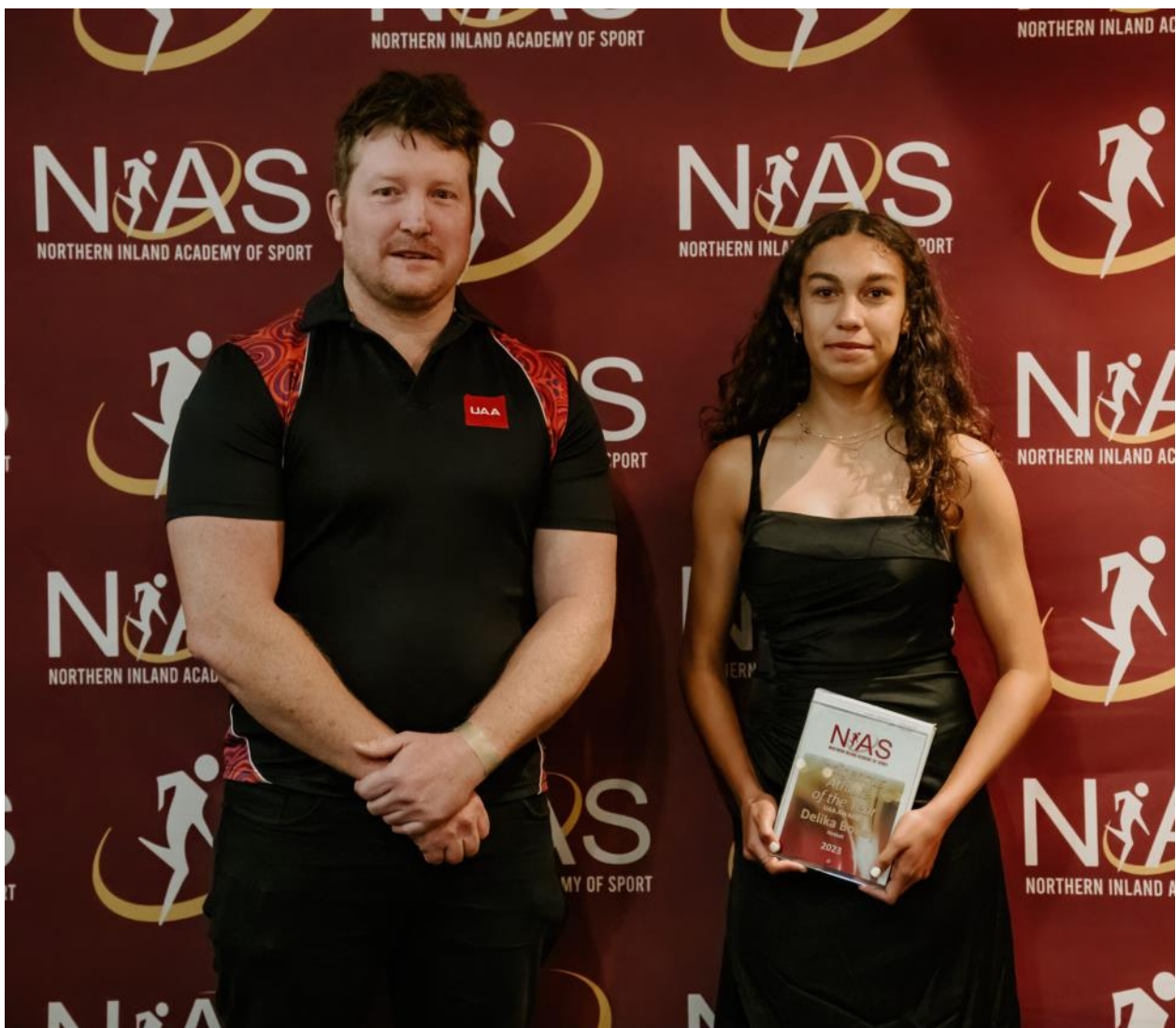




PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 4 2023

CONGRATULATIONS DELIKA!



Should you need to drop any items off to your child during school hours please drop them into the front office. Students are not permitted to meet you outside school grounds or wait near the front or back gates/fence to collect items from you.

Before School our playgrounds are unsupervised until 8.30am each morning and then only minimal supervision until school begins at 9.00 am.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Ms Burge remains on leave at the moment, so I am continuing to relieve for her.

A huge congratulations to our Year 12 students who have completed the HSC smoothly. They have approached their exams with a steady and calm focus and I am immensely proud of their efforts. Thankyou to all the staff that have walked alongside these students and have prepared them so well for the challenge that the exams present.

A special thankyou to the school community on supporting the school on two important fronts.

The first is the implementation of the mobile phone ban. This has progressed very smoothly and the positive benefits for students have already become apparent.

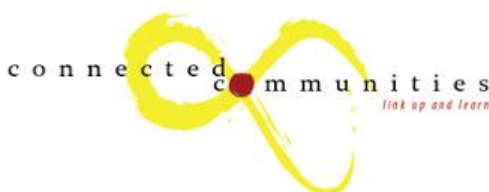
In particular, I would like to mention the work of Wendy Robinson, Deputy Principal at Peel, who led this significant change at Peel High School.

The second thankyou is regarding uniform. Students have been looking fantastic in their summer uniforms this term and it is clear that students are making a great effort to ensure they are meeting the uniform expectations. Improvement in both of these areas has led to an improved learning environment for all.

Stay safe and well.

Chris Keenan
Acting Principal


<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/connected-communities/connected-communities-strategy>



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTRE

Collect permission notes from the library!



**WEDNESDAYS 3:20PM - 5PM
@ THE LIBRARY**

All students are encouraged to attend Homework Centre in the library where they can work on class work, assessments and study with the assistance of their teachers! Snacks and afternoon bus-drop off for local students is provided free of charge.

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER-SCHOOL SENIOR STUDY SESSIONS

No sign up needed - just turn up when you can!



**TUESDAYS 3:20PM - 5PM
@ THE LIBRARY**

Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend Senior Study Sessions in the library where they can work on class work, assessments and study with the assistance of their teachers! Snacks are provided free of charge.

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

100%
AT SCHOOL
EVERY DAY!
YOU CAN
ACHIEVE
PERSONAL
EXCELLENCE!

100%
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"VERY FLASH"

90%
EQUATES TO 20
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YEAR OR 100
HOURS OF LOST
LEARNING TIME

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85%
NEEDS
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ZONE

80%
EQUATES TO
40 DAYS OFF
EACH YEAR OR
200 HOURS OF
LOST LEARNING
TIME

75%
DAMAGING
IMPACT

70%
SEVERE
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70%
EQUATES TO
60 DAYS OFF
EACH YEAR OR
300 HOURS OF
LOST LEARNING
TIME

65%
CRITICAL
IMPACT

60%
EXTREME
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EQUATES TO
80 DAYS OFF
EACH YEAR OR
400 HOURS OF
LOST LEARNING
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YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CONGRATULATIONS DELIKA!

We have an amazing Netball star at our school!

On October 14th the Northern Inland Academy of Sport held their Academy Awards, where talented athletes across the New England North West region were celebrated for their sporting achievements.

We are pleased to report that Peel High School's own Delika Boney (Year 9) was the *inaugural* winner of the Indigenous Athlete of the Year Award for 2023! Winning this award means Delika will be invited to attend the NSW Regional Academies of Sport for a Global Awards night to be held in Sydney in February 2024. Not only that, but she will also be invited to participate in an Athlete Leadership Workshop as part of an all-expenses paid trip to Sydney.

Congratulations Delika!





Positive House Points

Earn 5 points every fortnight when
your ATTENDANCE is 90% or more!

Earn 1 point for correct uniform or
improved/consistent effort in class

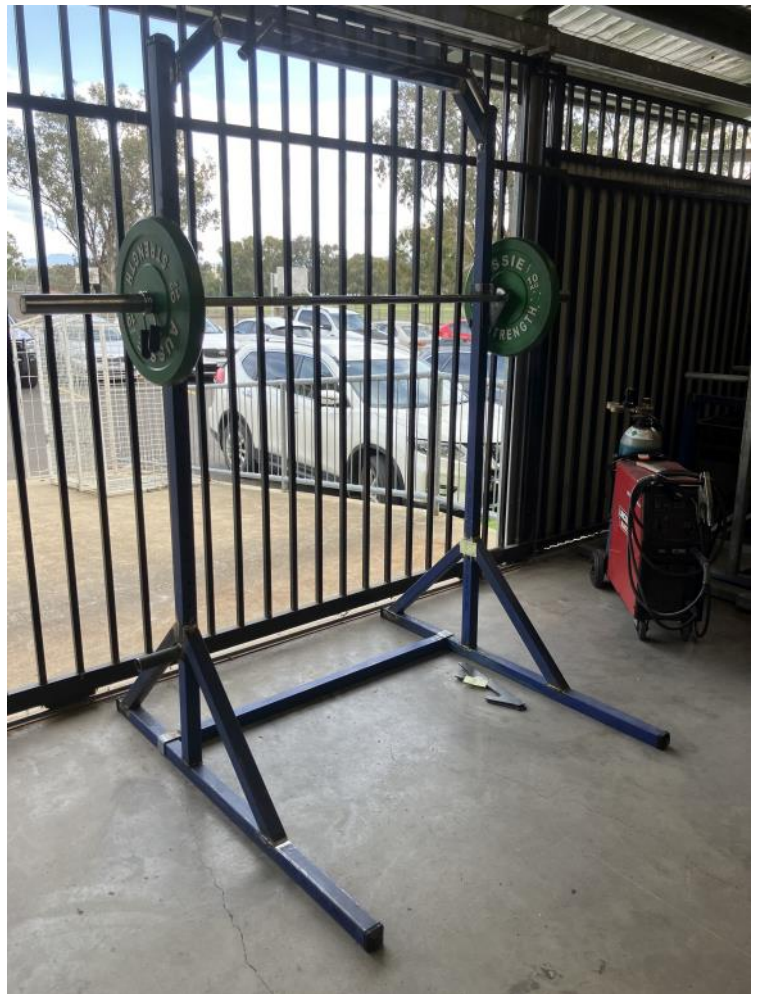
Accumulate House Points to earn
canteen vouchers and attend reward
excursions... and help your house WIN
THE HOUSE CUP!

YEAR 12 HSC MAJOR WORK SUCCESS

I am delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Year 12 students and their HSC Major Projects in Industrial Technology Metals and Engineering. These projects are a testament to their dedication, craftsmanship, and their commitment to complete.

Our Year 12 students have successfully completed an array of impressive projects, demonstrating their talents in metalwork and engineering. The diverse range of projects included a smoker, single axle trailer, cattle loading ramp extension, squat rack, and an automotive trolley bench and a dog / tool box.

Special Congratulations to Isabell Kesby who's Cattle Ramp Extension Project was nominated for consideration in the Shape exhibition showcasing outstanding projects from across NSW in Industrial Technology.



The journey to bring these projects to life involved a range of processes from welding to folding, bending, lathe work and meticulous setting and marking out with each project demanding a high level of skill and precision.

What makes this achievement even more extraordinary is the incredible effort our students put in outside of their timetabled lessons. Many weekends and holidays were dedicated to completing their projects.

These major works are not only impressive demonstrations of skill but also a symbol of resilience and teamwork. Our Year 12 students have not only excelled in their projects but also forged unforgettable memories and lifelong skills. Students commented at the completion of the project that they were amazed that they could achieve such a project.



As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to the bright futures that await our Year 12 graduates. The skills and determination they've demonstrated will undoubtedly serve them well in their future endeavours.

- Rodney New

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY MAJOR PROJECTS 2023

Peel High School is bursting with pride as we reflect on the remarkable dedication and hard work exhibited by our Design and Technology students this year. Their extraordinary commitment, not only during the regular school year but even over the holidays, has yielded incredible results, culminating in their outstanding final major works.

The passion and enthusiasm displayed by our Design and Technology students have been truly inspirational. Throughout the academic year, they have tirelessly honed their skills, absorbed new knowledge, and embraced innovative ideas. The classroom buzzed with creativity and excitement as students engaged in brainstorming sessions, shared ideas, and collaborated on various projects.

What sets this year's cohort apart is their unwavering determination to go above and beyond. Over the holidays, when most students typically take a break, these individuals chose to delve deeper into their craft. They dedicated countless hours to perfecting their skills and making invaluable progress on their projects. Their willingness to sacrifice leisure time and invest it in their work showcases their exceptional commitment and the genuine love they have for Design and Technology.

Notable works this year included prosthetic eyes capable of adapting to a range of environmental conditions, a mobile garden bed designed for use by elderly members of the community who are losing their own mobility and flexibility, and craft projects made from organically grown vegan leather.

These students represent the future of innovation and creativity, and we have every reason to believe that they will continue to make us proud in their future endeavours.

- Michael Wenman



IN THE KITCHEN & ON THE FARM

Students in stage 5 are completing the unit Food Equity. As part of this unit they were required to bake a cake without the recipe. All of the ingredients were placed on the desk and they had to guess the quantities. The purpose of this was to show students the difficulties faced by one group who suffer from inequity, which was those who cannot read. All students had to guess the ingredients, how to mix the cake, the temperature of the oven and the time it took to cook.



Year 10 Food Technology have made mini Ham and Cherry tomato tarts. These tarts were a major hit with the students as they all said they loved them!



Both the Stage 4 boys class and the Year 7 Technology Mandatory class made Traditional Italian Carbonara. All students ate every last noodle and shared their creations with staff receiving 10 out of 10 feedback.



Mr Caterer visited the Stage 4 boys class when they were making their Carbonara and brought with him some home made chili sauce to add some *extra* seasoning to the dishes of the brave souls who wished to try it.



Meanwhile the senior students in Hospitality classes, have been busy sharpening their already impressive skills.

Year 11 Hospitality students have now completed their 'prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages'. Last newsletter we showed off their delectable mocktails. Now this time we have to show their equally delicious Hot Chocolate, Espresso Shots, Mango Frappe, Berry Smoothie, Green Smoothie and Chocolate Milkshakes!



And not to be outdone by their juniors, Year 12 Hospitality have been polishing their precision knife skills to make yummy Sticky Thai Beef Lettuce Cups.



Mr McCabe and Ms Gaynor demonstrated how to pluck, gut and section the meat chooks that were grown at the school Ag Farm as part of Technology Mandatory, Science and Primary Industries course. All of this was done in a safe and hygienic manner and explained to students the purpose, where to make incisions, the digestive system structure and were hygienically cryovaced to food-industry standards. All of this was done while adhering to the Animals in schools policies and procedures.



The Stage 4 boys class continue to be amazing helpers in our agriculture and farming areas!

Dom made sure there was plenty of sand in our chicken's laying box so they'll have a very nice and comfy spot to lay their eggs. While the class as a whole, with Connor as the front runner, mustered up the sheep and lambs from the back paddock to the front, to ensure paddock rotation and that the animals are safe from predators during the night.

Well done boys!



WOOD WORKING HARD

The Stage 4 Girls class had their first ever technology mandatory lesson in the wood work room this term. They are currently hard at work creating wall pendants, perfect for a Christmas present or decoration for your room. The girls are all very excited to see their creations brought to life and have been working really hard, all while adhering to all safety requirements.

The girls have successfully learned how to properly use coping saws, scroll saws, vices, disk sanders and sandpaper.





Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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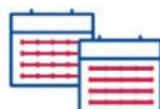
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

SUPER SUPPORT NEWS

THE CHEMISTRY OF PIZZA AND STICKY CHICKEN WINGS

Food is not just about flavour; it's a science. Our students have been exploring the science behind wood-fired pizzas and smoked honey chicken wings. They've learned how ingredients change when heated, creating the umami flavour they all enjoy.



BUILDING SKILLS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND STEEL FABRICATION

Students have delved into the realm of metals and common engineering processes, showcasing their craftsmanship in the construction of a South American-style Parilla Grill. They've also explored the inner workings of mechanisms through disassembly and reassembly using standard engineering hand tools.



BLOOMING TALENT IN HORTICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Students have been exploring horticultural food production with the aim of creating a small market garden.

Students have learned to germinate seeds, create optimal seed-raising mixes, and grasp the significance of soil biology and organic matter for soil health. With great care, they've planted various crops, including cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes, chilies, and capsicum, watching them thrive. Our students are not only cultivating horticultural expertise but also life lessons about growing their own food, a valuable life skill. Thanks to Michelle, our Peel High School Farm Assistant for supporting the students and caring the for garden. Thanks also to the SLSO's and class teachers of the support unit who continue to water and care for the garden.

- Tim Hillier



FARMING FIDOS

Students of 7TM and the Stage 4 boys are exceptionally lucky! As recently the two classes got to experience what it's like to work on a real farm with working dogs. Teacher Mr McCabe brought his own canine companions to the school to demonstrate to the students how dogs are utilised on the farm to not only help herd livestock from one paddock to another, but can even keep them all together in a group.

Such good doggies!



Extended Leave

PHS requires an 'Application For Extended Leave - Travel' Form to be completed when a student is going to be absent from school for an extended period of time - 1 Week or more (this leave may be due to a holiday etc..)

Any parent/carer wishing to take their child on extended leave can collect a form from the Front Office.

Form must be completed by a Parent/Carer and returned for Principal approval, prior to leave commencing

STAGE 5'S SNACKS

Stage 5 Students have also been really busy in the kitchens this term. Students from the Stage 5 Food Technology class have been learning how to make quick, cheap and easy to make lunch box snacks that are perfect for little kids, teenagers and even adults. The most recent snack the Stage 5 students made was the Pizza on a Stick, a very interesting deconstruction of a pizza.



PICTURES FROM METAL & WOOD

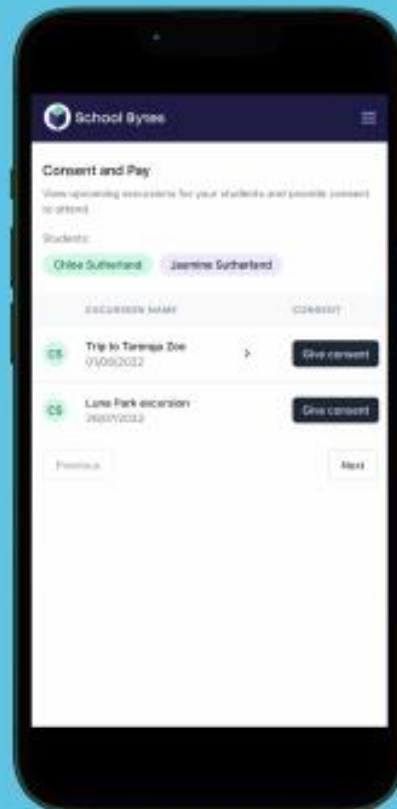
Students from Mr Caterer's Year 7, 9 and 10 Metalwork and Woodwork classes have all been hard at work on various different kinds of projects, such as wooden bowls, cushioned wooden stools and grilling chicken?

As you can see from these photos, these students have indeed been working hard, and enjoying it too.



AVAILABLE NOW!

Online payments are now done through the School Bytes.



The Parent Portal

Easily make a payment online

Download your receipt

Sign and return permission notes digitally

Use any credits on your account to make payment

View your complete payment history

Request a refund

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR

Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



School Bytes





Journeys to School

ADD YOUR VOICE, Parent Online Workshop

Journeys to School, Parent Online Workshop

Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00am-12:15 pm AEDT

Please forward this information to parents in your communities

ADD YOUR VOICE | Transport for NSW is conducting this workshop to understand the diverse perspectives of parents and carers regarding school drop-off and pick-up.

[Register now](#)

The workshop explores many parents' and carers' reasons for travel choices to and from school. To ensure a diverse representation, we invite you to self-nominate to share your perspectives and give your feedback.

The workshop will be interactive and allow for discussion on safety on streets, capabilities for children and parents to ride a bike, social influences and even the emergence of technology such as e-scooters and e-bikes!

The NSW government is dedicated to making school journeys convenient, efficient, and safe for students, teachers, parents, and communities.

The workshop will be held online via a Microsoft Teams video link on Friday 17 November.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please visit the following link to fill out the application form and Transport for NSW will be in touch if you are selected to participate:

https://www.pandc.org.au/journeys_to_school_registration

School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](#) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)



Tamworth Local
Aboriginal Education Consultative Group



The TLAECG welcomes you to attend our local meetings. We encourage our mob to participate in the consultative and decision-making process of education and training for our children.

We are members of the North West 2 Regional AECG and the NSW AECG.

If you would like to attend and/or become a member, please feel free to attend at the times and locations below.

If you would like to present at our meetings or would like any further information, please email our secretary on taecg.secretary@gmail.com.

Meetings start at 4:15pm

Term 1	Week 3 (4) 15 th February	Tamworth HS
	Week 8 22 nd March	Oxley HS
Term 2	Week 3 10 th May	Tamworth PS
	Week 8 14 June	Bullimbal
Term 3	Week 3 2 nd August	Tamworth South PS
	Week 8 6 th September	Parry School
Term 4	Week 3 25 th October	Hillvue PS
	Week 8 29 th November	Peel HS

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

November 13	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am	November 27	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
November 13	North West Open Girls Softball Trials	November 27	Selective Classes Enrichment Day
November 13-17	Year 10 Gold Coast Excursion - 6am	November 6	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
November 13	Check in Assessment Years 7, 8 & 9	November 28	Year 6 Orientation Day - 10am
November 15	7DV 2024 Information Night - 6pm	December 4	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
November 17	Stand Tall-Motivational Public Speaking Event - 9am	December 11	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
November 20	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am	December 12	Celebration Day
November 20	P&C Meeting - 6pm	December 13	Backflips Against Bullying - 10:11am
November 20	Check in Assessment Years 7, 8 & 9		

A REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS, PARENTS & CARERS WHEN VISITING

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

- If you need to bring items to students at school, they are to be dropped off at the front office.
 - No takeaway food is to be delivered to school for students during the school day.
- If you wish to meet with a staff member, please make an appointment through the front office.
- No visitors are to access the Peel High School site without signing in at the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

- Erica Burge (Executive Principal)

PHS P&C Uniform Shop open MONDAYS FROM 8:30am - 9:30am

Pop in and see Sue for all your uniform needs.

The P&C meet every third Monday of the month at 6pm (except Public Holidays & School Holidays)

NSW Department of Education

School Planner 2023



Term four	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
October	1	9	10	11	12	13	14/15
October	2	16	17	18	19	20	21/22
October	3	23	24	25	26	27	28/29
October / November	4	30	31	1	2	3	4/5
November	5	6	7	8	9	10	11/12
November	6	13	14	15	16	17	18/19
November	7	20	21	22	23	24	25/26
November / December	8	27	28	29	30	1	2/3
December	9	4	5	6	7	8	9/10
December	10	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
December	11	18	19	20	21	22	23/24



Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our going to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-school