

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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Welcome back to Baulko Students commence 6 February 2025

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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to 2025 at Baulkham Hills High School. Welcome to students and staff who are new to BHHS, and to those students returning. A full list of new staff will be issued next issue.

All students (years 7 to 12, mainstream and support) commence this Thursday 6 February 2025. When the first bell rings, students are asked to move to the gymnasium for a welcome assembly. Year 7 students are asked to sit at the front on the left-hand side as they look at the stage.

Our HSC mainstream cohort of 2024 achieved outstanding results in the **HSC examinations**. The school was ranked sixth in the SMH rankings. Two students achieved an ATAR of 99.95. 88% of the cohort achieved an ATAR of above 90. Congratulations to the class of 2024 and their teachers for their diligent application and efforts in the examinations.

3 February 2025



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, 2025

Week 1
Friday 31 January – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
Week 2
Monday 3 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
Tuesday 4 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
Wednesday 5 February – Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
Thursday 6 February All Students return to school today Y7 O Week 6/2, 7/2, 13/2 and 14/2 incl.
Friday 7 February
Week 2
Monday 10 February Y7 Camp 10/2 to 11/2
Tuesday 11 February
Wednesday 12 February Term 1 Grade Sport Trials Term 1 Recreational Sport Selections open 7.30pm
Thursday 13 February Yr7 O Week 13/2 and 14/2 incl.
Friday 14 February SRC Valentines Day
Week 3
Monday 17 February
Tuesday 18 February
Wednesday 19 February Term 1 Recreational Sport – first week of attendance at venues
Thursday 20 February
Friday 21 February
Week 4
Monday 24 February
Tuesday 25 February Y10 and Y11 Film Festival Excursion – French
Wednesday 26 February
Thursday 27 February
Friday 28 February
Week 5
Monday 3 March
Tuesday 4 March Year 12 Parent/Teacher Night 3.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 5 March
Thursday 6 March Presentation Night 7pm
Friday 7 March

There are significant changes in the class structure of our **Support Unit for 2025**. Each class will be taught subjects by a specific teacher, rather than one teacher teaching the class for all subjects. A new classroom has opened in the support unit area. Welcome to our new students in Support.

A **new canteen operator** commences at BHHS this week. Further details are provided later in this newsletter, and full details will be provided in a separate email as regards menu, online ordering options, and other details. Thank you to the selection committee of the new operator, and to our general assistant, bursar and IT manager for their work in supporting the school in preparing for the new operator.

A short, timetabled, stand alone, **roll call** of approximately 5 minutes will be introduced to the timetable this term. This structure was in place prior to COVID-19. The reintroduction is designed to improve communication with students and improve the ease and accuracy of roll marking.

As our community and students know, our **school uniform is compulsory**. It is expected to be worn with pride and in full at all times. This includes ties, socks and shoes. Students' uniform will be regularly checked to ensure compliance. Should your student be unable to wear uniform on a particular day, a note from the

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Baulko News

Principal's Desk continued

students' parent/carer must be brought to a deputy principal prior to roll call for signing and the issuing of a uniform pass.

Our new **Student Wellbeing Hub** is very close to being "handed over" to the school. It includes 2 new classrooms for PDHPE, 5 offices for key staff (counsellors, head teachers wellbeing & teaching and learning, students support officer and careers adviser), and a breakout space for students. Once officially opened, the new building will be named the "Michael Williams Student Wellbeing Hub" in memory of Mr Williams, who was a student at Baulkham Hills High School prior to being appointed as general assistant. He held this position for 42 years until his retirement. Mr Williams passed away late in 2024.

Mr Humphreys
Principal

Update of Address and Contact Details

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

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

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

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

Travel Forms – Extended Leave

Please Note: Holidays/Extended Leave are not to be submitted through the parent portal.

An application needs to be completed. Click on link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>



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Canteen Update – new operator for 2025

Dear BHHS parents and carers,

Over the final few months of 2024, the school completed the tendering process for the operation of the school canteen. The **new canteen operator**, selected by a school committee comprising staff and community representatives, has been finalised for 2025.

A new menu with prices is included in this letter. It will be regularly published in the weekly school newsletter and on the BHHS website. Specials and other updates will be communicated regularly via the same means. The canteen will **accept cash and eftpos** payments.

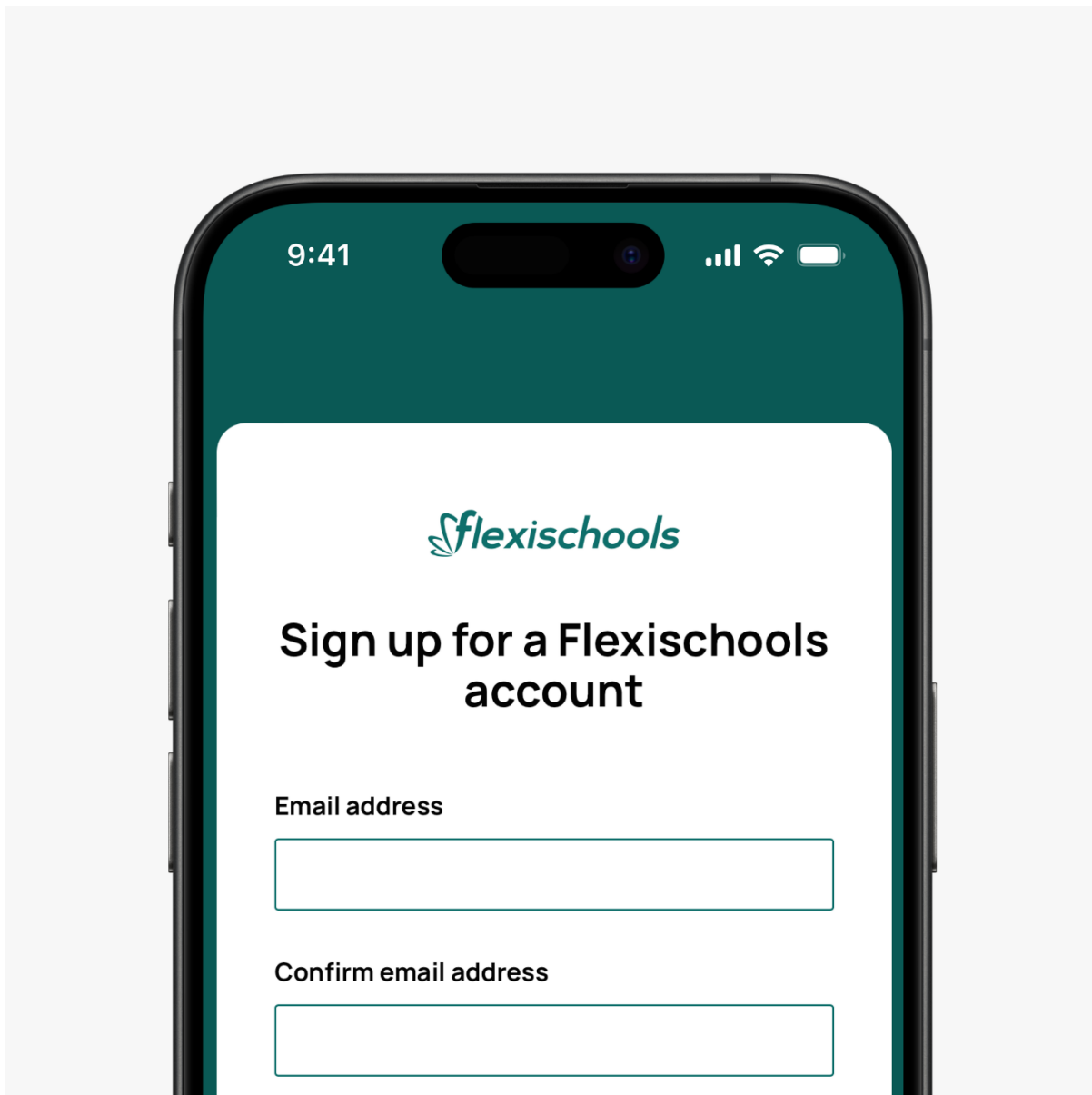
Along with normal canteen operations at recess and lunch when students and staff can select from displayed menu options, the new operators will also be **offering online ordering** via the flexischools app. This will commence on Monday 10 February 2025. Parents and carers who wish to use an online ordering facility will be required to register for flexischools and setup an account. Registration is only required for those wishing to order online. The guidelines for doing so are outlined later in this letter.

Thank you to the selection committee, and to the school's general assistant, bursar and IT manager for their work in liaising and supporting the new operator over the holiday period in preparation for the commencement of the 2025 school year.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Humphreys
Principal
31 January 2025

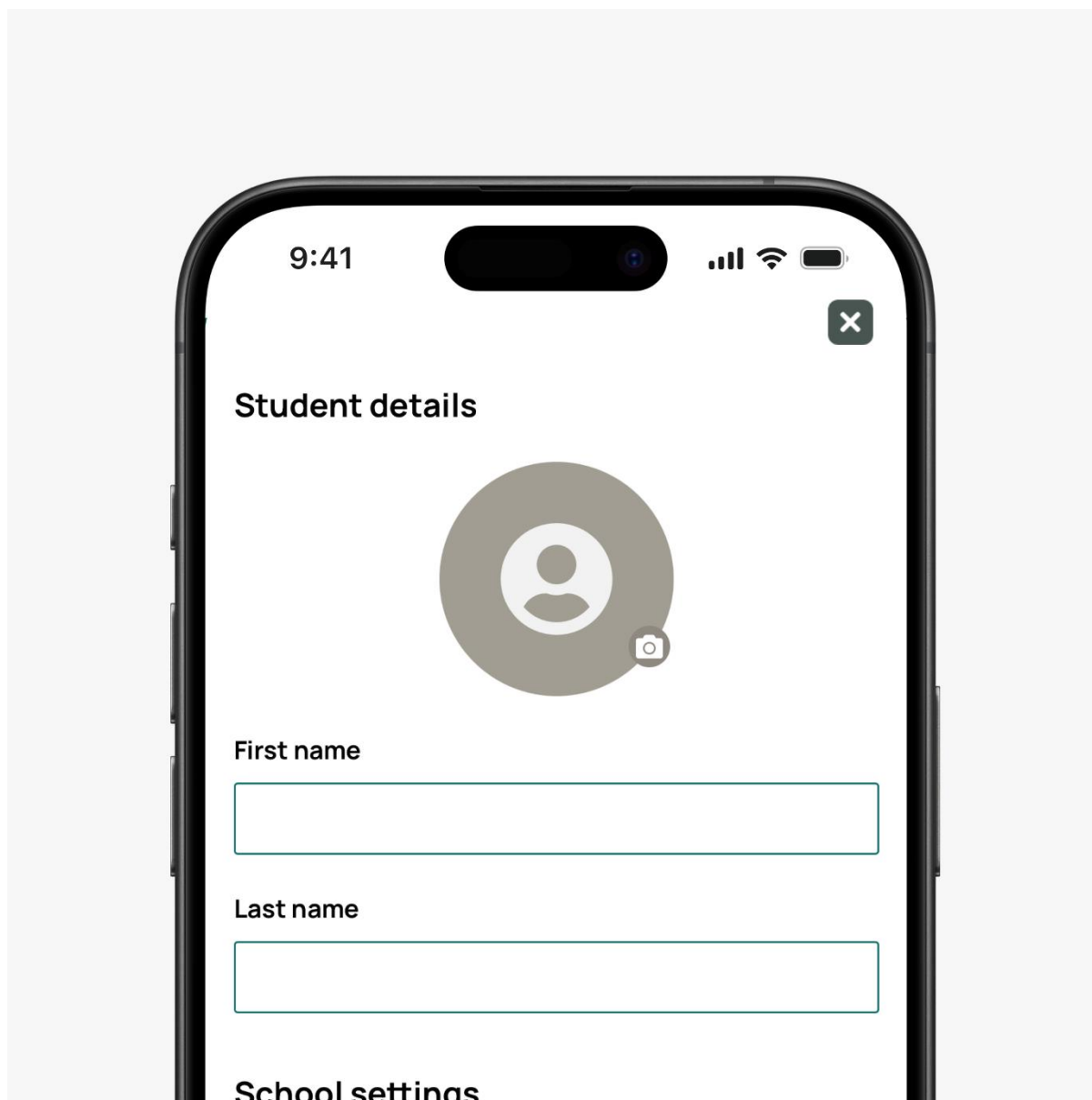
How to set up your Flexischools account for the Canteen



1. Register with Flexischools

Open your Flexischools app and click '**Register**'.

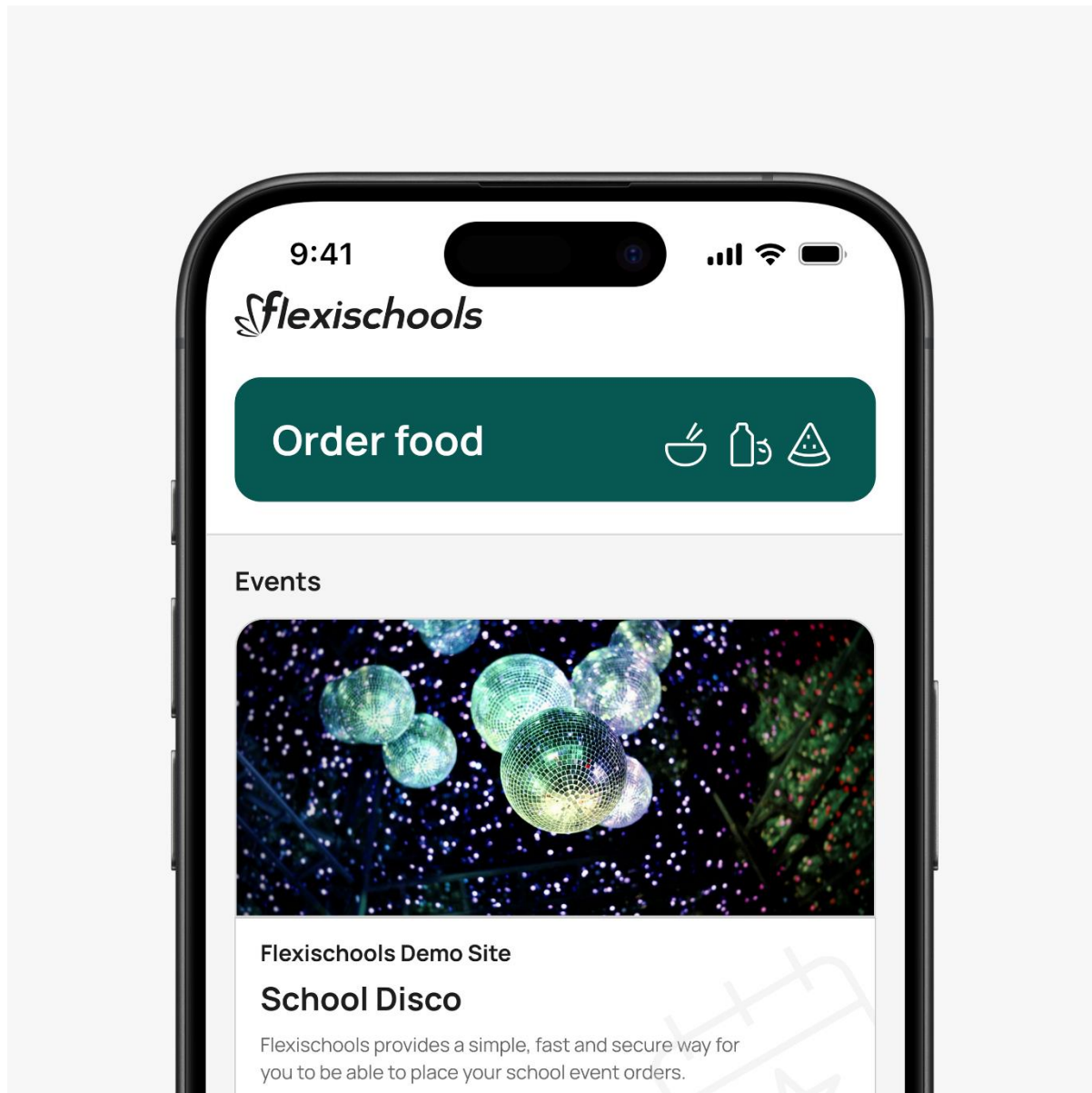
1. Submit your email to create an account.
2. In your inbox, open the registration email.
3. Click the link within and follow registration prompts in app.



2. Enter your child's details

Once your account is set up, log into your Flexischools app

1. Select '**Profile**' icon on the navigation bar.
2. Under '**Students**', click '**Add new**'.
3. Enter your child's name, school, year level, and class. Click '**Submit**'.



3. Order and pay with ease!

Here's how to order food on Flexischools

1. Click '**Order food**' - top of app home screen
2. Select the student you'd like to order for
3. Choose a service (e.g. lunch) and order date

2025

SCHOOL CANTEEN Baulkham Hills High School



SANDWICH BAR

Breads (G) White or Wholemeal

Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50 G
Curried Egg	\$4.50 G
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50 G
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.50 G
Creamy Chicken & lettuce	\$5.00 G
Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00 G
Salad	\$5.00 G

(Beetroot, lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber)

TURKISH BREADS - G

Chicken Schnitzel	\$6.50
<i>Chicken Schnitzel, rocket, roast capsicum & cheese</i>	
HCT	\$6.50
<i>Ham, tasty cheese & tomato</i>	

Rolls & Wraps
Extra \$1.00

Gluten Free Sliced
Extra \$2.00

SUSHI SALAD CUPS - G \$7.00

Salmon, Tuna, Teriyaki Chicken or Vegan

SUPER SALAD BOXES - \$6.50 G

Greek

Tomato, Cucumber, Spanish onion, Pitted Olives, Greek Feta

Tortellini Pesto Pumpkin

Spinach & ricotta tortellini, roasted pumpkin & chickpeas

Lentil Salad

Lentils, couscous, chickpeas, fresh vegetables & herbs in a citrus dressing

Mexican Chicken

Chicken breast, rice, beans, chipotle peppers, Mexican salsa

Italian Penne salad

Penne pasta, roasted eggplant, sun-dried tomato, shallots & feta cheese

Glass Noodles w/Asian Veg

Vermicelli noodles, fresh vegetables with herbs & sesame oil dressing

EXTRAS

Avocado	\$1.00 G
Boiled Egg	\$1.00 G
Tabbouleh	\$1.20 G
Hummus	\$1.00 G
Ham	\$1.00 G
Grilled Chicken	\$2.00 G
Spoon/Fork	\$0.10
Sauce Portions	\$0.50

MEL'S TASTY BITES
HEALTHY CANTEEN
OPERATORS
www.melstastybites.com

HOMEMADE BURGERS/ROLLS & WRAPS - G

Grilled Chicken Burger	\$5.50
Chicken Schnitzel Roll	\$6.00
Big Beef Burger	\$6.00
Chicken Kebab Wrap	\$6.00
Fish Burger	\$5.50
Chicken Fillet Burger	\$5.50

HOMEMADE HOT BAR

Selected Daily Specials

Inari Tofu Bites (2)	\$7.00 G
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$6.00 G
Ravioli Napolitano	\$6.00 G
Spinach & Feta Roll	\$5.00 G
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$6.00 A
Fettuccine Boscaiola	\$6.00 G
Thai Beef Rice Noodle Salad	\$8.50 G
Poke Salmon Brown Rice Salad	\$8.50 G
Lasagne	\$6.00 G

HOMEMADE MEXICAN - G

Beef & Bean Nachos	\$6.50
Chicken Burrito	\$6.00
Beef Burrito	\$6.00

HOMEMADE PIZZA - G

Cheese	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50

WEEKLY SPECIALS

MONDAY

Butter Chicken & Rice	\$6.00 GH
Steak Roll	\$6.50 GH
Wedges	\$6.50 A

(Sour cream & sweet Chili)

THURSDAY

American Hot Dog	\$5.50 A
Sushi (2 Pk)	\$7.00 G
Creamy Chicken Mushroom Pasta	\$6.00 GH
Rice Paper Rolls (2 pk)	\$7.80 G

TUESDAY

Sushi (2 Pk)	\$7.00 G
Penne Bolognese	\$6.00 GH
Gyaza (Chicken or Pork (5)	\$8.00 G

FRIDAY

Gourmet Pies (Beef & Chicken)	\$5.00 A
Gourmet Sausage Roll	\$5.00 A
Fish & Chips or Salad	\$6.50 A
Calamari (3) & Chips or Salad	\$7.00 A

WEDNESDAY

Karaage Chicken Nuggets	\$8.00 G
Curry Chicken & Rice	\$6.00 GH
Cheeseburger	\$5.50 GH

Halal Food choices are all Certified

G - Green A - Amber H - Homemade



2025

SCHOOL CANTEEN BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast

Yoghurt & Muesli	\$5.00
Fruit Salad	\$6.00
Toasted Sandwiches	from \$3.50

Snacks

Chips	from \$3.00
Chocolate Bars	\$3.00
Choc Chip Cookies	\$4.00
Health Bars	\$4.00

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9.15AM

DAILY SPECIALS

Please check board for Daily Specials



Mel's Tasty Bites

Healthy Canteen Operators & Catering Services

FROZEN TREATS

Streets Ice-cream	from \$3.00 A
Peters Ice Cream	from \$3.00 A
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$2.50 A

DESSERTS

Mel's Toasted Banana Bread	\$3.50
Mel's Low Fat Muffins	\$4.50
Chocolate Mousse	\$4.50
Biscoff Cheesecake	\$4.50

COFFEE & TEA

COMING SOON.....

\$3.50 – Small

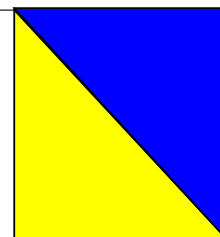
\$4.00 – Large

DRINKS

Flavoured Milk 350ml	\$3.50
Ice Break	\$4.50
Spring Water	\$2.50
Flavoured Mineral Water	\$4.50
Juices	\$4.50
Iced Tea	\$4.50
Cans	\$3.00



**2nd New South Wales Brigade Australian Army Cadet
BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
ARMY CADET UNIT
419A Windsor Road Baulkham Hills NSW 2153
Ph: 9639 8699 Fax: 9639 4999**



2025 BHHSACU Joining Instructions - Information for New Recruits/Cadets

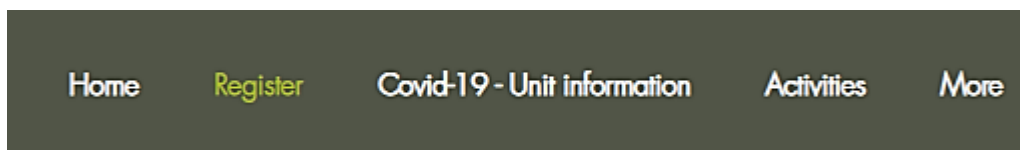
Step	Item	Details
1	Join Cadetnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the instructions on the “instructions to enrol” sheet (see reverse side). This will begin the process. Cadetnet is the army cadet unit’s official platform for registration and activities for the unit. You must be 13yo or turn 13 by 31st December 2025 and be a student of BHHS to join.
2	Join the BHHSACU Google Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cadets/recruits are required to join the BHHSACU Google Classroom (GC). The code is “yxtw5yu” – you will need to join with your @education email account. This GC is used for relaying information and is used for school purposes, including merits, extracurricular activities, excursions etc.
3	Complete the Annual Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cadets/recruits are required to complete an “2025 Annual Update” form in the GC – found under assignments in the GC.
4	Complete mandatory training in Cadetnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All recruits must complete the “Defence Youth Safety Level 6 – Youth” course” via Cadetnet. This is a mandatory course and is required to be completed immediately (once you have access to Cadetnet). Instructions on cadetnet e-learning is in the GC. Failure to do so will result in you not being able to remain in the cadet unit.
5	AMCU Sizes form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All recruits are to complete the “AMCU Size” form – found under assignments in the GC. This is so we can order in the correct number and sizes of your uniforms.
6	Pay the annual membership fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cadets and recruits are required to pay an annual membership fee. The 2025 membership fees are \$170 for new recruits/cadets. The membership fee (as well as all costs for camps etc) are to be paid direct to the BHHSACU, NOT TO THE SCHOOL. Payments are to be made by electronic transfer direct into the BHHSACU Bank account. Refer to the “2024 BHHSACU Fees” notice for further information (also available in the BHHSACU GC)..
7	Other Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other payments are to be paid in the same manner, ie your CadetID number followed by a PREFIX, direct to the BHHSACU Bank Account. You will be advised of the relevant PREFIX for each activity which will appear on the consent form for the activity.
8	Uniform deposit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 2021, all recruits and new cadets are required to pay a \$200 uniform deposit. This needs to be paid before a uniform can be issued. This payment is made TO THE SCHOOL – not the cadet unit. This will be sent to you via Schoolbytes once the front office processes the invoices. The school will hold this deposit on the cadet unit’s behalf. DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR SCHOOLBYTES NOTICE
9	Uniform Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The uniform issue is scheduled for sometime in March/April 2025, date TBC. A roster will be made available for you to select your preferred time. All the above steps (as required) need to be completed before you will be issued a uniform. Check the GC for when the roster will be made available.

10	Parade Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parade days are each Thursday after school from 1515 to 1715hrs (during school terms). Recruits first parade day is Thursday 20 February 2025 (week 4).
11	Wearing of cadet uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cadets can wear the cadet uniform instead of the school uniform on parade days. However, you are unable to wear the cadet uniform on public transport or in public. You are reminded that you are responsible for your uniform – if it is lost, you may forfeit part or all your uniform deposit and may be required to pay another uniform deposit before you can be reissued with a replacement uniform.
12	Discharge from the unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you wish to leave the unit, follow the instructions/checklist available in the BHHSACU GC. If you have paid a uniform deposit, you will also need to complete the “BHHSACU Cadet Uniform Deposit Refund” form, which is also available from the BHHSACU GC. Once checked by the ACS, we will hand it to the front office of the school for processing. If a uniform is not returned you will not be entitled to a refund. Any damaged or missing items may result in only \$100 being refunded.

Instructions to enrol - 2025

Step 1: Visit website bhhsacu.org

Step 2: Click on “Register” located on the top left



Step 3: Read the eligibility criteria

Step 4: If you meet the eligibility criteria and wish to join the cadet unit, click the link “online expression of interest form” as shown below, and complete the expression of interest form.

The expression of interest form will then be reviewed by the OC and myself and from there your formal application will be processed.

WANT TO JOIN?

If you want to join as a cadet at Baulkham Hills High School ACU fill out the [online expression of interest form](#).

3 February 2025

Home / Become a cadet

Become a cadet

1 CHOOSE A UNIT 2 ENTER YOUR INFO 3 CONFIRM & SEND

Step 2: Enter your personal information...

You're interested in joining...

Cadet Force: Australian Army Cadets

Unit: Baulkham Hills High School ACU

Choose again

I declare that information supplied can be used for the purpose of assessing my expression of interest, and if it is accepted, I acknowledge that further personal information will be required to verify my identity and assess my suitability to become a Cadet in the AAC

Fill out your details here...

Please note the following:

- Processing of applications may take time.
- Your information needs to be checked and further documents and/or other information may be required.
- Your name and date of birth must be identical to the proof of ID supplied.
- You will be advised if any information is required/missing.
- It is your responsibility to provide any missing information in a timely manner, otherwise you may need to restart the entire process.
- When your application is finalised, you will be issued (via email) with a CadetID number. This confirms that your application has been approved and the joining process is completed.

See LT (AAC) Iaconis or email any queries regarding the application process to LT (AAC) Iaconis at frank.iaconis@det.nsw.edu.au



MAJ (AAC) C. Charlton
OC, BHHSACU



Term 1 Masters Academy Programmes - Debating

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



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The Team That Brings Students The Australian National Virtual Debating Competition



Enrol with the leading provider of debating, public speaking and communication education to schools in NSW.

Our programmes prepare students with the soft skills and experience that today's students need for their technology powered future.

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**BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING**

MONDAY
TERM 1
7 SESSIONS
60 MINUTES
YEARS 7, 8, 9
ONLY \$239.00

Delivered in partnership with your school, our class options are designed to accommodate beginner to advanced speakers.

BENEFITS & SKILLS

- Activities & Debates/Speaking Exercises
- Taught By Experienced Coaches
- Engaging, Fun & Challenging
- Soft Skills & Communication
- Boosts Confidence & Self Esteem
- Supportive & Friendly Environment

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**BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
ASH: COMPETITIVE DEBATING**

THURSDAY
TERM 1
8 SESSIONS
75 MINUTES
YEARS 7, 8, 9
ONLY \$339.00

Delivered in partnership with your school, our class options are designed to accommodate beginner to advanced speakers.

BENEFITS & SKILLS

- Compete Against Other Schools
- Competitive Level Coaching
- 4 Competition Debates Per Term
- Professional Adjudicators
- Student Performance Tracking
- Expert Feedback

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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. Students can start at the Career Profile to learn more about what might suit them 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, but some parts are available to everyone, and you can sign up with a personal email address.

<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 by and 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, the areas where that demand exists, and stats/info about what they do. When students ask me if there are jobs in an industry, the first place I go is their [Jobs and Skills Atlas](#). It does a load of other great stuff too, including a national skills shortage list and industry growth projections over 5-10 years.

There is also my Careers site made just for BHHS students and parents where they can find all of these links and more: <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/bhhs-careers/career-links-resources>

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



School Student Travel - Busways



INFORMATION LINKS FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

1. Timetable information - busways.com.au or transportnsw.info
2. Opal card applications - [School Student Travel Scheme](#)
3. Student transport resources [for teachers](#)

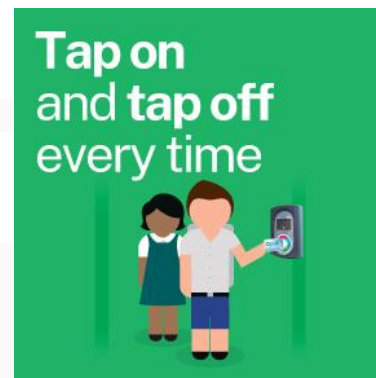
UPCOMING CAMPAIGNS TO SEND TO STUDENTS IN TERM 1

There are several communication campaigns scheduled for your school in Term 1, which we ask you to pass on to students, parents and carers. These address safety and behaviour, and full details for each campaign will be sent on or around the dates advised below -



Bus Safety Week 17 - 23 Feb

Bus Safety Week raises awareness for students and all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.



Tap on Tap Off Every Time Term 1 & 2

Busways Community Relations Officers will be visiting select schools at afternoon loading during Terms 1&2 and will contact the chosen schools well in advance of a visit.

No Vaping or Smoking

Did you know that more than 50% of complaints about vaping on buses are from school students vaping? Students are banned from smoking or vaping on NSW Public Transport!

School Student Travel – Parramatta Light Rail

Parramatta Light Rail

The Parramatta Light Rail between Westmead and Carlingford commenced passenger services on 20 December 2024.

Eligible students can apply to travel between school or TAFE and home on Parramatta Light Rail services under the School Student Transport Scheme.

When nominating or updating your preferred transport modes/operators on your school travel pass at transportnsw.info/school-students, select:

Mode: Light Rail

Operator: Sydney Light Rail/Parramatta Light Rail

Eligible students can nominate up to three (3) preferred transport modes for their journey between home and school.

Note: Some students may already have light rail travel entitlement added to their School Opal card. If you plan to travel on Parramatta Light Rail services, please follow the instructions above to update your preferred transport/operator modes if required.

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.

Uniform Shop Return and Exchange Policy



Any items you wish to return/exchange must be done within **ONE** week of purchase. All return/exchange must show receipt as proof of purchase. All returns must be in original packaging with tag perfectly. We do not accept any items that have been washed or worn. Refunds or exchange will be provided upon inspection of clothing at the discretion of the uniform shop co-ordinator.

Please note:

- Refund on credit card payments will require up to three weeks to process.
- No refund or exchange on the Orientation Day.
- No refund or exchange for any second-hand items at any time.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Administration Updates

Absence Explanations

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school on the day of absence or **within seven (7) days** from the first day of any period of absence, **otherwise it will remain unjustified**. If a student is absent for three (3) days or more a **Medical Certificate** is required.

Application for Extended Leave – Travel

Please click on the link below and fill in the form (4 pages) for extended leave – travel and certificate. A copy of flight details or itinerary is also to be included. The student can bring the hard copy form to be signed which is subject to approval before going on leave. **The certificate of extended leave travel will be given back to the student if travel leave is approved.**

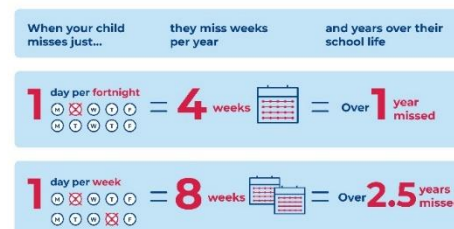
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

Planned Travel

Planned travel should only be taken during school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and the school is here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, or other reasons, please inform the school of their absence.

Days missed = years lost

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



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TAFE Use

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

Student pickup after school

A reminder about parking and picking up around our school in the afternoons, especially in the school bus bay, Carver Crescent, Christopher Street, Coronation Road, and Baulkham Hills TAFE areas.

Please ensure you follow all traffic rules (especially traffic lights and not parking across driveways) when you are in these areas. You could even have your student walk a little but further away from the school gate – to assist their physical health, and alleviate the heavy traffic at the end of the school day.

The Hills Shire Council will have compliance officers at various times in these locations to ensure all drivers are following required traffic rules.

Support From Reachout

The challenges of supporting students as parents and carers is always present. The issues around COVID-19 have made this an even more difficult and uncertain path to tread. I will be giving students short ideas via assemblies over the next few weeks in which they can proactively support themselves.

The website Reachout.com also provides advice for parent and carers over arrange of areas. It is worth having a look at <https://parents.au.reachout.com/> as a starting point.

For students, have a look at <https://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-handle-fear-about-the-future-a-guide-for-year-12-students> (Dr Amy Burton, Clinical Psychologist)

Bus Travel

The bus stop on Old Northern Rd in front of Baulkham Hills TAFE is used each afternoon by approximately 100 students. Students have the privilege and responsibility of accessing this bus stop through the TAFE. **I would remind students to be very careful and considerate when using and accessing this bus stop, waiting for a bus, and moving to the kerb to get on a bus.** Buses sometimes approach the stop very quickly, with the front of the bus coming over the edge of the kerb. Please always demonstrate courtesy and safety, and remember that there is always another bus.