

Coming to Year 7 in 2024?

Some frequently asked questions....



1. Will Centenary Heights State High School be ready for my child to commence high school?

We successfully introduced Year 7 to our high school way back in 2015 and have continued to build on these successes. We have purpose-built classrooms available for our students where teachers of the Year 7 classes are placed.

2. How does Centenary Heights State High School cater for Year 7 students?

This school has had a highly successful 'Junior Secondary' Program based on positive relationships and a focus on **'knowing every learner'**. This is a program specifically designed for students in Years 7 to 9 and includes the implementation of the Learning and Well-Being Framework. Our Centenary Heights State High School Learning and Well-Being Framework is accessible from our website www.centheigshs.eq.edu.au

3. Will my child be safe in high school?

Safety, Respect and Learning are the key underpinnings of the quality education on offer at Centenary Heights State High School. The safety of our students is paramount and specific attention is given to the transition of our younger students amid inclusive practices. Our Student Code of Conduct may be accessed from our website centheigshs.eq.edu.au/.../student-code-of-conduct.pdf



4. What subjects will my child study?

At our school students will study all subjects in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. In Years 7 and 8 these will include 'core' subjects: Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities, Languages (Chinese and German), and Health & Physical Education along with 'elective' subjects which include Technology (Digital Technologies; Design and Technologies, Food and Fibre) and Performing Arts (Drama and Media; Dance; Visual Art and Music). Students will receive a report card at the completion of assessment, which can be accessed through QParents <https://qparents.qld.edu.au>.

5. When does school commence for Year 7 students in 2024?

School begins on Monday 22 January with our first bell at 8.35 am. All students are asked to meet at the Performing Arts Centre where they will be divided into their classes and receive their Homework and Study Planners (Diary) along with other essential information to commence the year. Students are asked to wear formal uniform on the first day of school. Parents/Carers are most welcome to remain with their children during this information session.

6. Will students have access to lockers like the other high school students?

Yes, students will be issued with lockers during their first day of school, which are housed adjacent to their classrooms. This will also include a combination lock.

7. What uniform is required for students?

Our school has a strict uniform policy. Students will require both a 'sports' and a 'formal' uniform to commence the school year. The respective uniforms include joggers and lace-up black leather (impervious upper) shoes, plain white socks and the compulsory wearing of the school hat. Our Parents and Citizens Association operates a Uniform Shop at our school where all items may be purchased (including hat). All uniform options and prices may be viewed on our website <https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop> *Students wear the formal uniform on their first day of school.*

8. Is my child required to wear a hat?

Students are required to have their school hat (clearly labelled with name) to commence school. This hat is to be worn at all times outside the classroom.

9. Does my child require a laptop?

Our school has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy detailing students' provision of their **own laptop**. It is also strongly recommended that students have an additional battery as a 'back-up'. *Check out our website for details* <https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device>



10. What textbooks and subject resources will my child require?

Our school operates a Student Resource Scheme which the vast majority of parents elect to join. Students will have their textbooks, including digital ones, and other resources distributed through their classroom teachers during their first lessons. Payment for this scheme will be gratefully accepted any time from November onwards. Payment in full or a deposit and commitment to regular payments allows students to participate in all extra-curricular activities, and a \$150 deposit before the Orientation Day on Tuesday December 5 secures your child's participation.

A *list of stationery* requirements can be found in enrolment packs <https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/year7-enrolment-pack> for you to use when making purchases. A recommended **Texas Instruments scientific calculator** may also be purchased from the school Textbook Office for approximately \$28.



11. Is there a camp for Year 7 students?

Our school strongly values the benefits of a camp for our new students which has a focus on building strong, positive relationships. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the camp which will be held in Week 5 of Term 1. An 'at school camp' also operates for students who cannot attend the 'away' camp.

12. When may I enrol my child?

Expression of Interest forms can be obtained from our school office and be submitted from Monday 1 May 2023. Upon receipt you will receive email notification within 24-48 hours should approval be given to proceed to Step 2 (Enrolment Application form and an appointment time) – please note that these need to be submitted in person to allow for the provision of further information. An Enrolment Form is required to be completed for **every** student, including students transferring from nearby primary partner schools. ***Our School is 'enrolment managed' so if you live outside our 'catchment area' an additional application is required before your enrolment may be considered. Please note: due to high demand it is very unlikely that there will be capacity for students outside the catchment area to be enrolled.***

To determine if you are 'in catchment' go to: <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>

13. Does the school have a tuckshop?

Our excellent tuckshop will be available every day of school to purchase morning tea and lunch. Please check our website <https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/facilities/canteen> for our exciting menu and pricelist.



14. What sport is available at Centenary Heights SHS?

Students have the opportunity to play a sport either internally or externally which varies from term to term. Participation in Tuesday afternoon sport for students in Year 7 is mandatory. The School Swimming Carnival will be held in the first few weeks of Term 1, Cross Country in Term 2 and Athletics Carnival in Term 3. All such events are mandatory for student participation. Students also have the opportunity to represent their school, district and state in the usual state school sports.

15. Who is the Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher? What other teachers will my child have?

The PCG teacher for each Year 7 class is the person who has the students for roll marking each morning, a Pastoral Care lesson once per week, and teaches the students for a combination of at least two additional subjects in their own 'home' classroom. This teacher will have a partner who will also teach your child for at least two other subjects minimising the number of different teachers she/he has. The PCG teacher is your first point of contact for most issues/concerns regarding your child.

16. What does a Head of Year do?

Each year level has three Heads of Year to support PCG teachers in their roles of monitoring student progress and welfare, and implementing appropriate strategies to assist students with any concerns or problems that may occur. These may include issues of behaviour, absence, or difficulties of an academic or personal nature. There is also an Assistant Head of Year who oversees the Pastoral Care program for the year level.

17. Where do I go for further information?

Our school has an excellent website which includes all aspects of our school: <https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/> or please do not hesitate to contact Head of Department Junior Secondary on 4636 7500 should you have any specific queries.

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Engagement, Relationships and Achievement
underpins everything
we strive to achieve within the
Junior Secondary Environment"