

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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[Website Link: https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html](https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html)

From the principal's desk:

Originally known as Armistice Day, **Remembrance Day** marks the signing of the peace agreement between Germany and the Allies that ended the Great War of 1914-1918. The Second World War began just 21 years later. Almost one million Australians served during that conflict, which lasted close to six years. Armistice Day was then renamed Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is now a day to remember and honour all Australians who have served. BHHS students and staff paused at 11 am this morning to mark this special day in a short, moving ceremony led by our Cadet Unit.

The new **Student Wellbeing Hub** is currently being constructed off site. It is due to be delivered and installed over December 2024 and January 2025. It will be placed adjacent to the cricket nets and school gym on the bottom oval. Five student services will be



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 5
Monday 11 November Cadets Remembrance Day Ceremony Y9 Assessment Week 11/11 to 15/11 incl. Y9 PDM Assessment – Art and Criticism Y9 Visual Design Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Tuesday 12 November Y12 Sign Out day
Wednesday 13 November Y8-11 Orientation Morning 9am – 10.30am Y9 Visual Arts Assessment – Art History and Criticism
Thursday 14 November Y11 Recognition Assembly P3&4
Friday 15 November
Week 6
Monday 18 November Y9 Japanese Acc written exam
Tuesday 19 November Trivia Night - Leo Club Y8 Japanese Written exam
Wednesday 20 November Y12 Formal 6pm-11pm 8A/8U Japanese Speaking exam
Thursday 21 November
Friday 22 November Green Day – EnviroDay Y9 Japanese Acc oral exam
Saturday 23 November – Multicultural Food Festival
Week 7
Monday 25 November Y11 Buffer Week 25/11 to 29/11 incl. Y9 PDM Assessment – Art Making
Tuesday 26 November P&C Meeting 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Wednesday 27 November
Thursday 28 November
Friday 29 November
Week 8
Monday 2 December Y11 Assessment week 2/11 to 6/12 incl.
Tuesday 3 December Y7 Orientation Day 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 4 December
Thursday 5 December
Friday 6 December

centred in this location for ease of access for all students – the careers adviser, head teacher wellbeing, student support officer, head teacher teaching and learning and school counsellors. It will also incorporate two new classrooms, and a breakout area for student groups. Thank you to the team involved in bringing this project together, and for the financial support of the BHHS P & C who have made a significant contribution to this project. The Hub is scheduled to be open for use early in the new school year.

A reminder that the annual **BHHS P & C Multicultural Food Fair** is only a couple of weeks away - **Saturday 23 November from 5 pm** at school. This is always a wonderful evening of food, entertainment and community. Thank you to the leadership of Deputy Principal Mrs Martin and BHHS P & C Executive and members for bringing this evening together.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal

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>



Baulko News

Student Wellbeing Hub



Deck/walkway facing bottom



Staff Offices on left, breakout area on right

**Term 1 2025 Start Date
for all Students is 6 February 2025**

P&C News

Raffle Tickets Now Available!

Raffle Ticket sale is one of the major activities of the BHHS Multicultural Food Fair. This year, P&C will sell paper tickets on site, and via online raffle ticket facility, to cater everyone's needs. For those who would like to join the lucky draw, it's now simpler and more convenient through this online system, no matter whether they will be able to attend the event or not on that special day.

Don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes while enjoying the festivities! **Raffle tickets are limited**, so get yours today for a shot at these amazing prizes:

1. **1st Prize** - Apple MacBook Air
 2. **2nd Prize** - Apple iPad
 3. **3rd Prize** - Apple AirPods
- ...and many other fantastic prizes with a total value of \$5000 to be won!

Purchase your tickets now via the QR code or at the link below:

We encourage you to spread the luck by passing along the QR code. Wish you the best of luck!



<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/bhsmff2024>

Hurry—these tickets won't last long!

Mrs Wang, P&C President

RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE!!!

JOIN US AT BHHS 2024
MULTICULTURAL FOOD FAIR

GRAND PRIZE VALUE
\$1599

23 NOV 24
5PM - 9PM

BUY TICKETS HERE

PRIZES WILL BE DAWN AT BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 419A WINSOR ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS, NSW



multicultural
FOOD FAIR
23 NOV 2024
SATURDAY 5PM - 9PM

Proudly supported by Baulkham Hills High School & the School Band Community

ORGANISED BY BHHS P&C

RAFFLE TICKET SALE



1st Prize: Apple MacBook Air 13-inch with M2 Chip, 256GB/16GB
2nd Prize: Apple iPad (10th Gen) 10.9" WiFi 64GB
3rd Prize: Apple AirPods with Charging Case [2nd Gen]
AND many more prizes and vouchers from various stores with a total value of \$5000!!!



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Careers News

A wonderful group of students joined the NASA Space Apps Challenge after hearing about it from me. Their entry was so good that it has now been nominated for the global competition. You can see the amazing project, which allows users to view the night sky from 5 different exoplanets, here:

<https://www.spaceappschallenge.org/nasa-space-apps-2024/find-a-team/scratch/?tab=project>

It was a combined effort between Year 11 students Naisha Naithani, Nethya Liyanage, Daksha Ponugupaty, Imandi Rupasinghe, Jerusha Wilson and Mridvika Kollareddy. Great work, ladies!

I have been busily updating my Careers website for students and parents' use. I have now rearranged some sections and added new ones including:

- Template Resume/CVs
 - One includes some annotated instructions for its use
 - I plan to add some additional resources to assist students to build even better resumes
- Split the 'resources' section into general planning sites and official organisations such as UAC & other states' equivalents, and international study equivalents.
- Expanded Early Entry info by separating SRS programs via UAC and Direct-to-university applications.
 - Also added some new ones.
- Slowly building more career-specific links

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

I will continue to build on all of this over time to create the most complete set of resources for students in one place that I can.

If there are ways I can help students to further their career pursuits, please get in touch.

Enjoy,

Chris Buchli
Careers Adviser



School Student Travel

School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes



Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home.

Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Travel Concession Cards

For Year 10 to Year 12 Students

Please come to the office to pick up your travel concession card for students 16 years and over.

To be used with a child opal card not the school opal card.



THE HILLS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION NETWORK PRESENTS

PARENT FORUM

The Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network is proud to host a free and thought-provoking forum for parents of high school students. Together, we'll explore valuable insights and strategies for raising teens, while fostering a sense of community and support. You're not alone on this journey—let's come together to strengthen our parenting approach!

Dan Hardie

Teen Therapist & Founder of MyStrengths Australia

Learn about the key issues at the source of family friction, bring practical solutions for parents and their teens and understand how to negotiate for a win-win.

Senior Constables Ethan West and Joel McMullan

Youth Officers Castle Hill Police

Understand the trends and issues police are dealing with concerning young people, share parenting success stories and explore the importance of support networks.

Monday 18th November

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Check in from 6:00pm

**Rebellion Room, Castle Hill Cultural Centre
(underneath Castle Hill Library, 12-14 Pennant
Street, Castle Hill)**



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...



education.nsw.gov.au



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.