

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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**BHHS Cadets on Remembrance Day**

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

## From the principal's desk:

A dedicated group of our students are again involved in the upcoming **Schools Spectacular**

(<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/schools-spectacular>) on 29 and 30 November 2024. Thank you to Ms Stinson and Mrs Bolton for their support in enabling our students to be involved in this, once again, amazing performance opportunity

Year 12 2024 get to dress up and dance the night away as they celebrate the conclusion of their high school studies at their **Formal**, being held at Oatlands House this Wednesday night. Thank you to Mrs Arblaster and Mr Poole for their work as Year Advisers in supporting HSC students. I'm sure it will be a great night.

A reminder that the annual **BHHS P & C Multicultural Food Fair** is on this **Saturday 23 November from 5 pm** at school. This is always a wonderful evening of food,

18 November 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](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Term 4

<b>Week 6</b>
<b>Monday 18 November</b> Y9 Japanese Acc written exam
<b>Tuesday 19 November</b> Trivia Night - Leo Club Y8 Japanese Written exam
<b>Wednesday 20 November</b> Y12 Formal 6pm-11pm 8A/8U Japanese Speaking exam
<b>Thursday 21 November</b>
<b>Friday 22 November</b> Green Day – EnviroDay Y9 Japanese Acc oral exam
<b>Saturday 23 November – Multicultural Food Festival</b>
<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Monday 25 November</b> Y11 Buffer Week 25/11 to 29/11 incl. Y9 PDM Assessment – Art Making
<b>Tuesday 26 November</b> P&C Meeting 7.30pm – 9.30pm
<b>Wednesday 27 November</b>
<b>Thursday 28 November</b>
<b>Friday 29 November</b>
<b>Week 8</b>
<b>Monday 2 December</b> Y11 Assessment week 2/11 to 6/12 incl.
<b>Tuesday 3 December</b> Y7 Orientation Day 9am to 12pm Y8 Medieval Show Y10 Critical Thinking Excursion
<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>
<b>Thursday 5 December</b> CAPA Showcase – The Concourse, Chatswood 6.30pm
<b>Friday 6 December</b>
<b>Week 9</b>
<b>Monday 9 December</b> Y10 Urban Challenge Camp 9/12 to 11/12 incl.
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b> Term 4 Grand Finals
<b>Thursday 12 December</b> Christmas Week – Prefects 12/12 to 18/12 incl.
<b>Friday 13 December</b> Movie Night – Prefects 5.30pm – 9.30pm
<b>Week 10</b>
<b>Monday 16 December</b> Y10 and Y7 Recognition Assembly Christmas Week – Prefects 12/12 to 18/12 incl.
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b> Y8 and Y9 Recognition Assembly Y8 Wellbeing End of Year celebration 2024 CAPA – Musical – Hamilton, Sydney Lyric Theatre
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b> Cadets End of Year Dining in Night 2024 Students last day of school
<b>Thursday 19 December</b> Staff Development Day – pupil free day
<b>Friday 20 December</b> Staff Development Day – pupil free day

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

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

### 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

### Library Returns...

Library Books.... please be aware that we don't loan over the extended December/January break.

We ask that if you have any loans, that everything be returned before 6 December 2024.

Don't forget... you can still satisfy your reading need via our Wheelers EReaders:

<https://bhhs.wheelers.co/>

[Baulkham Hills High School - Baulkham Hills High School](#)

Baulkham Hills High School eLibrary system to browse, borrow and reserve Audiobook titles from the digital collection.

[bhhs.wheelers.co](https://bhhs.wheelers.co)

## Australian Maths Trust State Awards

Cheryl Praegar Medal – awarded to the female student with the highest score in Australia, in each year level – Olivia Jung – (Year 8)

Prize Winners/Best in School – Junior Division

Gordon Quach Year 7

Austin Ye – Year 8

Darren Lau – Year 8

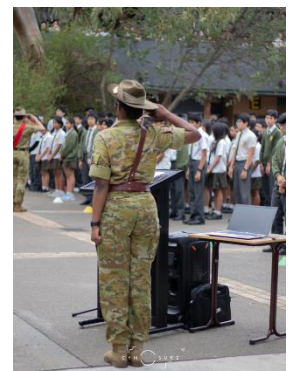
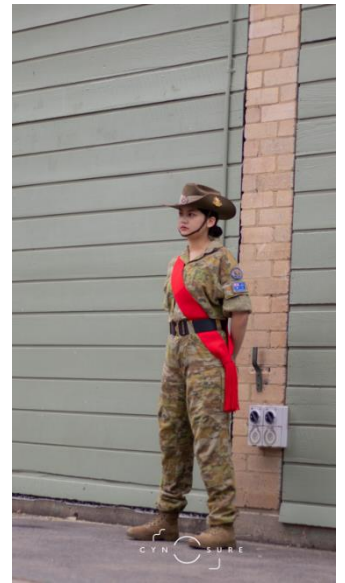
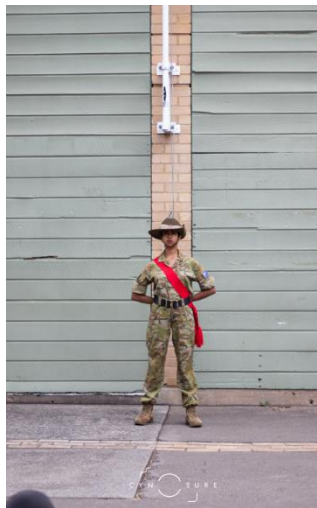
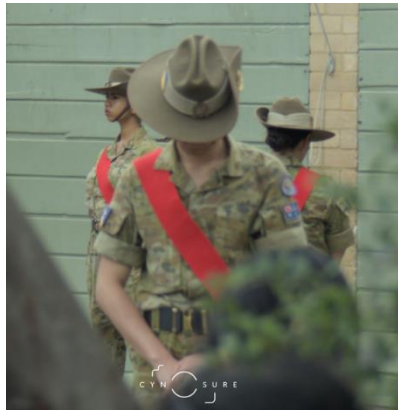
Anand Aryal – year 8

Mr Ribbans, HT Mathematics





## BHHS Remembrance Day Photos





## Year 8 Latin Camp

Last weekend, Year 8 Latin students attended an inter-school Latin camp at Pymble Ladies College. They joined Year 8 Latin students from schools across Sydney for a day of Roman themed games and activities including making mosaics, re-enacting gladiator fights, "chariot" racing and handling ancient weapons.

Mr Leigh Morgan  
Latin teacher







## Music Students Visit the Opera House

On October 30th, our music students had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Opera House and watch the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in rehearsal. The highlight of the session was Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 1*, featuring the world renowned soloist Ingrid Fliter. This enriching experience provided students with a behind the scenes look at the dedication and artistry that goes into a professional orchestral performance.









## Mozart's Jupiter Symphony

On November 8th, Stage 5 orchestra students attended a live performance of Mozart's *Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter)* at the Sydney Opera House. Conducted by Simone Young, the concert provided an inspiring and unforgettable experience, showcasing the brilliance of classical repertoire and expert musicianship.

Ms Kim, Rel. HT CAPA



### PROGRAM

**JS BACH** Brandenburg Concerto No.3\*

**CPE BACH** Flute Concerto in G

**MOZART** Symphony No.41, Jupiter

*\*Great Classics performance only on Saturday 9 November*

### ARTISTS

**SIMONE YOUNG** conductor

**JOSHUA BATTY** flute



## Street Art with Support Visual Arts

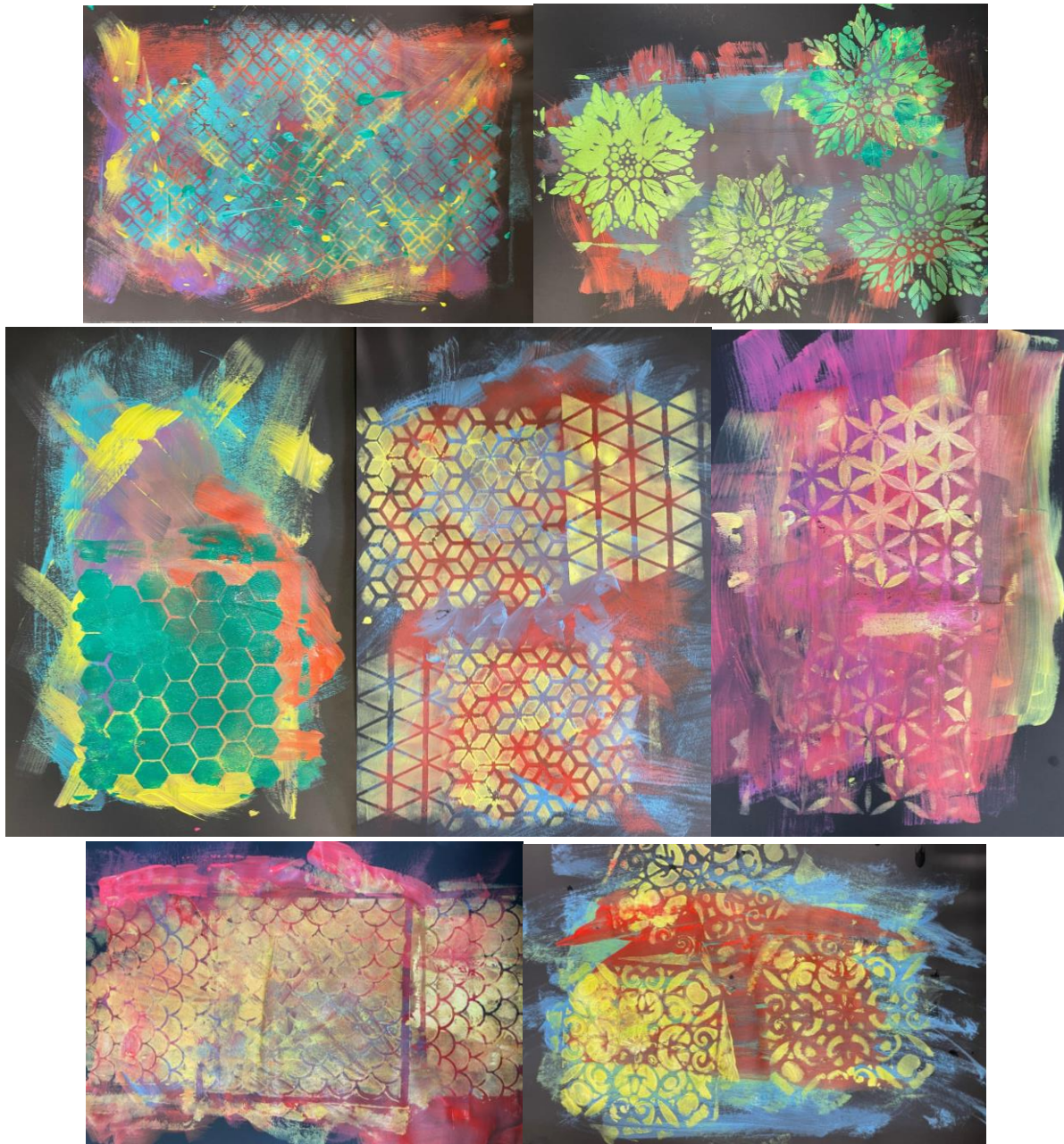
In Visual Arts, students have been diving into the world of Pop Art and street art, discovering the vibrant techniques and unique styles of iconic artists Andy Warhol and Keith Haring. They've been experimenting with stenciling and pattern techniques using a range of mixed media, learning how to create engaging and dynamic compositions.



Through hands-on activities, students are mastering color mixing and developing harmonious and contrasting color schemes to add energy and depth to their work. By exploring the art history behind Pop Art and street art, students gain insight into these movements' origins and cultural significance, while building their own skills in pattern, color, and stencil work to bring their creativity to life. This unit has inspired students to think critically about art practice and explore how they can express themselves through color, composition, and creativity.







***Stencil Printing with Mrs Lockley and Support 4***

### **Our Emerging Visual Artists Shine**

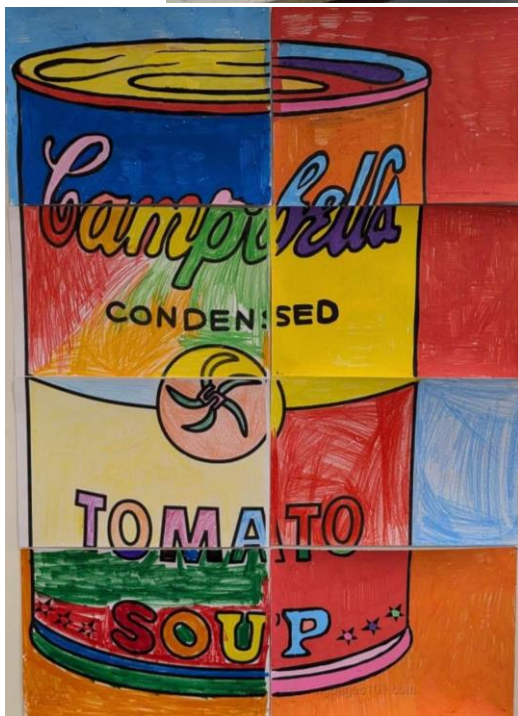
Our Support Visual Arts students have been expanding their skills through a variety of exciting projects, exploring diverse mediums and artistic techniques. Recently, they crafted vibrant collagraph prints using foam shapes and bright colours, showcasing creative design and layering. They also created unique fish sculptures, where each piece displays distinct patterns and textures.

Collaborative Pop Art-inspired artworks allowed students to experiment with Posca markers, pastels, and coloured pencils, learning about colour theory and composition in a fun, group setting. Additionally, students explored cyanotype (sunprint) techniques in the darkroom, using sunlight to capture striking blue-toned prints.

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Each project has been a testament to their growing confidence, creativity, and teamwork. We're thrilled with their progress and look forward to more achievements in the terms ahead!

Ms Lockley, CAPA Teacher



*Pop Art Painting with Mrs Clancy and Support 6*





*Stencil Printing with Mrs Lockley and Support 1*



*Cyanotype Printing with Mrs Clancy and Support 3 and Support 6*



*Acrylic Painting Techniques with Mr Chiu and Support 7*



## CAPA SHOWCASE

We are excited to invite you to the CAPA Showcase on Thursday December 5th, at The Concourse in Chatswood at 6:30 pm.

This showcase will feature performances by all MEP groups, along with our drama and music elective classes. The entire Year 7 cohort will also be performing, making this a unique and memorable experience for Year 7 students. Additionally, there will be an art exhibition highlighting the incredible work of our students.

**Ticket Information:** Tickets are now on sale, and you can purchase them by clicking the link and selecting 'ADD ITEM'. Please add your child's name in the comments section when you make the payment. Once you have made the payment online, please email the receipt to [julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:julie.kim32@det.nsw.edu.au). Your child can then collect the ticket from Ms. Kim in the CAPA staffroom.

- **1 ticket: \$30**
- **3 tickets: \$75**

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/2100>

These valuable concerts are only possible with your support.

I look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Ms Kim, Rel. HT CAPA



**Baulkham Hills High School Presents**

# CAPA SHOWCASE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2024  
6:30PM

THE CONCOURSE  
CHATSWOOD

**TICKETS**  
1 ticket: \$30  
3 tickets: \$75

**Featuring:**  
*MEP Performances  
Elective Drama and  
Music Performances  
Year 7 Choir  
Art Exhibition*





## 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

A promotional poster for raffle tickets. The background is yellow with green and orange geometric shapes. A large green speech bubble at the top left contains the text 'RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE!!!'. Below it, a white speech bubble contains 'GRAND PRIZE VALUE \$1599'. To the right, another white speech bubble contains '23 NOV 24' and '5PM - 9PM'. At the bottom left, a dark green banner says 'BUY TICKETS HERE'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code. The text 'JOIN US AT BHHS 2024 MULTICULTURAL FOOD FAIR' is written in a white speech bubble shape in the middle. The bottom of the poster has a dark green background with white text: 'PRIZES WILL BE DAWN AT BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 419A WINSOR ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS, NSW'.

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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!!!

## Careers News

### Medicine Interviews

Some graduated Year 12 students are now receiving offers for Medicine interviews. Congrats to those students who do - it is a huge milestone in the process. [This page](#) lists key dates for Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Med courses, including when to expect to be invited to interviews, where relevant. If those dates pass and students have not heard from universities, they can safely move on with their post-school plans. It appears that WSU and Notre Dame have made their interview offers for this year.

The Australian process for Medicine is one of the most competitive in the world and this is largely a good thing. After all, we want our doctors to be our best and brightest and it's a career that should be undertaken in earnest. BHHS students are successful each year, but it should be noted that most people become doctors via postgraduate study. Getting straight in from high school is an exceptional circumstance; it is simply the case that many BHHS students are exceptional compared to regular state cohorts.

### Support Unit TAFE Courses

Some Support students are gaining offers to Access and some mainstream courses for next year. We will have those by the end of November, most likely. I will be working on putting together fact sheets for parents to help provide guidance about how to tell which students are well-suited and ready for TAFE study. It is certainly not for everyone, but it is also just one experience among others that we help families connect with.

An example of such readiness would be answering yes to the following questions:

- Does your child know their/your address and phone number?
- Do they know their date of birth?
- Do they know what their TAFE course is and what they will be learning about?
- Can they follow instructions written on the board in class?
- Can they work well with groups of students they don't know?
- Can they write or type by themselves?
- Do they like meeting new people?
- Can they travel to and from TAFE independently?
- Can they work/study in an adult environment?

If there are ways I can help your child, please feel free to reach out.

Enjoy,

**Chris Buchli**  
Careers Adviser








## Community Notice - Reclaim The Night | The Hills 2024 | Event Information

 Date: Friday, 22 November 2024

 Time: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

 Location: Arthur Whitting Park, Castle Hill (top of the escalators to the Metro)

 Registration: Free

Reclaim the Night – The Hills 2024, is hosted by Castle Hill Rotary Club & The Hills Shire Council. Reclaim the Night is a global movement advocating for women's safety in public spaces, workplaces, and homes. Originating in the UK during the 1970s, this event stands against all forms of violence towards women and their families.

The evening will begin with a walk along both sides of Main Street, returning to Arthur Whitting Park for guest speakers and a community BBQ . Wear purple to show your support as we unite to say NO to domestic and family violence and YES to respectful relationships.

Proudly brought to you by Castle Hill Rotary Club & The Hills Shire Council.

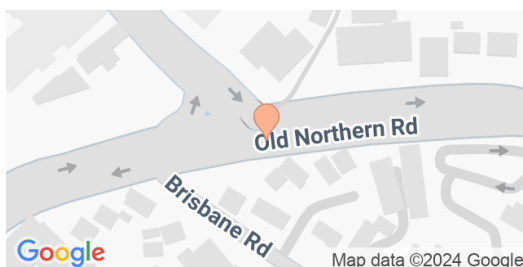
Free Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/reclaim-the-night-or-2024>

Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in our community.

### Location

Arthur whitting Park - top of the escalator to the Metro

*Old Northern Rd & McMullen Ave, Castle Hill NSW 2154, Australia*



## 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.