

# Baulkham Hills High Newsletter



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**Volleyball Schools Cup  
Year 9 Volleyball Boys Division 2 Champions 2024 with  
Mr Paton and Mr Iaconis**

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Website Link: <https://baulkham-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/links.html>

## From the principal's desk:

Over 100 people visited BHHS yesterday (Sunday) for our inaugural **Welcome to Baulko BBQ**. This was an opportunity for families new to BHHS to meet some of the other new families, make some connections, and have a little bit of a look around the school. Thank you to our wonderful P & C volunteers who cooked up a storm for our guests.

**Year 11, 12 and accelerated students** commence their **half-yearly assessments from Monday 31 March**. Schedules have been shared with students. Students are reminded to read and check their schedules carefully, and ensure they follow the rules for assessments. Best wishes to all of our students – look after yourselves, sleep well, and do your best.

The school has received the certificate of occupancy for the **Student Wellbeing Hub**. This building, which will be named after a previous

31 March 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](http://www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au)

### Term 1, 2025

<b>Week 10</b>
<b>Monday 31 March</b> Y11 and Y12 Half Yearly Assessments 31/3 to 11/4 incl.
<b>Tuesday 1 April</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 April</b>
<b>Thursday 3 April</b>
<b>Friday 4 April</b>
<b>Week 11</b>
<b>Monday 7 April</b> Y11 and Y12 Half Yearly Assessments 31/3 to 11/4 incl.
<b>Tuesday 8 April</b>
<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>
<b>Thursday 10 April</b>
<b>Friday 11 April</b>

### Term 2, 2025

<b>Week 1</b>
<b>Monday 28 April – School Development Day – no students</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 April – School Development Day – no students</b>
<b>Wednesday 30 April</b> All students return to school
<b>Thursday 1 May</b> School Photos Day
<b>Friday 2 May</b>
<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday 5 May</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 May</b> School photos catch up day
<b>Wednesday 7 May</b> Zone Cross Country
<b>Thursday 8 May</b>
<b>Friday 9 May</b>
<b>Week 3</b>
<b>Monday 12 May</b> SRE Term 2 P5&6
<b>Tuesday 13 May</b>
<b>Wednesday 14 May</b>
<b>Thursday 15 May</b> Y12 Wellbeing Day
<b>Friday 16 May</b> Athletics Carnival – A H Whaling Athletics Track

BHHS general assistant, Michael Williams, will see many of our student services centralised in one place. They include our counsellors, Head Teachers Wellbeing and Teaching & Learning, our Student Support Officer, and our Careers Adviser. The building will be used by students from the start of Term 2, 2025. Construction was funded by the school community and BHHS P & C.

I will be on leave for the final week of Term 1. During this period, Mrs Martin will relieve as Principal, and Mrs Daher will relieve as Deputy Principal.

**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/public/implementation-documents/pd-2005-0259-02-01.pdf>

## Baulko News

### Advanced Life School Photos

Please order your photos before 1 May 2025 – details below

School Photo Day for students is on 1 May 2025

**order your school photos now**

to order visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

enter code: M8W XEH MBB



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope  
from your school office

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists

## P&C News

### 2025 P&C Multicultural Food Fair Poster Competition


#### Hey Baulko students!

Get ready to showcase your creativity! The Baulkham Hills High School P&C is hosting a poster design competition for the 2025 Multicultural Food Fair, and we want **YOU** to be a part of it!

Your design could be featured on event ads, flyers, programs, and even decorations!

**Theme:** Celebrate our rich multicultural community! Think vibrant food, traditional performances, and cultural diversity.

#### Your poster must include:

 **Title:** 2025 Baulkham Hills High School P&C Multicultural Food Festival

 **Date:** 22 November 2025

 **Time:** 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Prizes:** The top **2 winners** will each receive **\$100 cash!**

- Design your poster solo **or** as a team!
- Submit your artwork to **bhhspandc@hotmail.com** by **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**.

This is **your chance to shine** and bring your vision to life. Let your creativity **flow freely**, and let's make this Food Fair unforgettable!

#### BHHS P&C

### Year 11 and Year 12 Students

**Make sure you bring your Student ID Card into school. You need your ID card to sign in late flexible and early flexible. If you have lost your ID Card, please come to the Office to buy a new one \$10.**

## Volleyball Schools Cup - Year 9 Volleyball Boys Division 2 2024

Congratulations to our Year 9 Volleyball Boys Division 2 Champions. Photo on cover of newsletter with Mr Paton and Mr Iaconis with the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup plaque award.



## English, Literacy, EAL/D News



### WordFlyers Online Program

**Years 7-9** have been registered with **WordFlyers**, the online literacy program specifically designed for junior high school students. **WordFlyers** is dedicated to bringing students' literacy skills up to standard in grammar, reading comprehension, punctuation, vocabulary, spelling and writing. Reading and engaging with programs like **WordFlyers** are important for developing literacy skills because it enhances key areas of language proficiency, including:

- Exposure to new words in different contexts which helps students understand and use a wider range of vocabulary in writing and speech. Activities in **WordFlyers** reinforce word meanings, synonyms, and antonyms, aiding better comprehension and expression.
- Engagement with structured texts and grammar exercises which improves sentence construction, punctuation, and syntax. Mastery of sentence variety enhances fluency and makes writing more engaging and precise.
- Practicing with different text types (narrative, persuasive, informative) from different subject areas which sharpens critical reading skills.
- Reading a variety of texts helps students analyse perspectives, infer meanings, and draw conclusions.

By regularly reading and completing **WordFlyers activities**, students **build strong literacy foundations** that are essential for academic success and everyday communication.

Students should aim to complete **approximately 30 minutes** of the program each week as part of their home study. Students may also be asked to complete tasks in class time. Students have been issued a username and password from their classroom teacher.

### Reading Years 7-12

**Junior Classes** all take part in a mandated wide reading program that exposes students to a variety of reading materials. Students are encouraged to select novels from the reading list designed by the Department of Education link below.

**Senior students** are also encouraged to read beyond the texts studied in class as part of their home study. To help in facilitating the successful implementation of this, a list of recommended books is provided in the links below. The Book Club is also available for keen readers to share their love of literature (students please see the daily notices for meeting information).

**Book list link provided by The Department of Education:-**

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

The **school library** also subscribes to <https://bhhs.wheelers.co/> where students can sign up and borrow digital novels with their Department of Education email. It has a wide range of texts with age recommendations.

Happy Reading! Mrs Eisermann (Literacy Coordinator)

## Careers News

UAC Opens this week on Wednesday, April 2.

As a reminder, there's a fee for UAC which is \$80. As long as you apply before the end of September, it stays the same. After that it goes up to \$210. The fee is one-off, so there are no additional fees.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/>

Once you have paid, you can apply for SRS (early entry) and EAS (for disadvantaged students) as per previous newsletter entries.

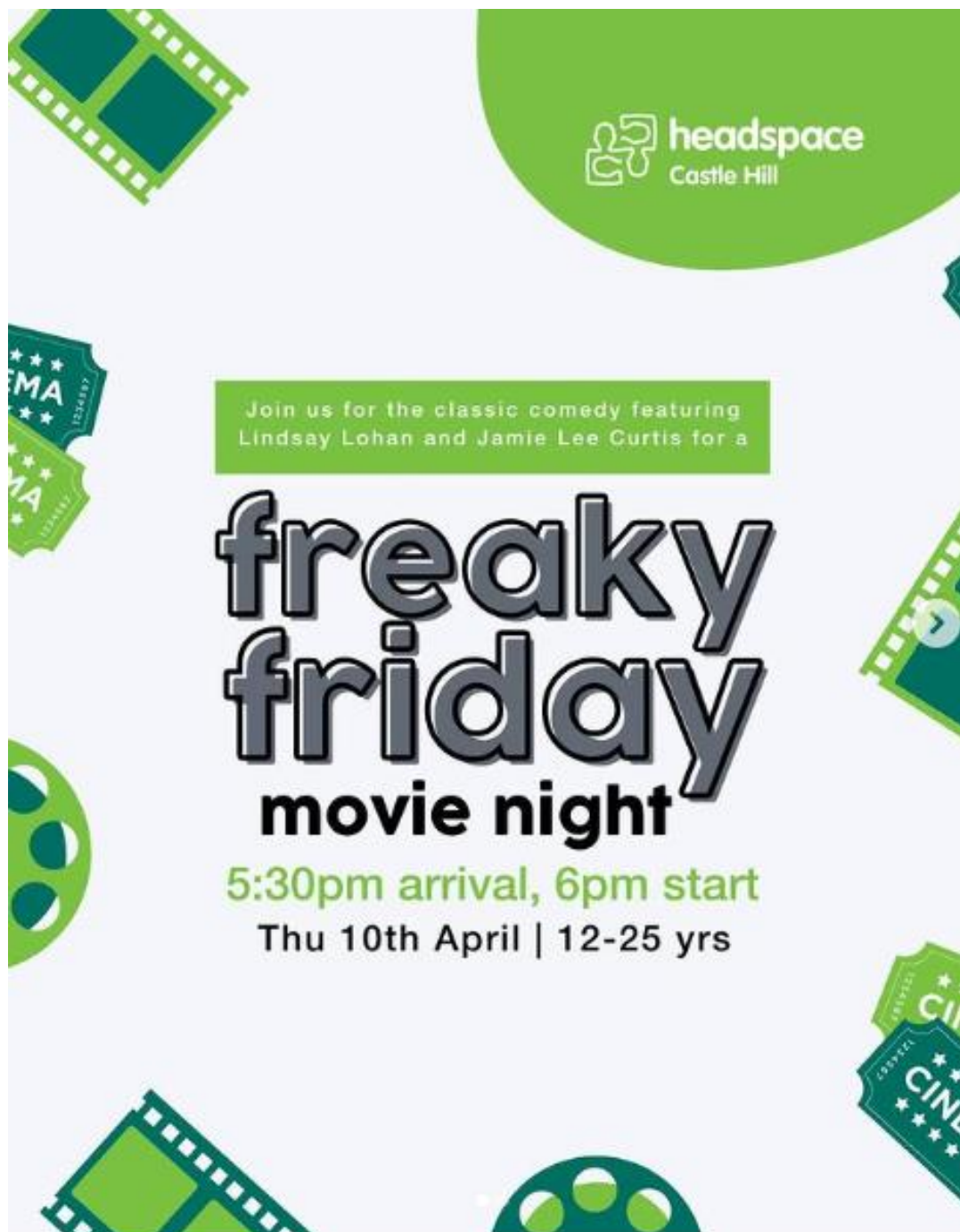
The UAC site has a lot of very useful information about what they do and how those things work. If you would like more information it would be best to come along to the P&C Meeting on May 27 where I will present about its key dates and processes and you can ask questions. The UAC site has a page for Parents which you can check out here: <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/parents>

Also note that UAC do livestreams regularly and you can find the links to them [here](#) when they begin. They also take questions on the live streams which are normally done on a range of social media platforms. They also post them to YouTube to watch later and have a lot of other useful information on their [YouTube channel](#). These range from how the HSC, ATAR and Scaling work, all the way through to how to apply for EAS, SRS and change your preference list. Many of these are aimed specifically at parents so they are very useful for you. I strongly recommend you watch these if you're feeling unsure about the processes.

As always, if you're wanting additional support, please get in touch.

Enjoy,


**Chris Buchli**  
**Careers Adviser**




**For Youth Week 2025, headspace Castle Hill** will be hosting a movie night! Come along for some free pizza and snacks while watching the classic comedy - Freaky Friday - starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis!

Details:

 When: Thu 10th April 5:30pm arrival for 6pm viewing

 Where: headspace Castle Hill - 253 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154

 Who: Young people 12-25y/o

 Register via QR code <https://headspacecastlehill.typeform.com/to/ABSzwa6a>

OR HEADSPACE Castle Hill Instagram



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## SCHOOL CANTEEN Baulkham Hills High School



<b>SANDWICH BAR</b> <b>Breads (G) White or Wholemeal</b> 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)		<b>TURKISH BREADS - G</b> <b>Chicken Schnitzel \$6.50</b> Chicken Schnitzel, rocket, roast capsicum & cheese <b>HCT \$6.50</b> Ham, tasty cheese & tomato <b>SUSHI SALAD CUPS - G \$7.00</b> Salmon, Tuna, Teriyaki Chicken or Vegan		<b>Rolls &amp; Wraps</b> Extra \$1.00  <b>Gluten Free Sliced</b> Extra \$2.00
<b>SUPER SALAD BOXES - \$6.50 G</b> <b>Greek</b> Tomato, Cucumber, Spanish onion, Pitted Olives, Greek Feta <b>Tortellini Pesto Pumpkin</b> Spinach & ricotta tortellini, roasted pumpkin & chickpeas <b>Lentil Salad</b> Lentils, couscous, chickpeas, fresh vegetables & herbs in a citrus dressing <b>Mexican Chicken</b> Chicken breast, rice, beans, chipotle peppers, Mexican salsa <b>Italian Penne salad</b> Penne pasta, roasted eggplant, sun-dried tomato, shallots & feta cheese <b>Glass Noodles w/Asian Veg</b> Vermicelli noodles, fresh vegetables with herbs & sesame oil dressing		<b>EXTRAS</b> 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](http://www.melstastybites.com)

<b>HOMEMADE BURGERS/ROLLS &amp; WRAPS - G</b> 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	<b>HOMEMADE HOT BAR</b> <b>Selected Daily Specials</b> 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	<b>HOMEMADE MEXICAN - G</b> Beef & Bean Nachos \$6.50 Chicken Burrito \$6.00 Beef Burrito \$6.00  <b>HOMEMADE PIZZA - G</b> Cheese \$4.50 BBQ Chicken \$4.50 Ham & Cheese \$4.50
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### WEEKLY SPECIALS

<b>MONDAY</b> Butter Chicken & Rice \$6.00 GH Steak Roll \$6.50 GH Wedges \$6.50 A (Sour cream & sweet Chili)	<b>TUESDAY</b> Sushi (2 Pk) \$7.00 G Penne Bolognese \$6.00 GH Gyaza (Chicken or Pork (5)) \$8.00 G	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Karaage Chicken Nuggets \$8.00 G Curry Chicken & Rice \$6.00 GH Cheeseburger \$5.50 GH
<b>THURSDAY</b> 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	<b>FRIDAY</b> 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	Halal Food choices are all Certified G - Green A - Amber H - Homemade



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## SCHOOL CANTEEN BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

<i><b>Breakfast</b></i>		<i><b>Snacks</b></i>	
<i><b>Yoghurt &amp; Muesli</b></i>	<i><b>\$5.00</b></i>	<i><b>Chips</b></i>	<i><b>from \$3.00</b></i>
<i><b>Fruit Salad</b></i>	<i><b>\$6.00</b></i>	<i><b>Chocolate Bars</b></i>	<i><b>\$3.00</b></i>
<i><b>Toasted Sandwiches</b></i>	<i><b>from \$3.50</b></i>	<i><b>Choc Chip Cookies</b></i>	<i><b>\$4.00</b></i>
		<i><b>Health Bars</b></i>	<i><b>\$4.00</b></i>

***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

<i><b>FROZEN TREATS</b></i>		<i><b>DESSERTS</b></i>	
<i>Streets Ice-cream</i>	<i>from \$3.00 A</i>	<i>Mel's Toasted Banana Bread</i>	<i>\$3.50</i>
<i>Peters Ice Cream</i>	<i>from \$3.00 A</i>	<i>Mel's Low Fat Muffins</i>	<i>\$4.50</i>
<i>Vanilla Ice Cream Cup</i>	<i>\$2.50 A</i>	<i>Chocolate Mousse</i>	<i>\$4.50</i>
		<i>Biscoff Cheesecake</i>	<i>\$4.50</i>

### ***COFFEE & TEA***

*COMING SOON.....*

*\$3.50 – Small*

*\$4.00 – Large*

### ***DRINKS***

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

## 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.