

CENTENARY HEIGHTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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30 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with much pleasure that we welcome you to Year 10 at Centenary Heights State High School. This letter is to introduce us as Heads of Year 10 (HOY) for 2024; Ms Angela Garner, Mrs Louise O'Mara, Mrs Libby Nairn, along with our Deputy Principal Mr Tim O'Connell. Together we look forward to an exciting and enriching year as we travel with your child through their first year of senior high school. Our role as Heads of Year is to work with you and your child to ensure that the time they spend with us is both positive and rewarding. We will endeavor to develop and maintain close links with your child 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 10 PCG Teachers and respective HOYS in 2024 are:

HOY Ms Angela Garner	HOY Mrs Louise O'Mara	HOY Mrs Libby Nairn
10A Jo Slatter	10E Claire Thicthener	10I Debbie Patzwald
10B Adam Marshall	10F Kent Black	10J Shannen Jorgensen
10C Courtney Green	10G Georgia Keating-Chalmers	10K Luke Halley
10D Jamie Hunt	10H Iain Mitchell	10L Sam Baker

Mrs Peta Johnson takes on the Assistant Head of Year role and is responsible for working with each class to develop and deliver the Pastoral Care Program. Pastoral Care is a whole year, whole school program delivered weekly, in conjunction with whole school parades. Our focus for Year 10 pastoral care is to work beside the students, equipping them with information and resources to allow them to begin thinking about their future careers and successfully transition into Years 11 & 12. Through this program, we encourage students to become self-aware and teach them how to develop strategies for connecting to and coping with their studies, self-monitor well-being and develop career aspirations. We also educate our young people in the Love Bites early intervention program, which focuses on relationships, violence and sexual assault. In addition, our role, with your support and assistance, is to encourage our young people to make appropriate choices, which will ensure that their high school experience is enjoyable.

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In 2024, the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan process has the aim of providing additional support to students and their families to make informed and appropriate subject selections to commence Year 11. An initial, 45 minute face-to-face SET plan interview will be conducted during week 1 of Term 2 where students will select their subjects for both Year 11 and Semester 2 Year 10. A review meeting to discuss and refine the initial Year 11 subject selections will then be held during Week 1 of Term 4. Our school's pre-requisites for all General Subjects (which are currently being revised and available soon in the 2025 Senior Subject Selection book), will be applied and discussed at these meetings. More detailed information around the SET Plan process will be forthcoming in the near future.

We aim, as Heads of Year 10, to build a cohesive group of students assisting each individual to reach his/her full capacity as a person and learner. **Safety, Respect and Learning** underpin all that we do—fostering respectful relationships is a large focus.

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. Our management approach is based on self-discipline, mutual respect, fairness and cooperation. We also value the importance of setting high, clear and consistent standards of behaviour as well as working closely with parents and carers to support the development of students. To assist students with staying focused and ready to learn we encourage parents/carers to provide breakfast and healthy foods for lunch, so that students remain alert and ready to learn all day.

The beginning of the year sees students completing the mixture of core and elective subjects. Throughout Semester 1 all students will study both a term of HPE and History, with students rotating at the end of Term 1. In Semester 2, mainstream campus students participate in preparation for Year 11 subjects allowing students to experience all that senior studies have to offer. These subjects provide students with valuable insights into what these subjects will be like in years 11 and 12 and importantly, the rigor involved.

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 minimized. 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 for 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.

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Yours sincerely



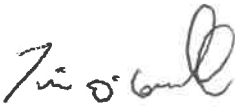
Ms Angela Garner
Head of Year 10 (A-D)



Mrs Louise O'Mara
Head of Year 10 (E - H)



Mrs Libby Nairn
Head of Year 10 (I - L)



Tim O'Connell
Deputy Principal



Darren Cook
Executive Principal