

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News



APRIL
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

MAY

- Monday 1 April:** Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Thursday 4 April:** School Cross Country
- Friday 5 April:** Future Space Program Excursion
- Wednesday 10 April:** P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
- Friday 12 April:** Last day of Term 1
- Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April:** Term 1 School Holidays
- Thursday 25 April:** ANZAC Day
- Monday 29 April:** School Development Day
- Tuesday 30 April:** Students return to school for Term 2

- Wednesday 1 May:** School Photo Day
- Tuesday 7 May:** Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 8 May:** P&C Meeting 6pm in the Library
- Thursday 9 May:** Selective High School's Placement Test
- Friday 10 May:** Mother's Day Breakfast
- Monday 13 May:** Year 7 and 8 Semester 1 Examinations commence
- Friday 17 May:** IDAHOBIT Day
- Monday 20 May:** Year 9 and 10 Semester 1 Examinations commence

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It's been an impressive few weeks since our last newsletter here at Seven Hills High School. Once again, we have had many opportunities to showcase the amazing learning and experiences we offer.

Our Year 7 camp was held in Week 6 at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students and staff attended the camp for 3 action filled days, it was a great opportunity for our students to get to know each other by working together to solve various outdoor challenges as well as building resilience by pushing them beyond their comfort zone.

We celebrated International Woman's Day by hosting a breakfast for our collegiate at our Vocational Innovation Centre. Students heard from prominent female leaders from industry and our community about their career journeys and how important their schools were in helping them realise their dreams.



One of the highlights of our calendar is celebrating Harmony week and our Multicultural Assembly. The theme for Harmony Week 2024 is 'Everyone Belongs'. This year's assembly was a spectacular production celebrating our rich and diverse student body. It is important for us to continue to remain persistent in our focus on working harmoniously with each other every day - not just one day. Together, we continue to build a strong, resilient community at Seven Hills High School that flourishes through its difference.

We have also welcomed our prospective Year 7, 2025 students and parents at our recent Open Night. It was a great opportunity for future students and their parents to really get to know our school, students, staff, and facilities and an opportunity to showcase the amazing things we do here at Seven Hills High School.

Year 7 and 9 students have been very busy undertaking NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). It was great to hear how hard students worked on this important assessment. NAPLAN is an important tool for evaluating students' skills and progress in literacy and numeracy in Australia.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By the end of their schooling, they will have missed out on more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – coming to school every day, for the whole day, is vital. Please ensure you read the information included in this newsletter on attendance and please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you require assistance.

I am excited to announce that from next term, Seven Hills High School will be moving to a digital only platform for the distribution and return of Excursion and Incursion notes. We acknowledge the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers, to have the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs. From next term all Excursion/Incursion notes will be distributed via email where notes will be completed, signed digitally and submitted electronically back to us. There will also be an option to pay for an excursion at the time of submitting the note, alternatively payment can still be made at the front office. It is imperative that we have accurate contact information (email in particular). If you know your details require updating with the school, please complete the attached [Change to Family Contact Details Form](#).

Finally, thank you for your support of the school throughout this first term, please take the time during the upcoming break to spend time with family and friends and most importantly keep safe and I look forward to continuing working with you all to ensure our students have every possible opportunity to thrive.

Warmest regards,

Matthew Saville

HARMONY DAY

Seven Hills High School celebrated Harmony Day on 21 March with a Multicultural Assembly.

It is important to recognise that Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are fortunate to have such a large diversity of cultures that make up our school community.

During our Multicultural Assembly, students and staff performed various cultural dances and spoke about what Harmony Day means to them.

The day was a huge success and highlighted the values of respect, equality and freedom and reminded us that despite our differences, we are all part of one global community. By embracing our differences and working together, we can create a more peaceful and inclusive society for everyone.



Every Day Matters

If your child misses
as little as

1 day
per fortnight

they will miss

4 weeks
of school
per year

which adds up
to over

1 year
missed over
their school life



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



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ATTENDANCE

At Seven Hills High School we are committed to ensuring our students achieve the best possible outcome throughout their education, and this starts with school attendance.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's Year Adviser. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters](#) website.

Medical Certificates Requirements: If your child(ren) is sick for 5 consecutive school days, a Medical Certificate is required.

Holidays and Travel Requirements: We encourage families to travel during official school holidays, however if you are traveling during school terms, an [Application for extended leave - travel](#) must be completed and returned to Seven Hills High School.

ABSENTEE PROCESS

Seven Hills High School Absentee Process

If your child is absent from school, please follow one of the following methods to notify the school:



Phone: Contact Seven Hills High School on 02 9624 3329. You will be able to leave a message or speak with someone from our Administration Team. If you are leaving a message, please ensure you name the student, the time they will be off and the reason why they are absent.



Email: Send an email to: sevenhills-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Please ensure you name the student, the time they will be off and the reason why they are absent.



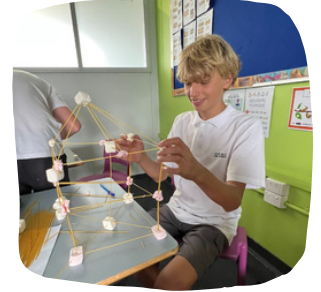
Text Message: If your child is absent and the school hasn't been notified, you will receive a text message on the day. This message asks you to respond with the reason for their absence, or phone the school.

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Help your child establish positive nighttime and morning routines, ensuring their uniform and school bag is organised
- Encourage your child to attend school every day unless they are sick
- Avoid arranging family holidays during the school term or doctor's appointments during school hours

We understand that some families face challenges in getting their child to school for a variety of reasons. Please contact your child's Year Adviser if you are facing any difficulties so we can work together on implementing positive initiatives.

A LOOK BACK ON *TERM 1*



As we are approaching the end of Term 1, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

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