the classwork tab.

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TRGCUO
BHHSACU

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.

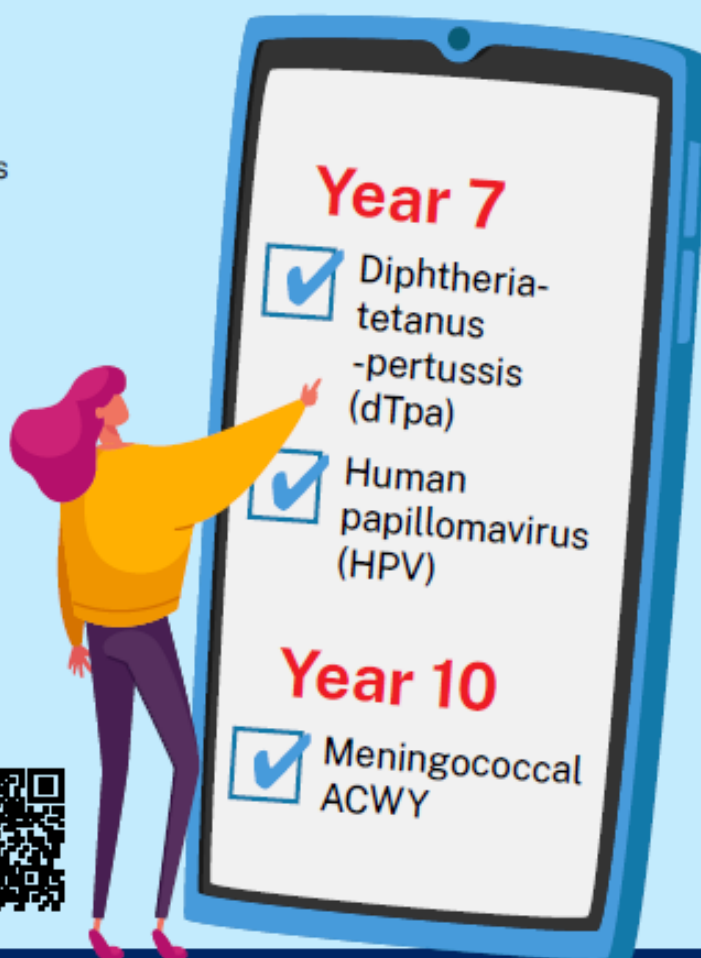
Benefits of providing online consent:

- 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

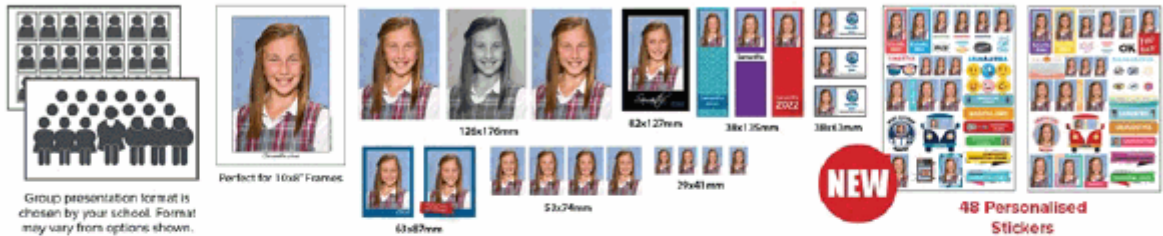
Scan the QR code to give your consent now.



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

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.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact



Careers News

14/02/2023

- Study Work Grow/The Careers Department/Career Central/Morrisby Profiling/From High School to Hireable Interview Skills [*existing resources*]
- Years 7-12 have premium subscription access to a new online program developed by Study Work Grow called the Ponder Program
- Year 10 2023 will be part of a pilot program involving mentors and virtual work experience
- Year 11 have recordings/worksheets for Navigating Uncertainty & Career Research Planning & Year 12 have recordings/worksheets for Scholarships
- Year 12 have copies of a new publication "The New University Entry Game"

Careers Resources & Speaker Presentations

- Please ask your child for the code to sign up to Study Work Grow (available on Google Classroom) if you would like to receive updates directly
- Please check updates directly in the newsletter and contact the Careers Advisor if you have any questions or suggestions
- Videos and PowerPoint slides created by the Careers Advisor will be emailed to parents via the Principal (Year 10 Subject Selection; Year 12 Updates; Work Experience & Volunteering; P&C Resources)
- To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child>

Helping your child with their career development

BE BUS AWARE

Stay alert and cross with care

Bus Safety Week 2023
Monday 20 - Sunday 26 February



NSW TOWARDS ZERO

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BE BUS AWARE

Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross



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Hold on and stay alert



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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 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>.

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.