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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with much pleasure that we welcome you back to Year 8 at Centenary Heights State High School. This email is to introduce us as Heads of Year 8 (HOY) for 2022. Our role as Heads of Year is to continue to work with you and your child, to ensure that time spent with us is both positive and rewarding. We will endeavour to further develop and maintain close links to our students through their Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher. *Your child's PCG teacher is your first point of contact should you have any queries or news to share.*

The Year 8 PCG Teachers in 2022 are:

8A Amy Fischer	8G Geogia Keating-Chalmers
8B Louise O'Mara	8H Peter Sykes
8C Courtney Green	8I Deborah Patzwald
8D Chrissie Lodder	8J Jordan Wegert
8E Keith Harmes	8K Luke Halley
8F Kerry Asmus	8M Sam Baker

Please note: Samantha Taylor will be working with 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D; Sandie Black with 8E, 8F, 8G and 8H; Tim O'Connell with 8I, 8J, 8K and 8M. Jodi Robinson works as our Head of Year for students supported by our Special Education Program. Kerri-Ann Frew (Deputy Principal) will also work closely with our Year 8 students and staff as the Line Manager for our year level. Kellie Sloss, in the Assistant Head of Year role, will work with all classes and their teachers.

Pastoral Care is a whole school program delivered weekly, in conjunction with whole school parades, for the duration of the year. Co-ordinating the Year 8 Pastoral Care Program is one of the responsibilities of our Assistant Head of Year. Our main focus for Year 8 Pastoral Care is to continue the journey of high school for your child through topics such as kindness, online safety, 21st Century Skills and Respectful Relationships. Through this program we encourage students to become self-aware and teach them how to develop strategies for connecting to and coping with their school environment. In addition, our role, with your support and assistance, is to encourage students to make appropriate choices which will ensure that their high school experience is enjoyable.

In addition to the Pastoral Care Program, we also have a weekly Year Parade that provides advice and guidance for students, as well as recognising their excellent work. This will include **Recognition Awards** to acknowledge students who demonstrate the traits valued by our school and year level - recognising attendance, in-school and out-of-school achievements, as well as general effort and conduct in class.

We aim, as Heads of Year 8, to continue assisting students to reach their full capacity as a person and learner. It is a real 'bonus' for the same team as last year to continue working with our students as we know each other well. **Safety, Respect** and **Learning** will continue to underpin all that we do—fostering respectful relationships is a large focus.

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We value **all** students and encourage them to strive for a 'personal level of excellence', whilst participating in **all** facets of school life. Clearly, the more involved in school activities students are, the more successful and happier they are. We will continue to set high, clear and consistent standards of behaviour as well as working closely with parents and carers to support the development of students. All students striving for 'Gold' is our aim.


All twelve classes complete the same wide range of subjects throughout the year with only 8M having a slightly different timetable to accommodate their additional music lesson. Mathematics, English, Science and HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences), Health & Physical Education and Languages (alternating terms) are subjects studied all year. Dance, Visual Arts, Food & Fibre Production and Music are subjects studied for a term on rotation. Your child's Pastoral Care teacher is also timetabled as a subject teacher for her/his class continuing our focus on the value of positive relationships with key staff.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Effective communication with your child's PCG teacher will ensure that any problems or issues are minimised. We impress upon students the importance of informing their teachers of any issues or concerns they have so they can be appropriately addressed—it is important as 'high school' students to *speak up*. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's PCG teacher, individual subject teachers, or respective Head of Year if you wish to discuss your child's progress. You are always welcome to visit our school—for safety reasons it is important to sign in through the main office first.

Yours sincerely


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