



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7, TERM 4 2024

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2025



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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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12 2024 HSC Examinations Conclude. Congratulations Year 12! Our Year 12 cohort, the Class of 2024 completed all HSC exams and enjoyed their Formal at West Leagues Club. This marks the end of a challenging yet rewarding journey and we would also like to extend a big thank you to the teaching staff, support staff and parents who have supported our students every step of the way. Well done, Year 12 and we wish you the very best as we all eagerly await the release of the HSC results on 18 December!

Year 12 2025 Senior Leaders Induction. Peel High School's new prefects, chosen for their leadership qualities, dedication, and school spirit, are ready to serve as role models and advocates for the student body. Congratulations to each of them as they embark on this important role serving our School and community! It was so moving to see the parents presenting their students with the Captain and Vice Captain badges and share that very special moment.

Year 5 & 6 students - Primary schools across Tamworth have participated in taster days and some students have commenced the transition program. So many students were thrilled at getting a firsthand look at their new school community, and we look forward to welcoming them as they begin their learning journeys with us in 2025 and 2026.

It has been an extremely busy time for staff undertaking professional learning, with HSC marking, syllabus days, Resilience in Our Teens program that will be across all 4 public high schools in Tamworth.

Students have continued success on the various sporting fields and in the classroom with assignments and assessments. Some extraordinary achievements were from students attending the Wehi Deadly science program in Melbourne, students participating in the Northern Schools Cattle competition just to name a couple.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our schools Celebration Day on December 12th starting at 10am in the MPC. Invitations for students receiving awards will be sent out soon. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you and having a yarn and cuppa afterwards.

Mrs Fiona Jackson  
Executive Principal

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# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

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

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200 HOURS OF  
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EACH YEAR OR  
300 HOURS OF  
LOST LEARNING  
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## YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2025

*The PHS community has spoken. These are our student leaders for 2025*

Just before the school knocked off for Term 3 Holidays, Peel High School students and staff participated in a school wide vote to decide who among the Year 11 students would be our next School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2025.

Earlier this term the results of that vote had been revealed, and our new senior student leaders were officially inducted during a special assembly, where they proudly received their special captains badges, from their own, equally proud parents.

Congratulations to the following students for successfully being chosen as Peel High's new student leaders for 2025:

**CAPTAINS:** Georgia Cowell & Chayse Shepherd

**VICE-CAPTAINS:** Dennis Hippi & Poppy Walmsley



The poster features a decorative border with various school supplies. In the top left, there are two orange pencils, one with a green eraser and one with a pink eraser, both pointing towards a yellow star. Below them is an open yellow book with blue lines. In the top right, there is a red spiral notebook with a yellow label. In the bottom left, there is a red pencil holder containing several colored pencils (red, yellow, blue, green, black) and a yellow pencil with a red eraser. In the bottom right, there is a blue spiral notebook with a black pen and a blue ruler, all inside a red pencil holder. The background is white with a large, stylized 'C' shape in the center.

# 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!**



# AWESOME AGRICULTURE

## ***NORTHERN SCHOOLS PRIME STEER COMPETITION***

During week 4, 19 students and 6 show cattle headed up to Tenterfield for the Northern Schools Prime Steer Competition. This was the conclusion to the students hard work and preparation over Term 3 and 4, which involved the students during sport and their breaks to work the cattle ready for competition.

Over the 2 days, students participated in Junior Judging, Paraders Competition and presented our cattle for Judging.

In the Junior Judging Zara Kesby won the Year, 1st place in the Stage 5 division. Henry Crittle got 2nd and Makayla Trimbath got 3rd place in the Stage 4 division. Bindi Issac got 2nd place in the stage 6 division and also 3rd place in stage parades.

In the judging of our cattle we got 4th place in the Heavy Weight with our Limo cross steer called T bone. We got several positive comments on the quality of our cattle considering they were grown on pasture and grain assistance finished. We grew out our cattle on pasture rather than feedlot to not only reduce our inputs into the program, but to also work on producing high quality cattle in a sustainable manner. Mr McCabe and Mr Bowman would like to thank the students for their hard work in preparing the cattle and also to our farm Assistant Michelle, for keeping the cattle going behind the scenes.







## *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**



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOOL JUDGING FINALS

In the school holidays, Zara Kesby travelled to Melbourne to represent NSW in the National Merino Fleece Judging Finals. She competed in the top 6 judges for 15-25 year olds in Australia. This involved her judging of fleeces assessing the colour, crimp, strength, uniformity of length and yield. Zara had to speak on her placings and provide feedback to the overjudge of why she placed the fleeces in the rank she did. Zara ended up coming 4th in the competition, which is an amazing achievement to be the 4th placed wool judge in Australia. She spoke well and represented NSW with pride. This was the conclusion of a 12 month journey from qualifying for our group 14 district, winning first place at Sydney royal and finally competing at Melbourne. We at Peel High School are extremely proud of Zara's achievement and wish her the best in her future agricultural competitions.



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### 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.

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### 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.



# WOOLWORTHS GETS SUPPORT FROM SUPPORT

Students from the Support Unit participated in the Woolworths Partnership with TAFE NSW program this Term. The concept for this initiative was to provide a practical and real-life authentic learning environment for students and young people with disabilities. The purpose was to educate and train students to increase opportunities to build on their communication skills, numeracy and literacy skills, and interpersonal skills and increase their independence and confidence so they can live and work in their communities.

The retail environment had fully functioning registers, shelving, fresh food displays, ticketing, shopping baskets and real products supplied by Woolworths. It had signage, weekly catalogues, uniforms – caps, aprons and badges. Students learned real life skills, equipping them with the knowledge of how retail works from the perspective of both a customer and a team member and crucially, the confidence to shop in store. This program assists with transition to employment and potentially work in a retail environment with skills such as customer service skills, communication and interpersonal skills, critical thinking and problem solving, attention to detail, teamwork and money handling.



**UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

November 25 - 28	RFS Senior Schools Cadet Program	December 10	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
November 26 - 28	Year 8 Hamilton Sydney Excursion -9:00am	December 11	Rehearsal Day for Celebration Day -9:00am
November 26	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am	December 12	<b>Celebration Day –10:00am</b>
November 27	University of New England Tour & Degree Workshop Day -9:00am	December 16	P&C Meeting -6:00pm
November 28	Commerce Year 9 Market Day Shopping Trip –11:15am	December 17	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
December 2 - 6	Year 10 Excursion 2024	December 18	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!</b>
December 3	Year 7 Orientation Day -10:00am	December 18	Scully Pool –12:30pm
December 3	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am	December 19-20	Staff Development Days (No Students)
December 4	Year 12 Physics Assessment Task 1 Incursion –9:10am		

## **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.

- Fiona Jackson (Executive Principal)

**PHS P&C Uniform Shop** open **TUESDAYS 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)**



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# School Planner 2024

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

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**Scan me for practical school tips!**  
Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources.  
[education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers)



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**School development days**  
Students do not attend school.  
Please check with your school to find out specific dates for these days.



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