

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

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From the principal's desk:

Congratulations to all students who competed in the annual BHHS Swimming Carnival last week. Thank you to all staff for ensuring the successful running of the carnival, especially to our carnival managers Mr Fisher, Ms Hansen and Ms Chapman.

Congratulations to Cloris and Iris Xu (Year 11) who have been selected in the four member Australia Team for the 2023 European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad, which will take place in Slovenia next month. Full details can be found at <https://www.amt.edu.au/news/australian-team-to-head-to-slovenia-for-2023-european-girls-mathematical-olympiad>.

NAPLAN begins this week for students in Years 7 and 9. A reminder that NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests

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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

Term 1

Week 8
Monday 13 March Outreach – yard sale Y7/10 Peer Support Session P8 Y10 Science Practical – written assessment component Y9 Science Depth Study written assessment (in class) Y12 The Tempest (Swancott)
Tuesday 14 March School Photos Catch up Y7 Mathematics Test 1 10.26am – 11.46am
Wednesday 15 March
Thursday 16 March NAPLAN Writing Y10 English Exam SRC World's Greatest Shave
Friday 17 March NAPLAN Reading Y12 Geography excursion – Cabramatta (Filewood)
Week 9
Monday 20 March Y11 & Y12 Buffer Week 20/3 to 24/3 incl. NAPLAN Language Prelim SLR Task 1 – Hand in Fitness
Tuesday 21 March NAPLAN Numeracy Y10 Mathematics Test 1- periods 1&2
Wednesday 22 March Y7 Ancient Rome Assignment due
Thursday 23 March Y9 History Source test
Friday 24 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Source Test NAPLAN Catchup
Week 10
Monday 27 March Y11 Practical Assessment Week 27/3 to 31/3 incl. Y12 Assessment week 27/3 to 31/3 incl.
Tuesday 28 March P&C Meeting 7.30pm Y7 Meet the Teacher Meeting 6-7pm Y10 History Source Test Y7 Science Assessment – skills task
Wednesday 29 March
Thursday 30 March
Friday 31 March Y8 History Semester 1 – Research Task
Week 11
Monday 3 April Y8 Commerce Exam (in class) Y11 Assessment Week 4/4 to 6/4 incl. Y12 Practical assessment week 3/4 to 6/4 incl.
Tuesday 4 April
Wednesday 5 April
Thursday 6 April ANZAC Day Ceremony 1.46pm Last day Term 1
Friday 7 April Good Friday – Public Holiday

Term 2

Week 1
Monday 24 April - Staff Development Day – Staff Only
Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April Students return to school
Thursday 27 April Cross Country Carnival (Whole School) Musical Footloose Performance 27/4 to 29/4 incl.
Friday 28 April

cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year. The data our school receives from NAPLAN forms part of the picture that informs targeted and whole-school strategy and planning to support student learning.

I would like to reiterate a message from last week's newsletter. As per the Baulkham Hills High School 2023 HSC Assessment Policy, "students should be present at school to complete and submit all assessment tasks and examinations. Students and parents/carers should NOT assume leave will be granted in circumstances where family holidays, social engagements or other matters of a discretionary nature clash with school assessment tasks and HSC tasks. Students are expected to complete all tasks and sit for all examinations set as part of the assessment program for a course at the specified time. The Department of Education discourages students taking leave during the school term". It goes on to say that "the Department of Education's position in relation to student leave is stated in the Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures School Attendance Policy. This policy has been developed by the Learning and Engagement Directorate in 2015. In section 14.1.

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Principal's Desk Continued

it states, "from the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School - Procedures. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes". All assessments are conducted within the guidelines set by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). The NESA guidelines for HSC students make no provision for tasks missed due to leave. There are well established protocols for illness and misadventure, however, requests for leave do not fall within these protocols. Students and families are expected to make arrangements to ensure that all requirements of the Preliminary and HSC courses can be fulfilled. All assessments must be completed at the scheduled time, unless students are affected by illness or misadventure".

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

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BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Proud to deliver



Congratulations to the following students who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award:

Bronze Award

Syed Ahmad (Yr 12)

Enya Huang-Ding (Yr 11)

Anoushka Pandey (Yr 12)

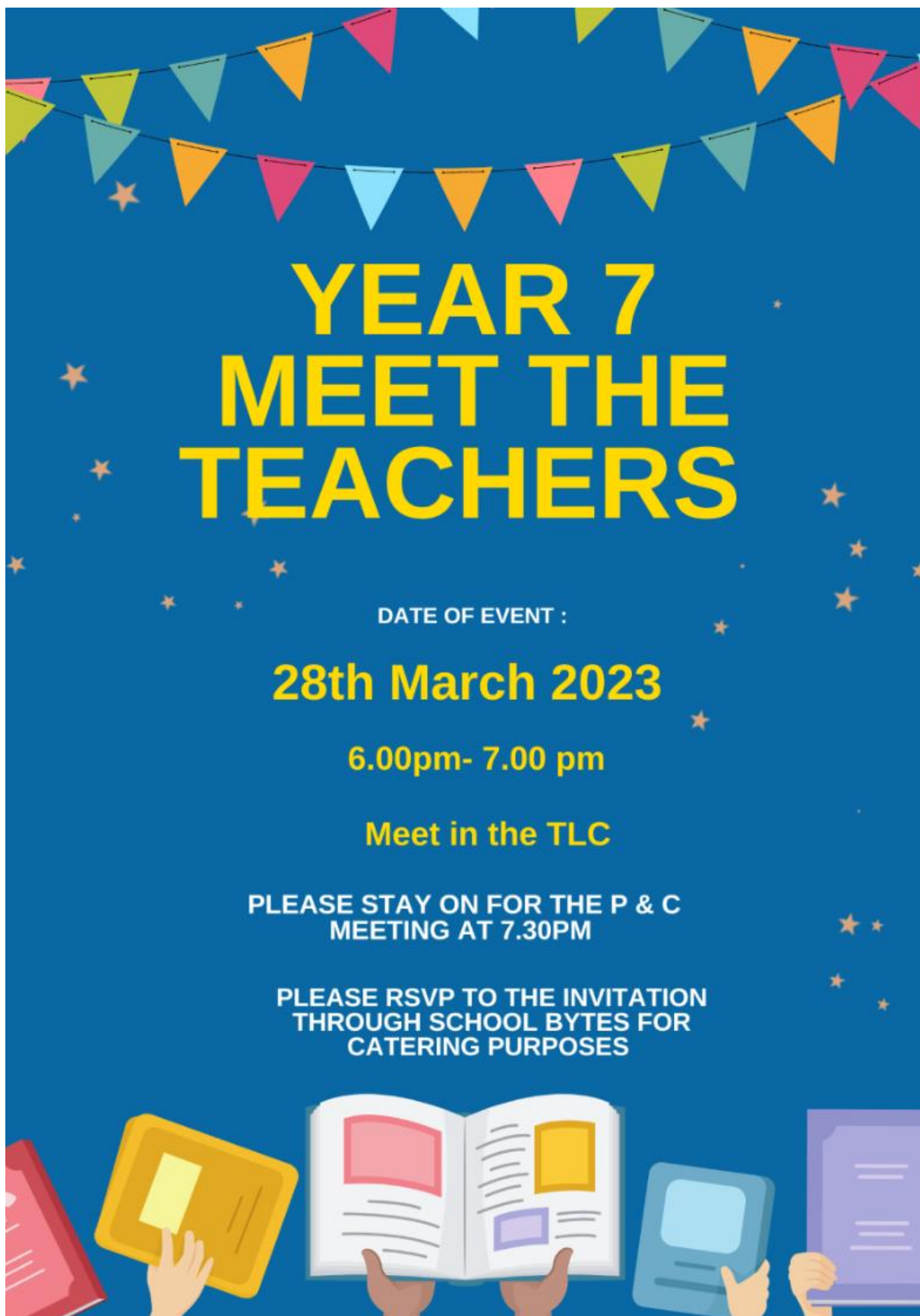
Raaghav Raguramankumar (Yr 12)

Dhruv Shetty (Yr 12)

Meagan Wu (Yr 11)

Mr Frank Iaconis
Award Leader





YEAR 7 MEET THE TEACHERS

DATE OF EVENT :

28th March 2023

6.00pm- 7.00 pm

Meet in the TLC

PLEASE STAY ON FOR THE P & C
MEETING AT 7.30PM

PLEASE RSVP TO THE INVITATION
THROUGH SCHOOL BYTES FOR
CATERING PURPOSES

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day



To celebrate International Women's Day last Wednesday (March 8), the History Faculty asked students to share a notable woman from history who has inspired them and these were some of the responses:

Ada Lovelace - she was one of the key pioneers of the computer. She faced much sexism but managed to write the first computer program and proposed the Analytical Engine.

- Kaushal, Year 9

Amelia Earhart - she wasn't afraid to break down barriers. In 1928, she was the first woman to fly as a passenger across the Atlantic Ocean. Then, in 1932, she became the first woman to pilot a plane across that ocean. There weren't many female pilots back then, and her actions inspired other women to follow their dreams.

- Priyanka and Abeena, Year 9

Princess Diana - she used her celebrity to raise awareness for a number of causes, from leprosy to domestic violence and mental health. She brought awareness to many issues within the British royalty and modernised the institution. She was the patron or president of over 100 charities and advocated for people with disabilities, homeless people, and those suffering from HIV/AIDS

- Anna and Anaya, Year 9

Kalpana Chawla - she was the first Indian woman to go into space. She first flew on Space Shuttle Columbia in 1997 as a mission specialist and primary robotic arm operator.

- Maahika, Year 9

Edith Cowan - she was the first female Member of Parliament in Australia and a pioneer for women's rights

- Biramilan, Year 9

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Eleanor Roosevelt - She was the first lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945, making her the longest-serving first lady of the United States. She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African Americans and Asian Americans, and the rights of World War II refugees.

- Suhaila, Year 9

Marie Curie - a physicist and chemist that discovered Polonium and Radium, which help develop treatments for cancer. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person to win a Nobel Prize twice, and the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two scientific fields.

- Chris, Year 9

Florence Nightingale - British nurse who was best known for her contributions to nursing education and her plans for improving health care standards in hospitals. She established the principles for modern nursing and care of the wounded, and recognised that bad hygiene was often the reason why wounds became infected. She also advocated for better drainage to ward off water-borne diseases such as cholera, and showed care, compassion and devotion towards patients

- Amanda and Praseeda, Year 9

Hedy Lamarr - was born in an oppressive Austrian family that forced her to marry a man who, as it turned out, was a Nazi. In the 1940s, she moved to the USA as her husband was a Nazi spy. While there, Lamarr studied acting and went on to be "the most beautiful face of the 1940s film industry". After overhearing a top secret Nazi operation that would kill many, she joined forces with an engineer to create the basis for Wi-Fi.

- Ajay, Year 7

Frida Kahlo - disrupted gender roles and showcased feminism through her paintings. Frida stood for acceptance and freedom, aiming to challenge and change the public's stereotypes. Expectations from genders were broken by her boxing, wearing both suits and dresses alike and keeping her facial hair to make a statement on female and male standards. She's become an international icon, influencing many artists and women.

- Annabel, Year 7

Emmeline Pankhurst - she co-founded the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and was very determined to win women the right to vote in Britain

- Alice, Year 7

Rosa Parks - an American activist that had great involvement in the civil rights movement in America. She is most famous for when she refused to give up her seat in a bus for a white man, on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955. This action inspired the leaders of the local black community and even got her arrested and fined. Despite knowing the consequences of her actions, she refused to take part in something that she knew was not right

- Farheen, Year 7



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Caroline Herschel - a German-born British astronomer. Despite the limited education she received, Herschel strived to follow in her brother's footsteps as an astronomer. In 1786, she became the first woman to discover a comet. Throughout the course of Herschel's successful career, she discovered eight comets and three nebulae. Herschel also published a revised version of a catalogue written by John Flamsteed, listing her corrections as well as adding on 560 stars. Herschel's significant work made her the first woman to earn a salary for her contribution to science. Herschel's perseverance and achievements in an era where women's work would often be discredited, is truly inspirational.

- Sophie, Year 11

Virginia Woolf - one of the most well-known feminist authors of the 20th century. Born in 1882, London, Woolf grew up studying English classics and history. She produced many classic literature and feminist texts including "Mrs Dalloway" and "A Room of One's Own". During the inter-war period, Woolf's writing became a prominent part of English literary and artistic society. In the span of her life, Woolf's accomplishments led her to be recognised as one of the most innovative and evolutionary writers of her time and she continues to influence and inspire millions of people today.

- Sophia, Year 11



Procedure for Early Leavers

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to get the note signed by a Deputy Principal before school and hand into the office by 8.30am where they will be issued an early leave pass.** The student can then present the pass to their teacher and leave school at the time advised on their early leave pass.

Senior Students with **Early Study Leave** permission should sign out at the office before leaving School.

Early Flexible Study Leave for Senior students – Sign out is at lunchtime at the Front Office



Music Ensemble Program (MEP)

MEP Ensembles

Ensemble	Conductor	Rehearsal Time
Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)	Dr Luis Madrid	Wednesday 7:20 am - TLC
Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Monday 7:20 am - TLC
Junior Band	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Thursday 7:20 am - G12
Orchestra	Dr Luis Madrid	Tuesday 7:20 am - TLC
String Ensemble	Ms Julie Kim	Friday 7:20 am - TLC
Guitar Ensemble	Mr Nicholas Murphy	Monday Lunchtime - G14

Fees

MEP fees

All participating MEP members are required to pay annual membership fees. The income from these fees cover salaries to staff, music score purchases, competition entry costs, workshops and equipment purchases such as music stands. This fee does **not** cover instrument hire, instrument service or repairs, lesson fees, MEP camp, MEP tours or external events such as NSW Arts Unit events. **Due to MEP staff being on the Department of Education payroll, we are unable to accept NSW Creative Kids Voucher.**

MEP fees for 2023 (MEP fees are due by the end of **Term 1**)

1 ensemble	\$400
2 or more ensembles	\$480
Year 12	\$300 Year 12 students graduate from MEP at the end of term 2
Guitar Ensemble	\$250 (30 minute rehearsal each week)


If you are interested in joining MEP, please email julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments

The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

 **School Bytes**

AVAILABLE DURING
TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

School Bytes Finance Portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
 - Use a family credit to pay for an activity/excursion or school fees
 - Download a receipt for payments made
 - View all historical payments in one place
 - Complete and submit digital permission notes
 - View the status of all permission notes

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

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.

Careers News



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 11 have recordings/worksheets for Navigating Uncertainty & Career Research Planning & Year 12 have recordings/worksheets for Scholarships



Year 12 will have access to recordings from a doctor speaker on both medicine careers and career resilience



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

For Youth Homelessness Matters Day & Youth Week

Outdoor Cinema + Youth Festival

Tuesday 18th April
1pm - 4pm
@Castle Hill Showground
Aub Juleff Arena, Castle Hill
For 12 - 25yr olds



Register now



All Free
Food truck. Drinks. Outdoor gym.
Popcorn. Ice cream truck.
Airbrush Tattoos.
& more.

Hosted by:

For more info contact: 1300 889 855
/ youthrez@saintscare.org.au



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.