

# GHS Gazette

Term 1 Week 4 2025

## Upcoming Events

Year 7 Welcome BBQ – 4:30pm  
**Tuesday 18 February**

Swimming Carnival  
**Wednesday 19 February**

AECG Meeting – 4:00pm  
**Wednesday 19 February**

P&C Meeting – 5:30pm  
**Wednesday 19 February**

U15's WSSA Touch Football Gala Day  
**Monday 24 February**

Moorambilla Voices  
**Monday 3 March**

9 Geography 1 – Fieldwork Excursion  
**Tuesday 4 March**

9 Geography 2 – Fieldwork Excursion  
**Tuesday 11 March**

School Photos  
**Wednesday 12 March**

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### Safety First!

As we kick off another exciting year in Science, our faculty is placing a strong emphasis on lab safety. Hands-on experiments and practical activities are a highlight of Science lessons, but ensuring a safe and respectful learning environment is essential for everyone to participate fully.

To keep our students engaged in exciting experiments, we remind them to wear appropriate clothing, particularly enclosed shoes. Students who arrive in slides or other unsuitable footwear or clothing will be unable to take part in practical activities. By being safe, considerate, and prepared, students can make the most of their hands-on learning experiences in Science!

### Year 8 Science

This term, our Year 8 students have launched into an exciting exploration of forces in Science! They've been investigating how gravity and friction influence the movement of objects through hands-on experiments. As their understanding grows, students will put their knowledge to the test by designing and building their very own catapults. Through creative problem-solving and experimentation, they'll explore how different design features impact the height, distance, and accuracy of their creations. We can't wait to see their engineering skills in action!

Ms Caitlin O'Sullivan – **Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing / Science**

### Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include: Being sick; having an unavoidable medical appointment; being required to attend a recognised religious holiday; exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide us with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. Daily attendance SMS messages are sent to request an explanation for student absences.

If you're worried about your child's attendance, please reach out to us. Our Wellbeing team is here to support you and your child.

# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

## 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