



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10, TERM 2 2024

## FUTURE STARS OF RADIO & PODCASTING



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

*Yaama,*

I am very honoured and feel privileged to be the Executive Principal at Peel High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, and community for the warm welcome. I have enjoyed making connections and, in some instances, reconnecting with people.

It has been a fabulous term of learning, and this is evident through reading the students half yearly reports, the assemblies, student performances and projects, student's portfolios, and passion projects. High expectations are evident when I move through classes and talk with the students. I have enjoyed listening to the students and what they enjoy in subjects and what else they would like to access. They are certainly developing lifelong skills.

In the sporting arenas there have been some outstanding achievements and representations by our students. The participation in activities is high and the students' attitudes to "have a go" is pleasing.

Culturally, I have enjoyed attending programs with the students and learning from them. I am very impressed with the number of students engaged in their learning of cultural and in sharing their cultural. I really want to thank our community members and knowledge holders that come to support and guide our students.

I have enjoyed meeting with the P&C who are a dedicated group of people supporting our students. I would like to remind you that they meet every third Monday of the month at 6pm at the school if anyone would like to come along. It is a great way to connect with the school and hear firsthand what is happening at your child's school.

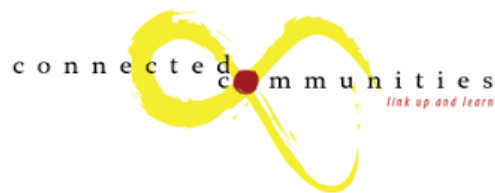
I would like to remind the parents and carers that my door is always open to discuss education, answer any questions or hear ideas, and discuss success or concerns you have around your child's education. Please call the office to make an appointment time. We are committed to a high standard of opportunities for every student at Peel High. My commitment is to lead Peel High with enthusiasm and passion to enable our whole school community to achieve their goals.

I wish everyone a safe and happy midyear break and look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Tuesday 23rd July, Week A and Day 2.

Fiona Jackson

Executive Principal

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





# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

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AT SCHOOL  
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## YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# FUTURE STARS OF RADIO & PODCASTING

20 students had the unique opportunity to take part in a comprehensive 4-day radio and podcasting program. In Workshop 1, participants delved into the history of Radio and Podcasting in Australia, honed their on-air communication skills, and learned how to sound great on the mic.

Workshop 2 focused on the 4P's of speaking and breathing, mic techniques, and vocal warm-ups.

Workshop 3 covered writing for radio, emphasizing the importance of writing conversationally and using scripts and run sheets effectively. Participants also learned about interviews, including different types and sources.

Lastly, Workshop 4 focused on audience engagement, creating compelling content, understanding the listener demographic, and on-air responsibilities such as basic defamation rules.

Overall, the students had a fantastic time at the workshops and gained valuable knowledge and skills in the world of radio and podcasting. They were able to learn about the various career opportunities available in the industry, as well as the importance of consent and copyright.

The visit to the ABC New England Radio station was a highlight for the students, as they were able to see a real radio station in action and even had the opportunity to read a mini bulletin on air. The workshops were a great success and students left feeling inspired and excited about the possibilities in the world of radio and podcasting. We look forward to seeing how they will apply their new skills and knowledge in the future.

Thank you to Cindy Pearce from The Smith Family who provided the opportunity for students to participate in the Film and Radio workshops and to Simon Beaton, who facilitated the 4 day workshops.





## *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**



# MEMORABLE CULTURAL DAY

On Friday, June 28, our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic day filled with NAIDOC-themed activities at the Youthie. The event aimed to promote wellbeing, celebrate language, and embrace cultural diversity.

Throughout the day, students engaged in various creative and physical activities, including making hot chocolate bombs, crafting soaps with native ingredients, and creating paper fires to symbolize "Keeping the Fire Burning". They also participated in fitness sessions led by our enthusiastic instructors, Matty and Latrell and language workshops facilitated by Taylor Williams, assisted by Ashleigh Walton which is always a highlight for our students.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff at Opportunity Hub / Bumburia, including Samantha Way, Cassie Withers, Racheal Dodd, Charissa Abra, Matty Nean, Latrell Allan, and Charlie Abra, for their unwavering support and contributions to the success of our program. Special thanks also go to Krystle Lamb from Gomeri Education for guiding our students in creating amazing artworks, and Mrs. Michelle Martin for adding a fun touch to the day with her creative chocolate bombs.

Additionally, we appreciate the assistance of Newcastle University Rural Physiotherapy students who demonstrated strapping techniques for injuries and led students through exercises.



Lastly, a big thank you to Mrs. Way for organizing the memorable Wellbeing, Language, and Cultural Day, as well as Mrs. Beavan, Miss Wrightson, Mr. Hodgson, Miss Henry, and Leory O'Leary for their support and assistance on the day. A big shout out to our wonderful Principal Mrs Jackson who took time out of her busy schedule to come and spend time with the year 8 cohort.



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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.



# GIRLS ON COUNTRY

The Girls on Country program has been exploring the traditional uses of coolamons this term, as well as how they were crafted and utilized. Students have been learning about the significance of these practical tools and the care that goes into making them.

In a recent excursion on Wednesday, June 19th, participants went out On Country to select their trees and carefully cut out one coolamon per group. It was important for students to respect the trees and take dirt from the base to rub over the removed bark, for the tree to heal a practice that honours the land and gives thanks for the resources provided.

The experience was not only educational but also allowed students to connect with the land in a meaningful way. It was a valuable lesson in traditional practices and the importance of sustainability.





**UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

July 22	Staff Development Day - No Students	August 13	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
July 23	Term 3 Starts for Students	August 19	P&C Meeting - 6pm
July 23	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am	August 20	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am
July 29	BRIGHT Programme Launch Night - 5:30pm	August 21	<b>HSC Trials End</b>
July 30	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am		
August 1	Parent Teacher Interviews Years 7, 8 & 9		
August 5 - 8	Dental Hygiene Checks		
August 6	P&C Uniform Shop - 8:30am - 9:30am		
August 8	Education Week Assembly - 10:30am		
August 12	<b>HSC Trials Start</b>		

**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



# School Planner 2024

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

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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)

 Scan me for key dates  
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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.

