



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10, TERM 2 2023

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023



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

Term 2 has been a term filled with opportunities for community engagement and we have loved having community and family members in the school. The 'Elders Lunch' saw students and family members alike celebrate with dance and song and a sit-down lunch cooked by students and staff. A collaborative effort led by our Senior Leader Community Engagement, Janine Way, saw the day come together beautifully. Reconciliation week was celebrated across the school with daily activities that saw students in large numbers engage in dance workshops, weaving, art and a family connections workshop our students visiting and connecting with our feeder primary schools to share dance and musical performances. Peel High School combined with the Tamworth High School Aboriginal Dance Group to perform at the NSW Secondary Principals Conference that was held here in Tamworth at the TREC. The performance celebrated Gomeri culture and was overwhelmingly enjoyed by Principals from across the state. Parent teacher night saw parents and carers meet with their children's teachers to work together to achieve best outcomes for their children academically and socially in the school environment. It was great to see so many parents and carers take the opportunity to talk with teachers here at school. Ms Robson held an information evening for parents/carers and students interested in participating in an overseas excursion for Stage 6 Ancient History and Art students in 2024. Community members and students have been invited this term to engage in forums to provide feedback with the HSC Attainment team, with forums for parents being held at school and the Youthie and students have been consulted to provide student voice around both HSC attainment and the 'Safeguarding Kids Together' Program. Term 2 has seen student reports delivered students to take home, if you have any questions regarding your children's reports, please make sure to contact school to have your questions answered.



We continue to celebrate student achievement at Peel High School. Of note we celebrate our school captain, Caitlin Blanch's achievement in the Plain English Speaking Competition. Caitlin competed in the finals of the competition, on the 22 June, which involved the final 6 competitors in the state. Congratulations Caitlin on your efforts to deliver both your prepared and impromptu speech with aplomb. Sophie Day has this week spent time with other NSW recipients of the Harding Miller Scholarship, culminating in the prestigious award night on 26 June in Sydney.



Aaliyah Morley has been named 2023 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year for New England NSW Region at the recent NSW Training Awards event, a recognition of Aaliyah's commitment to her Certificate III in School Based Education Support. Chayse Sheppard and Zac Spreadborough have spent time this term in the Northern Territory as part of their School Based Trainee program with the Indigenous Ranger Program in an exchange through the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Lands Council. Our Agriculture Show Team received a wonderful shoutout from a respected member of the sheep farming community, recognising the exceptional qualities of both the staff and students and in particular a special shout out to Chloe Moss for her sheep judging expertise and the efforts of Mr Bowman and Ms Wyse in supporting the students.

As the term comes to a close, we say thank you and farewell to Ms Malinda Canham who has been relieving as the Senior Administration Manager for the past 12 months and Ms Lily Kipp who has been a permanent member of staff in the Support Faculty. We wish them well as they continue their journeys in education and thank them for their contributions to Peel High School. In term 3 we will welcome a number of new staff to the Peel High School family.

I wish all our families and staff a safe July holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back here in Term 3. Staff Development Day for all staff will be held on Monday July 17 and students return to school on Tuesday July 18.

Erica Burge
Executive Principal

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



RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

MADJA YAADHA – SORRY DAY

We stopped and paid respects to those of the Stolen Generations.

We were so fortunate to have Aunty Stella Lamb in at the school to share with us her personal story and knowledge about Sorry Day and the Stolen Generations. Aunty Julie Swan also attended to spend some time



We then came together as a school community with our ALEC Team hosting a free BBQ at lunchtime and a special assembly during period 5. Aaliyah Morley and Brad Withers led the school body through the significance and importance of the day. We finished with the whole school enjoying some staff v students sporting matches (with the students coming up trumps on most occasions)!

A massive thanks to our amazing ALEC Team for all their effort in organising today's events and to our wonderful guest speakers for giving up their time to spend with our students!



WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

Staff Recognise and celebrate First Nations Culture everyday with Students at Peel High.

Yellow/ Gidjirrigidjirr

The sacred ochre that First Nations people have used for generations.

The Sun, The Land.



BIRRELEE MACS

Lucas and Keigan spoke and performed for Children, explaining how the Didgeridoo is played!

BULLIMBAL SCHOOL VISIT

Students attended Bullimbal School, Sharing Dance and Culture with Students and Staff



WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS

Peel High Aboriginal Education Team organised workshops open for all students to attend on Thursday and Friday this week.

Through message stick, the invitation was delivered to all classes about the workshops and we seen over 100 Students attend

The Thursday workshops included

Aboriginal art, learning about blending backgrounds for art works and using symbols for story telling through art, the significance and importance of art and expression through creativity.

With this knowledge students then created collaborated artworks which will be on display at our NAIDOC exhibition.



Yarning Circle designs on the seats, Students created designs on the Dharri-baa seats , which Brad and Uncle Billy will be using the router to make the stories designed by students shine for generations

Weaving, senior students had a yarn and created some Bracelets reflecting on their circles of connection and recognising who is in their School community for support.



Friday Workshops included

Kinship and Connection

With a Totems and Gomeroi Kinship demonstration with students, giving our future generations this vital information, which they can take with them through life

Gaining a wholesome and fulfilling understanding of roles, responsibilities, conflict resolution and communities of care through our connection to Country.

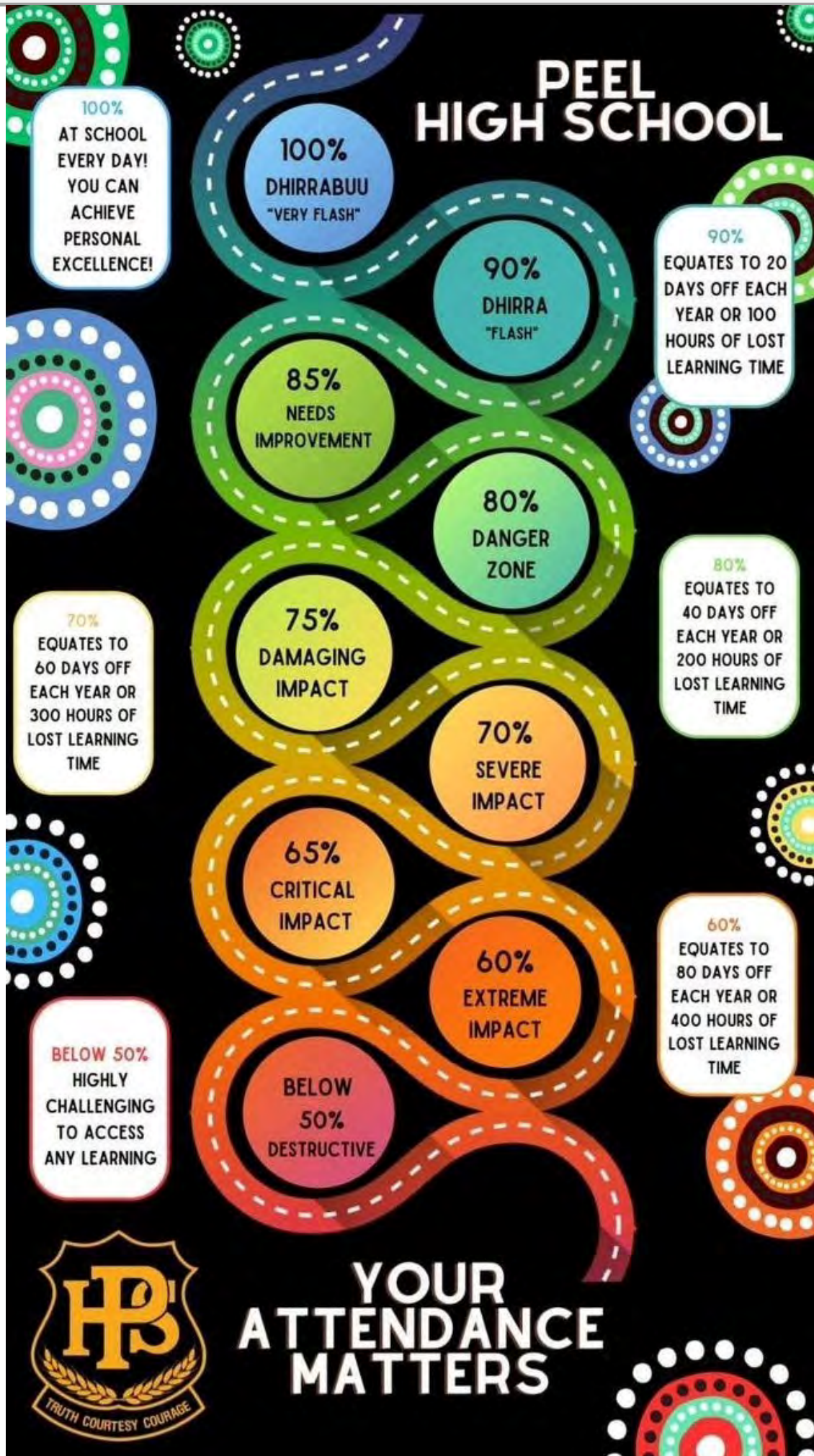
Traditional Dance

students expressed spiritual and physical whole being experience and understanding of Aboriginal dance. Led by Barega , all students staff and with Shay Reid's guidance, Miss Burge joined in, in celebration to finish the event with Corroboree.

Gaba Nginda to our amazing Aboriginal Education Team for organising these workshops, Wilso for your support in getting the visions off the ground, making sure it could all be possible and a shout out to Miss Burge for participating, being involved , it meant a lot to the students







DEADLY DHARRIBAA

Our Yarning Circle group got off to a Deadly start!

Students have started the sessions with the skill of painting, sharing as a group the influences in our lives around creativity.

We yarned with Students around what they would like this group to be about, as it is a co-designed group with the students and Aboriginal Education Staff , assisting with engagement and connection at School.

Students felt empowered and fully heard, there is so much positive and allowing the students to safely use their voices.

The students gave us an amazing variety of activities and learning points they would like to participate in a culturally safe and supportive group.

After a very informative yarn with the Students

The Deadly Dharri-baa group will involve conflict resolution in a safe way, healthy relationship building, Communication skills and assistance with assessments and school life in general.

The delivery of these sessions will all be hands on, interactive and each lesson students will have a token of what they had learned as a visual to remember.

This group will run weekly , during sport time organised by Peel High Aboriginal Education team.

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/carers 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

SUPER SISTA SPEAK

The Sista Speak girls from year 7 - year 10 have been collaboratively creating skirts for the school to use when we do Dance performances , while we have been creating, we yarn about different topics.



During Our sessions the groups have been focusing on Identity, story mapping, sharing story through art and poetry and song writing for wellbeing.

Alongside the hands on cultural activities the girls have been having yarn ups with Influential Yinaar within our local community, Gaba Nginda to our special Guests Rachael Phillips , Reakeeta Smallwood, Blossom Pitt, Jazmin Brown, Hollie Taggart, Jolene Faint, Sewa Emojong and Michelle Clare



As we are coming close to ending term 2 and building stronger connections as a group and school community, Year 9 and 10 Sista Speak group came together for a special gathering and cut a coolamon from a tree within our school. It was a special time and the girls embraced the process and understanding of the practice.

Women empowering and uplifting our future



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Congratulations to Caitlin Blanch who recently attended the Public Education Foundation Awards in Sydney where she was presented with the Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial Scholarship!

This is one of the Public Education Awards presented to deserving students in the NSW Public Education System.

The Jeff Shaw Memorial Scholarship supports public school students studying curriculum subjects with aspects of unionism such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History. The scholarship is named in memory of the Honourable Jeff Shaw QC. A former student of Hunters Hill High School, The Hon. Jeff Shaw was also a staunch defender of and advocate for public education in NSW.

We are all incredibly proud of you Caitlin!



HONOURING OUR ELDERS

It was lovely to see so many attend our Elders Luncheon on Tuesday June 29th.

Highlights of the day were our Aboriginal dance Group and our stage 4 girls who performed Stand By Me in Language.

A massive thank you to Billy, Miss Gaynor, and her students who provided some magnificent curries for lunch.

To Colleen Tighe- Johnston CEO of miyaymirri for sponsoring the luncheon and fashion parade. Krystle Lamb, Brad Withers, Chloe Shanley, Carmen Chatfield, Jo Abra, Dykota Hammond for supporting the event and Mrs Way for coordinating the event.





TERRIFIC TITRATION

On the 15th, 9 Chemistry students, one in Year 11 and eight from Year 12 travelled to Quirindi High School to compete in the National RACI Titration Competition. It was a chilly morning, and the anticipation from the students were high. Our three groups consisted of the girls team (Chloe B, Izzy K, Nicole B), the boys team (Lachlan B, James B, Joshua C) and the mixed team (Neeve D, Finley W, Bodin W). The sledging between the teams began in the bus as we bumped our way to QHS. With a quick coffee and cake stop to sustain us through the gruelling 90-minute competition, we were ready to rumble.

All three groups started strongly. The girls were concerned with the lack of assistance, reassurance and hugs that were allowed to be handed out during the time. The boys were more concerned with the fit of their lab coats. The mixed team, however, were quiet. Until the breakages began. Bodin being our newbie, was unfamiliar with using some of the equipment, and there was some carnage and blood drawn. However, like a true "Peelie", he soldiered on to complete the task.

Finally the time arrived for the scores. Overall, the girls team finished third. With the talented Izzy taking out the lowest score of the day (low being good). There were no tears, lots of learning, chest beating and a little blood, but a fun day had by all participants.

Term 3 : 86 86 %

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- Log on to your student or parent portal

- Look at your student attendance 'Heat Map'

- Earn Positive House Points, win Prizes and get Positive Attendance Letters Home when you have a "GREEN WEEK"

- Call the school to Explain any RED Unexplained Absences

**Have you
checked your
attendance
this Term?**





COOKING & FENCING

Throughout the term, the combined Girls and Boys Class in Stage 4 enthusiastically embraced the culinary journey, honing their food preparation and cutting skills. The girls delved into the significance of various coloured chopping boards, mastering the safe and correct knife techniques to craft culinary creations. Moreover, they explored catering for diverse dietary needs, relishing the opportunity to create scrumptious apple cinnamon vegan muffins. Alongside the enjoyment and fun experienced, the students prioritized safety, maintaining excellent hygiene practices, and adhering to Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) guidelines.



Within our Technology Mandatory classes, we have successfully cultivated a supply of traditional Yams, a significant crop in Aboriginal history. Year 9 Food Technology students enthusiastically utilized these Yams to create delectable yam and pea fritters, celebrating their rich cultural heritage. They were so popular we decided to make a batch especially for the Elders who had been invited into the school to share



Selected students collaborated with Hospitality students to cater for the Elders' lunch, preparing a diverse menu including beef stroganoff, curried sausages, curry coconut chicken, and curried mince. Emphasising hygiene protocols, all dishes were meticulously cooked, properly packaged, and served with rice, employing appropriate equipment throughout the process.



Stage 4 boys learning safe fence removal without damaging it, allowing for relocation to another paddock. Preserve the existing fence integrity during the process. Ensuring proper fencing practices is crucial for maintaining a safe environment, as it helps mitigate potential hazards and adheres to Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) guidelines to keep everyone safe and minimise the risk of harm.



Have you filled out the Website Consent form?

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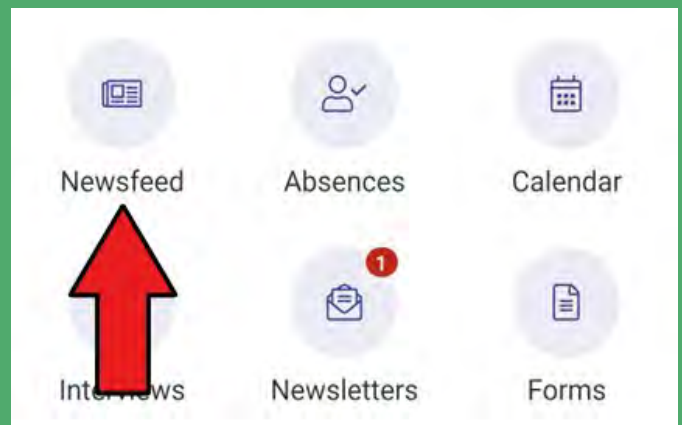
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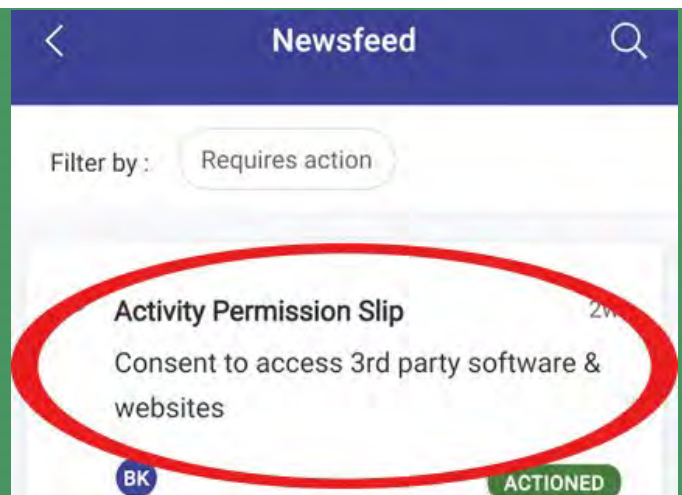


2. Click On Newsfeed:



3. Find the 3rd Party Software & Websites Consent Form.

If you require a printed copy please let us know.





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MODULE ONE:

A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.

This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.



MODULE TWO:

A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.

This will involve two participants and a coach.

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE
WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.**

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NEXT COURSE DATE: June 7th@6pm, July 1st & 14th@9am (school holidays)

Book online TODAY at pcycdrivereducation.org.au



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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 tlaecg.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

July 17	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 10:45am	July 28	Belvoir Theatre Workshop - 11am
July 17	P&C Meeting 6pm	July 31	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 10:45am
July 24	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 10:45am	August 7	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 10:45am
July 26	NAIDOC Week Assembly - 12:42pm	August 7	HSC Trials Start
July 26	Aboriginal Language Cultural	August 11	Year 8 Language, Wellness & Cultural Day
	Excursion - 1:30pm	August 14	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 10:45am
July 27 - July 29	Year 11 Society & Culture Excursion	August 17	Last Day of HSC Trials
July 27	P/T Night Years 7,8 & 9 - 4pm		

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 - 10:45am

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