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From the principal's desk:

As we enter the final week of term, thank you to our students and staff for their continued diligence in applying themselves to all things Baulko. From Quad Schools, to Variety Night, to excursions – the experiences seem to never stop at BHHS. Year 11 will complete formal assessments this week, and other examinations are also occurring across the school.

It is, of course, a special week for Year 12, their final week at BHHS. Year 12 will celebrate the conclusion of high school with a picnic at Bobbin Head on Wednesday and Year 12 Graduation Ceremony in the school gymnasium, followed by a morning tea graciously provided by the BHHS P & C, in the Houliston Centre Friday morning.

Congratulations to Grace Charoensi (Year 12). Grace has been placed first in the NSW School of Languages Chinese Beginners HSC Course. Well done, Grace.

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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 3

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Y11 Assessment weeks 16/9 to 27/9 incl. Variety Night 5.30pm to 9pm – PREFECTS

Tuesday 24 September

P&C Méeting 7.30pm Y10 PASS Aqua Park Excursion

Wednesday 25 September

Term 4 Grade Sport Selections & Rec Sport Selections Y12 Picnic Day

<u>Y9 Science Práctical Task – w</u>ritten component

Thursday 26 September Friday 27 September

Y12 Graduation 9am (whole school will be attending)

Y7 Music Composition Submission Assessment

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 14 October

All students return to school

Tuesday 15 October

HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl.

Wednesday 16 October

Thursday 17 October Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum 2024 17/10 to 19/10 incl.

Friday 18 October

Cadets AFX24 Camp 18/10 to 22/10 incl.

Saturday 19 October – Working Bee

Week 2

Monday 21 October

Cadets AFX24 Camp 18/10 to 22/10 incl.

HSC Examinations 15/10 to 8/11 incl.

Tuesday 22 October

Wednesday 23 October

Y9 Visual Arts Assessment – Art Making

Prefect photos

Thursday 24 October

Y11SE.6 Google Virtual Visit 1.46pm (Dunne)

Friday 25 October

Prefect Planning Day

Y10 Audio Production Assessment – Digital Project 2 Y10 Visual Design Assessment – Art History and Criticism

Week 3

Monday 28 October

Y10 Assessment Week 28/10 to 1/11 incl.

Tuesday 29 October

Wednesday 30 October

Thursday 31 October

Y10 Visual Arts Assessment – Art Making

Friday 1 November

Y10 PDM Assessment – Art History and Criticism

The school has two groups travellina in the overseas upcoming holidays – a history excursion to Vietnam Cambodia and a language trip to Japan. It has been an 18-month organisational mountain to climb for the staff involved. Thank you to our staff for making these trips possible, and to our parents and carers for entrusting your students to us. For those remaining in Australia, I hope you have a relaxing and recharging break.

School canteens may be operated by the school, the school's P&C Association or a operator. **BHHS** private has commenced the process of "calling for tenders" for the BHHS School Canteen Licence. details as regards the tender are available in this newsletter on page 19.

Wayne Humphreys Principal



Grace Charoensri Y12 First Place HSC Chinese Beginners



Baulko News

Technology - Mobile Phone Holder Project (Support Unit)

Mr Tripolone would like to extend his gratitude to the SIA 1 and SIA 5 classes, along with the support teachers, for their outstanding work on the Mobile Phone Holder project. The students have made their projects unique by incorporating their own designs. Have a wonderful term break and looking forward to our next project in Term 4.

Mr Tripolone







Message from the Library

Attention Year 12 – Return Textbooks on Day of Exam(s)

Your time at Baulko is nearly done. We know you will be working hard to ready for your exams.

Please help us return your textbooks on the day of your exam(s).

This, in turn, will help make your sign out a breeze.

Mr Mansfield, Teacher Librarian

Year 11 and Year 12 Stress Webinar

It is that time of year when the students are at their maximum capacity and feeling overwhelmed with all that is going on. Here is a webinar that might be helpful for Parents.

Helping parents support their teen's to cope with Year 11 and 12 study stress webinar

Monday 14th October at 6 – 6:45 pm | Online

This webinar will draw on research to discuss why students feel stressed, what stress looks like, and when parents need to worry about their teen's stress. We will also give some helpful tips on what parents can do to help their teen manage stress. For more information and to get your ticket, please click <u>here</u>.

https://events.humanitix.com/helping-parents-manage-their-teen-s-and-their-own-hsc-stress-webinar

Mrs Greenlees, DP

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



Reading at Baulko-Holiday Recommendations from students



Many parents at Parent Teacher Night often ask what they can do to get their teenagers reading. Here is a list of books, age appropriate, collated by our students' peers. These books will be available on Wheeler (our digital library-google wheelers and put in the school name).

TOP 5 BOOKS TO READ THESE HOLIDAYS(Stage 4, Years 7-8)

Collated by Talia Abou Alnasr

- 1. Inheritance Games Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- 2. Powerless Lauren Roberts
- 3. Dance of Thieves Mary E Pearson (but make sure you read the prequel series first)
- 4. Charisma Jeanne Ryan
- 5. Scythe Neal Shusterman

Digital Review- Powerless - Lauren Roberts <a href="https://www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/www.ncberts.com/

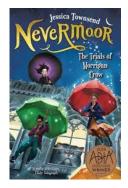
TOP 5 BOOKS TO READ THESE HOLIDAYS(Stage 5, Years 9-10)

Collated by Maahika Srinivas

- 1. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Holly Jackson (series)
- 2. Mistborn: The Final Empire, Brandon Sanderson (series)
- 3. The Book Thief, Markus Zusak
- 4. Cinder, Marissa Meyer (series)
- 5. When Women Were Dragons, Kelly Barnhill

Review:

NEVERMOOR: THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW BY JESSICA TOWNSEND An exciting fantasy tale that captures the reader's attention and never (pun intended) lets go 20th September, 2024 Maahika Srinivas



Nevermoor was a fantastic book! It had a combination of fantasy, adventure and mystery, swirled together in one amazing story. At first this book sounds like a boring, old book, that is until Jupiter North arrives, and it turns the whole book upside down. Jessica Townsend has definitely captured me in the story and I have never come out. She explains every excruciating detail and makes it sound so really. From the amusing scenes that provoke laughter, to the scenes that make us eager to find out what happens next, this book is definitely a masterpiece.



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The story begins with Morrigan Crow; a cursed child. She was supposed to die on Eventide, the day that marks the end of an age. But Jupiter North, who has a mane of bright orange, whisks her away to Nevermoor. When Jupiter is stopped by border control, and is asked for Morrigan's travel visa, Jupiter holds up a candy wrapper and a used tissue. That is when Morrigan realises that Nevermoor is a strange place. A place where there aren't rows of the same houses, like in Jackalfax, but in fact every single house was different and personalised. A place where no one would use her curse as a scapegoat for everything that had gone wrong. A place where freedom and creativity rung. A place to call home.

This story continues with Morrigan getting acquainted with her bedroom, finding new friends and entering the Wundrous Society trials. If she passes these trials, there is a promise for family, friends, brothers and sisters. But there are over 500 candidates and only 9 spots. Will Morrigan make it or will she fail and have to go back to Jackalfax where her family had already acknowledged her death?

This story made me have goosebumps all over. It is a fantastic story, and for those who like Harry Potter, Doctor Who or Cat in the Hat, here is a story made for you. . It is a book of learning how to never give up and learn to give and earn trust. I recommend this book for young teens, and although it may seem more oriented to younger readers, I believe that older readers who have an interest in fantasy will enjoy it infinitely as well!

TOP 5 BOOKS TO READ THESE HOLIDAYS(Stage 6, Years 11-12)

Collated by Siya Shokeen

Novels:

- 1. We, Yevgeny Zamyatin
- 2. If I had your face, Frances Cha
- 3. Alone with you in the ether, Olivie Blake
- 4. Selected Stories, Anton Chekhov
- 5. On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, Ocean Vuong

Reviews

Novels:

We, Yevgeny Zamyatin

- The og of ogs for dystopias/utopias. This is good for a foundation in ideal worlds and was a key source of inspiration for George Orwell for those doing 1984. This is a recommended 'prereading' for 1984 and for those doing modern history, it also features satire of Bolshevism, which is useful for term 1 of year 12. It also has very obvious context which is good for practicing linking to context.

Stoner, John Williams

A tale of complete and utter mediocrity. A raw depiction of the not-so-epic highs and lows of what is an utterly real life. Stoner, the eponymous character, is a young man in rural America, entering university and grappling with literature which provokes a series of epiphanies as he finds "a sense of wonder" within the grammatical flows of his assigned readings. Yet academia is the only area of his life in which he is to find such unadulterated joy, his earnest nature crippled by the disappointments of that in life which is meant to supply him the most joy. Some may consider the life of Stoner 'sad' or in totality a 'failure', however some critics posit otherwise, suggesting instead that the true success as he found a grounding sense of purpose in his commitment to academe which sustained him across oscillations between states of triumph and dismay. A thoughtful consideration of the trials and tribulations of life and the importance of impetus, Stoner is considered a 'must read', offering a sincere perspective on life in its entirety.



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If I had your face, Frances Cha

- Explores the contradictory pressures of beauty and expectations to perform in a number of ways in South Korea through the lives of 4 female characters grappling with distinct aspects of uniquely female struggles, forming bonds of friendship and solidarity over their shared experiences with womanhood.

Alone with you in the ether, Olivie Blake

- One of my favourite romance books, I'm a big fan of the author and her writing style is so so good. Two very complex people falling in love and this quote from another review sums it up very well -- "This is a glimpse into what it means to be unwell, and how to love as if you're not broken". I did recall some people mentioning they do like romance books and this is like very up there in terms of quality.

Short Stories:

Selected Stories, Anton Chekhov

- These are great examples of short stories driven by purpose around which to structure your own writing. Learning comes from reading.
- Direction in writing your own texts.
- Short, 10-15 pages tops. One or two stories a day could carry you through the whole holidays
- A lot of these stories have some laugh-out-loud funny bits, satirises some aspects of human nature with very successful comedic effect

Poetry:

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, Ocean Vuong

- Digestible prose with relatable themes for young people
- Good practice for reading poetry
- Probably the most popular poetry book at the moment

Ms Eisermann, English

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 Senior Students with 0 Class must sign in at the Front Office after their morning class before going to Y12 Study period 1 and also sign into the Library.



Leos in Term 3

This term the Leos started our first projects after the great success of the bake sale.

We've helped over 25,000 (including one dog) this term.

Sydney Marathon Volunteering

Two Sundays ago, the Leos volunteered at Moore Park for the Sydney Marathon, helping runners make it over the finish line. Starting at 5am, we set up Drink Station 6, handing out drinks to get them through the second half of the run. Despite the cold, we had a great day and look forward to being out in the community and the Marathon again soon.













Bupa Aged Care Visits

The first of many visits to Bupa Aged Care happened last Monday, at the Baulkham Hills home. We spent time with the residents over board games, all having a great time.

We can't wait to be back soon.



















Helper Dog Program

The helper dog program has been continuing throughout Term 3 in Killara, helping Sunshine in learning new skills in her job as a hearing dog.





Thank you to Mrs Martin for her help in making all of these possible.

Make sure to look out for us next term as we've got a lot planned.

Leo Club

LOST PROPERTY

Valuables lost at school (eg. phone, watch, ear pods, ear pod cases, jewellery, keys, purse, glasses) are handed into the front office for safe keeping.



If your child has lost an item of value please encourage them to come to the front office to enquire.

Proof of ownership (good description, entering of passcode etc) is required for valuables.

Any lost item (eg clothing, lunchbox, pencil case etc) without a name is in lost property in the library.





CAPA Art Club

Are you ready to get creative? • We're pumped to announce Baulko's very own **International**Artist Day Exhibition happening on Friday, 25th October!

This is your chance to unleash your inner artist – and guess what? **EVERYONE** is invited! Yup, students, teachers, and staff – we want to see what you've got!

Here's the fun part:

- Your artwork needs to be A5 size (that's small but mighty!) on hard stock paper or cardboard.
- Don't worry if you need supplies the CAPA art teachers are offering their help to assist you with materials, space to make art during lunchtimes and guidance.
- The deadline to submit your masterpiece is **Friday**, **18th October** so mark your calendars!

Make an artwork and have it on display for the whole school to see, and if you give permission, your artwork can be sold to a buyer!

This event recognises creativity and self-expression through vibrant visuals and imaginative forms that can captivate the eye and inspire the soul.

Join us for a vibrant celebration of creativity and art at Baulkham Hills High School!

Date: Friday, 25th October 2024

PLocation: School Quad (Weather Permitting)

• Time: Lunchtime

For more info, just scan the **QR code** on the posters popping up around school.

Event Highlights

Mystery Masterpiece Exhibition & Sale

- Showcase Your Talent Anonymously!
 - Submit your original artwork and have it displayed without revealing your identity.
 - Sale Price: Each artwork will be sold for \$5, with all proceeds going to charity.
 - Artist Reveal: The creator's identity will be disclosed to the buyer only after purchase.

Let's celebrate the power of art!

Ms Lockley







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Stage 5 Visual Arts and Visual Design visit Alphonse Mucha: Spirit of Art Nouveau Exhibition, AGNSW

Visual Arts and Visual Design students have had the wonderful opportunity to see many artworks by one of art's great stylistic innovators, Alphonse Mucha (1860–1939). The exhibition featured many of his recognisable and best-loved works which were considered modern European art. The Alphonse Mucha: Spirit of Art Nouveau exhibition showcases the artists outstanding and monumental illustrations, jewellery, interior decoration, photographs and more, revealing Alphonse Mucha's powerful influence in the world of art.

We were all lucky enough to explore his distinctive visual style as one of the key figures of the Art Nouveau movement. Through observing Alphonse Mucha's intricate designs, posters, and decorative arts, students would gain an understanding of how he combined organic forms, symbolism, and flowing lines to create his signature aesthetic. This amazing exhibition also allowed students to deepen their knowledge of Art Nouveau's influence on graphic design and visual culture, as well as developing analytical skills by examining the relationship between art, advertising, and popular culture in Mucha's work. This experience also aims to inspire students to experiment with similar stylistic approaches in their own art making in their elective subjects Visual Arts and Visual Design as well as future endeavors in any stage 6 electives.

Ms Lockley







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Year 7 Geography Semester 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes

Our Semester 2 Year 7 students recently visited Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre for an excursion focused on "Water in the World." Penrith Lakes, specifically the Sydney International Regatta Centre located within the Penrith Lakes area, is a major training and

competition venue for Australian athletes in rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. Several Australian Olympians have trained there, including Jessica Fox. As part of the visit, students tested water quality at two key sites: Regatta Lake and Waterside Estate. These tests allowed students to assess the effectiveness of water management strategies implemented, and appreciate the significance of improving water quality for human wellbeing and liveability.



Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Khan and Miss Daher for their support during the excursion.

Ms Krunic













Masters Academy – Term 4 Debating Programmes





Careers News

As we come to the end of Year 12's time at school, things are definitely heating up in the Careers space. Students are writing scholarship and course applications, and I'm reviewing them and writing references and recommendations. Students have been equipped with the tools to request what they need from me and that system is working well so far.

Students are writing some excellent applications and I have been very impressed by the ways that some students have engaged with their communities and their personal development. This is key to a good university and life experience.

As a reminder for students and parents, I have links to a range of resources on a website I created which you can access here:

https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/bhhscareers/career-linksresources

It is possible that parents were not previously able to access it, but it should now work. I do update this site with new resources and I recently added a new section with career-specific resources, at the bottom of the page. I am still constructing it and I will build it up over time to include more resources, but it is turning into a good 'one-stop shop' for BHHS students.

On that site you can also find UAC's key dates table and students can use my schedule to book meetings. I would ask that parents contact me via the school to arrange meetings with me, as we usually need a bit more time.

If there are ways I can assist during this busy time, please let me know. If something can wait until Term 4, it's best if it does as this is a time for me to focus on Year 12 to help finalise all their plans. Graduating students will have ongoing access to me in Term 4 via in-person or online meetings.

Enjoy,

Chris Buchli Careers Adviser

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 <u>lunchtime</u> at the Front Office



CALL FOR TENDERS -SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

Baulkham Hills High School, Sydney NSW 2153. Tenders are called for the licence of the school canteen starting 3rd February 2025 for 3 years. Enrolments will be 1230 (7-12). Enquiries and / or requests for a Tender Information Pack to: Mr Ian Parnaby, School Bursar, ian.parnaby@det.nsw.edu.au mobile 0438159297. Tenders must be sent by email with the subject line "Commercial in Confidence School Canteen Tender" to: ian.parnaby@det.nsw.edu.au Tenders close at 5pm on Friday 25th October, 2024 with an onsite meeting and inspection at 10am Thursday 17th October 2024, All employees to hold a current working with children check.



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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 <u>within seven (7) days</u> 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 <u>Medical Certificate</u> 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.







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 <u>not</u> 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.

