

# QUEANBEYAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4  
Volume 1



## WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome back to our final term of learning for 2024. As always there is a lot going on and we hope that the newsletter gives you an insight into some of what is happening at our wonderful school. Be sure to check out Facebook regularly for updates on events.



## Inside *FAREWELL TO YEAR 12*

### Year 11 start the HSC course

Although they are still enrolled as year 11 students, our 2025 HSC cohort commence their final year of study this term. Students will receive their end of year 11 report soon. We encourage them to use their results and report to make decisions about their pattern of study. Students will have the opportunity to drop a subject at the start of next year.

## SUN SAFETY CHECKLIST

As we move towards summer, a reminder of the importance of sun safety.

You can protect your child from the damaging effects of UV radiation by reminding them to:

- apply sunscreen each morning before they leave for school
- wear a sun-safe hat
- pack sunglasses to protect their eyes from sun damage.

### Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide

Slip on a shirt

Slop on the 30+ sunscreen

Slap on a hat

Seek shade or shelter

Slide on some sunnies.

## Attendance matters means explaining all absences

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



**Let us know**

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every Day Matters



# WHAT'S ON QHS

TERM 4  
WEEKS 1 TO 5

Welcome to term 4. Here are just some of the exciting things happening in the first half of the term.

## Excursions

Oct 21-Oct 25 Rural Fire Cadets  
(yr 9 only)

Oct 22 - NRL Canberra Raiders Mixed Tag

Nov 5 - Support excursion to AIE

Nov 5 to 7 - Childcare sector careers  
experience

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day

Nov 12 - Lunch in the workplace - Animal  
care focus

Nov 12- Transition day

## Birrigai

Students participating in the  
Birrigai program will be  
continuing to learn on  
country each Friday this  
term.

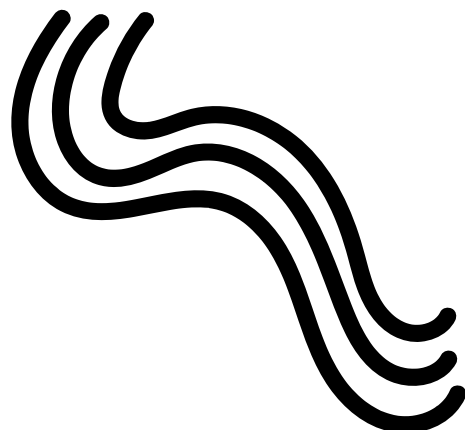
## P&C spotlight:

The next P&C meeting  
will be on Wednesday  
30 October, starting  
at 6:30pm. All are  
welcome!

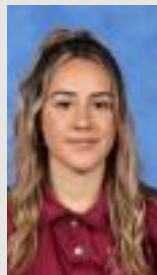
**Run Club - every Wednesday  
after school**

## HSC Examinations

- Commencing on 15 October
- Final exam on 8 November



# Student leadership team



**2025**

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Well done to our new student leaders.

Captains: Nate Rangi and Charlie Smith

Prefects: Tyisha Towney Cameron and Kaleb Woodward

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# FAREWELL YEAR 12 2024

## A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO SAY GOODBYE



Year 12 2024 could not have asked for a more perfect day for their graduation. Although the rest of the week was mired by high winds, rain and cold, Tuesday 24 September was a day of clear skies and sunshine, presenting year 12 with perfect conditions for their formal assembly.

The assembly was marked by lots of genuine emotion from students, parents and staff. Starting with an incredibly moving Welcome to Country by Tyson Russell, every speech and performance was delivered with feeling. Time and again year 12 students moved from laughter to tears as they reviewed the highlights of their time here at Queanbeyan High School.

We wish our graduating class the very best of luck for the next steps in their journey. For most, that will be undertaking their HSC examinations, for others it will be starting full time employment. We hope that wherever the future leads these wonderful young people, that they will continue to demonstrate the spirit of resilience and determination that have been a feature of their time here at Queanbeyan High School.



# ASSESSMENT TASKS

LEARNING FOCUS

STRESS!

Signs to look out for:

- Trouble sleeping
- Head aches
- Biting fingernails
- Stomach aches
- Withdrawing from friends and family
- Not engaging in regular activities

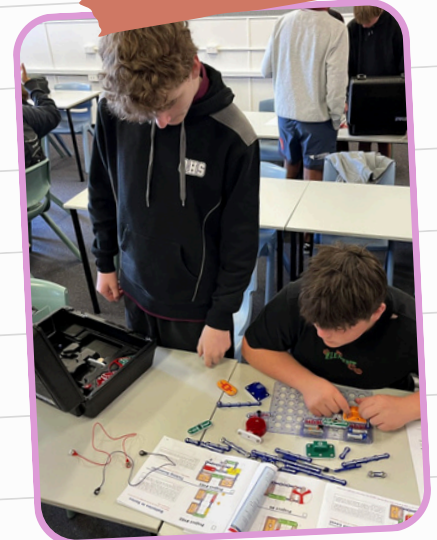
Aside from our HSC students many other QHS students will be completing final assessment tasks and examinations this term. These tasks will contribute to end of year reports. For some students assessment can be stressful and lead to a range of physical and mental wellbeing concerns.

Assessment provides information about student learning and achievement at a point in time and the progress students have made.

Teachers use results to develop the next stage of learning for students.

While we want students to take these tasks seriously, we do not want to see them develop unhealthy practices in relation to tasks and examinations.

If you are concerned about your child's approach to assessment tasks please contact their year advisor to discuss in more detail.





# BIRRIGAI



Each Friday a group of 18 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students travel out to Birrigai Outdoor School. Students engage in a variety of cultural learning activities relating to caring for country. They also made traditional items such as a coolamon and didgeridoos to present to our year 12 Indigenous students. We thank the team at Birrigai Outdoor School for their support of our students.



Birrigai means 'laughter' in the language of the Ngunnawal people.

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# *Welcome to Mr Evans*

We are delighted to welcome our new head teacher of Human Society and Its Environment - Mr Evans. Mr Evans joins us from Bowral High School.

We are so pleased to have such a well qualified and experienced teacher join our staff here at QHS.



*Head teacher  
HSIE*

# MOBILE PHONES

To allow students to use their phones for canteen purchases the school's procedures have changed.

## UPDATED PROCEDURES

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### PHONES OFF – LEARNING ON

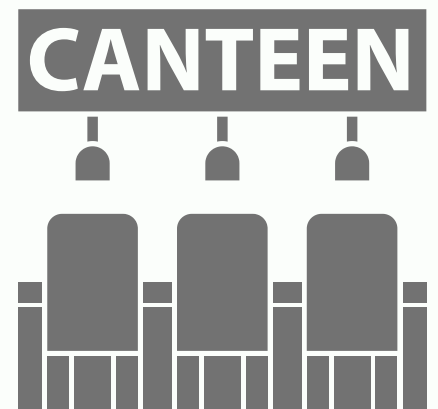
Entering school grounds students are expected to:

- Disconnect headphones, speakers, airpods or earbuds and put them in their bag
- Switch phones off
- Place them safely in their bag
- Turn phones on at the end of the day

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### CANTEEN USE

- Switch phone on
- Pay for canteen items
- Switch phone off and put it away before leaving the canteen



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### COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CHILD

If you need to speak to your child please call the front office on 02 6297 2088. We will organise for them to speak to you in the front office.





# Strategic Improvement Plan

## Queanbeyan High School Strategic Improvement Plan Survey



2025 TO 2028

2025 TO 2028

4 QUICK  
QUESTIONS

Our school is updating our Strategic Improvement Plan. Please take a moment to complete the survey via QR code. Responses will be used to develop our strategic directions for the next 4 years.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK