



28 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The last day for school attendance this year is Friday 8 December 2023. We encourage your child to attend school every day leading up to the last day. On the last day your child will complete their Junior Secondary journey. To start 2024, they will commence in the Senior School.

You may want to consider selling the Junior Secondary formal uniform back to the uniform shop if you have any items in good condition. The first school day for 2024 for Year 10 will be on Tuesday 23 January 2024. Students will attend this first day in their senior formal uniform. They will be required to be in their white shirts with a tie on this day.

In 2024, all senior students are given the option to leave school at 1:10 pm each Tuesday in lieu of engaging in sport or a study room. This option will commence for our Year 10 students in their first week. If you would like your child to leave at 1:10 pm on Tuesdays, you will receive an email notification with a link from QParents advising you that there is a permission form for you to approve in QParents. You may also choose to complete the consent form below to return to the textbook office if you do not have a QParents account.

There will be supervised study rooms offered for Year 10 students on Tuesday in Period 4 if you choose for your child to remain at school and no form is required to be completed. Students are no longer given the option to participate in sport during this time in 2024. The school may revoke this privilege if your child fails to complete classwork, homework and/or assessment. Your child will be notified by their Head of Year if they are required to stay during Period 4 Tuesday.

In Semester 1 2024, students will access a semester of English, Mathematics, Science and their existing two electives and one term of HPE and one term of History. Classes will rotate after the Easter holidays.

Moving into the senior school is an exciting stage in education where many opportunities for school, work experience, TAFE Tasters and school based apprenticeships and traineeships become available. I would encourage you to speak to your child regarding their interests and pathways and encourage them to go to the Careers Office to explore pathway options.

Our students in Term 1 2024 continue to explore Career Education as part of their Pastoral Care program. We will formally meet in Week 1 Term 2 as part of the Senior Education Transition Plan (SETP) to discuss pathways, choose Semester 2 Year 10 subjects and select a provisional range of Year 11 subjects 2025.

It has been great to see our students develop over the last three years as confident young



people, ready to navigate into the senior school. I've attached our senior school uniform requirements. As seniors we will be modelling the expected standard in terms of uniform, safety, respect and learning. Please review this standard carefully.

We look forward to continuing to support your child in 2024 to contribute to them developing into people of distinction (one of the school's three pillars). The current Year 9 staff team will follow your child into the senior school including Heads of Year Mr O'Connell and Mrs O'Mara and welcome Mrs Garner.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday and look forward to commencing the senior school journey as a team in 2024.

Regards,

Kerri-Ann Frew
Deputy Principal

Tim O'Connell
Head of Year

Louise O'Mara
Head of Year

Darren Cook
Principal



Please return to the Textbook Office

I, _____ give permission for my child

_____ in PCG _____ to leave the school grounds each Tuesday afternoon in Period 4 in 2024.

I understand that if my child fails to complete homework and/or assessment that the school may revoke this privilege and arrange a study class to assist with schoolwork completion during this time.

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date ____/____/____

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

OUR DRESS CODE

Aims to:

- allow students to be immediately identifiable as a Centenary Heights student;
- be comfortable and sun safe;
- look neat and tidy;
- be appropriate for school activities;
- be appealing so students want to wear it (students are represented on the Uniform Working Party when it meets);
- be affordable; and
- give students some choice within the elements.

Students are required to have as their basic uniform one full formal uniform and one full sport uniform.

Department of Education has an obligation to ensure the health and safety of students. This duty of care will be discharged using a risk management process.

The P & C Association supports the Principal in determining the level of acceptable risk to students. Hence, in conjunction with the P & C Association, the school community has determined that students at this school will wear our prescribed uniform for reasons of:

school identity, personal safety, pride, a sense of belonging, a positive public image, to minimise economic and social differences and competition between students in dress and fashion, and to satisfy workplace health and safety requirements.

GENERAL DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

Personal Appearance

1. Personal cleanliness is essential.
2. Hair colouring is to be kept within the natural hair colour range and styles are to be conservative and neat.
3. Make-up should have a natural/neutral look, and be generally undetectable. This will include light foundation or tinted moisturiser only, and should not be detectable as it will blend with your natural skin colour. A neutral coloured or clear lip balm may be applied; however, this too will blend with your natural lip colour. Eye make-up is not permitted; false eyelashes, eyelash extensions, and eyelash tints, are not permitted. Contouring products are not permitted. A clear nail polish may be worn over your natural nails, but coloured polish, gel/acrylic/prescription nail overlays, are not permitted.
4. In workshops and laboratories hair is to be restrained. Hair ribbons and other hair accessories are to be in the school colours (green, gold or purple).
5. Students are to be clean shaven or have neatly trimmed facial hair.
6. Clothes are to be clean and worn neatly at all times.
7. For boys, a plain black belt is to be worn with long trousers.
8. Socks are to be worn under, not over, pants. Track suit pants are not to be rolled up or drawn in with elastic, or cord, etc.
9. Scarves/beanies may be worn in winter with both formal and sports uniforms, in the following colours: bottle green or purple. No other colours or stripes are part of the uniform. Polar fleece green scarf and/or purple beanie with embroidered school logo is available from the Uniform Shop and can be worn separately or as a set.
10. Hijab colours are to be bottle green, or black.
11. Undershirts are not permitted to be worn. A long-sleeved polo shirt is now available as an option.
12. Years 10, 11 and 12 students are required to wear the school tie with the formal uniform.
13. Students are required to wear appropriate hats or caps, when outdoors for curriculum lessons, and any other outdoor school related activities (for example camps, excursions). Hats are not permitted to be worn inside buildings.
14. Tattoos are not permitted, including henna.
15. The school uniform is not to be modified.

Please note:

- any student wearing clothing which is not school uniform, on a given day, is requested to exchange the item at the Textbook Office for a school uniform piece and return that uniform item laundered within 48 hours;
- Darling Downs or other representative clothing is not permitted to be worn at school;
- the full formal uniform is required to be worn by students when representing the school, on formal occasions, for school photos, and when stipulated by the Principal; and
- the full sports uniform is required to be worn for Sport and Physical Education, and may be worn by choice at any other time.

Jewellery:

- students are permitted to wear two plain sleepers and ear studs, which may include a small white/plain stone, a watch, a plain ring, one discreet chain of religious significance (on a long chain to be worn inside the shirt so it is not visible), and school badges; studs should be the size of the original piercing; sleepers should be no larger than 12mm in diameter;
- visible body piercings to the tongue, lip, jaw, brow, and cheek, are not permitted; no visible studs, rings, or bars, are to be worn; any existing nose piercings must be removed, or accommodate a small clear stud; and
- earlobes with wide holes are not acceptable; should a student, on enrolment, have these as pre-existing, the requirement is that the earrings will be flat on both sides of the earlobe, 6mm, or 8mm, and flesh/clear coloured.

Shoes

Appropriate footwear with impervious uppers is required to be worn in work rooms/practical areas, e.g. Industrial Skills, Science, Hospitality and Art.

For daily wear students may wear either:

- sports shoes – to provide appropriate cushioning and support; conservative colours preferred; canvas, skate shoes or hi-tops are not permitted; and
- black formal shoes – lace-up only and impervious uppers.

See below for visual detail on what shoes are acceptable for daily wear, and which ones are not.

CHSHS Formal Uniform — What works?

- YES: Black leather lace-up
Safe, full-foot protection and support.



CHSHS Sports Uniform — What works?

- YES: Fully enclosed runners
Safe, full-foot protection and support.



- NO: Insufficient foot coverage and foot support, or non-impervious uppers.



- NO: Insufficient foot coverage and foot support, or non-protective uppers.



BOYS FORMAL UNIFORM

- Shirt**
Years 7-9: chambray shirt – pale green dress shirt with embroidered school emblem on pocket; to be worn outside the trousers.
Years 10-12: white dress shirt – short or long sleeved; to be worn tucked into trousers.
- Trousers**
Bottle green long trousers (belted style, no cargo style pockets) are to be worn with a black belt.
Required to be worn by students in Years 10-12.
- Tie**
White mid-calf (crew) length socks. Ankle socks are not permitted.
- Socks**
Totally black lace-up shoes with impervious uppers. No canvas, or sports shoes permitted. The Australian Podiatry Council advises footwear, especially for the number of hours in a school day, should provide cushioning and support.

GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM

- Blouse**
Years 7-9: bottle green and white checked; short or long sleeved; flat collar on V neck; buttons down front; action backed; worn outside the skirt/slacks.
Years 10-12: white; short or long sleeved; flat collar on V neck; buttons down front; action backed; worn outside the skirt/slacks.
- Skirt/Slacks**
Bottle green, six gore with two inverted pleats at back and front; worn on or below knee length. There is also an option to wear bottle green tailored dress slacks.
Required to be worn by students in Years 10-12.
- Tie**
All white knee-high socks or black stockings. Ankle socks and mid-calf (crew) socks are not permitted.
- Socks**
Totally black lace-up shoes with impervious uppers. No canvas or sports shoes permitted. The Australian Podiatry Council advises footwear, especially for the number of hours in a school day, should provide cushioning and support.

UNISEX SPORTS UNIFORM

- Polo Shirts**
Green/yellow with white piping and CHSHS logo embroidered on the left side; short or long sleeved.
- Shorts**
Bottle green microfibre shorts, with logo embroidered on bottom left-hand leg.
- Socks**
CHSHS school striped socks or all white socks (no branding); ankle, or mid-calf (crew) length.
- Shoes**
Sports shoes that provide appropriate cushioning and support.
Conservative colours preferred. Canvas, skate shoes, or hi-tops are not permitted. See diagram p. 28.
- School Hat**
Reversible green and purple with school logo; resizable toggle.
Compulsory for Years 7-8; encouraged for Years 9-12.
- Track Suit**
Microfibre track suit jacket and pants. Soft-shell jacket may also be worn.
- Swimming Togs**
Togs, preferably in school colours, should be worn at representative level; modest bona-fide togs, which are acceptable to supervisors, are to be worn at other times.

OTHER OPTIONS

These may be worn with formal or sports uniforms:

- Woolen Knit Jumper or Cotton Acrylic Jumper**
Plain bottle green with school logo.
- Soft-shell Jacket**
Plain bottle green with school logo.
- Year 12 Jersey**
Design selected and worn by Year 12 students only.

Note: All uniforms are only available from the P&C Uniform Shop.

Open hours:

Monday	8:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday	1:00pm – 4:30pm

Closed Fridays, student free days, and the last Thursday of each term.