

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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From the principal's desk:

Once again school holidays are upon us, and another half year is concluding. I would like to wish all students a good, refreshing holiday. Students will resume on Tuesday 23 July. Parent/Teacher evenings for students in years 7 to 10 will be held early in Term 3.

Mainstream students in **Years 8 and 10** have commenced the **Subject Selection** process for 2025. A reminder to Years 8 and 10 students that your Initial Subject Selection survey is due to be completed online on Thursday 4 July 2024.

The BHHS Music Ensemble Program Concert will be held at Castle Hill RSL on Tuesday 2 July from 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm. Thank you again to the CAPA faculty for their work in supporting our students.

Wayne Humphreys
Principal



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 2

Week 10
Monday 1 July SRC Gala Week – lunchtime event 1/7 to 5/7 incl. Y7-12 SRE session 10.39am-11.53am Yr11 Geography Excursion – Rocks and Millers Point
Tuesday 2 July MEP Mid Year Concert Rehearsal and Concert at Castle Hill RSL
Wednesday 3 July
Thursday 4 July Japanese Film Incursion 2024 10.20am HSC Drama - Sydney Theatre Company – Stolen 7.15pm – 9.45pm Support Cumberland State Forest Excursion
Friday 5 July Cadets Mid Year Dinner Dance 'Espirit De Corps' 2024 Peer Support Whole Day

NSW Schools Volleyball Cup photo taken in Monday assembly



More photos and information following on page 5 & 6

Term 3

Week 1
Monday 22 July Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 23 July Y12 Buffer Weeks 23/7 to 1/8 incl. P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 24 July
Thursday 25 July Y7 and Y10 Parent Teacher Night 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 26 July
Week 2
Monday 29 July Y12 Buffer Weeks 23/7 to 1/8 incl. Konosu Japanese school visiting 29/7 to 3/8 incl. Physics Science Olympiad
Tuesday 30 July Biology Science Olympiad Y8 and Y9 Parent Teacher Night 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 31 July Earth and Environmental Science Olympiad Choir Eisteddfod - Ryde
Thursday 1 August OC Placement Test Y7 Wellbeing Day MLC – Australian Music Day Chemistry Science Olympiad
Friday 2 August Y12 Trial Examinations 2/8 to 16/8 incl. NAIDOC Performance
Week 2
Monday 5 August Y12 Trial Examinations 2/8 to 16/8 incl.
Tuesday 6 August
Wednesday 7 August Sydney West Athletics Day 1 at SOPAC
Thursday 8 August Sydney West Athletics Day 2 at SOPAC
Friday 9 August Christmas in almost July – Outreach Cadets Timberwolf Camp 9/8 to 11/8 incl.

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

Athletics Carnival Age Champions 2024

Congratulations to the following Age Champions from our Athletics carnival who were presented with their medals and certificates at Monday assembly.

12 Years Age Champions - Aharshan Sivaniruban and Lena Choi

13 Years Age Champions - Sreekanth Gunasekaran and Sofia Lai

14 Years Age Champions - Daniel Lin and Shimmer Bhardwaj

15 Years Age Champions - Gavin Dennis and Yovelle Jayasena

16 Years Age Champions - Kathir Chezhiyan and Sukanya Dasgupta

17 Years Age Champions - Faris Khan and Coco Yang

Support Age Champion - Taleah Arnesen (absent in photo below)

Ms Chapman, PDHPE



P&C News

2024 P&C Multicultural Food Fair Poster Competition

Dear Baulko students,

BHHS P&C is holding a poster design competition for the 2024 Baulkham Hills High School P&C Multicultural Food Fair. The posters selected will be used on the event advertisement, flyers, program list, on site decoration, etc.

You are welcome to participate in this activity and depict how multicultural we are! Ideas about (but not limited to) food and performances from different cultures are recommended to be included in the posters.

The poster must include title, date and time as listed below.

Title - 2024 Baulkham Hills High School P&C Multicultural Food Festival

Date - 23 November 2024

Time - 5pm – 9pm

Please email your artwork to bhhsbandc@hotmail.com by 22nd July 2024. The P&C offers cash awards to the top 2 winners (\$100 for each). The posters can be designed all by yourself or work as a team. This is a great opportunity to bring out the creativity in you!

BHHS P&C

Uniform Shop message

- We still have a small stock of second-handed blazers that will be on sale till the end of this term. Please feel free to come and grab a bargain.
- Band tie price will increase from \$18 to \$22 on 22nd July.

P&C President
Maggie Wang



NSW Volleyball School Cup

Last Friday four of our Volleyball Teams attended the NSW Schools Cup event at Sydney Olympic Park. These teams each competed in a fierce competition, and all made semi-finals.

Year 9 Girls

This team won all their qualifying matches and their semifinal. Supported by Year 11 coach Melinda Xia, the girls demonstrated excellent cohesion and worked well as a team. Commendably, they came so close to winning their division, but just lost their final by a golden point. Excellent work with 2nd place.

Year 10 Girls

This team won all their qualifying matches. The girls started the day slowly but worked more finesse into their sets as they played more. They played a very difficult semifinal, with an unfortunate loss in their tiebreak set. The team who beat them won the final convincingly. The girls should be happy with third place, which with a bit more practice, will be able to become first.

Year 9 Boys

This team started the day with a close loss. However, they quickly recovered and won the remaining qualifying matches by significant margins. Coached by Year 11 Ethan Gao, the boys worked to adjust their play to address errors and improve their performance. They met their initial opponent again in the final, where sadly, they were outplayed. Excellent work with the silver medal, gold is within this team's reach at the next event.

Year 10 Boys

This team played in a larger pool of teams compared with our other teams. They needed to win all matches to play in the final, as there was no semifinal in this division. The boys faced tough opposition in most of their matches and achieved win after win. However, in their last game before the final, the team unavoidably lost two players. One who had to leave early, and a second who succumbed to an injury. The five remaining players on the team preserved, playing their final with a 'ghost' player. While they did lose the final, it was clear they would have been victorious with a full court of players.

An excellent effort by all players and well done Baulko achieving three 2nd's and a 3rd placing. Mr Paton and Ms Marten



Photos from NSW Volleyball School Cup





Music Ensemble Program

MEP Mid-Year Concert – Castle Hill RSL

The MEP Mid-Year Concert will be held on **Tuesday the 2nd of July at 6:30pm** featuring all of the Baulkham Hills High School ensembles.

Students will be meeting in the shed at the beginning of period 5 before travelling to the RSL. Students in all ensembles except for choir must bring their band uniform to change into. Choir will be wearing performance blacks. Dinner options will be communicated to students shortly.

Tickets are available for \$5 each

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1240220>



**BAULKHAM HILLS
HIGH SCHOOL**

**MUSIC
ENSEMBLE
PROGRAM
CONCERT**



TICKETS

\$5

**CASTLE HILL RSL
77 CASTLE STREET,
CASTLE HILL NSW 2154**

**TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024
6:30 PM - 8:45 PM**



[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CSOQU](https://www.trybooking.com/CSOQU)



CAPA Taster: A Night of Music, Drama, and Art

CAPA Taster was a success, filled with music and drama performances and an art exhibition. The evening had a sense of community as students, parents, and teachers shared their appreciation for the arts.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our talented students. We look forward to more CAPA Tasters in the future. Ms Kim, CAPA HT







Procedure for Early Leavers

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a written note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to get the note signed by a Deputy Principal before school and hand into the office by 8.30am where they will be issued an early leave pass.** The student can then present the pass to their teacher and leave school at the time advised on their early leave pass. Without a note a parent/carer will be required to come into the office to sign their child out of school.

Senior Students with **Early Study Leave** permission should sign out at the office before leaving School.

Early Flexible Study Leave for Senior students – Sign out is at lunchtime at the Front Office

Careers News

Career Planning Resources

Here is a list of great resources that students and parents can access to help with their career planning, with some explanations about what they are:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child> This site was made to help students research their future options and it has a parents and carers section so you can help them too. The link goes straight to that parents page. It is a collaboration between all the Departments of Education in all Australian States. You can start at the Career Profile to learn more about what might suit you individually, and you can go as far as finding out about what individual workers/jobs do, and everything in-between. Students use their education login to access this site.

<https://www.courseseekeer.edu.au/> This is a site where you can search for university courses and their entry requirements. You can set filters to round down the options to find the best courses for you.

<https://www.compared.edu.au/> This site allows you to compare the same courses at different universities. It is based on a large survey of current and graduated university students and asks about everything from their view on their skills development through to their graduate salaries. I encourage everyone to go into this with an open mind - even though many of our students choose UNSW almost by default, it's not always the best option for everyone.

<https://www.jobsandskills.gov.au/> This is a site made for the Federal Government to understand the workforce needs of the Australian economy. It's a good place to go to find out how in demand different industries and jobs are, and stats/info about what they do. When students ask me if there are jobs in an industry, this is the first place I go. It does a load of other great stuff too, including a national skills shortage list and industry growth projections over 5-10 years.

If you have questions or need help to understand your child's planning for the future, feel free to get in touch by emailing the school and I will make time for you.

Enjoy,

Chris Buchli

Careers Adviser

Term 1 Grade Sport Photos

Thank you to Mr Filewood and Cynosure Photography Team for the following photos:



15's Basketball



15's Oztag



15's Netball 2



15's Touch Football A



15's Netball



15's Touch Football B



15's Volleyball 2



15's Volleyball 3



15's Volleyball



Open Basketball

KBC ACADEMY PRESENTS

BADMINTON TRAINING

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

\$25 PER SESSION!



JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS!

LOCATION: BHHS GYMNASIUM	SESSIONS: Friday 8:00PM - 10:00PM Sunday 9:00AM - 11:00AM Sunday 11:00AM - 1:00PM
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Raymond
0488 118 258
kbcnsw.com.au



ENJOY FOR FREE

FREE Hills School Holiday Activities

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Thursday 4 July from 4.30pm - 6.30pm
(5pm movie screening)

Enjoy a free screening of *The Lorax*

For young people and families
Arthur Whiting Park, Castle Hill

Cost: Free

SPORT PROGRAM - WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS

Monday 15 July

Football skills sessions for children and young people

Beginners aged 7 - 10 years at 9am - 12pm

Beginners aged 11 - 14 years at 1pm - 4pm

Junior session for neurodivergent individuals aged 7 - 10 years at 9am - 10.30am

Youth session for neurodivergent individuals aged 11 - 14 years at 1pm - 2.30pm

Brindle Parkway Reserve, Box Hill

Cost: Free

MULTI-SPORT FUN DAY

Tuesday 9 July from 10am - 12pm

Children can learn the basics of three sports, including volleyball, soccer and cricket

For children aged 5-12 years
Balmoral Road Reserve, Kellyville

Cost: Free

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 10 July

Children and young people can learn the basics of coding

The morning session (9am - 12pm) focuses on a 'Junior Coding Camp' using the Scratch Coding Platform for children 6-9 years

The afternoon session (1pm - 4pm) features a Minecraft Coding Camp for 9-14-year-olds, which will explore block-based Java coding and game modification.

2/10-14 Market Lane, Rouse Hill

Cost: Free

For more details on the July School activities, please visit The Hills Shire Council website, www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search "School Holiday

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PLAYWELL
Everyone has a place in sport

 **THE HILLS**
Sydney's Garden Shire

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





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 have not been 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.

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.
- Students are not permitted to use their phones between 2.30-3pm whilst waiting at school for their transport home.

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.
- For non-identified students seeking exemption, medical documentation is required to support the application for exemption.
 - 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.
 - 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.

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

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

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.