



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 1 2025

HELLO & YAAMA TO 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.

Front Office Hours (Mon-Fri) 8am to 4.00pm

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yaama School Community Update

As we begin the new school year, students are off to a fantastic start, looking great in their uniforms. It's shaping up to be an exciting year filled with opportunities. We are pleased to welcome new teachers and staff, and we appreciate Mrs. Bird for stepping in as Executive Principal for the first two weeks to ensure a smooth beginning.

A key focus is encouraging students to strive for their personal best in all areas of school life. Our Year 7 and Year 11 students have already settled in wonderfully, bringing great energy to the school community. Students have already participated in various activities, including the swimming carnival, sporting events, cultural activities, and more. Be sure to download the School Bytes app and check it regularly to stay updated on opportunities for your students. School photos are next week on Thursday 6th March, please make sure students are in full school uniform. If you wish to purchase photographs you can do so online with MSP Photography, and students bring their form with them to hand to the photographers on Thursday.

Coming up, we have our Welcome BBQ which is a great opportunity for families to come and meet the staff, so come along for a free hamburger and drink for an informal gathering.

As a parent or carer, your involvement is crucial to your child's learning. Effective communication between the school and families is key to supporting students' success. In line with the NSW Department of Education's initiative, staff are encouraged to disconnect outside school hours to recharge. Teachers may not respond to non-emergency messages outside of operating hours. For non-urgent matters, please email the school (peel-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au), and staff will respond within two school days. For complex issues, please schedule an appointment with the relevant teacher. For emergencies, contact the school at (02) 67657088.

We encourage open communication to ensure the best outcomes for your child. We look forward to a productive and successful year ahead!

Mrs Fiona Jackson
Executive Principal

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



SAY CHEESE

School Photo Day is:

Thursday 6th March 2025

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEMORIES CAPTURED FOREVER!

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment forms and remember these helpful points:

- ❑ Online Ordering only – if you cannot order online please call (02) 6772 3519 to arrange an alternate payment.
- ❑ Sibling forms are available at the school office upon request.
- ❑ Sibling photos will be packed inside the eldest child's individual photo pack.



**For photo day queries please call our
friendly staff on (02) 6772 3519**

YEAR 7 CAMP 2025

Our brand new group of Year 7 students have started off their High School years with a wonderful camp trip at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre.

As soon as they had arrived at Coffs Harbour, the Year 7 students were quick to jump into their first round of scheduled activities. Despite the wet weather, their spirits were high, and their teamwork was incredible, impressing not only Peel High Staff, but also the staff of the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre team, praising the student's kindness and compassion for one another.

Other fun activities our Year 7 students participated in include a thrilling Sky Wire and a challenging Commando Course.

These students are eager, determined, and are absolutely ready to take on whatever comes their way in their first year of High School!



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

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

100%
DHIRRABUU
"VERY FLASH"

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

90%
DHIRRA
"FLASH"

85%
NEEDS
IMPROVEMENT

80%
DANGER
ZONE

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

75%
DAMAGING
IMPACT

70%
SEVERE
IMPACT

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

65%
CRITICAL
IMPACT

60%
EXTREME
IMPACT

60%
EQUATES TO
80 DAYS OFF
EACH YEAR OR
400 HOURS OF
LOST LEARNING
TIME

BELOW
50%
DESTRUCTIVE

BELOW 50%
HIGHLY
CHALLENGING
TO ACCESS
ANY LEARNING



YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025

Our annual Swimming Carnival was an incredible day for both students and staff.

Student attendance this year broke all known previous records, as the vast majority of the school was present at the pool, making the day a resounding success.

Here are just some of the best photos taken from the day.



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

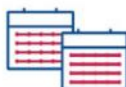
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



BREAKY HUB

STUDENTS CAN STOP IN FOR A FREE BREAK!
MONDAY, TUESDAY & FRIDAY
8.30AM - 9AM
IN THE TAS BLOCK



FUN FISHING DAY

Recently our Year 11 Marine Studies class kicked off their first fishing day at the Peel High farm creek, and it was an exciting success!

A big congratulations to Lara Jones for catching the first fish of the year AND her very first fish ever! Huge thanks to Ava Harrison and Isabelle Marsh for lending a hand in getting the carp out of the water. Teamwork makes the dream work!





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!

OPEN DAY 2025

Peel High recently hosted its annual Open Day, and thanks to the dedication of the staff and student representatives, who all gave up their time on a Saturday to volunteer and help run the tours and events, our Open Day for 2025 was a resounding success. Peel High received a lot of praise and positive feedback from our visitors who toured our school that Saturday.

A huge thankyou to our dedicated staff and students for doing a fantastic job of showcasing our school to the public. We're so proud of our school community for making the day special.



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

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

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.

PHONE BAN REMINDER

At Peel High School, in accordance to the rules and regulations enforced by the NSW Government and Department of Education, no student is allowed to have a Mobile Phone during the school day, this policy is enforced by all schools across NSW and applies to all students.

Student mobile phones are to be preferably kept at home, but if a student needs to bring it, they are to be handed over to their Check In Teacher to be securely locked up in a lockbox for the duration of the day. Otherwise, their phones are to be turned off, kept inside student bags, and are to stay inside them.

Consequences will follow students who fail to comply with the policy and are caught with their phones out during the school day. Please see the image below for what those consequences entail.

Parents and Carers that need to contact their kids during the school day are reminded to only contact the school in order for messages to be passed on. For students who need to contact home, they are to ask a staff member for assistance and to never at any point take out, and use their phones.

And finally, a huge thank you to the parents and carers of our community for supporting this policy and helping us to create a distraction-free learning environment.

PHONE RULES

@PHS



1



1st Offence:
Phone
Confiscated and
locked in safe

2



2nd Offence:
Phone
Confiscated. ✨
Formal Caution. ✨
Parent to Collect ✨

3



3rd Offence:
Phone
Confiscated.
Suspension

We thank our families for supporting the school with this matter

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online



Scan the QR code to
give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination



Artwork by Matt Ottley

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday 24 February

Challenge closes for student entries
Friday 22 August

Digital Partner



Supporter



TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB 2025 SEASON REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



JOIN TAMWORTH FC FOR AN EXCITING 2025 SEASON!
We welcome players of all skill levels, from entry-level juniors to competitive youth and senior teams.

NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

ENTRY LEVEL (5-7 YRS)

JUNIOR LEVEL (8-11 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (12-14 YRS)

YOUTH LEVEL (15-16 YRS)

Scan to learn more



[www.tamworthfc.com.au/
registration](http://www.tamworthfc.com.au/registration)

YOUTH PLAYING SENIORS (15-18 YRS)



UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

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|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
| March 4 | King Tut Roadshow 9:00am | March 18 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am |
| March 4 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am | March 24 | PHS AGM and P&C Meeting 6:00pm |
| March 4 | Into English Incursion A Advanced English 11:50am | March 24 | Stage 5 White Card - 9:00am |
| March 4 - 7 | RIEP - Trade Readiness Program - 9:00am | March 25 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am |
| March 6 | Photo Day | April 1 | Year 10 Injections |
| March 7 | Photo Day Catch Up | April 1 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am |
| March 11 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am | April 4 | Year 7 Injections |
| March 11 | UONDRH Health Careers Forum - 11:42am | April 4 | Year 8 Language, Wellness & Cultural Day 9:15am |
| March 13 | WHS General Induction White Card Course 8:30am | April 4 - 9 | SRC Easter Raffle - 11:12am |
| March 13 | Arinya Zone Rugby League Trials - 9:00am | April 8 | P&C Uniform Shop 8:30am - 9:30am |
| | | April 9 -11 | Ancient History Excursion Pompeii Exhibition in Canberra 9:00am |

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)

School Planner 2025

| Term 1 | Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------------------|------|---|---|---|--|---|----------|--------|
| January/ February | 1 | Australia Day 27 | School holiday 28 | School holiday 29 | School holiday 30 | School development day for Eastern division schools 31 | 1 | 2 |
| February | 2 | School development day for Eastern division schools 3 | School development day for Eastern division schools 4 | School development day for Eastern division schools 5 | Term 1 begins for students in Eastern division schools 6 | School development day for Western division schools 7 | 8 | 9 |
| February | 3 | School development day for Western division schools 10 | School development day for Western division schools 11 | School development day for Western division schools 12 | Term 1 begins for students in Western division schools 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| February | 4 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| February / March | 5 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| March | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| March | 7 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| March | 8 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| March | 9 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| March / April | 10 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| April | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Last day of Term 1 11 | 12 | 13 |



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 education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/calendars/school-development-days



Scan me for key dates

Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, education.nsw.gov.au/calendars