

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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**Year 10 Food Technology students  
at the Sydney Tower Dining School Tour**

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## From the principal's desk:

Thank you to all BHHS students, staff and our community for another wonderful and amazing year at Baulkham Hills High School. Our school is a very busy place – from exams to excursions to cadets to chess to student leadership to fundraising to food fairs to showcases to community access experiences to Schools Spectacular performances to ... I could go on for quite a while! Our students are provided with a rich tapestry of educational experiences to enable them to experience a diverse range of learning opportunities. None of these experiences would be possible without the dedication of school staff who go above and beyond every day to provide opportunities for our students. Thank you all for making BHHS the amazing, dynamic, wonderful school that it is. As the saying goes, "Every day's a great day at Baulko"!

16 December 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, 2024

<b>Week 10</b>
<b>Monday 16 December</b> Y10 Recognition Assembly P3 and P4 Y7 Recognition Assembly P1 and P2 Christmas Week – Prefects 12/12 to 18/12 incl.
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b> Y8 Recognition Assembly P1 and P2 – 8.40am Y9 Recognition Assembly P3 and P4 – 10.15am Y8 Wellbeing End of Year celebration 2024 3.15-9.00pm CAPA – Musical – Hamilton, Sydney Lyric Theatre 6.30-10.00pm
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b> HSC results released 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

### Term 1, 2025

<b>Week 1</b>
<b>Friday 31 January – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday 3 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Thursday 6 February</b> All Students return to school today Y7 O Week 6/2, 7/2, 13/2 and 14/2 incl.
<b>Friday 7 February</b>
<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday 10 February</b> Y7 Camp 10/2 to 11/2
<b>Tuesday 11 February</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 February</b> Term 1 Grade Sport Trials Term 1 Recreational Sport Selections open 7.30pm
<b>Thursday 13 February</b> Yr7 O Week 13/2 and 14/2 incl.
<b>Friday 14 February</b>
<b>Week 3</b>
<b>Monday 17 February</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 February</b>
<b>Wednesday 19 February</b>
<b>Thursday 20 February</b>
<b>Friday 21 February</b>

Thank you to our prefects for their leadership of the fun and frivolity of Baulko Christmas Week.

Over the past week, teams have competed at the 2024 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup at the Gold Coast. One of our teams, Year 9 boys, went through the tournament undefeated, winning the final, and were named Year 9 Boys Division 2 Australian Champions. Congratulations to them and all students who participated – and a huge thank you to staff who attended and who made this experience possible.

Jaskeerat Arora competed as a member of the Australian team traveling to Romania to compete in the 2024 International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO). Congratulations to Jaskeerat Arora for achieving a silver medal at this competition. Full details are at <https://www.asi.edu.au/results-from-the-australian-team-at-the-2024-ijso/>



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# Baulko News

## Principal's Desk Continued

The school says farewell to a number of long and short-term staff. Goodbye, thank you, and best wishes to Mrs Renwick and Mrs Robinson who enter their next adventure (retirement) after teaching at BHHS for many years. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Tripolone and Ms Zhang who have taught in temporary positions for extended periods, and Ms Money and Mr Muirfield who have supported students as SLSOs.

**HSC results** are released this Wednesday with Year 12 students returning for "Back to Baulko" Day. An overview will be provided to give a summary of our students results.

The student **Wellbeing Hub** was delivered over the weekend. It is scheduled to be open for student use early in Term 1 2025. The hub will bring together key staff, including the school counsellors, students support officer, careers adviser, and head teachers, wellbeing and teaching & learning, into a "one stop shop" for students. It also includes 2 new classrooms to provide some further flexibility for student learning. The hub has been funded from our building fund and by the BHHS P & C. Two projects, the library refurbishment and kitchen/preparation room upgrade, will go to tender in the new year.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you have a safe, restful, recharging holiday.

**Wayne Humphreys**  
Principal



Student Wellbeing Hub  
In process



## PREFECT 2024 Week 10 CHRISTMAS WEEK

**16 | MONDAY  
DEC** ice cream bar

In Front of TLC  
 Lunchtime

Prefects are holding an ice-cream bar in front of the TLC

- \$2 for ICE CREAM CONE
- \$1.50 for ICE CREAM CUP

Choice of 3 TOPPINGS (max)

Wear christmas themed clothing for a gold coin donation!

- NO MIDRIF TOPS
- NO SHORT SHORTS
- ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR ONLY - please bring appropriate leather shoes for TAS or sneakers for sport

NOTE: Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be sent to the Deputy Principal's office

**TUESDAY | 17  
DEC** themed clothing

Photobooth with AUSSIE SANTA @ POLAROIDS FOR \$2

**18 | WEDNESDAY  
DEC** face painting

Under the bridge  
 Lunchtime

Turn into a Christmas masterpiece!  
Come for free face-painting under the bridge at lunch!

### MERRY XMAS BAULKO!

## Christmas Holiday Reading

### List



Over the Christmas holidays, encourage your child to dive into a world of adventure, imagination, and learning by exploring the books recommended by their peers. Reading not only enhances vocabulary and critical thinking but also offers a wonderful opportunity for relaxation and creativity during the festive season. Students may also explore our extensive range of novels through the school's online platform using the following link: - <https://bhhs.wheelers.co/>

### Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) recommended by Arham Nahar

Top 10 reads:-

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

The Bartimaeus Sequence by Jonathan Stroud

The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer

The Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer

The Hercule Poirot series by Agatha Christie

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve

The Turners series by Mick Elliott

The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins

Digital review <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10oUQaHdb7XH6GcPzPNpw3ch3nPC3kiJ-/view?usp=sharing>

### Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10) recommended by Joanna Verghese

Top 5 reads:-

Reckless - Lauren Roberts

[Powerless Trilogy book #2]

**Trial of Thorns - Stacey Trombley**

**[Wicked Fae series book #1]**

**Lightlark - Alex Aster**

**[Lightlark Saga book #1]**

**A Thousand Boy Kisses - Tillie Cole**

**[A Thousand Boy Kisses Series book #1]**

**I Hope This Doesn't Find You - Ann Liang**

**Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12) recommended by Lawrence Lin**

**Top 5 reads:-**

**The Golden Maze, Richard Fidler**

**Beloved, Toni Morrison**

**The Colour Purple, Alice Walker**

**Atomic Habits, James Clear**

**A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens**

**Honourable Mention ~ Geometry Problems for Math Competitions, Jerry Gu**

**Digital review**

**[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GgM8N5r\\_BmGCQ9\\_9eAP8yX2BZXBbCqXd/view?usp=s\\_haring](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GgM8N5r_BmGCQ9_9eAP8yX2BZXBbCqXd/view?usp=s_haring)**

**For the parents who are looking for a good novel to read over the holiday break.**

**Top 5 reads that English teachers are reading and recommend: -**

**“Project Hail Mary”-Andy Weir**

**“The Dry”-Jane Harper**

**“Three Wild Dogs”-Markus Zusak**

**“The Red Palace”-June Her**

**“Brick Lane”-Monica Ali**

**Wishing good reading to everyone and Merry Christmas! Mrs Eisermann (English Teacher/Literacy Coordinator)**



## SpecFest Poetry Slam

The Arts Unit's Poetry Slam is a competition for individual students in Years 7 to 11 attending government secondary schools. This year's competition required for students to write and perform a 3-minute slam poem around the theme "All for One". This year was SpecFest poetry's second year running after the successful competition last year.

The 6 state finalists included:

### **Anwasha from Baulkham Hills High School**

Dishita from Girraween High School

Tim from Kingswood High School

Lexie from St George Girls High School

Andrew from Bossley Park High School

Shania from Quirindi High School

There were many different steps to reaching the final. The first step included recording a 3-minute audition with your interpretation of the topic and submitting it to the judges. Then, once chosen, you get called back to the state semifinals with a congratulatory email and feedback. The state semifinals this year took place at Lewisham on Friday 15 November 2024, and was an encouraging and friendly environment, with students from many schools, both online and in person, with a panel of judges and morning tea. From this group of 14 semi-finalists, 6 state finalists were chosen to perform live at the Qudos Bank Arena on Friday the 29th November for SpecFest, a part of the Schools Spectacular.

Congratulations to the wining slam poet Dishita, who had a compelling take on the topic with her intriguing opinions on capitalism. The 5 runners up also received a medal and certificate for their efforts, as the competition was very narrow.

Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Paton for helping follow up on the auditions from the school's side.

### **Anwasha Poddar - Year 10**



## Sydney Tower Dining School Tour

Year 10 Food Technology students went to the Sydney Tower Eye on Thursday the 12th of December as part of the 'Food Service and Catering' unit. Students had a fantastic experience at the Sydney Tower dining school tour.

Guided by the head chef, they explored the production kitchens, learning about the reception, correct storage and use of different ingredients in a hospitality kitchen. They had the opportunity to witness correct storage and food preparation procedures on a large scale. They also learnt about bookings, event management and restaurant management throughout the tour and enjoyed a scrumptious buffet lunch at the Sydney Tower Eye restaurant.

It was an enlightening and wonderful experience for the students.

Ms Goel, TAS Food Technology Textiles





### Chopping Board Project – Support Unit

Dear SIA1 & SIA5,

As this semester comes to an end, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication. Both classes have shown incredible commitment in completing their Chopping Board Project, which will undoubtedly make for a beautiful Christmas or holiday gift.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to all the Support Staff for their unwavering dedication and assistance throughout the process. Your support has been invaluable in helping the students successfully complete their projects.

Wishing you all a joyful and well-deserved holiday season!

Regards,

Mr Tripolone



## HSC Geography Fieldwork

### Sydney Northern Beaches

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the 2025 HSC Geography class began their mandatory fieldwork with the annual Sydney Northern beaches excursion. This excursion has been slightly modified for the new HSC syllabus and involves visiting several beaches. We began at Long Reef & then walked up to Long Reef Point. We then made our way northwards through the peninsula also visiting Collaroy, and Palm Beaches. At each beach we studied the human impacts and management techniques used by local councils. Information gathered on the day was used back at school to plan for their first HSC assessment task. We were also accompanied on the day by the year 9 Geography elective class.

Mr Filewood, Social Sciences



### Years 7-10 Technology Mandatory and Food Technology

#### Savouring Success: A Celebration of Creativity and Culinary Achievements

This term, students across Years 7 to 10 have excelled in their Technology Mandatory and Food Technology courses, demonstrating creativity, skill, and teamwork.

Year 7 students showcased their innovative spirit in their Technology Mandatory course by designing and creating sustainable shopping bags. Using sewing machines, tie-dye techniques, and embellishments, they crafted unique cloth bags that combined functionality with environmental awareness. In addition, they explored the basics of culinary technology, mastering the use of cooking equipment and utensils while following recipes to create a variety of delicious food items. Their enthusiasm and dedication set the foundation for future learning.



In Year 9, students completed the unit 'Food for Special Occasions' by preparing food for special occasions around the world, culminating in the creation of beautifully designed celebration cakes. These cakes reflected a range of special occasions and highlighted their creativity and understanding of tradition.



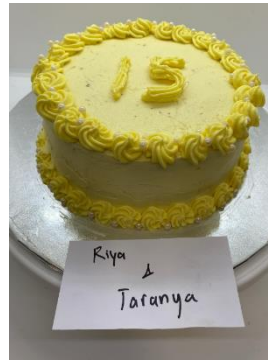
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Mirza  
+ Sejan



Bowen  
Kenneth



Riya  
+  
Tanaya



Michael and  
Adrian



Ellena  
+  
Devanshi



Thias  
Nathan



Jessica & Sami

Year 10 students elevated their culinary expertise during their 'Food Service and Catering' unit. Tasked with preparing a buffet, they excelled in planning, collaboration, and presentation, delivering a professional-standard spread that impressed both staff and peers.



These achievements reflect the passion, hard work, and talent of our students, guided by the commitment of our incredible staff. We look forward to seeing their continued success in upcoming projects and events. Well done to all!

Ms Goel, TAS Food Technology Textiles

## Careers News

If students want some things to do over the break that are productive for their future careers, here are a few ideas.

First and foremost, I strongly recommend you **do something in a self-directed way**. If you have an interest in something, how could you create a meaningful project now? If you like engineering or flight, maybe research how engines and aerodynamics work, and design a novel or experimental aircraft. Interested in architecture? Design a house or building, maybe focus on how to do so sustainably and in cost-effective ways. Want to be a lawyer? Research a major court case that is currently relevant in any area of the law you're interested in. Or, research an ongoing case and read up on the legal aspects of it, and then write a plan for how you would argue the case. Interested in Medicine? Create a health care plan for someone with a condition of your choice, do some research about an illness or other health issue and find out if/whether there are potential cures, what the best candidates are and why. Students have access to some scholarly information via the school library, and there are other resources online as well. Such projects are always the best because they're led by your interests and are 100% your responsibility. Find how-to videos on YouTube or industry websites and use these to guide your projects. This is where the most learning happens.

Alternatively, there are some places you can **find activities** that might require some expertise or equipment beyond what you have available. For example: [starportal.edu.au](http://starportal.edu.au) This is a searchable list of STEM-related activities created by the Office of the Chief Scientist. Students also have received multiple newsletters from JobJump across the year, with a range of activities.

Otherwise, I have provided lists to students and parents on previous occasions with advice such as: **get a job, join an interest-based club, play a sport, and/or take up an instrument**.

It doesn't matter what you do as long as it has value to you. **If you have an interest, pursue it in some meaningful way**. Your skill will always grow, and your interest will either grow or decline, and all are great because they help you move closer to some future that you really want. If you love it, keep building skill and more interest, getting more specific/high-level over time. If you don't like it, move on and find something else that you really enjoy. Make sure you consider why you like or don't like it as that's where deep learning happens that guides you towards your future.

If you feel like you cannot find a way to pursue your interests, **contact someone who works in that industry** and ask what they would do. If you don't know anyone personally, **call an industry group** as they are almost always willing to help a young person pursue their career in that field. To find industry groups use sites such as MyFuture ([example for Finance careers](#)) to find lists of them. Or, while we're still at school, **contact me** and I'll do my best to guide you.

Enjoy,

**Chris Buchli**  
Careers Adviser



## 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 asap.

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 eBook / Audiobook titles from the digital collection.

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

### **Update of Address and Contact Details**

*If there have been any changes to your personal details, eg. home address, phone number or email address, please email the school with any changes*

*It is important that parents/guardians keep the school informed of any changes*

[baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

*If your preferred email address is a hotmail/yahoo address please check your spam/junk folder for emails from the school*

### **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>



### School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or call 131 500.

For current school and route services visit [www.cdcbus.com.au](http://www.cdcbus.com.au) or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

## BAULKHAM HILLS HS

Bell Times

Effective 02/12/2024

Morning: 08:38

Afternoon: 15:06

MORNING BUSES		
Route	Time	Bus Route
3103	07:00	<b>EX CADWELLS</b> via Porters to Kenthurst Rd opp Pitt Town Rd <b>Transfer to Route 639 due 07:23</b>
626	07:00	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills, R>Boundary, L>Victoria, R>New Line, R>Boundary, L>Francis Greenway, L>Macquarie, R>Kenburn, R>Shepherds, L>Prurchase, L>New Line, R>County, L>John, R>Franklin, R>Bradfield, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (07:41), <b>Transfer to Route 8018 due 07:47</b>
651	07:10	<b>EX EPPING STATION</b> via Beecroft, R>Hannah, R>Wongala (07:16), Copeland, R>York, L>Hannah, L>Cardinal, R>Copeland, R>Pennant Hills, L>Aiken, R>Taylor, Highs, L>Castle Hill, L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill Station (07:36). <b>Transfer to Route 8018 due 07:47</b>
639	07:08	<b>EX NEICH RD BEFORE BOUNDARY RD</b> via Pitt Town, R>Kenthurst (07:23), R>Old Northern, Oakhill College (07:40) <b>Transfer to Route 2033 due 07:56</b>
600	07:14	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, R>Francis Greenway, R>Macquarie, L>Shepherds (07:26), County, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (07:38), then via Old Northern Rd to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE.
603	07:12	<b>EX KELLYVILLE STATION</b> via R>Sam Riley, L>Glenhaven, R>Mills, L>Carinda, L>Glenhaven, R>Old Glenhaven, L>Glenhaven R>Evans, L>Grange, R>Greenbank, via Greenbank Loop, R>Linksley, R>Ridgecrop, L>Gilbert, R>Old Northern to Castle Hill Station (08:03) <b>Transfer to Route 600 or 610X to Old Northern Rd opp Baulkham Hills TAFE</b>
638	07:14	<b>EX ARCADIA RD AND BLACKS RD</b> via Arcadia, R>Galston, L>Old Northern to Round Corner (07:34). <b>Transfer to Route 637 due 07:34</b>
601	07:15	<b>EX PARRAMATTA STATION A4</b> via Station, Smith, Wilde, L>Victoria, R>O'Connell, Barney, L>Church, Windsor Rd to opposite school
632	07:15	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills, R>Castle Hill, R>Edward Bennett, L>Neale, L>Franklin, R>Bradfield, R>Castle Hill, R>County, L>Woodgrove, L>David, R>Anglican Retirement Village, L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill Station Stand C (07:46). <b>Transfer to Route 600 or 610X to Old Northern Rd opp Baulkham Hills TAFE</b>
637	07:15	<b>EX GLENORIE</b> via Old Northern, Round Corner (07:34), Oakhill College (07:43). <b>Transfer to Route 600 or 610X to Old Northern Rd opp Baulkham Hills TAFE</b>
2098	07:19	<b>EX GREEN RD AFTER WRIGHTS RD</b> via Green L>Samantha Riley, R>Foxall, L>Withers, R>Hezlett, R>Samantha Riley, L>Windsor Rd, R>Barina Downs, L>Mackillop, L>Chapel, R>St Michaels, L>Merindah, R>Windsor to Baulkham Hills HS



### CDC NSW School Travel Advice

Route	Time	Bus Route
601	07:20	<b>EX ROUSE HILL STATION</b> via R>Rouse Hill Dr, L>Caddies Bld, R>Commercial, R>Withers, R>Hezlett, L>Sam Riley, R>Green, L>Showground, R>DeClambe, L>Doran (07:55), R>Carrington, L>Victoria, L>Windsor to school (08:05)
608	07:21	<b>EX WINDSOR STATION</b> via Windsor Rd, McGraths Hill (07:28), L>Tway to Rouse Hill Station (07:51). <a href="#">Transfer to Sydney Metro to Castle Hill Station</a>
615X	07:21	<b>EX STRINGER RD AFTER TIMBARRA AVE</b> via Stringer, L>Barry, L>Withers, R>Hezlett, R>Sam Riley, L>Windsor, L>Acres, R>Greenwood, L>President, R>Glenrowan, R>Wrights, L>Windsor Rd to school
600	07:25	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, R>Francis Greenway, R>Macquarie, L>Shepherds (07:37), County, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (07:50), then via Old Northern Rd to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE.
601	07:30	<b>EX PARRAMATTA STATION A4</b> via Station, Smith, Wilde, L>Victoria, R>O'Connell, Barney, L>Church, Windsor Rd to opposite school (08:00)
8009	07:30	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS STATION STAND A</b> via Prospect Hwy, Seven Hills Rd to Merindah Rd, then express to school
8018	07:30	<b>EX KNIGHTSBRIDGE SHOPS</b> via Ridgecrop (complete circuit), R>Gilbert, L>Tuckwell, R>Old Castle Hill, L>McMullen, R>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill Station Stand C (07:47), L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern, R>Parsonage, L>Marie, L>Excelsior, R>Roxborough Pk, L>Windsor Rd to school
600	07:31	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, R>Francis Greenway, R>Macquarie, L>Shepherds (07:43), County, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (07:56), then via Old Northern Rd to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE.
2004	07:31	<b>EX MODEL FARMS RD OPPOSITE WLLMOTT AVE</b> via Model Farms Rd, L>Asquith, L>Junction, R>Watkins, R>Cropley, R>Seven Hills Rd, L>Jasper, L>Glanmire, R>Merindah, R>Windsor Rd to school
2007	07:33	<b>EX CHURCHILL DR AFTER WINDSOR RD</b> via Churchill, Caroline Chisholm, L>Voltaire, R>Lanham, L>Oakes, L>Barnetts, L>Reillys, Willmott, R>Model Farms, L>Asquith, L>Junction, R>Caroline Chisholm, R>Langdon, R>Gooden, R>Baulkham Hills Rd, R>Seven Hills Rd, L>Jasper, R>Palace, R>Windsor Rd to school
601	07:35	<b>EX ROUSE HILL STATION</b> via R>Rouse Hill Dr, L>Caddies Bld, R>Commercial, R>Withers, R>Hezlett, L>Sam Riley, R>Green, L>Showground, R>DeClambe, L>Doran (08:16), R>Carrington, L>Victoria, L>Windsor to school (08:26)
2032	07:35	<b>EX FREEMAN ST AFTER LUCAS RD</b> via Freeman, L>Northcott, L>Turner, R>Garden, R>Vardys, L>Capricorn, L>Parkinson, L>Sutherland, R>Keppel, L>Isaac Smith, R>Ravenhill, R>James Cook, L>Whitby, R>Joseph Banks, L>Seven Hills Rd, R>Old Windsor Rd, L>Gibbon, L>Langdon, R>Gooden, R>Baulkham Hills Rd, R>Seven Hills Rd, L>Jasper, R>Coronation, L>Windsor Rd to school
633	07:37	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, L>Victoria, L>New Line, R>Castle Hill Rd, R>Franklin, L>Bradfield, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (07:55). <a href="#">Transfer to Route 600 or 610X to Old Northern Rd opp Baulkham Hills TAFE</a>
2012	07:38	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS STATION</b> via Terminus, L>Prospect Hwy, Seven Hills Rd, L>Merindah Rd, R>Windsor Rd to school
651	07:40	<b>EX EPPING STATION</b> via Beecroft, R>Hannah, R>Wongala (07:47), Copeland, R>York, L>Hannah, L>Cardinal, R>Copeland, R>Pennant Hills, L>Aiken (07:54), R>Taylor, Highs, L>Castle Hill, L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill Station (08:10). <a href="#">Transfer to Route 600 or 610X to Old Northern Rd opp Baulkham Hills TAFE</a>
600	07:41	<b>EX PENNANT HILLS STATION</b> via Railway, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, R>Francis Greenway, R>Macquarie, L>Shepherds (07:53), County, R>Castle Hill Rd, L>Old Northern Rd to Castle Hill Station (08:06), then via Old Northern Rd to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE.
601	07:45	<b>EX PARRAMATTA STATION A4</b> via Station, Smith, Wilde, L>Victoria, R>O'Connell, Barney, L>Church, Windsor Rd to opposite school (08:16)
2101	07:50	<b>EX PARRAMATTA STATION A4 EXPRESS TO SCHOOL</b>



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Route	Time	Bus Route
2033	07:56	<b>EX OAKHILL COLLEGE</b> via L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill Station Stand C (08:04), L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern, R>Parsonage, L>Marie, L>Excelsior, R>Roxborough Pk, L>Windsor to school
2073	07:56	<b>EX NORBRIK T-WAY</b> via T-way, R>Celebration, R>Brighton, R>Edgewater, Westwood, L>Bella Vista, R>Bella Vista, R>Reston, R>Barina Downs, R>Mackillop, L>Chapel, L>Merindah, R>Windsor to school
601	08:00	<b>EX PARRAMATTA STATION A4</b> via Station, Smith, Wilde, L>Victoria, R>O'Connell, Barney, L>Church, Windsor Rd to opposite school (08:33)
8014	08:00	<b>EX OAKHILL COLLEGE</b> via Old Castle Hill, L>2nd First Farm, R>Lynstock, R>Old Castle Hill, L>Tuckwell, L>Britannia, R>Bounty, L>Tuckwell, L>Gilbert, L>Showground, R>Carrington, L>Middleton, L>Parsonage, R>Coolong, L>Kerrs, R>Marie (08:17), L>Excelsior, R>Roxborough Pk, L>Windsor Rd to school
610X	08:02	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND C</b> via L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE (08:07)
2020	08:02	<b>EX SEVEN HILLS RD AFTER ASTORIA PARK RD</b> via Seven Hills, R>Merindah, R>Glanmire, R>Jasper to Palace Rd then express to opposite school
610X	08:08	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND C</b> via L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE (08:13)
610X	08:14	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND C</b> via L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE (08:19)
610X	08:20	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND C</b> via L>Crane, R>Terminus, Cecil, L>Old Northern to opposite Baulkham Hills TAFE (08:25)

### AFTERNOON BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
2594	15:12	<b>EX BUS BAY EXPRESS TO PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE</b>
2694	15:12	<b>EX BUS BAY EXPRESS TO PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE</b>
2794	15:12	<b>EX BUS BAY EXPRESS TO PARRAMATTA INTERCHANGE</b>
2606	15:15	<b>EX BUS BAY TO CRESTWOOD AND BELLA VISTA</b> Express to Jasper Rd then via Jasper, L>Glanmire, L>Merindah, R>Peel, L>Chapel, R>Mackillop, L>Barina Downs, L>Reston, L>Bella Vista, L>Bella Vista, R>Westwood, Edgewater, L>Brighton, R>Celebration, L>Florey, L>Mawson to Bella Vista Station. <a href="#">Transfer to 607X for travel to Norbrik Tway.</a>
2531	15:17	<b>EX BUS BAY EXPRESS TO SEVEN HILLS STATION</b>
2551	15:17	<b>EX BUS BAY TO WINSTON HILLS AND WEST BAULKHAM HILLS</b> via Windsor Rd, R>Churchill, L>Voltaire, R>Lanhams, R>Nestor, L>Caroline Chisholm, R>Langdon, R>Gooden, R>Tamboura North, L>Myallie, L>Cropley, L>Seven Hills, L>Baulkham Hills Rd, R>Marina, L>Seven Hills Rd to Solar Ave
2653	15:17	<b>EX BUS BAY EXPRESS TO SEVEN HILLS STATION</b>
2552	15:20	<b>EX WINDSOR RD AT CORONATION RD</b> via Windsor, R>Victoria, R>Carrington, L>Doran to Hills Showground Station (15:35) <a href="#">Transfer to Metro or bus routes 604, 626, 633, 651, 730</a>
2502	15:22	<b>EX BUS BAY TO KNIGHTSBRIDGE</b> via L>Windsor Rd, L>Chelsea, L>Old Northern Rd, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Crane, R>Castle Hill Station Stand A (15:36), L>Old Northern Rd to Oakhill College (15:43), L>Old Castle Hill Rd, R>Tuckwell, R>Gilbert, L>Ridgecrop to end of loop
610X	15:23	<b>EX BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE</b> via Old Northern, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Old Northern to Castle Hill Interchange (15:34). <a href="#">Transfer to Metro or bus routes 603, 604, 626, 632, 633, 635, 637, 651, 660, 662</a>
600	15:24	<b>EX OLD NORTHERN RD</b> via Old Northern, L>Windsor, Church, R>Barney, O'Connell, L>Victoria, R>Wilde, Smith, Station, R>Argyle to Parramatta Station
601	15:24	<b>EX WINDSOR RD AT CORONATION RD</b> via Windsor, R>Victoria, R>Carrington, L>Doran, R>DeClambe, L>Showground, R>Green, L>Sam Riley, R>Hezlett, L>Withers, L>Commercial, L>Windsor, L>Tway to Rouse Hill Station

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Route	Time	Bus Route
8528	15:24	<b>EX BUS BAY TO CASTLE HILL AND OAKHILL COLLEGE</b> via Windsor Rd, L>Chelsea, L>Old Northern Rd, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Crane, R>Castle Hill Interchange (15:35) <b>Transfer to Route 603 due 15:49 for Glenhaven</b> then L>Old Northern to Oakhill College (15:45)
600	15:28	<b>EX OLD NORTHERN RD</b> via Old Northern, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Crane, R>Castle Hill Station Stand A. <b>Transfer to Route 660 due 16:16 to Castlewood and Route 651 due 16:03 to West Pennant Hills</b>
601	15:29	<b>EX WINDSOR RD TO PARRAMATTA</b> via Windsor, Church, R>Barney, O'Connell, L>Victoria, R>Wilde, Smith, Station, R>Argyle to Parramatta Station
2532	15:30	<b>EX BUS BAY TO KINGS LANGLEY AND SEVEN HILLS (FIRST STOP SEVEN HILLS RD OPP CHAPEL LN)</b> via Windsor Rd, R>Coronation, L>Jasper, R>Seven Hills Rd, R>Joseph Banks, R>Whitby, R>James Cook, L>Ravenhill, L>Isaac Smith, R>Keppel, L>Sutherland, R>Parkinson, L>Capricorn, R>Whitby, L>Vardys, R>Johnson, R>Prospect Hwy to Seven Hills Station
637	15:33	<b>EX CASTLE HILL INTERCHANGE STAND A</b> via L>Old Northern, Round Corner (15:50), L>Old Northern to Glenorie
610X	15:33	<b>EX BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE</b> via Old Northern, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Old Northern to Castle Hill Interchange (15:44). <b>Transfer to Metro or other bus services</b>
603	15:34	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND A TO GLENHAVEN AND ROUSE HILL</b> via L>Old Northern, L>Gilbert, R>2nd Ridgecrop, L>Linksley, L>Greenbank loop, L>Greenbank, L>Grange, R>Evans, L>Glenhaven, R>Old Glenhaven, L>Glenhaven, R>Carinda, Mills, L>Glenhaven, R>Sam Riley to Kellyville Station
651	15:34	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND A</b> via L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill, R>Highs, R>Highs, Taylor, L>Aiken, R>Pennant Hills, L>Copeland, L>Cardinal, R>Hannah, R>Wongala to Beecroft Station, L>Beecroft Rd to Epping Station
610X	15:44	<b>EX BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE</b> via Old Northern, R>Cecil, Terminus, L>Old Northern to Castle Hill Interchange (15:55). <b>Transfer to Metro or other bus services</b>
603	15:49	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND A TO GLENHAVEN AND ROUSE HILL</b> via L>Old Northern, L>Gilbert, R>2nd Ridgecrop, L>Linksley, L>Greenbank loop, L>Greenbank, L>Grange, R>Evans, L>Glenhaven, R>Old Glenhaven, L>Glenhaven, R>Carinda, Mills, L>Glenhaven, R>Sam Riley to Kellyville Station, then L>Sam Riley, Newbury, R>Perfection, R>Merriville, L>Tway to Rouse Hill Station
651	16:03	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND A</b> via L>Old Northern, R>Castle Hill, R>Highs, R>Highs, Taylor, L>Aiken, R>Pennant Hills, L>Copeland, L>Cardinal, R>Hannah, R>Wongala to Beecroft Station, L>Beecroft Rd to Epping Station
637	16:05	<b>EX CASTLE HILL INTERCHANGE STAND A</b> via L>Old Northern, Round Corner (16:17), L>Old Northern to Glenorie
660	16:16	<b>EX CASTLE HILL STATION STAND C</b> via L>Crane, R>Orange Grove, L>Cecil, R>Crane, L>Castlewood loop, R>Darcey to Jarrah

## 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.