

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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AAA Week – Multicultural Day

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From the principal's desk:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that **Iris Xu and Cloris Xu** (Year 12) have been selected as members of Australia's 4 student 2024 European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO) team. The team will represent Australia at the 13th annual EGMO competition held in from 11 - 14 April 2024. This will be the seventh time Australia has sent a team to this competition.

<https://egmo2024.ge/about/egmo.html>

Geraldine Khuu (Year 11), who has been shortlisted for the "Senior" category of the 2024 Somerset Storyfest National Poetry Prize for her poem "The Silence Between". **Jerry Gao** (Year 10) has also been Longlisted for the 2024 Storyfest National Novella Prize!

This term, you may notice new posters around the school that aim to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school. These posters are



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 1

Week 6
Monday 4 March Y9 History Elective Excursion
Tuesday 5 March Y9-12 Model UN Internal Competition Tryouts Y12 Parent/Teacher Night 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 6 March Y8 Science Practical Examination
Thursday 7 March School Photo – Whole School French Excursion
Friday 8 March Premiers Debating Challenge
Week 7
Monday 11 March Y9 English Task 1 8.40-9.54am Y7-12 SRE Sessions 11.58-1.12pm
Tuesday 12 March Y9-11 Elevate Workshops Y8 History Task 1 Part A
Wednesday 13 March Hills Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 14 March Y7 & Y9 NAPLAN – 14/3 - 19/3 incl.
Friday 15 March Y12/10 ACC Geography Fieldwork to Cabramatta Y9 Science Depth Study Assessment Task – Prac 11.51am-1.11pm
Week 8
Monday 18 March Y7 & Y9 NAPLAN 14/3 - 19/3 incl. Y9 Science Depth Study Assessment Task – Prac 8.40-9.54am Y12 Chemistry Depth Study Task 2 18/3 to 21/3 Y10.7 History Elective Class-AT1 9.17-9.54am
Tuesday 19 March Elevate Parent Seminar (online) Y7 Mathematics Term 1 Exam 11.46-1.06pm Y8 History Task 1 Part B Y9 History – AT1 Essay Task
Wednesday 20 March Y10 Mathematics Term 1 Exam 8.40-9.56am
Thursday 21 March Sydney West Swimming Carnival Y8 Mathematics Term 1 Exam 1.46-3.06pm Y9 Mathematics Term 1 Exam 8.40-10.00am World's Greatest Shave - SRC
Friday 22 March Y10 International Studies Assessment Due Y12/10 ACC Geography fieldwork to Green Square Y7 & Y9 NAPLAN Catch Up Day
Week 9
Monday 25 March Y11 and Y12 Buffer Week 25/3 to 28/3 incl. Y9 Science Depth Study assessment – inclass Y9 Music Performance Assessment Happy Science Japanese School Visit 25/3 to 26/3 incl.
Tuesday 26 March Y7 Parent Information Evening Y10 History Task P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 27 March Photo Catch Up Day Y7 – A Midsummer Night's Dream @ Sydney Opera House
Thursday 28 March School Cross Country Carnival
Friday 29 March GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

part of a NSW Department of Education initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. Whilst most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

With that in mind, I encourage you to join everyone at our school in getting behind this important work to make a positive change. We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow, and belong. It is up to us – the school and the parent-body - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

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/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-2.pdf>

Baulko News

Parent Workshop – Elevate Education on Student Time Management and Organisation

Baulkham Hills High School will be hosting a Parent Workshop on **Tuesday March 19th at 7:30 pm** via Zoom. This workshop will be led by **Elevate Education**, to compliment the workshops all students have recently undertaken at school with Elevate Education. The focus of the workshop will be around supporting your child's **organisation and time management skills**.

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

We encourage parents to join us via the zoom link below on the 19th of March and learn some important skills and information to better support your child's learning.

Date: Tuesday 19th March

Time: 7:30 pm

Zoom Link:

Elevate Education at Baulkham Hills High School - Parents Seminar

<https://elevateeducation.zoom.us/j/6191865712?pwd=R3dHVE5DbC9MTkVSYWZQdS9BUG9lQT09&omn=81611450696>

Meeting ID: 619 186 5712

Passcode: 152312

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Fletcher on Terryanne.fletcher1@det.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Ms Fletcher

From the Mathematics Department

Congratulations to Cloris Xu (Year 12) and Iris Xu (Year 12) who have been selected to represent Australia at the 2024 European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO). The EGMO will be held in Georgia from the 11th to the 17th of April.



This is the third consecutive year that Cloris and Iris have been selected for the Australian team to compete in the EGMO. Iris achieved a gold medal in both 2022 and 2023. Cloris was also chosen as part of the Australian team for the International Mathematical Olympiad in 2023.

The team was officially announced last Monday night. We wish both girls, as well as the other two members of the Australian team, all the best as they compete in April. The EGMO involves completing two four-hour-long papers on consecutive days.

Cloris and Iris run a Mathematics Olympiad training club at the school for any interested students every Thursday at 7:30 am. Any student interested in attending can see Mr Ribbans in the Mathematics staffroom for a permission note.

Mr J. Ribbans
Head Teacher Mathematics

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Baulkham Hills High School

Day of Photography

7/3/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
M8W XEH MBB
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact advancedlife directly:
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Special Religious Education at Baulkham Hills High School in 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Baulkham Hills High School will be offering Special Religious Education (SRE) sessions in 2024. SRE is continuing program at BHHS that has operated over many years. The Education Act 1990, section 32 outlines that government schools allow time for religious education to be delivered. In 2024, authorised representatives of four approved religious groups will offer religious instruction. As a result, in 2024, BHHS will offer religious education for the following four religious groups: Protestant, Catholic, Hindu and Islam.

Students will continue the same arrangement as in 2023, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

There will be supervision for students who do not attend SRE. During this time they can participate in activities such as reading, private study or completing homework. Students will not be participating in lessons in the school curriculum or other extra-curricular activities during this time as per the policy of the NSW Department of Education.

Parents who wish to change their child's involvement in SRE from last year can do so by sending an email to the school with the Subject titled: "ATTN HT ADMIN - Special Religious Education Consent Change". In the email please include your child's full name, year group and the religion that they were enrolled in during 2023 as well as their choice for 2024.

New students to Baulkham Hills High School including Year 7 2024 cohort and new year 8-11 transfers to the school have received a parental permission note via School Bytes. Please complete and submit your choice as soon as possible.

This year, SRE will be offered on the following dates and times. Unforeseen circumstances may result in a date or time change.

- Term 1 Week 7 Monday** March 11 2024 - 11:58am- 1:12pm (Period 5-6)
- Term 2 Week 10 Monday** July 1 2024 -10:39am - 11:53am (Period 3-4)
- Term 3 Week 7 Tuesday** September 3 2024 - 10:21am - 11:41am (Period 5-6)
- Term 4 Week 9 Thursday** December 12 2024 - 10:21am-11:41am. (Period 3-4)

Thank you.

Matthew O'Shea

SRE Coordinator

Relieving Head Teacher Administration

Procedure for Sick Students

Students who are sick in class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must go to sick bay (which is in the Front Office) and follow instructions from the office staff, who will contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents first. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication (panadol).

If students are sick please stay home until you are well. Please provide a Medical Certificate if you are absent from school for 3 days or more.



Swimming Carnival – 27 February

Tuesday the 27th of February saw the school return to Waves Aquatic Centre for our annual Swimming Carnival. On an overcast but beautiful day Years 7, 8 and our competitive swimmers from Years 9-12 came together for a day of fun. With over 80 students jumping into races the atmosphere was electric as students showed their school spirit as they cheered on the competitors from their Sporting House. There were tight finishes and some superb individual performances as students pushed each other to their limits. The joy of the competition shone through as race after race saw smiling faces light up the end of the pool. Amongst the highlights was the launch of the inaugural House Fashion Show, which saw students from Suttor take out bonus points for their dedication to the team and it was magnificent to see the return of a House Relay. The House Relay race saw eight swimmers come together to represent their house in what proved to be a superb way to end the carnival.

Congratulations to those students who have progressed by placing in the top two for their age in an event, and best of luck as they represent our school at the upcoming Zone Carnival. We are extremely happy to see the expected growth in competitors attending the Zone Carnival again in 2024, allowing even more students an opportunity to represent the school.

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

2024 Swimming Age Champions:

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Ruby Hok	Jacob Pun
13	Zoe Hwang	Nathan Kusnadi
14	Talia Hanwella	Kgaon Kim
15	Julie Shin	Aiden Kim
16	N/A	Jiwon Yang
17+	Krystal Jessen	Benjamin Marcellino
Support	N/A	Salah Sbeti

Sporting House Scores

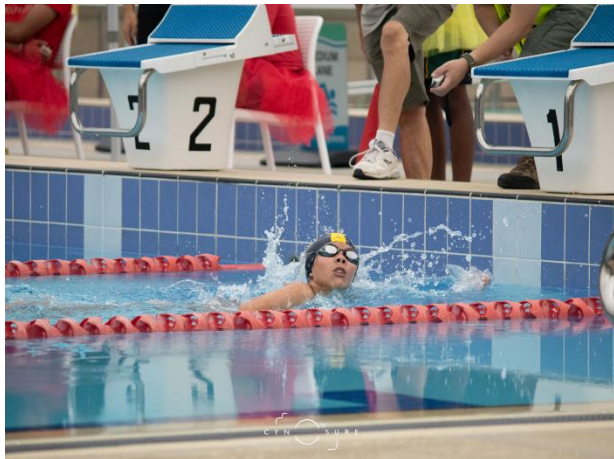
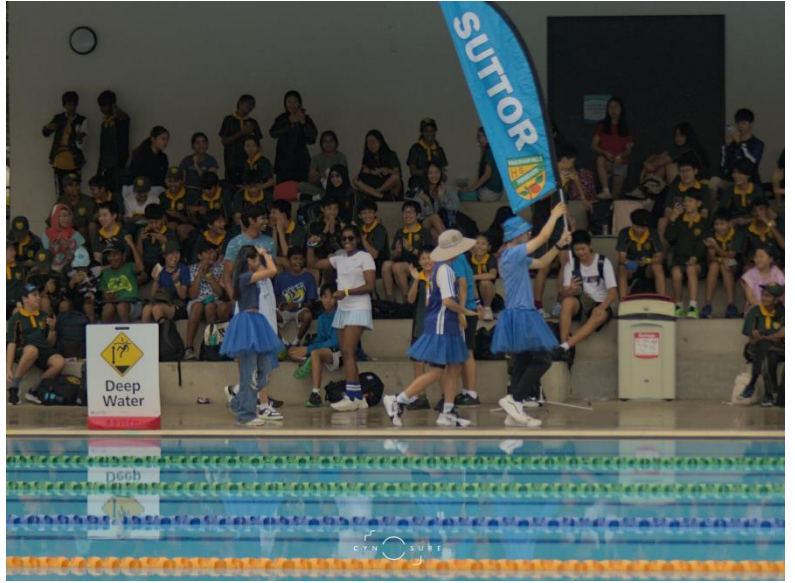
- 4th Suttor with 202 points
- 3rd Meehan with 243 points
- 2nd MacDougall with 281 points
- 1st Hughes with 395 points

Congratulations to Hughes who win the Swimming House Cup for 2024.

Mr Fisher
HT PDHPE



Swimming Carnival – 27 February



AAA Week

AAA Week is about raising awareness of social issues relevant to the student community and celebrating our diverse community. Below are some photos taken during the week from our Baulko photography team Cynosure Photography.

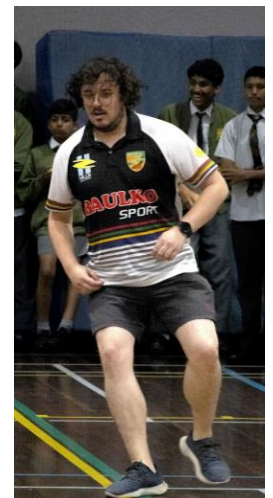
Multicultural Day



AAA Week Bake Sale



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Davidson Shield Cricket Knockout Competition Round 1 Report

A good start to the 2024 Davidson Shield Cricket Knockout Competition, with a win for the Baulko boys on Thursday (29/2/24) against Richmond High.

While the game was quite quick, the boys showed excellent sportsmanship and promoted positivity throughout the match. Upon consultation with the other team, our captain Abhay came to mutual agreement of Baulko fielding, rather than the traditional coinflip.

While good cricketers, most of the opposition team were significantly younger than the Baulko team, and without the experience and physical strength that comes with age, they struggled against our bowling form. Within 5 overs, we had taken 5 wickets, including a near hat-trick to Amodh. Honourably, our captain made a bowling change at this point to give some of our less practiced bowlers the opportunity to demonstrate their skill and give the opposition some experience at the crease.

The main Richmond innings stretched out to 14 overs, where they put up a score of 17 runs. However, we kept playing to give each of their reserve team members a chance to have a hit and some play at the crease. In the end, 5 of our bowlers were able to take a wicket. Our new Year 9 player Sanjit took an excellent catch in the slips, as well as getting a run out. When it came to batting, we flipped the order and allowed some of our younger players to have a hit. Well done to Ranbir who played some lovely shots to score 12.

The Baulko boys were very encouraging of the opposition and got in some good practice ready for round 2.

Well done boys.

Mr Paton

Procedure for Late Arrivals

If a student arrives at school late, they must provide a note to the office signed by their parent/guardian when signing in giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to sign in at the Office when they arrive at school including senior students with study leave in the morning.** The student will be issued a late arrival pass which they can present to their teacher when they arrive in class.

If a note is not provided from home, the student will be issued with a late pass slip which is signed by a parent/guardian. A late SMS message will also be sent to the parent/carer. Please respond to the SMS asap or the signed slip must be handed into the office the next day or **within 7 days**.

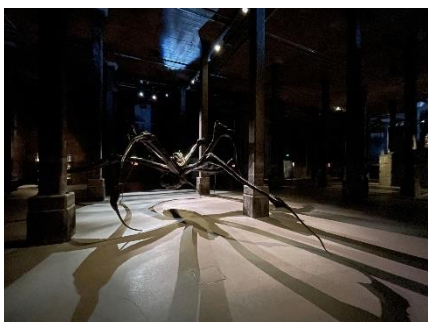
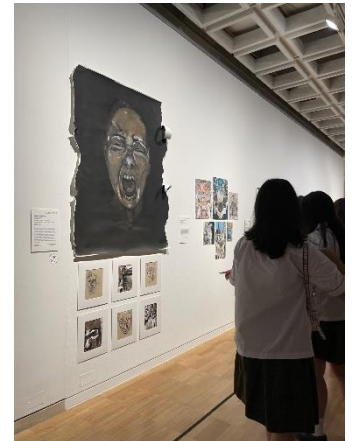
Senior students with Flexible Study Leave must be in by Recess and sign in at the Front Office

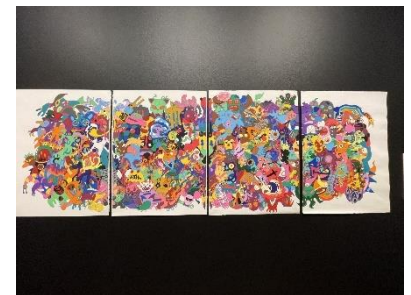
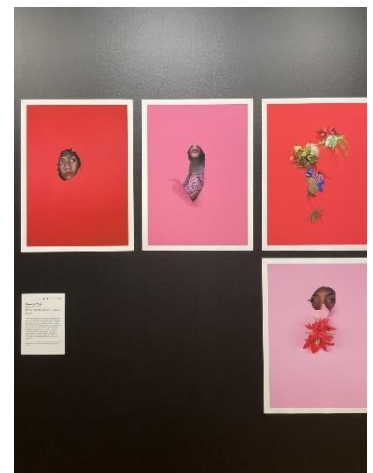
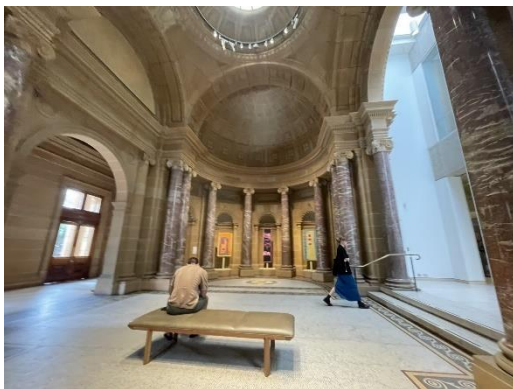
CAPA News

Art Gallery of NSW Excursion

The visual arts students of Baulkham Hills High School embarked on an awe-inspiring excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales last Friday, accompanied by their dedicated teachers, Mrs. Clancy and Mrs. Lockley. This outing proved to be an enriching educational experience, immersing the students in a vibrant showcase of creativity and talent. The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the Art Express exhibition, which presented a captivating array of mixed media artworks from diverse students across NSW. Additionally, students were treated to a complimentary viewing of the Louise Bourgeois exhibition, a renowned artist celebrated for her pioneering contributions to contemporary art, particularly in sculpture and installation. Navigating the multi-levelled gallery space and exploring the innovative Tank exhibition added an extra layer of excitement and discovery to the trip. Overall, this excursion undoubtedly broadened the horizons of the visual arts students, offering them valuable insights into artistic expression and the dynamic landscape of contemporary art.

Ms Lockley
Visual Arts Teacher





Applications for the 2024 Schools Spectacular - All 4 One are now open!

ALL 4 ONE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2024

November 29 and 30 at Qudos Bank Arena for Schools Spectacular 2024.



<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/schools-spectacular>

Applications are now open for following categories:

- [Featured artist – instrumentalist](#)
- [Featured artist – vocalist and backing vocalist](#)
- [Featured dance ensemble – ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, jazz/musical theatre, tap](#)
- [Featured drama ensemble](#)
- [Featured specialist performer](#)
- [Boys hip-hop ensemble](#)
- [Core choir](#)
- [Circus arts ensemble](#)
- [Orchestra and stage band](#)
- [Taiko drumming ensemble](#)
- Student co-host (applications opening soon)
- Student creative team – artwear design, composition, and more (applications opening soon)
- Student production team (applications opening soon)

Please come and speak to Ms Kim in the CAPA staffroom for more information.





2024 Online consent for school vaccination Parent communication toolkit

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations.

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV).

In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a ServiceNSW account, refer to ServiceNSW to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in Service NSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a) Enter your child's personal details
 - b) Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - c) Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement. Translations available in 27 languages
 - d) Provide consent.

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

Year 7

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now

To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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Careers News

Year 12 - New Information

Some scholarships and early entry processes open early in the year. The first of those is with Australian National University in Canberra (ANU) which is open as of March 1. There is the very prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship which you can read all about here: <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Their direct/early entry process is here: <https://study.anu.edu.au/apply/domestic-undergraduate/applying-anu-application-details>

Students need to meet a co-curricular requirement, meaning that they must have completed a minimum standard of activities outside of their school work. There is a guide in that link above.

Students applying for direct entry successfully do not need to make an application to ANU through UAC, so it can free up a preference or two. They can still apply through UAC if they are unsuccessful in the direct entry process.

Reminders

UNSW Medicine Information Evening is on March 12, streamed online. If you miss it, they do post it on YouTube as well. You must register to get the link here: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-year-12-medicine-information-evening>

The best tip to get informed of these events is to follow all the universities your child might want to attend on their social media pages. Alternatively they often have newsletters either generally or for parents.

UAC, the Universities Admissions Centre, has a parents newsletter which you can sign up for here. I highly recommend this for parents of Year 11 and 12 students so that you can get informed of important deadlines, events and post-school tips directly. That link and their raft of resources for parents is found here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/parents>

UAC are super helpful and informative about what they do; they even do monthly streams online (on Facebook) where you can ask them questions directly. They can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/uacinfo/>

Future lessons will focus on Subject Selections and post-school planning.

Keep well,

Chris Buchli
Careers Adviser



Transport for NSW – Name Change Hillsbus Co Pty Ltd to CDC NSW R4 Pty Ltd

From Sunday, 10 March 2024, the bus services providers previously known as **Hillsbus Co Pty Ltd** will change their name to **CDC NSW R4 Pty Ltd**.

There will be no change for students with an existing Opal card. Transport will update these student entitlements to be listed under the new operator and have **CDC NSW R4 Pty Ltd**.

For new SSTS School Opal card applications, students, parents or guardians will need to nominate **CDC NSW R4 Pty Ltd** as their bus operator.

If you have any questions or concerns, please submit your enquiry via transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/fares-concessions-tickets-feedback.

Stakeholder Liaison Team – Transport for NSW

Update of Personal Details

If there have been any changes to your personal details, 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

if your preferred email address is a Hotmail address please check your spam/junk folder for emails from the school.

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/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-2.pdf>.

Planned Travel

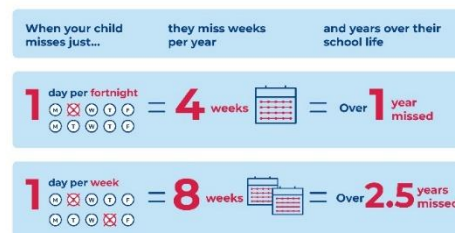
Planned travel should only be taken during school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and the school is here to support all students in attending and engaging 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.

Permission and Payment for Excursions, Sporting Events/ Activities

Baulko is currently using "School Bytes" as a form for permissions and payments for various activities.

Days missed = years lost

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



education.nsw.gov.au



You will receive the required permissions and or payment via email. **If it is not finalised by the deadline, your child will not be able to attend.**

Please check these emails are not going into your spam as they are named school bytes.

School Bytes Parent App – available now



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please read below and download as soon as possible.

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

Baulkham Hills High School uses the parent portal for various things, including **online permission notes and payments**, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

IMPORTANT – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

Detailed steps

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this process please contact the school.

Activating the Parent App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.
3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.
4. If prompted, allow notifications.

You are all set to go!





BHHS Mobile Phone Policy and Implementation

Purpose Statement:

The “no phones in school” policy is being implemented to increase focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions. The implementation of this policy is a requirement by the NSW Department of Education under the *Students’ Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy*.

Rational:

From Term 4, 2023, students are not permitted to use mobile phones whilst on school grounds, including before & after school, recess and lunch. We understand that phones are an integral part of life and that parents/carers provide their children phones for their personal safety and security. However, whilst at school, the school would encourage students to engage in meaningful conversations with each other and physical activity during breaks rather than online activities. In emergency situations, students and parents/carer may contact each other through the Front Office. The school, understands that there are some circumstances where a phone may be required by students. Therefore, exemptions are available for students that may require the use of a mobile phone for wellbeing reasons, learning or medical needs.

The NSW Department of Education provided five options for schools to implement this policy. After surveying the views of teachers, students and parents, there was majority support for the introduction of the option “**phones off and away**”. It has been decided to trial this option during Term 4, with a review in early 2024.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Principal, Executive and Teachers:

- Practice consistent with the school behaviour policy
- Staff model appropriate use of mobile phones
- Organise safe keeping of mobile phones if confiscated

Office staff:

- Organise safe and secure keeping of confiscated phones
- Keep an accurate record of collected mobile phones
- Communicate with parents/carers as required

Parents and carers:

- Encourage students to follow the school policy
- Communicate with their child through the front office rather than contacting the student directly
- Understand that the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to phones
- Encourage their children to engage in social and physical activities during break times
- Work collaboratively with the school and help reinforce the school’s procedures and behaviour management policy and use of phones at school to support staff

Students:

- Turn off the phone and place it in a bag or pocket for the duration of the time on school grounds, this extends to excursions, sports activities and other events on or offsite unless otherwise advised
- In some circumstances, students may be requested to place their phone in a secure safe in the staffroom, which will allow the phone to be provided as required
- Engage in learning in the classroom
- Engage in social and physical activities during break times
- It is the responsibility of students to follow the guidelines outlined in this document



Implementation of policy:

At BHHS, the “no phone” policy will be implemented by requiring students to turn off their phone when entering the school grounds and place them in their bag or pocket for the duration of the day. They will only be allowed to take them out and use them when leaving the school grounds at the end of the day. This means that they are not permitted to be used at recess and lunch, and before/after school on school grounds. It also extends to excursions, sports activities and other events on or offsite unless otherwise advised.

Students are not permitted to congregate around the school entrances before entering the school grounds in order to use their phones, especially in the morning. Once arriving at school, students must enter the school grounds where there is teacher supervision.

The exceptions to this policy will include:

- Exemptions through an application process for wellbeing, medical or students with specific needs
- Required as a learning tool for educational purposes with explicit teacher permission

Applications for exemptions from parents/carers and students is through an application process from the relevant Deputy Principal unless already identified by the wellbeing team.

Phone Protection:

- Students must take full responsibility for any phone brought to school. The School and staff accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.
- Confiscated phones will be labelled and then stored in a secure place in the front office. Any existing damage will be noted and added to the phone documentation.
- Students are advised to mark their mobile phones clearly with their name.
- BHHS strongly advises the use of passwords and Personal Identification Number (and not to share these with others) to protect mobile phones from unauthorised use.

Consequences:

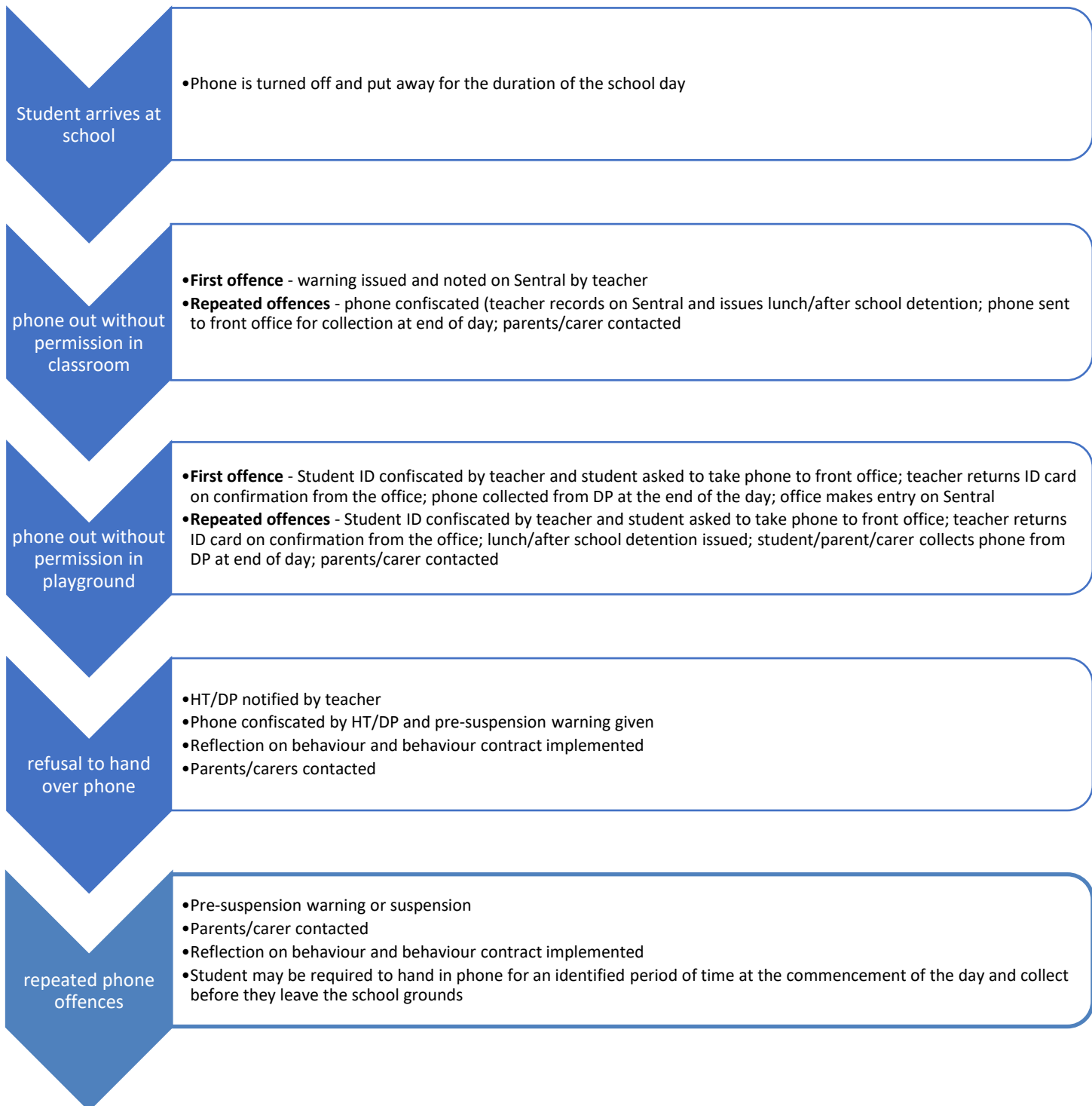
- Students who do not meet the expectations in this policy will be subject to consequences consistent with the school behaviour management plan.
- The use of mobile phones **without permission** during lessons, assemblies, excursions or other school events will be managed according to the BHHS Behaviour Management Policy.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Confiscation of the mobile phone for the remainder of the school day.
 - Confiscation of the mobile phone until such time as their parent/carer can attend school to collect the device
 - Removal of “**phones off and away**” and replaced by “**phones stored in office**” for the school day.
 - Issue of warning of suspension
 - Suspension for continued disobedience due to failure to follow the procedures of this policy and the Behaviour Management Policy.
- Confiscated mobile phones will be stored securely at the Front Office.



In the Classroom and/or Playground



Excursions

- Phones may be required to enable students to get to a venue and communicate with a teacher if running late. This is only permitted if indicated on the permission note.
- Students are not permitted to use their phones while at the venue of the excursion unless given specific permission by the supervising teacher for a particular purpose.

Sport

- Students are not permitted to use their phones whilst at sport in line with the DoE policy, unless an exemption has been granted for a particular purpose. This will be indicated on the Sentral PXP roll.

Canteen

- Students will be required to use a card or cash to pay for purchases at the canteen

Exemption process

- Exemptions will be provided to identified students from the Wellbeing and Learning Support teams. These exemptions will be identified via a flag on Sentral and a card given to student.
- For non-identified students seeking exemption, medical documentation is required to support the application for exemption. This will be reflected in the student's IEP which will be completed by the HT T & L. A flag will indicate that this exemption has been approved on PXP.
- A student collects the application form for exemption from their supervising Deputy Principal who will provide them and their parents/carers with guidance.
- Once returned to the Deputy Principal the application will be considered by the Wellbeing Team and a recommendation made for approval or not.
- If approved the Deputy Principal will inform the student and parents/carers outlining the conditions of exemption and this will be communicated to staff through executive meetings.
- If not approved the Deputy Principal will inform the student and parents/carers and the student must comply with school and NSW Department of Education policy.

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ROAD RULES FOR SCHOOL ZONES

The Hills Shire Council receives a high volume of concerns regarding illegal parking in school zones. It's important to understand the NSW Road Rules and signage in school zone areas.

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools carrying out on foot patrols and using Licence Plate Recognition Vehicles to detect parking offences. Parking illegally and disregarding posted signage can lead to safety hazards, traffic congestion, hefty fines and demerit point loss for drivers.

COMMON ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES

- A 'No Stopping' sign means that the driver of a vehicle must not stop at any time on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Stopping' sign applies - not for a minute, not for a second, not at all.
- A 'Yellow kerb line' painted near the edge of the road means 'no stopping'. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
- A 'No Parking' sign means that you can only stop on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Parking' sign applies to drop off or pick up passengers. Around schools these are commonly called 'kiss and drop zones'. You can't stay in the zone longer than two minutes and the driver has to be within three metres of the vehicle at all times.



- A 'bus zone' sign means that you must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Plan your school commute, give yourself extra time in school zones
- It is always recommended you park your vehicle legally in a school zone and walk
- Do not arrive early to the school and sit in your car in the kiss and drop area, if you are in the kiss and drop area for over 2 minutes, its an offence and attracts a hefty fine and 2 demerit points.
- If motorists use the 'No Parking' zones correctly, it will improve traffic flow, relieving congestion and create a safer environment.

Park legally to ensure our school zones are safe for everyone.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

3 Columbia Court, Norwest NSW 2153

PHONE 9843 0555

HOURS 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday

WEBSITE www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

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FACTSHEET

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected, you will be fined.



NO STOPPING

You must not STOP at any time. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

THERE ARE NOW INCREASED PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES.

	<p>NO PARKING</p> <p>You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p>	<p>Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points</p>
	<p>NO STOPPING</p> <p>Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.</p>	<p>Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points</p>
	<p>BUS ZONE</p> <p>You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.</p>	<p>Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points</p>

Double parking	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$469 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$587 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$469 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$469 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$352 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021
 For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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KISS & DROP RULES

1. Move forward to the start of the bay, do not stop halfway
2. Maximum 2 minutes stay and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle
3. Remain in your vehicle unless your child cannot open the car door
4. Have schoolbags in the car with your child so you do not need to open the boot
5. Children must exit the vehicle on the kerbside NOT the roadside
6. Do not double park next to vehicles in the bay please wait for the cars in front to move forward before entering the bay
7. Do not queue into or let children out of your vehicle in 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zones' as this is illegal

Please be considerate and help make our drop off bay work efficiently and safely for everyone



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

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.

KICK START HIGH SCHOOL

with 8 easy tips

a healthy body = a healthy mind

1 Get moving

Being active helps you manage stress.

- > Walk or ride to and from school
- > Play a sport or an active game during lunch
- > Throw on some music and dance
- > Use stairs instead of lifts or escalators
- > Take regular, active breaks from screens - your body and mind will thank you!



2



Eat brekky every day

A healthy breakfast gives you energy to start your day.

- > Make breakfast a priority each morning
- > Try some weet-bix or wholegrain toast
- > On the go? Have a glass of plain milk and grab a banana
- > Remember - energy drinks aren't breakfast

3 Get vaccinated

Don't freak out! This is important stuff and it could save your life.

- > Thousands of Year 7 students get vaccinated each year and this is what some say:

I expected it to be more painful but it felt like a pinch.

I felt brave afterwards - there's nothing you can't do. Just do it.

Try not to over react - it protects you.

- > For vaccination day - bring a positive attitude, a belly full of brekky and your water bottle

Any questions?
Contact the Immunisation Team on 1300 066 055



4 Drink water

8 glasses

Your brain works better if you drink enough water.

- > Stick to tap water for a healthy smile
- > Carry a water bottle with you
- > Drink tap water with meals
- > Avoid sugary drinks



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5 Eat well



Fuelling your body with the right food means you'll have longer lasting energy.

- > Eat more veg and fruit every day
- > Eat less high-sugar and fatty foods
- > Prepare your lunch at home
- > Help cook dinner



6 Follow your gut

Walking away when your gut tells you something's not a good idea is a smart move.

Some examples:

- > Bullying someone
- > Being offered a vape or smoke
- > Skipping school



7 Stay fresh & clean

Good personal hygiene can help protect you and others from getting sick.

- > Wash your hands before handling food and after the bathroom
- > Brush your teeth morning and night, and floss once a day
- > Shower or bath regularly
- > Consider using deodorant



8 Get to bed!

You're more likely to listen in class if you're not tired and grumpy.

- > Get at least 8-10 hours of sleep a night
- > Set a bed time
- > Avoid/limit caffeine after midday
- > Switch your phone to silent and face it down



Western Sydney Local Health District





PWDA Disability Advocacy Futures Program

Are you a student living with disability?

Do you live in southeast, southwest or central Sydney?

Do you study in one of the public schools or are a parent/guardian of a student with disability from the above regions of NSW?

Do you need help to access or navigate the NSW public education system or access NSW Government-funded services?

Our advocates are here to help you!

Funded by



We can help you with

Information & Referrals

- Your rights as a student with disability,
- What specific help the school should provide to students with disability while in the school,
- Connecting you to other services that can help.

Advocacy

- Help access and talk to the school system,
- Help prepare letters and applications to the schools,
- Assist you raise concerns with schools and the Department of Education where appropriate.

Contact us

- Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
1800 422 015
- intake@pwd.org.au
- pwd.org.au

PWDA Information Request Form



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Free and confidential help



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If you live in southeast, southwest, or central Sydney, we can help provide:

- free, confidential, and personalised support to students with disability and their families,
- assistance to access and navigate the public-school education system and other services,
- explore options that facilitate the studies of students with disability in public schools.



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.

TAFE Use

Students are reminded that the use of the adjacent TAFE facility to walk to and from Old Northern Rd is a privilege and not a right. Students are reminded to walk safely, quietly and quickly thorough the facility. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to enter, drive into, or park in the TAFE to pick up or drop off students.

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