

# A HOY from Year 11

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with much pleasure that we welcome you and your child to Year 11 at Centenary Heights State High School for 2024. Year 11 is well known to be a significant step-up in demand and rigour compared to previous years, and being the first year in the non-compulsory phase brings some challenges but also increased excitement and alignment for students, given it is the first time in their schooling that they have been able to design their program to match their future intended pathway.

The purpose of this email is to introduce ourselves as the Year 11 Team for 2024. We very much looking forward to building a strong and positive connection with the cohort as we work with them through the final two years of their schooling. In doing so, we will endeavour to develop and maintain close links to your child through his/her Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher. Whilst the Heads of Year work across the entire cohort, as a means to build closer connections with students, HOYs will focus on particular groups. The Year 11 PCG Teachers and respective HOYs in 2024 are:

HOY Mr Dave McMillan	HOY Ms Chris Hindmarsh
11A – Mrs Viv Holman	11H – Mrs Courtney Nutter
11B – Mr Peter Gordon	11I – Mr Matt Huth
11C – Mrs Lee Zampech	11J – Ms Peta Johnson
11D – Mr Gerard Hobson	11K – Mrs Jocelyn Mitchell
11E – Ms Rong Zeng	11L – Mrs Katie Hobbs / Mr Gavin Hams
11F – Mrs Jodi Robinson	11M – Mrs Karina Hepner
11G – Mr Frank Dowling	

For Term 1, Miss Kerri-Ann Frew is the Deputy Principal who will oversee the Year 11 cohort, whilst Mrs Rebecca Moore is our Assistant Head of Year, taking responsibility for the Pastoral Care Program. The Pastoral Care program is delivered, in conjunction with whole school parades, for the duration of the year. Our focus for Year 11 is to continue to work with students in shaping their future pathway to ensure success in both years 11 and 12 and more importantly, post-school. This will involve a focus on study skills, the tracking of progress towards QCE and reflection on current pathways. Additionally, there will be a focus on two highly relevant issues for students in 11: driver safety and money management. The program also includes mandated work on respectful relationships. All of these areas of focus connect to our theme for the year “Be proactive, not reactive”.

As Heads of Year 11, our work is to continue to develop a cohesive group of students assisting each individual to reach their full capacity as a person and learner as they navigate their way through their senior education at CHSHS. 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 and successful. The expectations set by our school are at the forefront of our core business as **Safety, Respect and Learning underpin** all that we do.

## Key Dates

- Final day for Unit 1 Subject Changes – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- School Photos (Formal Uniform) – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Interim Unit 1 Assessment Block - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Interim Unit 1 Report Cards posted to QParents - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
- RYDA Youth Driver Awareness Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (all day)

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 in a proactive manner to achieve a positive outcome.

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.

Yours sincerely



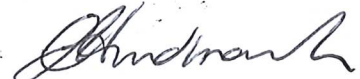
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