

QUEANBEYAN HIGH SCHOOL

School Newsletter



SCHOOL CLUBS

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NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

An opportunity for student voice

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

Parent Teacher Evening
Tuesday 13 May 4pm to 7pm
Bookings through Sentral

OFF **AND AWAY**

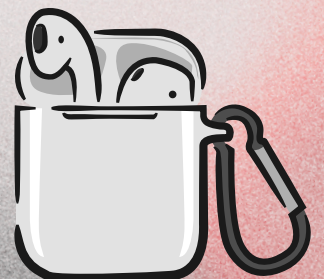
**TERM 2
PBL FOCUS**



Mobile phones, ear buds/pods and speakers need to be off and away throughout the school day

Contacting your child

- Mobile phones present a huge distraction to learning.
- You can support our term 2 focus on phones staying 'off and away' by not contacting your child via their mobile phone.
- Parents and carers can make contact with the school through the school office (02 6297 2088).
- Students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if urgent.



Attendance Matters



THANK YOU

In term one our overall attendance rate rose by 2% however the really good news is that the number of students attending 90% or more of the time rose by 7%. This resulted in an amazing number of students receiving PBL bronze certificates in term 1. Well done to year 7 and 8 who lead the way with attendance.

We also saw a record turn out for the Cross Country Carnival. It is wonderful to see so many of our students at school for these extra-curricular events.

We know that everyday makes a difference and we look forward to seeing continued improvement in our attendance data and being able to reward students for their commitment to school.

Thank you, parents and carers for supporting our efforts to improve attendance.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, have sorry business or other reasons, please inform us of their absence. You can contact us on 02 6297 2088 or you use the Sentral for Parents app.

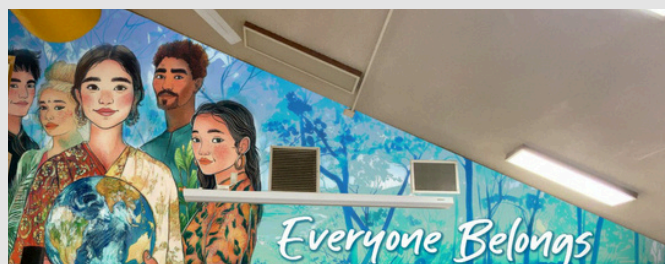
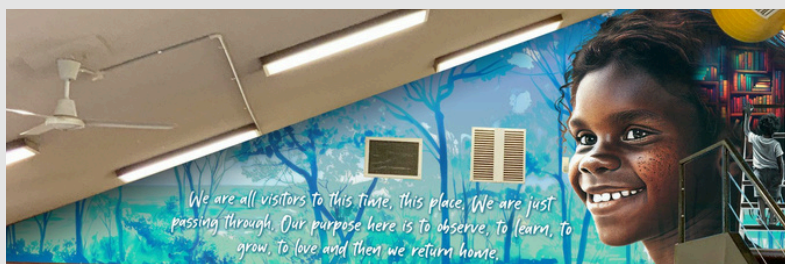


Facility upgrades

MAKING OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS BETTER

A BLOCK WINDOW FROSTING

Our classrooms in A block have received beautiful frosting which has created a calm and serene backdrop for learning. The frosting allows students to stay focused on their learning within the classroom by blocking out movements from other classes and passersby.



LIBRARY MURALS

Our library has been updated with two beautiful murals. The murals showcase our strong commitment to Aboriginal Education and our rich multi-cultural school community.

SCIENCE MURAL

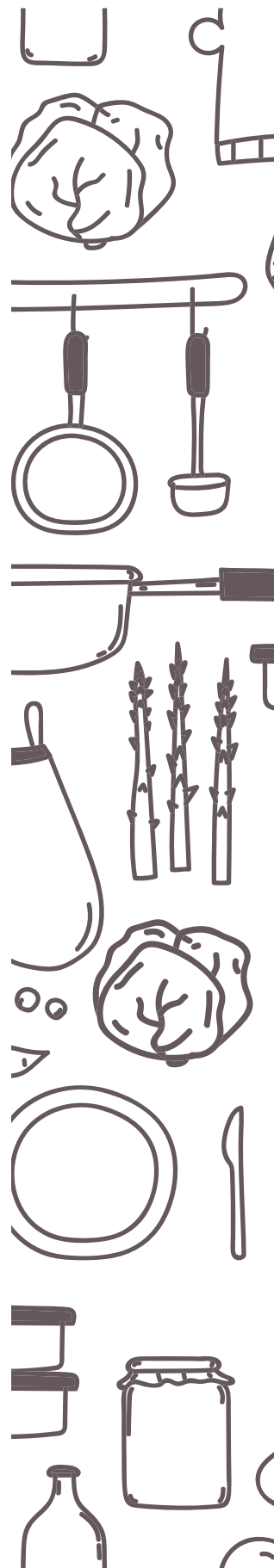
Science students have a world of inspiration to greet them when they arrive in J Block. Our new science mural features notable scientists from across time.



G BLOCK KITCHEN UPGRADE

Our kitchen and art making space in G Block has had a real lift, with new cabinetry, tiles and flooring being installed. New appliances including a microwave, stove and cooktop have also been added.

As this space is used daily by students in supported learning we know that these upgrades will make a huge difference. We look forward to seeing the wonderful meals and art works that will be produce in this space.





POSITIVE LANGUAGE

Everyone wants school to be a positive place. One of the easiest ways that we can achieve this is through thinking about the words, tone and body language that we use when we speak with each other.

**QUEANBEYAN HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ARE RESPECTFUL,
RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS**

This term we will be supporting students to make better choices when they are angry or frustrated, rather than resorting to swearing or abusive language.

You can support us with this by discussing with your child the impact that swearing, homophobic, racist and other negative language has on people.

If you have noticed changes in the way your child uses language and you are concerned please contact your child's year advisor to discuss strategies and supports available.





EVENT COMING SOON TO QHS

Stay Tuned

**OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 9-12
START PLANNING YOUR FUTURE TODAY!**

Save the Date

Tuesday 3rd June: 5-7pm (Week 6, Term 2)

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER @ QHS

It's Time to Launch - Your Career Journey Starts Here!

Talk to over 20 local Businesses & Departments about your
future career options and job opportunities.



Tuesday, June 3rd (Week 6, Term 2)



5pm- 7pm



**Surveyor St & Agnes Avenue,
Queanbeyan NSW 2620**



Students in years 9-12



Scan the QR code to secure your seat.



School based apprenticeships



**It's time for
year 10 to
plan their
senior
pathways**

Although it may seem early in the year, students wishing to pursue a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT) or an Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA) need to be starting on this process now.

Planning ahead

If you feel an SBAT or ASBA would be a great opportunity for your child you should:

- Read the following pages that outline the processes
- Book an appointment with our careers adviser – Yvette Cochrane
- Have your child talk with people in the industry
- Start to source possible employers

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Our SBAT Team



Careers Adviser – Yvette Cochrane

Ms Cochrane is the teacher who will work with you and your child to set up the apprenticeship or traineeship. This will involve a formal sign up session between the employer, the education provider (often TAFE) and your child.

Yvette has a great deal of experience in helping students create their apprenticeship pathway and welcome new challenges as well.

Job coach – Katie Wightman

Katie's primary role is to support students with a disability to successfully enter the workforce. However, she does much more than that. She can support students from the first steps, such as writing resumes through to helping them find a suitable employer.



SBAT coach – Anna Wilkey

We welcome back Anna Wilkey to QHS and are delighted to have her step into our new SBAT coach role. Anna will be checking in with all SBAT students, ensuring that they are keeping up with their regular school work. Anna's many years of classroom experience and year advising make her the ideal contact person for all our SBAT students.

Dream Big

There is no one HSC pathway for students. At QHS we believe we have everything your child needs to find success in the senior years. That includes engaging with the world of further study and work while completing the HSC. We encourage all of our students to dream big.

**Whatever your child's career dream ...
We have the team to support them and you!**

Contact the school to speak to any of our pathways team.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships



School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) are a great way for you to get a head start on your career while still at school.

What are SBATs and how do they work?

SBATs are available to all Year 10, 11 and 12 high school students in NSW. By choosing to do an SBAT you can gain a nationally recognised qualification as part of your Higher School Certificate (HSC).

This is achieved by combining part-time work with formal training at school, TAFE NSW or another Registered Training Organisation. There are a range of industry opportunities available, with over 200 SBAT qualifications to choose from!



What will I get out of an SBAT?

A school based apprentice will:

- Complete stage one of an apprenticeship part-time while completing the HSC
- Work a minimum of 100 - 180 days* in paid employment by December 31 of the HSC year
- Participate in formal training with TAFE NSW or another Registered Training Organisation.

A school based trainee will:

- Complete a certificate II or III qualification while completing the HSC
- Work a minimum of 100 - 180 days* in paid employment by December 31 of the HSC year
- Participate in formal training with TAFE NSW or another Registered Training Organisation.

* as outlined in the relevant Vocational Training Order



To find out more about the Educational Pathways Program, visit education.nsw.gov.au/educational-pathways

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Can I complete an SBAT and get an ATAR?

Yes, it is possible to complete a school based apprenticeship or traineeship AND receive an ATAR. Talk to your Careers Adviser about your pattern of study and how an SBAT will fit into your HSC.

How often will I go to work?

Generally, one day per week during school terms as well as additional days during the school holidays. The days and times will be negotiated between you, your school and employer.

Will I be paid for the days I work?

Absolutely! As a school based apprentice or trainee you must be paid according to the wage rates and conditions of employment in the appropriate award or industrial agreement.

Things to consider

Students who take on a school based apprenticeship or traineeship are motivated young people who don't just want to plan their future career, they want to experience it now. It's very important that you think about how you can manage your SBAT by considering:

- Is this a career I'm interested in?
- Can I balance school, work and training along with family and community commitments?
- Do I have a support network around me to help along the way? Teachers, Careers Adviser, parents/carers, friends, mentors etc
- Can I make travel arrangements to get myself to work and training on time?

If you answered YES to the questions above, an SBAT may be a great option for you.

What happens after the HSC?

A school based apprentice will enter stage two of their trade qualification and continue in employment as a full-time or part-time apprentice. A school based trainee will be fully qualified and can begin working full-time, continue on to higher Vocational Education and Training or commence university.



How do I get started?

It's simple:

- Decide on the occupation that interests you
- Discuss with your Careers Adviser and parents/carers about how this will work with your HSC
- Use your networks to gain employment – start with family, friends, local employers and explore job search websites
- If you already have a casual job, ask your employer if they would like more information about employing you as a school based apprentice or trainee.



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GOOGONG DAM

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

It was fantastic to see a bumper amount of students turning out for our cross country carnival. Students showed support for their houses by dressing in team colours, though all rivalry was friendly.

A huge thank you to Mr McClure and Mr Nunn for organising a wonderful event.

Thank you also to all the staff who ran the course, provided check in stations or managed the refreshments on the day.



CHAMPIONS

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS



Thank you to all the staff and students who prepared activities for Harmony Day. We love seeing so many members of our school community take pride in their culture.

We are grateful that all students had the opportunity to learn more about a wide range of cultures.

Our diversity is one of the best things about QHS.