



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10, TERM 4 2024

FAREWELL TO 2024!



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

It is with great pleasure that I present the last Executive Principal report for 2024. As we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students, staff, and the entire Peel High School community, I want to focus on the incredible journey we have shared here at PHS and the trust, respect, and relationships that have flourished over time.

When I first arrived at PHS, I was greeted with warmth and kindness that made me feel like part of the family. From the beginning, it was clear to me that this school is more than just a place of learning—it's a community that supports and nurtures each other. Whether it was a friendly smile, a shared joke, or a story of the past, I felt a deep sense of belonging, and I knew I was in the right place. The welcoming nature of everyone here has made me feel confident in my role as leader, walking shoulder to shoulder with each of you.

Looking back, it's impossible to overlook the many milestones we have reached together. Our achievements span across every corner of the school—from the smiles and laughter shared during cultural days to the incredible successes in academics, sports, and the arts. Our Year 8 students taught me how to BBQ kebabs in Tech Mandatory, while the hospitality students ensured I was well-fed, and our dedicated staff has always gone above and beyond to create a supportive, vibrant learning environment.

We've witnessed firsthand the development of the wetlands, seen our cattle, pigs and sheep thrive, and celebrated the success of our students in both national and international arenas. We are also proud to have had our students excel in various competitions, including a state-level winner at the VET Awards and scholarship winners in the HSC. Our top-performing students continue to impress, with excellent attendance rates, strong NAPLAN results, and notable academic achievements across all bands.

We cannot forget our exceptional staff who make a real difference every day, from the class teachers fostering individual success to our support classes creating murals and improving learning spaces. The DaVinci classes and their personalized programs provide our students with unique opportunities to excel, while the music and drama departments continue to impress with live performances that showcase the talents of our students.

Our success isn't just about the numbers—it's about the pride our students take in their school and the high standards they set for themselves. Whether it's adhering to the mobile phone policy or participating in our famous dance group, our students exemplify dedication and responsibility. I've had the privilege of listening to their voices, hearing their ideas, and being part of a community that actively works together to make a difference.



As a public school graduate, I firmly believe in the power of public education. I'm proud that my own children graduated from public schools, and I know that the shared experience of public education is what brings us together in the most equitable and meaningful way. This belief is at the heart of why I became a teacher—to make a difference in the lives of young people and help shape their futures.

Today, we celebrate not just the achievements of the students but also the incredible contributions of our community. Special thanks go to Lyn from P&C and the canteen, who has made such a difference during her time with us, and to Wendy “Robo” Robinson, who has dedicated over 40 years to public education and our students. We owe much of our success to their unwavering dedication, and we wish them all the best in their next chapters.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to our P&C, the School Reference Group and all the agencies that collaborate with us to support our students and their families. Without the exceptional support of our staff and families, none of this would be possible.

This year has been a testament to the power of teamwork, mentorship, and the relentless drive to provide every student with the tools they need to succeed. I am incredibly grounded by the support of the community and the opportunity to walk alongside you all on this journey of education. I would also like to acknowledge “Gulaga”, the mother mountain on Yuin country, for guiding me back home and inspiring me each day.

Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students, helping them to reach their goals and achieve their dreams. PHS is not just a great school; it's an exceptional one, thanks to the collective efforts of students, staff, families, and the wider community.

It truly does take a village to raise a child, and what a remarkable village we have here at PHS. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this community every day, and I know that the students of Peel High School can achieve anything they set their minds to.

Thank you all for your continued support, and here's to even greater successes in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Fiona Jackson

Executive Principal

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SUPER SYDNEY TRIP

“Peel High School Rock!”

These were the enthusiastic words of Murat Dizdar, Secretary of the NSW Department of Education, as he praised our incredible Aboriginal dance group, who had the honour of opening the 19th Nanga Mai Awards. On Sunday, November 24th, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Way, Mr. Withers, Mr. Wilson, and former Peel student Aayliah Morley travelled to Sydney with eight members of Peel Aboriginal Dance Troupe in anticipation of the prestigious event.



During this unforgettable experience, students had the opportunity to meet distinguished guests, including The Hon. Prue Car, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning, as well as Michele Hall, Executive Director of Aboriginal Education and Communities at the NSW Department of Education. This event not only highlighted the talents of our dancers but also fostered important connections.

The tour of the SES/NITV studio with Ex- Peel student and news reader Matty Mills was a remarkable highlight for those interested in media and television. The unique opportunity for students to read the news cue themselves provided invaluable hands-on experience.



A trip to Taronga Zoo gave students the chance to get up close and personal with the animals, including an unforgettable encounter with koalas. It was fantastic to see how well the Peel students represented their school; their commendable behaviour and enthusiasm certainly left a positive impression on everyone they met.

We'd also like to give a special shout-out to Aayliah Morley for her outstanding contributions in coordinating the dancers and showcasing her musical talent.

Overall, this trip was a perfect blend of education and fun, creating lasting memories for all involved!



QUICKSMART GRADUATION 2024

QuickSmart is an exciting learning program that helps students improve their literacy or numeracy. Each program runs for about 40 weeks, with students attending QuickSmart lessons twice a week. Students can graduate from the program at any time of the year, as they progress through the program at their own pace.

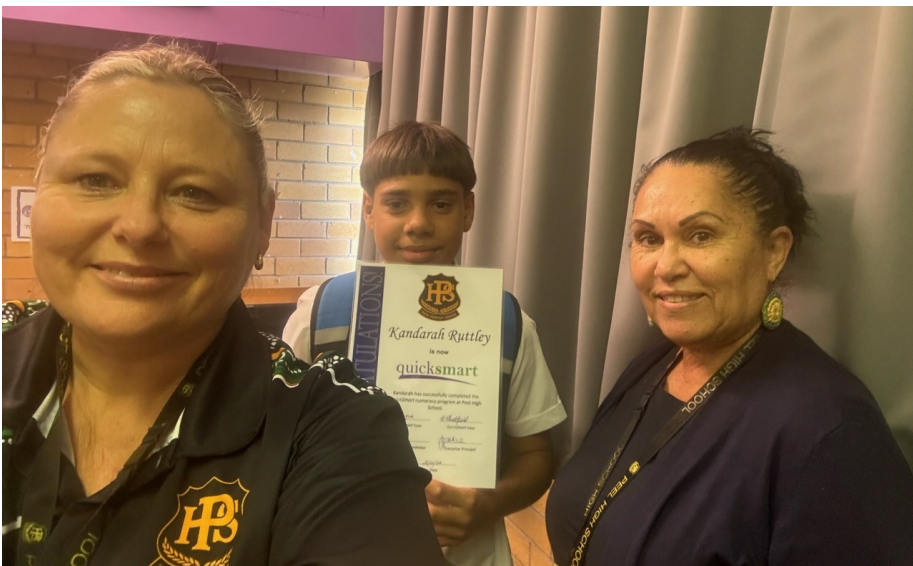
This year, in consultation with the students, we have made changes to the way we do our QuickSmart Graduation. Instead of waiting until most students have finished, groups will graduate and receive their certificates straight after their last lesson in a small celebration just for their group. This means that students no longer have to wait months before their hard work is acknowledge.

Thank you to our QuickSmart team for another great year. I particularly want to thank our QuickSmart tutors, Carmen Chatfield and Jo Teague for their continued commitment to improving our students' skills and confidence.

If you have any questions about the QuickSmart Program or would like your child to benefit from this program, please contact us.

- Vicki Saville (QuickSmart Coordinator)

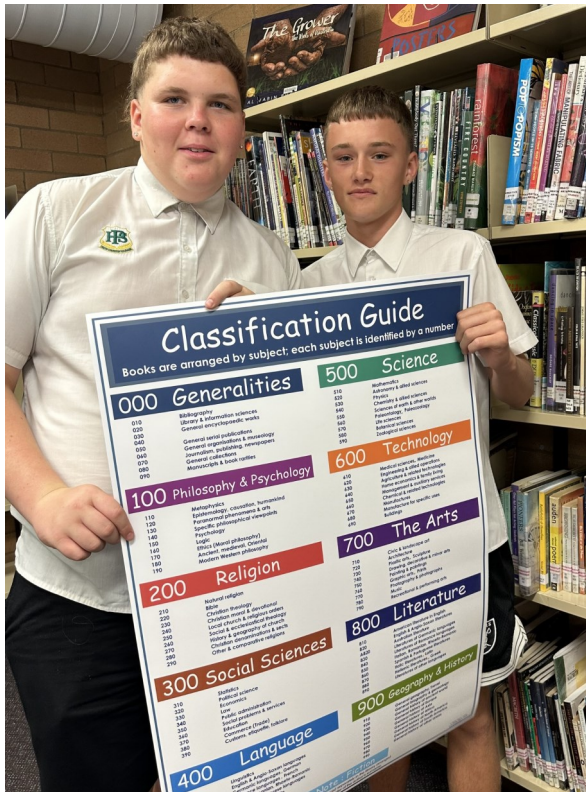




LOVE FOR OUR LIBRARY

Thank you to the outgoing Class of 2024, who donated new Book Dividers for the fiction and non-fiction sections of the Library, as well as new Posters to support students. The Library looks wonderful.

Huge congratulations to Matilda Bailey who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2024. We are looking forward to supporting more students to complete this challenge in 2025.



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

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

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

100%
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"VERY FLASH"

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75%
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60 DAYS OFF
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80 DAYS OFF
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400 HOURS OF
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YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS

TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

20 25

Recruiting
ALL PLAYERS
for Under 12s –
Under 16s
2025 Season



Why Tamworth FC?

- Trained coaches
- Discounted rego fees*
- Shorts & socks included in rego costs*
- Training opportunities with our Premier League Teams for Under 14 – 16s
- Engaged & responsive committee

**To register your
child's interest –
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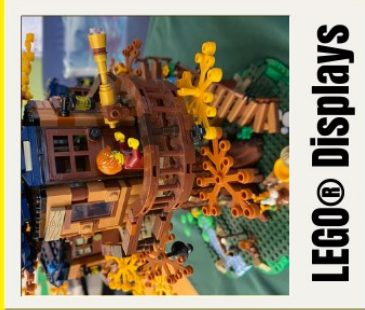


*Discount & kit available only to Under 12s – Under 16 Players registering with TFC for the 2025 season



Fun Family Event...

Plus participate in the Community
LEGO® Brick Mural Wall



LEGO® Displays



LEGO® Guitar

Information & Tickets
connectingwithbricks.com.au

LEGO® based Workshops 17th-19th Jan



Master LEGO® Builders Haley & Lexi

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LEGO® Displays: 23rd-25th Jan

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

February 6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
February 10 -12	Year 7 Camp –7:30am
February 11	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
February 14	Preliminary VET & EVET Induction –9:10am
February 17	P&C Meeting -6:00pm
February 18	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am
February 19	Peel High Swimming Carnival –9:00am
February 25	P&C Uniform Shop -8:30am - 9:30am

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)

NSW Department of Education



Calendar 2025

Eastern division

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Key dates

Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.



First to last days for all students:

- Term 1: 6 February to 11 April
- Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
- Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
- Term 4: 14 October to 19 December



School development days:

- Term 1: 31 January to 5 February



School holidays:

- Summer 2024 -25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025
- Autumn: 14 April to 24 April
- Winter: 7 July to 18 July



Public holidays

- Term 2: 28 April and 29 April
- Term 3: 21 July
- Term 4: 13 October
- Spring: 29 September to 10 October
- Summer 2025 -26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026



School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

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Scan me for key dates

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