

Welcome to
HILLBROOK



A MESSAGE FROM THE
School Leadership Team

Community is a word we use a lot here. In fact, one of our key beliefs is that people need to be part of a larger group, to feel like they belong.

There is now much educational research suggesting that in a school this sense of belonging and personal connection built on trust and respect also promotes a 'learning culture'. Our contributions and participation help make a positive difference in the lives of us all, but especially our students.

Welcome to the Hillbrook community.



School Leadership Team

L-R Wendy Carl (Dean of Teaching and Learning), Bronwyn Wearne (Business Manager), Mark Zietsch (Principal), Mark Herriman (Deputy Principal), and Kerrin Holland (Dean of Student Wellbeing).

Contact and Communication

There are many ways for parents to communicate with the school and to play an active role in the Hillbrook community. Just as you would have done when your child was in primary school, we encourage you to build connections with other Hillbrook parents and find your own way to be involved in school life.

Parent/teacher communication is a little more complex than it was in primary school, not only are there different subject teachers, young adults also become more independent with each passing year. However, there is a balance to be found, and there will be times when you will need to contact the school for administrative queries, or to find out how you can support your child in a particular area. We hope the next few pages help you navigate your way through communication at Hillbrook. We have protocols to guide parent/teacher communications which can be accessed on our Policies page.

Useful Contact Information

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| Orbit App | Required by all families – download via QR code below |
| School Hours | Start 8.30am - Finish 3.20pm |
| Main Phone Number | 3354 3422 |
| Absentee Line | 3184 5584 |
| Street Address | 45 Hurdcotte Street, Enoggera, QLD 4051 |
| Postal Address | PO Box 469, Everton Park, QLD, 4053 |
| Website | hillbrook.qld.edu.au |
| General Email | hillbrook@hillbrook.qld.edu.au |
| Cafe/Tuckshop | 3354 6422 (Breakfast, morning tea & lunch 8-2pm) |
| Uniform Shop | 3354 6456 |
| Secondhand Uniforms | https://www.facebook.com/groups/hillbrookpayitforward |
| School Board (Chairperson) | 3354 3422 |
| Music Department | 3354 6460 (Voicemail) |
| Finance Enquiries | fees@hillbrook.qld.edu.au |



Student Emails

Students are provided with a Hillbrook email and are expected to check emails daily, during term time.

School App

The Hillbrook Orbit App provides parents with all the information regarding the latest school activities, as well as the ability to update information on the go. Once you have received your Parent Lounge log in you will be able to access the app.

Newsletter

The newsletter contains news and photo galleries from the week that was. You will receive a copy in your inbox each Friday at 6.00pm.

SchoolTV

This information rich resource curated by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg provides parents with insights from some of Australia's leading experts in adolescent wellbeing. You can access all editions of SchoolTV here. <https://hillbrook.qld.schooltv.me/>

Who should I speak with?

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| <p>SUBJECT TEACHER</p> | <p>The subject teacher is the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding area of the subject • Homework • Assignments • Study techniques particular to that subject • Wanting work for an extended absence • A planned absence outside of holiday periods • Wanting to know how they are progressing that subject • Problems with other students (if only in that subject) • Modifications of assessments in special circumstances |
| <p>SUBJECT COORDINATOR</p> | <p>The subject coordinator is the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for extension on assignment due dates • Modification of assessment tasks • Student absence on exam and assignment due days • Concerns regarding any content in the subject curriculum |
| <p>HOME TEACHER</p> | <p>The home teacher is the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coping with homework generally • General study habits • Assessment schedules • Friendship or other social problems • An extended absence due to illness • A planned absence outside of holiday periods • Any change of family situation that the school should be aware of • Any change in health that the school should be aware of • Behavioural expectations • Discipline of students for minor infringements • Uniform and presentation enquiries • Settling into new classes • Student attendance concerns |
| <p>ENRICHMENT CENTRE (Learning Support)</p> | <p>The Enrichment Centre is the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggling with study habits and routine • Not coping with high school or year level work load • Specific literacy or numeracy needs • Modification to usual school program • Support for assignments and examinations • Assessment of literacy, numeracy and organisational skills |
| <p>COUNSELLORS</p> | <p>The school counsellors are the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious or significant mental health concerns • Ongoing behaviours which are presenting a problem for the student's learning academic and social success • Matters of a confidential nature • Liaison with doctors and mental health professionals that students may be working with • Child protection concerns |
| <p>CHAPLAIN</p> | <p>The chaplain is the first point of call for concerns involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child protection issues • Matters of faith |

The student's Home Teacher is the first point of call for most issues. However, there is some overlap between all of the above roles and that is to ensure there are several people you can contact with any issues. Email is always the easiest way to contact teachers in the first instance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED COMMUNICATION QUESTIONS

What do I do if my child is sick on the morning of a normal school day?

FIRST CONTACT Log absence via Orbit App (preferred), call Absentee Line 3184 5584 or call Reception by 8.30am.

FURTHER INFORMATION The absence will then be logged in our system for teachers to be aware that your child is not at school, but safe. (If calling, please state your child's full name, year level and reason)

What do I do if my child is going to be late to school/leaving early on a normal school day?

FIRST CONTACT Log absence via Orbit App (preferred), call Absentee Line 3184 5584 or call Reception by 8.30am.

FURTHER INFORMATION The partial absence will be logged in our database and your child can sign themselves in or out as we have your permission. ***Without letting us know in advance, you will need to come to Reception.***

What do I do if my child is sick on the morning of an Outdoor Ed activity day?

FIRST CONTACT Call Reception from 7:30am – we would appreciate you doing this as early as possible.

FURTHER INFORMATION You will be put through to the Outdoor Ed department, your child's Home Teacher, or a message will be taken. Arrangements may be made for them to attend with another class on another day.

What if my child is sick on the day that assessment is taking place?

FIRST CONTACT Log absence via Orbit App (preferred), call Absentee Line 3184 5584 or call Reception by 8.30am

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ASSIGNMENT DUE THAT DAY: Email to the Subject Teacher via Orbit App.
- EXAM YEARS 7-10: The Subject Teacher will discuss with the student a suitable time to sit exam.
- EXAM YEARS 11 & 12: Email the Subject Teacher AND a medical certificate will be required for the absence. A suitable time to sit the exam will be rescheduled by the subject teacher.

What if my child needs an extended absence from school – either for a planned family trip or unplanned illness?

FIRST CONTACT

Refer to Section 4.5 of the Attendance Policy here <https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/03.-Attendance-Policy.pdf>

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the SLT (slt@hillbrook.qld.edu.au) and Home Teacher with the dates and reason via email and a member of the SLT and/or the Home Teacher will be in touch with the next steps.

What if my child is being bullied?

FIRST CONTACT

Phone or email the Home Teacher (address in the Orbit App under Student section). CC email to Year Coordinator and Head of Student Wellbeing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The relevant policy statements (Declaration of Rights and Responsibilities and Harassment and Bullying) can be found on the Hillbrook website here: <https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/discover-hillbrook/policies/>

What if I want to check how my child is coping generally at school academically, or socially?

FIRST CONTACT

Phone or email to their Home Teacher who will contact their Subject Teachers and get back to you with details and information. CC email to Year Coordinator if you feel it necessary.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Assessment dates are available via the Orbit App. It's a good strategy to have these transferred into their planner at the front of their Student Diary (Years 7-9).

What if my child is struggling with anxiety or another mental health problem?

FIRST CONTACT

Email the Home Teacher in the first instance. CC email to Year Coordinator and/or School Counsellor if an existing issue.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If this is a new situation for your child, please contact their Home Teacher in the first instance so they can provide advice on approaching our Counsellors and, if necessary, provide an introduction for your child if they are hesitant about this.

What if our family situation changes?

FIRST CONTACT

Email or phone call to Home Teacher. CC email to Year Coordinator.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If it is a difficult situation which you feel your child may require some professional assistance/support, their Home Teacher can organise for them to see one of the School Counsellors or the Chaplain.

What if a school or Year Level event is coming up that I want to know the details of?

FIRST CONTACT Details of all events and the full school calendar can be found in the Orbit App.

FURTHER INFORMATION If you can't find what you are looking for or are unsure, you can email the Home Teacher.

What if I want some information on the curriculum my child is studying?

FIRST CONTACT Email the Subject Teacher. CC email to Home Teacher and Subject Coordinator if necessary.

FURTHER INFORMATION You can also find more information on the website in the Subject Selection Handbooks.

What if I have a question about a school wide policy (eg. the Expectations for Students Users of Digital Technology)?

FIRST CONTACT Visit the Hillbrook website.

FURTHER INFORMATION Email to Home Teacher, Year Coordinator and/or Head of Student Wellbeing and/or Senior Leadership Team (SLT) if you need further information or clarification.

What if my child has lost something at school?

FIRST CONTACT Students should search the lost property bins (one is for named property the other unnamed) outside the Print & Copy room in B Block. High value items such as phones or watches are generally handed in at Reception. Lost property is also sorted weekly and named items are returned to Home Classes. Please ensure all property is clearly labelled so it can be returned if lost.

FURTHER INFORMATION We do not encourage students to bring valuables to school. But if it is unavoidable, they can always leave them with Reception or with their Home Teacher. Lost GO Cards handed in to Reception can only be collected if named, or if unnamed the student will need to know the last 6 digits on the back of the card. Always register GO Cards with Translink so you can transfer the balance of any lost cards.

What if I have a question regarding my fees or account?

FIRST CONTACT Access FACTS via the Orbit App for details of payments and outstanding amounts.

FURTHER INFORMATION If you still have queries you can email the Finance Department: fees@hillbrook.qld.edu.au. You can also vary your payment plan at any time by calling the Finance Department on 3354 3422.

What if my child needs to stay late after school?

FIRST CONTACT

The Library is open after school Monday - Thursday until 5pm and Friday 4pm. Students are welcome to stay and read or work quietly on homework or assignments.

What if I need to contact my child during the day?

FIRST CONTACT

Send a text to their mobile phone which can be accessed when they switch it back on at 3.20 pm.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If your message is urgent please call Reception on 3354 3422. Urgent messages will be delivered through their Home Teacher. We generally don't hand deliver messages, but exceptions will obviously be made for urgent circumstances.

What if I want to be involved in the School Board?

FIRST CONTACT

Every parent is invited to become a Member of the Board. Membership forms will be sent to all parents before April each year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The AGM is held in May, keep an eye out for the date and details via email.

What if there is a problem with my child's laptop?

FIRST CONTACT

Students should take their laptop to the ICT Helpdesk in C Block or email the Helpdesk. helpdesk@hillbrook.qld.edu.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please note only emails from a Hillbrook email address can access the Helpdesk system. Parents can contact the ICT department on 3354 6485. The ICT staff can also help you with any questions you might have about your child's laptop.



A Typical Day in Year 7

Year 7 is a bit like a box of chocolates - you get a taste of all the subjects we offer at Hillbrook, so you can decide which ones you would like to study further in Years 8, 9, and 10.

You'll study 12 different subjects in Year 7. Some of them you will already know a bit about, like Maths, Science, English, Religion and Health and Physical Education. You also get to sample two languages - Japanese and German - plus Food and Nutrition, Industrial Technology Skills, Music, Drama, Digital Technologies and Art for 6 months each.

Some of the other subjects sound a bit strange. Global Studies is where you'll learn all about different cultures and places, and why they are the way they are. This subject gives you a good picture of how the world works.

Then there's PSD. It stands for Personal and Spiritual Development. It's all about understanding yourself and others, looking at teenage issues and broader concerns, and working out how you can lead a happier and more fulfilling life.

Another subject that will probably be new to you is Philosophical Inquiry. This is about thinking deeply and carefully with others about all those 'big' questions in life that perhaps you don't always take the time to explore, such as 'What makes you, you?'. You will also learn to think and reason well.

Of course, you'll head off on lots of Outdoor Education activities like orienteering, ropes courses and canoeing, as well as a 3-day camp where you get to discover some great things about yourself, your new classmates and the natural world we live in.



Cafe & Kitchen

The Café and Kitchen are open five days a week with breakfast, morning tea and lunches available.

Ordering is available online or students can pay for purchases with their Student ID card. Parents will be provided with more details at the start of the school year.

A new Café menu will be available at the start of every term and accessible via the Orbit App.



Curriculum

At Hillbrook, we view the term curriculum in a broad sense. It is not just the subjects studied; it is all the intended learning experiences that students undertake at the school, in and beyond the classroom.

Hillbrook students study a variety of intellectually challenging subjects. We believe our task is to provide a broad, liberal education to give our students as many choices as possible when they leave school. Our junior phase of learning has allowed us to embed the Australian Curriculum in a purposeful way and has given us the opportunity to provide project-based subject offerings to allow our students to investigate and respond to questions, challenges and problems, and to be an active participant in their learning.

Year 7 students study a core curriculum and have an experience of all junior electives (other than business) that run as Semester courses.

Year 8 students study a core curriculum and have a choice of three elective subjects.

Year 9 students study a core curriculum and continue to have a choice of three elective subjects. They also start to engage with project-based learning.

Year 10 students continue the same format as Year 9, as well as continuing to build on their project-based learning skills.

In the senior school, subjects are selected from the academic offerings of the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and all of our students are expected to achieve a tertiary admission score at the end of their studies. The majority of our students seek tertiary entry after school. Whatever their destination is after graduation, a Hillbrook student is well equipped to become a lifelong learner, responsible global citizen and a person who is confident to pursue their goals and passions.

Year 11 and 12 students study certain core subjects, with all students continuing with English and Mathematics and have a choice of four electives.

Textbooks

These are provided by the school as a book or an online resource. The textbooks are made available in the classrooms and online access codes are issued to Years 11 and 12 only. Usually textbooks are stored at school and not carried to and from home each day. Any English texts are individually issued to students as the units are taught.

Our text hire facility in the library is open every day.

Digital Education

Laptops

All students will receive their leased MacBook Air laptop during their first week at school.

The laptop program includes the following:

- 13-inch MacBook Air laptop and charger
- Protective hard case
- Apple Care accidental damage cover
- Full suite of educational software

Note: Hillbrook will pass on to parents, any costs for replacement cases, chargers and any excesses under Apple Care or the School's insurance policy for stolen or lost devices as detailed in the Parent Laptop Agreement, that you will receive.

ICT Helpdesk

The Hillbrook ICT Helpdesk is available to all students, staff and parents during the hours of 7.30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). Located next to the Early Learning Centre in C Block, the friendly ICT Helpdesk staff are available to assist with any technical issues that may present. The ICT Helpdesk is also staffed during school holidays and is a great opportunity for students and parents to discuss any concerns/issues before the busy school terms commence.

The ICT Helpdesk can also be contacted via:

Email: helpdesk@hillbrook.qld.edu.au

Phone: 07 3354 6485



Enrichment Team

Hillbrook has an array of students with diverse learning needs. We believe in building student capacity and for all students to become independent learners, so they can become successful senior students and future adults.

Students are expected to study six subjects in Years 11 and 12 and be ATAR eligible. Classroom content aligns with ACARA curriculum expectations, so students will work on Year 7 (or relevant entry year) material across all subjects, generally assessed at that level.

Following are the types and level of support that we can offer to assist students with their academic pathway at Hillbrook.



Literacy and Numeracy Enhancement (LANE) Program

- Year 7 LANE – Students are invited to withdraw from their language elective (3 x 40-minute lessons per week in Year 7) to access literacy or numeracy support in small groups numbering no more than 12 students.
- Year 8 & 9 LANE – is offered as an elective subject, that students choose as part of their subject selection. Year 8 students attend 3 x 40-minute lessons per week and Year 9 students attend 4 x 40-minute lessons per week.
- The LANE program is offered to students in addition to the usual Mathematics and English classes, with the aim to improve student's organisational, literacy and numeracy skills. Engaging with a LANE class helps participating students feel more confident when preparing for their Senior years.

Enrichment Centre

The Enrichment Centre is open during all breaks, before school, and for Study Club on Wednesday mornings. Students can receive learning support and, depending on staff availability, use the Centre as a space to de-stress and self-regulate during class and lunch times.

Emotional and Social Supports

Any learning or wellbeing concerns in the first instance are managed by Home Teachers, Class Teachers, and if needed, by the Year Coordinators. Students who require significant emotional and social support can access our Head of Student Wellbeing and School Counsellors.

Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA) for exams / assessment

Students who have significant additional learning needs and/or a formal diagnosis are eligible for reasonable adjustments (eg. extra time, rest breaks, use of a computer). This is commonly known as AARA and is mainly for exams, with many students completing assessments in the Enrichment Centre.

Individual Learner Profile (ILP)

An Individual Learner Profile (ILP) is prepared for students, in consultation and collaboration with staff and parents/caregivers. ILPs are used for students who have a formal diagnosis or require significant adjustments. These are given to their classroom teachers to assist in understanding the learning and/or social-emotional impacts of the diagnosed condition; the profile also lists reasonable adjustments that teachers can use to support the student in the classroom.

In-class Support and playground/Outdoor Education Supports

- A member of the Enrichment team attends one 80-minute English lesson, one 80-minute Global lesson and one 80-minute Maths lesson per week per Home Class to provide in-class support. This support is provided for all students in the class. At times this support may be disrupted if the team member is required to supervise exams in Learning Enrichment or attend to other unforeseen circumstances. Where we are able to, one-on-one support may be provided.
- Our teachers are timetabled at each break time in the school grounds to provide supervision for student safety.
- Teachers of the Outdoor Education Department, together with the Home or Class teachers oversee all Outdoor Education activity days and camps.

Assistive Technology

Students are frequently able to use their laptops and assistive technology. Those students with an appropriate diagnosis may use their laptops instead of handwriting tasks in exams.



Fee Schedule

The founding parents and teachers of Hillbrook set out to create a school that was accessible to a broad range of the community. Our Fee Schedule is focused on maintaining a balance between the lowest possible fee structure and providing an all-round education of the highest standard. The current fee schedule is available to view on our website.

Hillbrook offers a range of plans and options for the payment of school tuition fees. You will be provided with all the information you need to organise this by our Finance Team prior to the start of the school year.

Home Classes



Students stay in their Year 7 Home Class for one year. During this year they will spend most of their time in the same classroom and their Home Teacher will teach them for one core subject along with Philosophical Inquiry and PSD. They will do everything with their Home Class, even elective subjects. Starting high school is a hugely exciting, but also scary time, and this is why our Year 7 structure has been designed as a transition period from primary to high school. During the allocation of the initial Home Classes many factors are taken into consideration, including separating students from the same primary schools to encourage our new Year 7s to broaden their friendship groups.

Library

The Library page, via Online@Hillbrook, provides subscription databases and support for assignments and research, both at school and from home. A vast fiction collection is available and Years 7-9 enjoy a dedicated weekly reading lesson.

The e-platform, Wheelers, provides access to electronic and audio books for 24/7 borrowing. Students have an account for printing, photocopying, scanning and emailing.

Parents are encouraged to access our Parenting collection and are most welcome to borrow from our Senior Fiction.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 5:00pm

Friday: 7:30am – 4:00pm



Music

Music provides students with experiences and challenges that will benefit them throughout life. It helps develop life skills they can apply to other subjects and situations; it's a social experience that promotes team building; it develops self-discipline and concentration, builds problem-solving skills, self-esteem and physical co-ordination; it requires students to continually set goals and accept responsibility for their own progress. Most of all, Music gives every child the opportunity to be creative and expressive.

Classroom Music

All Year 7 students have one Music lesson a week for a semester. These lessons give students the opportunity to learn an instrument and develop listening and composing skills.

If students do not have access to their own instrument, the fee to hire a school instrument is \$60/term and billed with your school fees. Classroom Music is offered as an elective in Years 8-12 and Music Extension in Year 12.

Cocurricular Music

Students are also encouraged to be involved in the Cocurricular Music program, through private lessons and/or involvement in the many ensembles available at Hillbrook.

Year 7 instrumental students joining the Cocurricular Music Program play together for Semester 1 in the Concert Band (band instruments) and Synergy Strings (violin, viola, cello and bass). From Semester 2, students are placed in ensembles based on their performance experience and teacher's recommendation.

Students involved in a Cocurricular ensemble are expected to be having lessons on their instrument either at school or externally from a recognised instrumental music teacher.

New students in Years 8-12 are welcome and encouraged to be involved in the Cocurricular Music Program. An informal audition process may be necessary.

Choir is available to all students. Year 7s join the Hillbrook Trebles (Years 7-9 Junior Choir with unchanged male voices). Hillbrook Vox is for students in Years 10-12 plus changed male voices.

The Cocurricular Music Program Application Form and Instrumental Music Handbook are both available on the Parent Portal where you will find information about how the program works, costs involved and how to sign up.

Further enquiries can be directed to Liz Worth, Music Assistant on 3354 6460 or via email liz.worth@hillbrook.qld.edu.au.



Outdoor Education

Our Outdoor Education program is an important and compulsory part of the Hillbrook curriculum and all students are expected to participate in our yearly camps and various Outdoor Education activity days.

Being in nature gives students the opportunity to disconnect with the busyness of daily life and to build resilience, develop trust and learn leadership. Students enjoy activities such as kayaking, orienteering, bushwalking, rock-climbing and other adventure-based challenges.

The lessons they learn in nature come back to the classroom and students become more confident about taking risks in their learning.



Camp Program

It is easy to lose touch with the natural world and the lessons we can learn from it in today's technological, fast-paced and hyper-connected world. Hillbrook uses Outdoor Education as one way to balance this. At the core of Outdoor Education at Hillbrook is the development and understanding of healthy relationships with self, others and the environment. Our program continues to evolve, but should run as outlined below:

Year 7 - Connections

Year 7 students participate in a 3-day introductory camp in Term 1. Based in and around Mt Barney National Park, students learn the basics of what camps at Hillbrook involve and learn about this area on a hike to Yellow Pinch Lookout and a li-lo journey on the Logan River. Activity days (Terms 2, 3 and 4) include: Ropes Course, Orienteering and a Canoe and Water Adventure.

Outdoor Education Equipment

Hillbrook supplies students with some of the basic Outdoor Education equipment requirements. You may already have the basic gear required for your son or daughter. However, if you do need to purchase new equipment, remember the old adage "you get what you pay for".

Quality outdoor gear is worth the outlay and will last a long time if looked after properly. Hillbrook has negotiated a discount from some suppliers on the equipment that may need to be purchased. This will be explained at the Outdoor Education information evening in Term 1. The following basic gear list provides a guide to the equipment required. The items in red are essential. If you're unsure of anything, please talk to one of our Outdoor Education staff (via Orbit App) rather than spending a lot of money on equipment that may not be necessary.

Raincoat

An essential. A good raincoat is at least mid-thigh length, has an attached hood and is actually waterproof (not all are so please check this). Ponchos are not suitable.

Long Sleeved Shirt (with collar)

An essential for sun protection.

Sleeping Bag

Remember that sleeping bags will need to be carried on overnight or multi-day walks in a backpack (along with tents, food, clothing, etc) so packed size is important. Getting a sleeping bag with a winter, or zero-degree rating, will ensure the comfort of your child in any season.

Day Pack

This should be at least 35 litres in volume, have 2 padded shoulder straps, a waist belt and be fairly robust.

NOTE: Hillbrook supplies the larger overnight backpacks. You do not need to buy one.

Thermal Shirt

Made from polypropylene or equivalent. These are light, warm and quick drying. The older cotton style thermals are not suitable.

Footwear

No need to go out and buy expensive boots as a comfortable pair of sturdy runners will do the job. For canoeing and swimming, students are required to wear covered footwear, an older pair of runners is most suitable.

Water Bottle

To carry 2 litres capacity.

Head Torch

If buying a torch, the best type is a head torch. This allows two hands free to prepare dinner and wash up etc.

Foam Mat

For comfort and insulation, a must. If buying one of the blue foam mats, please select a modest thickness (8mm) as once again, size matters. Small self-inflating mattresses are more expensive but good too. Smaller is best, and the equivalent size to a 1 litre water bottle are preferred.

Sleeping Bag Liner

Triplies the life of your sleeping bag and prevents the need for sleeping bags to be laundered. An old double sheet folded in half and hemmed along two sides is a good alternative.

Tent

At the junior camps, tents are provided by Hillbrook.



Parent Outdoor Program

Hillbrook is a learning community and what better way to learn than to join a Parent Outdoor Program camp facilitated by our Outdoor Education teachers. These programs give parents a unique insight into what your children experience on camp. You are guaranteed to learn something new, meet other parents, while enjoying the great outdoors. More details will be provided during the year when these programs become available.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

Community is a word we use a lot at Hillbrook and your participation and enjoyment helps to make our community vibrant and positive. Research shows that involvement of parents in the life of the school has a healthy and positive impact on a young person's education and personal development.

Hillbrook School Board

Hillbrook is owned and run by teachers, parents and friends of Hillbrook who are invited to become members of the Hillbrook Anglican School Limited and the School Board is elected from these members. This structure provides teachers and parents with significant responsibility for the strategic direction of the school. You can find out more about becoming a Board Member on our website.

Connecting and Supporting our Community

Parents.Learning

This group has been an active part of the Hillbrook community since 1987 and has been very beneficial in empowering parents through expert knowledge and collective wisdom. Parents.Learning delivers a series of forum events each year on topics relevant to adolescent growth and development.

Parents.Connect

One or two parents from each Home Class act as a liaison with the other parents in their child's Year Level. Where two parents are involved ideally, we would have one who has a son and the other who has a daughter in the class. Parents.Connect nurtures a combination of support and trust among the parents of the Home Class and the Home Teacher.

Career Advice/Mentoring/Work Experience/Community Action Program

Our parent community is filled with a wealth of experience with the unique potential to provide active careers insight for our students and we have many ways for you to be involved ranging from mentoring students to offering work experience opportunities to providing classroom presentations or participating in our popular Careers Speed Dating activity. Please email communications@hillbrook.qld.edu.au if you would like to connect and help in this way.

Volunteering in the Hillbrook Shops

Our Café and Kitchen and Uniform Shop both rely on the support of our volunteer parents and provide a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and connect with the Hillbrook community.

Contact details below:

hillbrook@theuniformcompany.com.au

tuckshop@hillbrook.qld.edu.au

Orbit App, Parent Portal & Parent Lounge

The Orbit App places our Parent Portal and Parent Lounge in the palm of your hands and will be the primary method of communication and how to stay informed and connected to Hillbrook.

From the Orbit App you will have easy access to:

- Submit and/or acknowledge absences
- View the Attendance History for your children
- View and book your Parent Student Teacher meetings (when applicable)
- View and accept invitations for excursions/camps etc
- View the School Calendar, Events and Payments, and Daily Digest
- View and update all Address, Medical, or any other Personal information
- Link directly to the Tuckshop, Uniform and School Fee systems
- Be prompted to access your child's progressive reports when they are released
- Download copies of all current and historical Semester Reports
- Access links to email class teachers (under Student at the bottom of the screen) through the email provider on your device
- Receive targeted push notifications via the app, so that you are only alerted to information that's relevant to your child. You'll also be able to acknowledge notifications and view and search notification history.

All new parents will be sent a QR code to download the Orbit App and access will be available once you have been provided with your username and instructions to setup your password for the first time by email. Once access has been granted, we encourage you to log in and make sure your contact details (including your personal email addresses) are current and correct.



Project Active

Project Active, Hillbrook's cocurricular activity program, provides plenty of opportunities for students to pursue new interests and hobbies and to mix with students from all year levels. The benefits of regular activity are well documented - an increased sense of belonging and achievement, increased physical and mental ability and a better self-image.

Project Active is compulsory for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 and students are expected to participate in at least one activity per semester. There are two releases throughout the year - at the beginning of both Semesters 1 and 2. Most activities occur before or after school, and some take place on weekends.

Activities are announced on the Parent Portal at the start of Semesters 1 and 2 where you can express your interest. You will then receive an invitation on Parent Lounge for approval and payment.

Soccer, boxing, drone club, yoga, sewing, rugby, judo, ultimate disc, basketball and indoor rock climbing are just a few of the activities offered. We connect with many local clubs to provide pathways for learning new sports and skills, as well as providing training opportunities for school events such as cross-country carnivals and external competitions.

Almost all activities (99%) run in a six-week block and are held before school (7.15am to 8.15am), after school (3.30pm to 4.30pm) or at lunchtime, once a week for six consecutive weeks. There are some one-off weekend options where the whole family can participate. The cost of each activity varies, ranging from \$20 - \$110. Some school-based activities are free, held before school or at lunchtime.

Can parents get involved? YES! Parents are encouraged to sign up for any activity that is listed as a parent activity. Parents are also encouraged to contact Jackie Kelly (jackie.kelly@hillbrook.qld.edu.au) if you would like to offer your time to run a Project Active sport or leisure activity.

Religion

Hillbrook is an Anglican school and is committed to a safe and nurturing environment where people of any or no religious affiliation can further their spiritual journey. Religious Studies aims to help all students explore meaning and purpose in life and to critically engage with the diverse perspectives of the world in which they live. Religious Studies classes are studied by all year levels.

Once per fortnight, Home Classes attend Chapel. These sessions are reflections on a current theme. They seek to foster reflection on the human experience and the big questions of life through a Christian perspective.

Social & Environmental Responsibility

Our Ecological Footprint and Circular Economy Goals

Hillbrook has always had a strong philosophy when it comes to the ecological footprint we leave behind. Whether it is in the school grounds, when on camp or participating in Outdoor Education days, we aim to leave no trace.

We are currently working towards becoming a Circular Economy school, both from a business and a learning perspective. You can read more about the Circular Economy and our curriculum here: <https://acehub.org.au/knowledge-hub/case-studies/hillbrook-anglican-school>.

We have an active Environmental Club, are a Land for Wildlife location, the creek revegetation senior group meets weekly, native bee hives are dotted around the school, our Café and Kitchen packaging is 99% compostable, and we are producing a significant amount of our energy through solar panels. We have reduced our landfill significantly and the Environmental Club conduct regular bin audits to ensure our rubbish is in the right bin. Students in all Year Levels can join the Environmental Club.

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Hillbrook's RAP follows the Narragunnawali platform for schools and includes fostering relationships with Indigenous people, fostering respect of Indigenous culture, looking for opportunities to engage with and support Indigenous people and provide practical ways to introduce meaningful reconciliation initiatives in the classroom. The RAP is supported by a working group of teachers, support staff, students, parents and other members of the Hillbrook Community. If you would like to be a part of this working group, please contact Mike Gillard michaelg@hillbrook.qld.edu.au

Stationery

Year 7 stationery is available through EDSCO, our partnered stationery supplier and can be purchased online. If you would like to buy your stationery from another provider, you can download the PDF list of Year 7 requirements from the EDSCO website. To order, go to bookpack.edSCO.com.au - choose Hillbrook School and Year 7.

We encourage all our families to keep the environment in mind when purchasing stationery. Please use items you already have if they are in good condition rather than purchasing new.

Student Leadership

There are no prefects and school captains at Hillbrook. Each year students select two representatives from each Home Class to serve on the Student Representative Council. In addition, a nine-member Council Executive is elected by students and staff to represent the students' voice in the decision-making processes at Hillbrook.

Transport

Hillbrook encourages the use of public transport, walking or bike riding to get to and from school. Our campus backs onto the Kedron Brook bike path and we offer bike racks throughout our campus.

Both Enoggera and Gaythorne train stations and the South Pine Road bus depot are a short walk from school and we recommend the use of Translink Journey Planner for further information.

Uniform Policy and Guidelines

The Hillbrook uniform is an expression of our community, designed to ensure appropriate levels of flexibility and safety, as well as providing garments appropriate to our workplace. It removes the potential for peer pressure regarding uniform choice, while maintaining a degree of personal choice.

Shoes

Workplace Health and Safety regulations mean acceptable school footwear choices are very limited. Black lace-up leather school shoes only – not joggers, Mary Janes or other variations. Because of these regulations, students who are not wearing this type of shoe cannot be permitted to enter certain areas of the school, like science labs for example. Regular polishing not only helps keep school shoes looking better, it helps keep them safe and in an acceptable condition.

Backpack

All students are required to carry the Hillbrook backpack (available from the Uniform Shop). One of the tricky things about the move from primary to high school is the increase in what students need to bring to school each day. With the larger number of subjects, as well as co-curricular activities, students can find themselves with heavy loads to carry. We've given a great deal of time, thought and consultation to this over many years, and have tried several approaches including lockers, shelving in classrooms and providing the opportunity for students to share textbooks. These particular approaches were not successful.

Our research has led us clearly to the view that it is imperative for students to have an appropriate backpack, packed and worn correctly, carrying only what they need for each particular school day.

In the early weeks of Hillbrook we will talk to the students about:

- Distributing weight in their school bag
- Using both shoulder straps
- Packing electronics correctly
- Packing heavy items nearer the body

Hats

Students are to have a hat with them every day, regardless of season, and are expected to wear them to and from school.

Hats must be worn whenever students are outside. This includes areas in the full sun, partial or full shade.



Personal Presentation

Presentation is a very personal area that requires continual interpretation and judgements about taste and appropriateness. We offer guidelines that we expect students to respect, though at times, the school will make judgements about taste, safety and fashion, and we ask parents to support these decisions. We are sure both parents and students understand that the Uniform and Presentation Policy, available and on the website aims to be fair and safe for all involved, and we are confident that students will take pride in presenting themselves, and their school, well.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you are looking to buy or sell second hand uniforms visit the Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hillbrookpayitforward>.

If Facebook is not for you and you are ok with giving your quality, no longer needed, current style uniforms away for free, please place them in the yellow “Worn Up” box located outside of the Uniform Shop. All items placed in the yellow box are sorted and those items still wearable will be available to Hillbrook parents and students for free. Watch the newsletter for notification of upcoming give away days.



Uniform Shop Onsite

The Uniform Shop is located onsite at Hillbrook and can be accessed by entering the front of the school and heading down the stairs and to the left. You don't need to sign in at Reception to access the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is managed by Emma Cherry who is more than happy to assist with any questions you may have.

Phone: 07 3354 6456

Email: hillbrook@theuniformcompany.com.au

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Tuesday: 7am-11am | Wednesday: 12-4pm | Thursday: 7am-11am

You can also find out more information on our website.

Uniform Shop Online

How to access

There are two ways to access the Hillbrook Online Uniform Shop – either via the Orbit App or the Hillbrook website.

From the Orbit App – click on the 3 bars on the top left-hand side and choose Uniform Shop.

From the website <https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/enrol/uniform-shop/>

Please note: your Uniform Shop account is separate to your Hillbrook Parent account and your My Monitor account (Tuckshop).

How to order

Once in the Online Shop, select the item/s and appropriate size, then select 'Add to Cart'.

From there simply follow the checkout procedure. During checkout you can create a Uniform Shop account, or log in if you already have one, or you can choose to skip this step and go straight to payment.

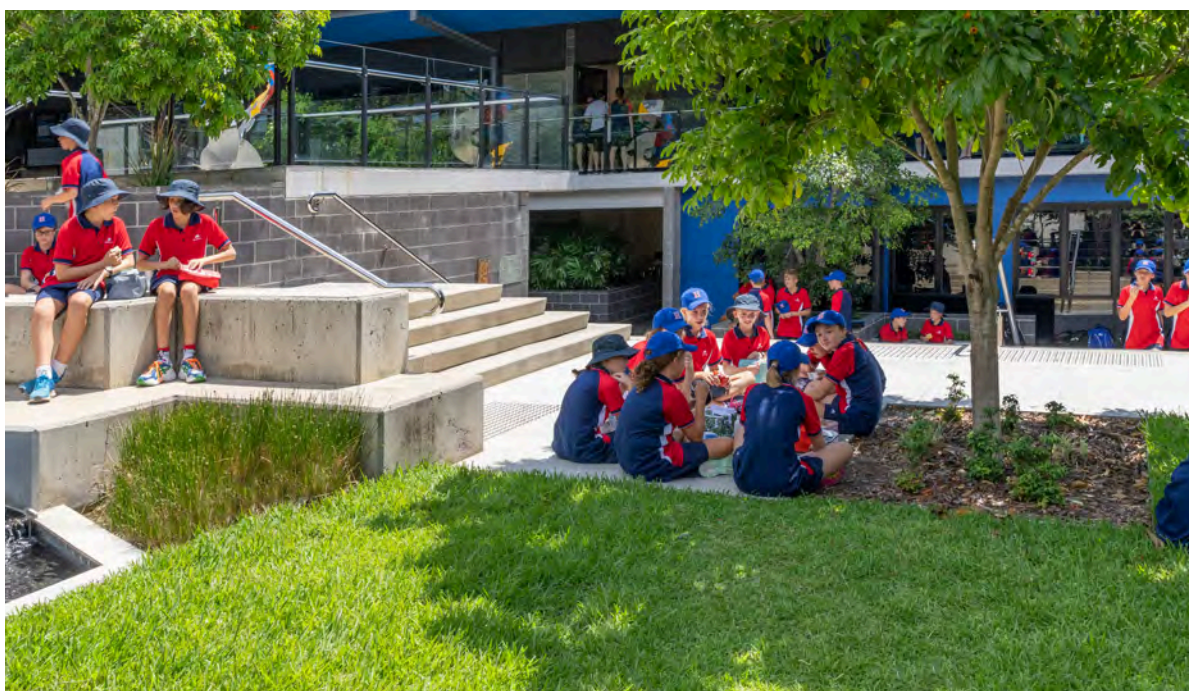
Unsure of size?

Take your best guess and put a note in the comments at checkout that you would like your child to try on at collection. We will ensure they try their item/s on and will swap the size if required. If you are unhappy with a size selection, return the item (unworn, unwashed, tags intact, in the bag) within 2 weeks for a size exchange or refund.

Please note: Refunds can only be made in-store if purchasing via credit card.

When will I receive my item?

If items are in stock, orders are filled the next day the shop is open after you place your order (or on the same day if the shop is open). You will receive an email when your items are ready for collection. Orders can be collected at any time during shop opening hours.



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Mix and Match - Option 2



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Mix and Match - Option 3



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Uniform Price List

Current from 30/09/2025. All prices are GST inclusive. Prices subject to change.

| Formal Uniform Option 1 | | Formal Uniform Option 2/3 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Long Sleeved Shirt – Royal Stripe | \$73.00 | Dress | \$110.00 |
| Formal Polo | \$60.00 | Skirt | \$80.00 |
| Formal Short – Grey | \$55.00 | Formal Short – Royal or Grey | \$45.00 |
| Formal Trouser – Grey | \$65.00 | Formal Trouser – Grey | \$42.00 |
| Tie | \$25.00 | Blouse – Red or Blue Stripe | \$71.00 |
| Socks - Short Grey Striped | \$15.00 | Tie - Red or Blue | \$23.00 |
| Socks - Long Grey Striped | \$17.00 | Socks – White Ankle (3 pack) | \$14.00 |
| Belt – Black Leather Adjustable | \$23.00 | Tights – Black (2 pack) | \$18.00 |
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| Sport Uniform | | Sport Uniform | |
| Sport Polo | \$60.00 | Sport Polo | \$60.00 |
| Sport Short | \$48.00 | Sport Short | \$48.00 |
| Sport Sock (Single) | \$11.00 | Sport Sock (Single) | \$11.00 |
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| Unisex | | | |
| Cold Weather Layers | | Drama & Music | |
| Cotton blend Jumper – Red / Blue | \$73.00 | Drama Pants | \$54.00 |
| Scarf – Red / Blue | \$23.00 | Drama T-shirt | \$18.00 |
| Track Jacket | \$97.00 | Music Polo | \$42.00 |
| Track Pants | \$71.00 | | |
| | | Laboratory Coat (Grade 11 & 12 Chemistry Students) | \$36.00 |
| Extra Curricular Sport | | | |
| Athletics Singlet | \$41.00 | | |
| AFL Singlet | \$46.00 | | |
| Multi Use Shirt (Touch football) | \$42.00 | | |
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| Accessories | | | |
| Backpack – Black or Navy | \$72.00 | Apple USB-C Power Adaptor | \$59.00 |
| Grade 11 & 12 Small Backpack | \$67.00 | Apple USB-C Cable | \$29.00 |
| Cap | \$21.00 | Belkin Laptop Cover | \$45.00 |
| Bucket Hat | \$20.00 | | |
| Formal Hat (Female) | \$65.00 | Ribbon Bows (Red or Blue) – 2 pack | \$4.95 |
| Formal Hat (Male) | \$50.00 | Scrunchies (Red or Blue) – 2 pack | \$4.95 |
| | | Sports Bands (Red or Blue) – 6 pack | \$4.95 |
| | | Hair Coils (Red or Blue) – 4 pack | \$4.95 |



2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1 Tuesday 27 January – Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)

Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 January

Monday 26 January

Tuesday 27 January

Thursday 2 April

Friday 3 April

Student Free Days

Public Holiday - Australia Day

Students Return & Term One Commences

Last Day of Term

Good Friday

Easter Holidays – Saturday 4 April – Sunday 19 April

TERM 2 Tuesday 21 April – Friday 19 June (9 weeks)

Monday 20 April

Tuesday 21 April

Monday 4 May

Friday 19 June

Student Free Day

Students Return & Term Two Commences

Public Holiday - Labour Day

Last Day of Term

Winter Holidays – Saturday 20 June – Sunday 12 July

TERM 3 Tuesday 14 July – Friday 18 September (10 weeks)

Monday 13 July

Tuesday 14 July

Wednesday 12 August

Friday 4 September

Friday 18 September

Student Free Day

Students Return & Term Three Commences

Public Holiday - Exhibition Day

Student Free Day (Confirmation Day)

Last Day of Term

Spring Holidays – Saturday 19 September – Sunday 4 October

TERM 4 Tuesday 6 October – Friday 27 November (8 weeks)

Monday 5 October

Tuesday 6 October

Friday 20 November

Friday 27 November

Public Holiday – King's Birthday

Students Return & Term Four Commences

Year 12s Last Day

Year 7-11s Last Day

Student Free Week – Monday 30 November – Wednesday 2 December

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For More Information

To visit our website, scan the QR code or go to hillbrook.qld.edu.au



For more information about Hillbrook's Policies:



For more information about Hillbrook's Fee structure:



For more information about our Curriculum, scan the QR code below:



For more information about our Enrichment Centre, scan the QR code below:



Outdoor Education



Music



Project Active



For more information about Hillbrook's School Board:

<https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/about/leadership/school-board/>

For our Parent Portal:

<https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/community/parents/>

For more information about travelling to Hillbrook:

<https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/enrol/getting-to-hillbrook/>

For more information about Hillbrook's Uniform Shop:

<https://www.hillbrook.qld.edu.au/enrol/uniform-shop/>

To view the book list for Hillbrook, follow the link and click on Hillbrook School:

<https://bookpack.edsco.com.au/>

Classroom Map

- Second Floor [R7]**
- First Floor [B6]**
- Ground Floor [B15]**
- Lower Ground [G11]**

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