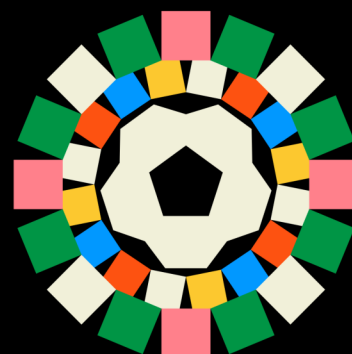


# Term 3 2023 Updates



Week 3		Year 7 vaccination paperwork to be distributed and returned asap
	Monday	Go the Matildas
	Wed - Friday	Year 12 HSC Trial Exams
Week 4	Monday - Friday	Year 12 HSC Trial Exams
	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Interviews- bookings open Week 2
Week 5	Friday	Vaccinations– Year 7
Week 6	Wednesday	Subject Selection Information Evening
		Stage 5 : Year 8-9 : information session 5pm, followed by course expo
		Stage 6: Year 10 -11 : information session 5pm, followed by course expo
Week 6	Thursday	Year 11 Prefect election Speeches: session 4
Week 6	Friday	<a href="#">Wear it Purple Day</a>
Week 7	Tuesday - Thursday	QHS Hosts the Queanbeyan Network Schools Soaring with STEM NAIDOC workshops.
Week 7	Monday - Friday	Year 12 HSC course review and study sessions – Karabar High School
Week 7	Tuesday- Thursday	Year 11 course review and study sessions- Karabar High School
Week 8	Friday	Year 11 Course final exam
Week 9	Monday - Friday	Year 11 Course final exams
Week 10	Tuesday	Respectful Responsible Learner Celebration Assembly
Week 10	Wednesday	Deadly Day Out Rewards Excursion
Week 10	Thursday	Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Week 10	Friday	Year 12 Gala Day



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## Work at QHS

### Available non-teaching roles

- **Student Support Officer:** you will need a degree or qualification in social work or mental health and wellbeing or considerable work experience in the field of youth wellbeing services. Recruitment process is conducted by central staffing but the School Principal can talk about the position with you.
- **School Learning and Support Officers:** preference given to people who already have undertaken a certificate 2 in teacher aid/support at TAFE. Good literacy and numeracy skills and ability to work positively with students essential.
- **Full time administration support:** faculty support through use of technology, data entry and formatting of materials.
- **Part time position** to assist staff with variation of routine paperwork and risk assessments for excursion and incursions.

Anyone interested should contact the school and talk with the Principal or School Administration Manager.

*All staff in schools require a NSW Working with Children Check and will also have additional screening for working directly with students.*

## Staffing changes impacts the timetable

Changes were made to the timetable to accommodate a reduction in the number of teachers we currently have in the school. A significant number of staff have taken up new positions in other systems and industries. As yet we have been unable to fill these positions and are operating on a much-reduced staffing capacity. This necessitated a major overhaul of our timetable and at this point we are unable to take out of area enrolments.

There are some positions where we have struggled to get consistency of teachers for this year. Some of these positions have been advertised several times with no result. At assembly this week, we asked all students to be mindful of this and focus on our expected behaviours as Respectful, Responsible Learners.

We are working under less than optimum conditions and we need to treat each other with respect allowing them to learn and teach.

At the core of our decision making is to focus on day-to-day operations and trying to continue to offer the enrichment and engagement activities of sport, cultural, academic and recreational opportunities that benefit our students.

We will strive to communicate this information to our parent community through your provided email and facebook. Where staff have capacity, we shall share our students' efforts Via Facebook. Parents who are not receiving emails should check the school has the best email contact.

## Are you interested in working in our school?

One full-time and one-part time position open for people with good technology and administration skills until the end of December 2023. Our school has funding for an additional 1.7 School Administration positions commencing early next term for the remainder of 2023. Applicants will need to have good IT skills covering Microsoft, Sharepoint, Google Apps and be able to pick up new systems quickly. These roles will be directly supporting teachers and faculties with online templates for teaching programmes and supporting the organisation of variations of routine related to sport and daily operations. Interested people should contact the school on 62972088 and ask to speak with the principal.

## Proposed change in finishing times of the school

The school is looking at reduce our break times by five minutes and finish the school day ten minutes earlier to reduce issues with pedestrians exiting the school at the same time that buses moving around the school. Student being picked up by parents and walking/riding home will be left by the time our first buses arrive at 3.25pm. The new proposed finishing time will be 3.10 pm.

Should you have any questions or comments about these changes, please phone the school and talk to one of our Deputy Principals or Principal.



## Parents and Citizens Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 6th August 2023, the P&C is running the Bar B Que at the Fyshwick Bunnings. Please see the flyer for information on how you can help.

*Follow the P&C on Facebook.*

## HSC Study Week

Year 12 students will join students from Finigan School of Distance Education, Braidwood Central School and Karabar High Schools to undertake a 2 hour course summary and HSC Exam preparation courses, delivered by Connect Education and expert teachers from our network with Marking experience.

## Subject Selection

### Information Sessions

Wednesday 23 August 2023, we will be holding information sessions for students and parents transitioning from Year 8 into 9 at 5 pm. Students transitioning from Year 10 into 11 will have an information session at 6pm. You will learn about mandatory courses and the large range of elective we have on offer including Academic and Vocational Education and Training Courses. All of our courses are approved through the NSW Education Standards Authority.



## NAIDOC STEM Workshops—Soar with Stem

The combined Queanbeyan Network Schools are excited to be holding a STEM week for this year's NAIDOC Week. Tuesday, 29 August to Thursday 31 August 2023.

2400 students from across 18 schools will participate in a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEM focused activities and investigate post school destination options and supports available within our region.

Students from Years 5 to Year 8 will participate in workshops and students from Years 9 and 10 will support workshop delivery and visit the careers expo. The expo will expose students to local options for tertiary and skilled training beyond formal school education. Parent volunteers with a NSW Working with Children check are most welcome to support this program by helping to run a BBQ to feed all visiting students.

## HSC Study Seminars

A large number of our seniors spent considerable time over the recent holidays with teachers revising their material ahead of their final term of education capping off 13 years of formal schooling. Many of our students aspire to attend University next year, so are working to maximise their results in the Higher School Certificate exams. A big thank you to the teachers who gave up their vacation and family time to support the students; and congratulations to the students who put in the effort and hours of additional study.

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Our graduating class is busy finalizing major works ahead of their trial HSC exams in weeks 3 and 4.



## Together as one– creating strong futures:

Queanbeyan High School has a strong tradition of our graduates entering their adult lives with credentials suited to their chosen pathways. High percentages go to university, CIT or TAFE, apprenticeships, or employment. Our school has an Alumni Facebook group that enables our ex students to share photos and anecdotes from their school days. This is a great way to remain connected to you school mates.

### Cost of Living impacts our school community

We are very aware that many families are struggling with the cost of living. Recent invoices sent home for school elective fees for the first

time are being treated as optional as we understand that many families are finding it difficult to afford fees. The option to support the school if you are able to is still there, but we are genuine in our efforts to support you at home.

Breakfast club is running three mornings a week and it is very popular with a number of students who appreciate the service.

Our P&C is working to support all of our Year 7 students attend their camp in Term4. It became clear in Term 1 that the cost of camp was too high for many families. Parents who are able to volunteer on the BBQ at Fyshwick Bunnings on the 6 August are encouraged to nominate a time. This is a good way to assist with more tangible supports for our students.

## Attendance: Keep it above 95%

Research shows that student outcomes and post school options are linked closely to attendance patterns.

Students should maintain their attendance above 95% to maximise their results.

Work readiness is about turning up to work and being prepared to work for the whole shift.

Students should be prepared for each lesson and make sure they attend every class.

Strong attendance is key to future achievement in school, in post school learning and work. Together parents and schools can support our student establish and maintain strong attendance for a smart future.



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