

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Year 12 Graduation 2024

Thank you to our P&C for organising morning tea for our
Year 12 students and parents

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Website Link: <https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html>

From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Term 4 2024 at Baulkham Hills High. A special welcome home to our student travellers after their adventures in Vietnam, Cambodia and Japan over the school holidays. I have no doubt it was a memorable trip for both groups of students. A special thanks to the school staff who attended each trip – without these staff, such experiences for our students would not be possible.

This week sees the **2024 HSC written examinations** commence. Our best wishes go to our HSC students - as well as a reminder to students at school to please keep the area around the Houlston Centre clear and quiet during the exam period. The full timetable is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/key-dates/hsc-written-exam-timetable/2024-hsc-written-exam-timetable>



Calendar 2024

This calendar is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole year calendar is on the school website at www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Term 4

Week 1
Monday 14 October All students return to school
Tuesday 15 October HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl. Nat Bartsch – Special Presentation at BHHS – Neurodiversity and Giftedness TLC 7pm
Wednesday 16 October
Thursday 17 October Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum 2024 17/10 to 19/10 incl. Science Olympiad Test
Friday 18 October Cadets AFX24 Camp 18/10 to 22/10 incl.
Saturday 19 October – Working Bee
Week 2
Monday 21 October Cadets AFX24 Camp 18/10 to 22/10 incl. HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl.
Tuesday 22 October P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 23 October Y9 Visual Arts Assessment – Art Making Prefect photos
Thursday 24 October Y11SE.6 Google Virtual Visit 1.46pm (Dunne)
Friday 25 October Prefect Planning Day Y10 Audio Production Assessment – Digital Project 2 Y10 Visual Design Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Week 3
Monday 28 October HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl. Y10 Assessment Week 28/10 to 1/11 incl.
Tuesday 29 October
Wednesday 30 October
Thursday 31 October Y10 Visual Arts Assessment – Art Making
Friday 1 November Y10 PDM Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Week 4
Monday 4 November HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl. Y7 and Y8 Assessment Week 4/11 to 8/11 incl.
Tuesday 5 November
Wednesday 6 November Y10 Visual Arts Assessment – Art and Criticism
Thursday 7 November
Friday 8 November HSC Finishes Cadets Remembrance Day Ceremony Y10 PDM Assessment – Art Making

The **Soroptimist International of The Hills District Annual Public Speaking Competition** was held on Saturday 21 September. Ivann Jins (Yr 7), Ekun Au (Year 10) Melanie Phan (Year 11) and Danuli Kankanamge (Year 11) were exemplary ambassadors for BHHS, demonstrating not only strong public speaking skills but also ability to communicate with poise, creativity, and passion. A particular congratulations to Year 11 division winner Danuli Kankanamge, and special thanks to Mrs Gyenge for her leadership and organisation of our students for this event.

ENCORE presents a selection of outstanding major works by **HSC Music** students in NSW including performance, composition and musicology. It will be held at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 24 February 2025. Chengsu Li and Derek Li have been nominated for possible inclusion in ENCORE for Music Performance. Congratulations!

Wayne Humphreys
Principal



Baulko News

Masters Academy – Term 4 Debating Programmes



LEADERS IN AUSTRALIAN DEBATING

The Team That Brings Students The National Virtual Debating Competition

LIMITED PLACES

Enrol with the leading provider of debating, public speaking and communication education to schools in NSW.

Our programmes prepare students with the soft skills and experience that today's students need for their technology powered future.

CRITICAL THINKING
Learning how to comprehend, deconstruct, evaluate and respond to different ideas & perspectives

EMPATHY
Considering issues that may be unfamiliar to students from multiple stakeholder perspectives, including within different cultural and historical contexts

ACTIVE LISTENING
Learning to quickly comprehend, analyse and respectfully respond to opposing ideas with confidence

PERSUASIVENESS
Understanding how speech can be crafted for maximum effectiveness using engaging manner, compelling matter and clear method

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
Discussing a wide range of ideas and events from history, economics, politics, society, pop-culture, current affairs and other topics

LOGICAL REASONING
Learning to deconstruct ideas in a methodical and rational manner, leading to logical and defensible conclusions

SPEAKING CONFIDENCE
Practising their speaking skills on such a regular basis, students quickly become comfortable taking part in a valuable activity that many adults fear, resulting in greater self-esteem and resilience



DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

THURSDAY
3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

BAULKHAM HILLS SELECTIVE
TERM 4
7 WEEKS
60 MINUTE SESSIONS
FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9
ONLY \$239 PER TERM

ADVANCED DEBATING

MONDAY
3:15 PM to 4:30 PM

BAULKHAM HILLS SELECTIVE
TERM 4
8 WEEKS
75 MINUTE SESSIONS
FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9
ONLY \$339 PER TERM





mastersacademy.com.au/enrol

Year 12 Graduation Morning Tea Photos organised by P&C

Thank you to our P&C for organising morning tea for our year 12 students and parents at Graduation held on 27 September.



2024 Public Transport Changes – 20 October

On 20 October Transport for NSW will make adjustments to the public transport network to connect the new Sydney Metro City & Southwest with Sydney’s public transport network.

The changes will impact most train lines across Sydney and some regional and outer metropolitan services. Bus timetables in regional and outer metropolitan locations will also change to align with the adjusted train timetable.

Students who catch any bus services connecting to trains, or any train service across the Sydney, intercity and regional network should check their trip before travelling as your day-to-day journey may look different. Students should use the [Trip Planner](#) or a [Transport app](#) to plan their trips and allow plenty of travel time to arrive early for exams.

The latest information about transport changes can be found at transportnsw.info

Transport for NSW



Southwest Link

From 30 September 2024, for up to 12-months, trains between Sydenham and Bankstown will be replaced by a free dedicated and high-frequency bus service called Southwest Link. This ensures passengers can get to where they need to go during the final Metro conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line.

For more information and to plan your trip visit transportnsw.info



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Contact us

Public transport information **131 500**

Plan your trip at transportnsw.info

To provide feedback on Transport services, please visit transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback

Interpreter service

For languages other than English call **131 450**
Arabic • Greek • Hindi • Mandarin • Vietnamese

اطلب خدمة الترجمة الشفهية للغات غير الإنجليزية اتصل بالرقم 131 450

Για υπηρεσίες διαμενέσις σε άλλες γλώσσες εκτός από τα Αγγλικά καλέστε το 131 450

अंग्रेजी के अतिरिक्त अन्य भाषाओं के लिए दुभाषिया सेवा 131 450 पर कॉल करें

获取英语以外的其他语言口译协助服务可以致电131 450

Để có dịch vụ thông ngôn cho các ngôn ngữ khác tiếng Anh, gọi số 131 450

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Some changes are already in place, including the North and Northwest bus changes on 4 August and Sydney Metro from Chatswood to Sydenham which opened on 19 August.

On 20 October, Transport will introduce an adjusted train timetable. The 2024 train timetable supports the final conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown to Metro operations and responds to the introduction of Metro services from Chatswood to Sydenham.

There will also be changes to some bus services in Outer Metropolitan and Regional areas to connect with the adjusted train times.

Transport has also identified a number of bus timetable adjustments which will be made in the future to ensure bus connections across Sydney align and connect with the adjusted train timetable.

In this update

Find out about:

- Adjustments to the train timetable
- Southwest Link and integrated transport plan

Transport pays respects to Elders past and present, and recognise and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

T M Integrated transport service changes

When the timetable is adjusted on 20 October 2024, the Sydney Trains network will feature the following adjustments:

T3 Liverpool & Inner West Line (formerly T3 Bankstown Line)

For stations west of Bankstown, train services that previously operated between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown will instead run via Regents Park and Lidcombe, maintaining a direct service to Sydney CBD for passengers.

T1 North Shore Line

Stopping patterns on the T1 North Shore Line will be simplified to improve reliability of services for passengers. With the new M1 Northwest & Bankstown Line services operating between Chatswood and Sydenham, train services between Chatswood and the Sydney CBD will be rebalanced during the morning and off-peak periods.

Passengers between Berowra and Hornsby will benefit from additional services in the morning and afternoon peak periods.

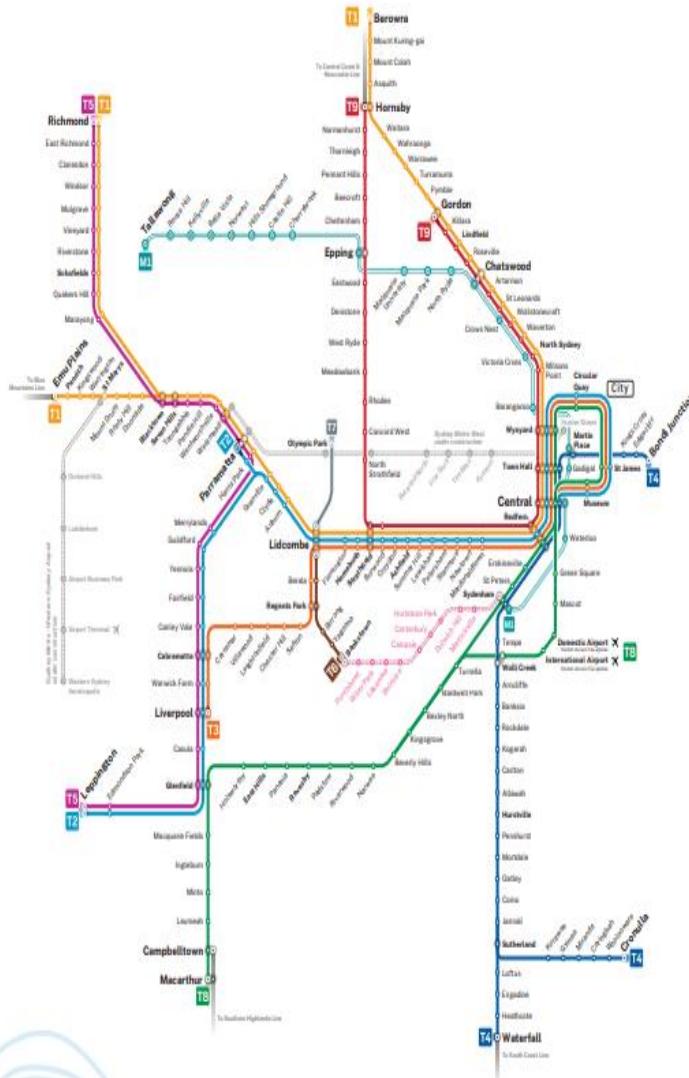
T6 New Lidcombe & Bankstown Line*

A new train service will be introduced between Bankstown and Lidcombe. Regents Park will be the main interchange for passengers travelling between Bankstown and Liverpool.

* Work to introduce a new T6 Lidcombe & Bankstown service is underway and is expected to be implemented at the time of the adjusted timetable.

Changes for Erskineville and St Peters passengers

Erskineville and St Peters passengers will continue to receive direct services to/from the Sydney CBD on the T8 Airport & South Line.



Some additional changes to the train network will occur when the timetable adjustment is implemented. These include:

T1 Western Line

Stopping patterns on the T1 Western Line will be simplified, improving service reliability and increasing services for some stations west of Parramatta.

There will also be a small reduction in some services during the morning and afternoon peak periods. Additional services will operate in the shoulder peak period between 9:00am and 10:00am.

T5 Cumberland Line

Passengers will receive a 15-minute service frequency in the busiest morning peak hour.

T8 Airport & South Line

To accommodate additional passengers at St Peters and Erskineville, more services will operate via Sydenham, while during the busiest morning peak hour, fewer services will operate via the Airport Tunnel.

There will also be more services for passengers south of Holsworthy in the morning peak.

T2 Leppington & Inner West Line

The former T2 Inner West & Leppington Line will be renamed the T2 Leppington & Inner West Line.

There will be some minor timing changes across other lines on the train network to support the adjusted timetable.

Intercity changes

Some passengers on the Blue Mountains Line will benefit from an increase in services across the week. Other timing adjustments will be made across intercity services to prepare the network for Regional Rail and Mariyung fleet deployment. Changes will be made to the bus network to align services with the new train timetable.

Travel Forms – Extended Leave

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

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

Careers News

As we come to the end of Year 12's time at school, things are definitely heating up in the Careers space. Students are writing scholarship and course applications, and I'm reviewing them and writing references and recommendations. Students have been equipped with the tools to request what they need from me and that system is working well so far.

Students are writing some excellent applications and I have been very impressed by the ways that some students have engaged with their communities and their personal development. This is key to a good university and life experience.

As a reminder for students and parents, I have links to a range of resources on a website I created which you can access here:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/bhhs-careers/career-links-resources>

It is possible that parents were not previously able to access it, but it should now work. I do update this site with new resources and I recently added a new section with career-specific resources, at the bottom of the page. I am still constructing it and I will build it up over time to include more resources, but it is turning into a good 'one-stop shop' for BHHS students.

On that site you can also find UAC's key dates table and students can use my schedule to book meetings. I would ask that parents contact me via the school to arrange meetings with me, as we usually need a bit more time.

If there are ways I can assist during this busy time, please let me know. Graduating students will have ongoing access to me in Term 4 via in-person or online meetings.

Enjoy,

Chris Buchli
Careers Adviser

Procedure for Early Leavers

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a written 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. Without a note a parent/carer will be required to come into the office to sign their child out of school.

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

CALL FOR TENDERS - SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

**Baulkham Hills High School,
Sydney NSW 2153.** Tenders
are called for the licence of the
school canteen starting 3rd
February 2025 for 3 years.
Enrolments will be 1230
(7-12). **Enquiries and / or
requests for a Tender
Information Pack to: Mr Ian
Parnaby, School Bursar,
ian.parnaby@det.nsw.edu.au
mobile 0438159297. Tenders
must be sent by email with
the subject line "Commercial
in Confidence School
Canteen Tender" to:
ian.parnaby@det.nsw.edu.au
Tenders close at 5pm on
Friday 25th October, 2024
with an onsite meeting and
inspection at 10am Thursday
17th October 2024. All
employees to hold a current
working with children check.**

Uniform Shop Return and Exchange Policy

Any items you wish to return/exchange must be done within **ONE** week of purchase. All return/exchange must show receipt as proof of purchase. All returns must be in original packaging with tag perfectly. We do not accept any items that have been washed or worn. Refunds or exchange will be provided upon inspection of clothing at the discretion of the uniform shop co-ordinator.

Please note:

- Refund on credit card payments will require up to three weeks to process.
- No refund or exchange on the Orientation Day.
- No refund or exchange for any second-hand items at any time.

Thank you.
Uniform Shop

Administration Updates

Absence Explanations

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school on the day of absence or **within seven (7) days** from the first day of any period of absence, **otherwise it will remain unjustified**. If a student is absent for three (3) days or more a **Medical Certificate** is required.

Application for Extended Leave – Travel

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate. A copy of flight details or itinerary is also to be included. The student can bring the hard copy form to be signed which is subject to approval before going on leave. **The certificate of extended leave travel will be given back to the student if travel leave is approved.**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

Planned Travel

Planned travel should only be taken during school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and the school is here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, or other reasons, please inform the school of their absence.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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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 through the facility. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to enter, drive into, or park in the TAFE to pick up or drop off students.

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.

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)

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.