

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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**Website Link:** <http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au>

### From the principal's desk:

Rehearsals continue for the **school musical "Footloose"**. Performances will be on very early next term. Both students and staff are preparing diligently, after school and on weekends, in preparation for the shows. Keep your eyes out for ticket information. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and great fun for all involved.

Ali Shahmoradi (Year 9) has qualified for the Australian National final of the **UN Youth Voice Public Speaking Competition** which will be held via Zoom next month. Congratulations and best wishes to Ali.

**NAPLAN continues** this week for students in Years 7 and 9. A reminder for all students to ensure they bring all required equipment (including headphones). 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

20 March 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](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Term 1

<b>Week 9</b>
<b>Monday 20 March</b> Y11 & Y12 Buffer Week 20/3 to 24/3 incl. NAPLAN Language Prelim SLR Task 1 – Hand in Fitness
<b>Tuesday 21 March</b> NAPLAN Numeracy Y10 Mathematics Test 1- periods 1&2
<b>Wednesday 22 March</b> Y7 Ancient Rome Assignment due
<b>Thursday 23 March</b> Y9 History Source test
<b>Friday 24 March</b> Y8 History Semester 1 – Source Test Y7 History Source Test (in class) NAPLAN Catchup
<b>Week 10</b>
<b>Monday 27 March</b> Y11 Practical Assessment Week 27/3 to 31/3 incl. Y12 Assessment week 27/3 to 31/3 incl.
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b> P&C Meeting 7.30pm Y7 Meet the Teacher Meeting 6pm-7pm Y10 History Source Test Y7 Science Assessment – skills task
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>
<b>Thursday 30 March</b>
<b>Friday 31 March</b> Y8 History Semester 1 – Research Task
<b>Week 11</b>
<b>Monday 3 April</b> Y8 Commerce Exam (in class) Y11 Assessment Week 3/4 to 6/4 incl. Y12 Practical assessment week 3/4 to 6/4 incl.
<b>Tuesday 4 April</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 April</b>
<b>Thursday 6 April</b> ANZAC Day Ceremony 1.46pm Last day Term 1
<b>Friday 7 April Good Friday – Public Holiday</b>

### Term 2

<b>Week 1</b>
<b>Monday 24 April - Staff Development Day – Staff Only</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day – Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b> Students return to school
<b>Thursday 27 April</b> Cross Country Carnival (Whole School) Musical Footloose Performance 27/4 to 29/4 incl.
<b>Friday 28 April</b> Musical Footloose Performance 27/4 to 29/4 incl.
<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday 1 May</b> Year 12 Camp 1/5 to 3/5 incl.
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b> Y10 History Research Task
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b> Y9 History Research Task Due Aust. Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO) for Yrs 7&8
<b>Thursday 4 May</b> In Concert 2023 Rehearsal - CAPA
<b>Friday 5 May</b> Prefect Afternoon Tea Y12 MCA and AGNSW – Visual Arts Cadets Canberra Trip

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.

The next **whole school development day** (Monday 24 April 2023) has an **Aboriginal Education** focus. This will be across all NSW public schools on this day. The purposes of this professional learning include a focused effort on improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in K-12, and to increase knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories and cultures. I will share further details with our community closer to the event.

**Wayne Humphreys**  
Principal

## Baulko News

### Parent Workshop – Elevate Education on Student Time Management and Organisation

Baulkham Hills High School will be hosting a Parent Workshop on **Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm** via Zoom. This workshop will be led by **Elevate Education**, to compliment the workshops all students have recently undertaken at school with Elevate Education. The focus of the workshop will be around supporting your child's **organisation and time management skills**.

Baulkham Hills High School has a long history of working with Elevate Education, with their trained mentors providing valuable learning experiences to our students in relation to study skills, organisation, time management and exam preparation.

We encourage parents to join us via the zoom link below on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March and learn some important skills and information to better support your child's learning.

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846411586?pwd=aEpuRjBGcm9uMGZV25Na0RjWjB2dz09>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Fletcher on [Terryanne.fletcher1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Terryanne.fletcher1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Ms Fletcher  
HT Wellbeing



## Sport News - Swimming Carnival

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March was the school swimming carnival at the newly redeveloped Waves Aquatic Centre. On a very hot day we had Years 7, 8 and the Support Unit joined our competitive swimmers from Years 9-12 for a day of fun. With over 80 students jumping into races the atmosphere was electric as students showed their school spirit as they cheered on the competitors from their Sporting House. There were tight finishes and some superb individual performances as students pushed each other to their limits. One of the highlights of the day though was undoubtedly the 50 metre Freestyle race with our Support Unit. In a race that saw the Relieving Head Teacher, Mr Luttringer, narrowly pipped by the amazing Krystal Jessen and followed very closely by many other students, the joy of the competition shone through as their smiling faces lit up the end of the pool.

Congratulations to those students who attended the Zone Carnival, with a much larger team of 41 students representing the school at Zone. This saw our results significantly improve placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Zone. Best of luck to those students who are progressing to Regional Swimming.

Thank you to all the staff and students, particularly our Sports and House Captains who demonstrated their leadership skills and were an asset in ensuring the carnival's success.

### 2023 Swimming Age Champions:

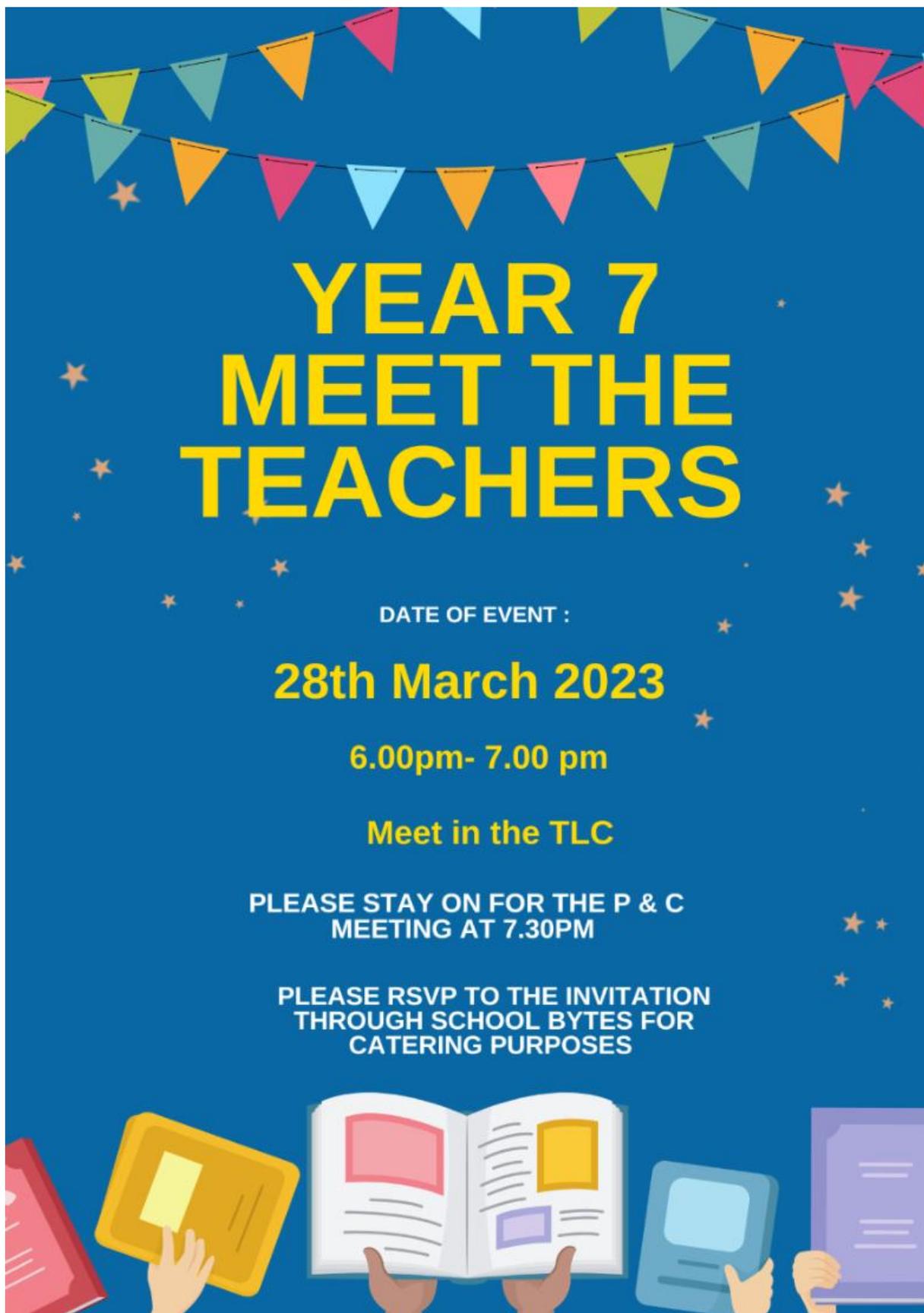
Age	Girls	Boys
12	Alice Du	Nathan Kusnadi
13	Talia Hanwella	Justin Guo
14	Julie Shin	Aiden Kim
15	Breanna Ng	Jiwon Yang
16	Amelia Kim	Jacky Zhang
17+	Krystal Jessen	Benjamin Marcellino
Support	N/A	Joshua Hutchings

### Sporting House Scores

- 4<sup>th</sup> MacDougal with 530 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Suttor with 719 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meehan with 806 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hughes with 877 points

Congratulations to Hughes who win the Swimming House Cup for 2023.





# 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



### Music Ensemble Program (MEP)

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 covers payment of staff, music score purchases, competition entry costs, workshops and the purchase of additional equipment such as music stands, folders, and instruments. This fee does **not** cover instrument hire, instrument service or repairs, lesson/tuition fees, MEP camps, 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 Vouchers.**

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

<b>1 ensemble</b>	\$400 equivalent to \$10 per week
<b>2 or more ensembles</b>	\$480 equivalent to \$6 per rehearsal if attending 2 ensembles

<b>Year 12</b>	\$300 year 12s graduate from MEP at the end of term 2
<b>Guitar Ensemble</b>	\$250 (30 minute rehearsal each week)

## Rehearsals

Students are expected to arrive punctually to every rehearsal **by 7:20am**, ready to play by the rehearsal time - 7:30am. Students in the Guitar Ensemble are expected to meet outside G14 immediately at the start of lunch. All members must bring a pencil to every rehearsal. Refer to the table above for rehearsal times.

## Absence from rehearsals or performances

MEP students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances. Ensemble attendance is monitored, and non-attendance without a **valid** reason is not acceptable. **Students with regular attendance will have their music extra-curriculars mentioned in their school reports.**

If you are unable to attend for any reason, please email [bhhsbandcom@gmail.com](mailto:bhhsbandcom@gmail.com) ASAP and provide a valid reason or documentation (e.g. a medical certificate). Students in ensembles conducted by Ms Kim or Mr Murphy are also asked to speak to their conductor to explain their absence upon returning to school.

## **There are still places available in the MEP for 2023!**

If you would like to join please email [Julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au) or speak to Ms Kim in the CAPA staffroom **by the end of Term 1**.

Google Classroom codes for the ensembles are listed below, please join your classroom if you haven't already in order to access practice copies and important announcements by teachers and conductors:

<b>Ensemble</b>	<b>Conductor</b>	<b>Google Classroom Code</b>
Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)	Dr Luis Madrid	ymacpl6
Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO)	Mr Nicholas Murphy	tikqxf7



Junior Band	Mr Nicholas Murphy	cgwpkq3
Orchestra	Dr Luis Madrid	kfwddly
String Ensemble	Ms Julie Kim	aky7r6c
Guitar Ensemble	Mr Nicholas Murphy	whlla43

## BHHSACU New Recruits 2023

The cadet unit's new recruits in uniform.

Congratulations on becoming fully fledged members of our cadet unit.

LT (AAC) Iaconis





## WEB/TABLET/SMARTPHONE

ePlatform is accessible via desktop on the web or our user friendly app. Download the ePlatform app from your preferred app store.



## SEARCH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Search for your School's name via the search tool in the App.

## SIGN IN

Sign in using the Username and Password that your school has provided you. Note: You may be directed to an external log in page like Microsoft, google etc. Simply Sign in to get started.

## BROWSE

Now you can browse eBooks and/or Audiobooks that you wish to read and listen to.

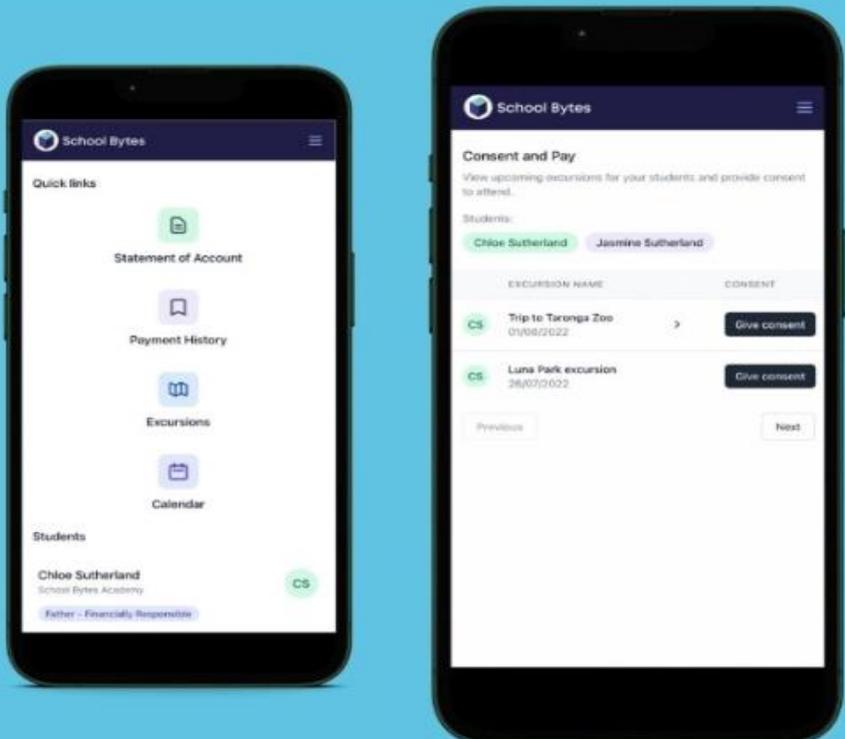
## SHARE THE LOVE

Why not do something nice for your friends? Show them the way! Share these ePlatform access instructions so that they never have to worry about how to access their digital library ever again!



## 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

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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](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/](http://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](mailto: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.