

# CENTENARY HEIGHTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*Safety - Respect - Learning*

3 December 2024

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Centenary Heights State High School has enjoyed a positive relationship with our local business owners over many years and we appreciate the long-standing collaboration with the businesses at South Town Shopping Centre. As neighbours, we value the connection that supports our students and community. Recently we have been advised that the supervisory functions outside of the school grounds cannot be maintained in the long term. As you are aware, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority and we are progressing transition arrangements.

As discussed with you, I am advising you in writing of a change regarding our supervision of students outside the school grounds, particularly in areas such as the South Town Shopping Centre precinct and South Street crossings.

After a thorough review of current after-school supervision practices, including the duties undertaken by teaching staff at your shopping centre, it has been identified that these activities do not align with the Department of Education's industrial and workplace health and safety obligations. This means a change to supervision duties effective from the beginning of 2025.

While the school will no longer be able to supervise students within or around your premises, we remain committed to fostering a positive relationship and will continue to encourage responsible student behaviour in public spaces.

This change has been communicated to our school community, emphasising the importance of shared responsibility among students, parents, and staff for safety and respectful behaviour outside school grounds. Students will also engage in road safety information from the end of 2024, which will continue into 2025. The local Queensland Police Service (QPS) has also been made aware of these changes. School staff will undertake bus supervision duties at the bus stops on Ramsay Street and for Term 1, staff will be rostered at the school gates on South Street and Catto Street to assist with this change in routine. We hope this approach will support a smooth transition and maintain a positive environment at the shopping centre.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



**Dan Lindenmayer**  
Principal  
Centenary Heights State High School