

How are the classes set up? Will I have friends from primary school?

There are a team of teachers involved in building your Year 7 Core Classes. These are called T, E, C, H, N, O, L...

You will be with these students for most of your subjects, math, science, drama, PE, etc.

However, when you do Tech subjects (woodwork, cooking, agriculture, etc) you get mixed up and it's a chance to meet more people.

The classes are mixed ability, except for the T class, which students test to get in to. We try to ensure each class has an even mixture of boys and girls, as well as a few from each of our feeder schools. You will be well mixed up but hopefully see a few familiar faces too =) It's a great opportunity to meet new people and the classes all get mixed up again in Year 8.

Is there a lot of homework?

Some students find there is a lot of homework, certainly compared to primary school. You will have up to 6 classes every day and each teacher may give you some homework to complete before the next lesson, which can be the very next day! It's important to work well in class (to reduce the amount of work you have for homework) and you write down what you need to complete. Try to avoid 'putting it off', it tends to pile up very quickly and can be overwhelming. You will also have assignments to complete in your own time at home. Doing a little work each night can really help you stay organised and up to date with your work.

What uniform do I have to wear?

Just like you have a summer, winter and sport uniform in primary school, we have the exact same thing in high school. Your summer uniform will be worn in Terms 1 and 4 and winter uniform will be worn in Terms 2 and 3. You will wear the same sports uniform all year whenever you have a PE lesson. You will have to pack your PE uniform in your bag and bring it with you - so make sure you pack your bag the night before to make it easier!

What happens if I don't wear my uniform correctly?

At CTHS, it is your responsibility to wear your uniform correctly at all times. This includes your shoes. You will have a sports uniform too, that you will change in to and the beginning of your PE lessons and back out of at the end of the lesson. **PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL PARTS OF YOUR UNIFORM!**

If you don't the correct part of uniform, eg you're wearing a different jumper, you need to carry a signed and dated note from parent/guardian explaining why. Otherwise you could find yourself in Uniform Detention. Uniform Detention occurs every day for the first half of lunch. Any students caught in incorrect uniform will be sent there by the teacher. You have to sit in a classroom with a Deputy for the first half of lunch.

What sport can you do at CTHS?

First of all, you will do PE lessons, 6 every 2 weeks. That will give you a chance to learn and play lots of different sports in your class. These might include netball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, touch football, oz tag, speedaway and monotex.

There are also 3 carnivals each year, athletics, cross country and swimming.

What about PSSA sport and school teams?

There are no PSSA teams in CTHS. We do have grade and interest sport on Thursday afternoons, but that starts in Year 9. Sometimes you will hear in the notices about Knock Out teams for a particular sport. This is an invitation to try out to be selected in a team. However, these teams are generally "Open" teams, meaning all students 7-12 can try out. It may be too difficult for a Year 7 student to compete against a Year 12 student. Sometimes you may not be allowed to try out because the teacher may think it's dangerous until you're a little bigger.

Occasionally there are invitations for U15 teams or only for Year 7 and 8 and a few gala days. These are very competitive and you need to apply straight away to have a chance. Make sure you listen to the Daily Notices in roll call to learn more. As you get older, your opportunities will increase.

What's the canteen like?

The canteen offers a full range of hot and cold food, drinks, snacks and ice blocks. You can order your lunch on Flexischools <http://www.Flexischools.com> (order by 9:30am) and collect it from the lunch order line, or you can line up at the beginning of recess or lunch. You can pay with cash at the counter or use your bank card, phone or smart watch (minimum spend for non-cash payments is \$2).

What do I do at lunchtime?

Lunchtime is an opportunity for you to catch up with your friends and eat your lunch. There is also time for playing. Lunch lasts for 40 minutes and there is no designated 'eating' time. In term 1, there will be a designated area of the playground, specifically for Year 7 students to meet. This makes it a little easier to find old friends or meet new ones. You are also welcome to play basketball on the basketball court (BYO ball) or play on the oval (lunch time only). Students may also access the library and study rooms there. Listen carefully to the Daily Notices each day in roll call. In these announcements will be information about clubs, meetings or try outs that you may wish to attend. *It's a good idea to speak to your friends before the first day and arrange a place to meet up for recess and lunch – it can be a bit overwhelming during the first week!*

How is the school day organised?

CTHS starts each day at 8:30am and finishes at 3pm. You will first attend roll call, where your attendance will be marked and the Daily Notices read aloud. The day is then split into 6 periods or lesson; Period 1, Period 2, then recess (20 minutes); Period 3, Period 4, then lunch (40 minutes); Period 5, Period 6, then home time!

On usual days, each period is 53 minutes long. Sometimes on Tuesday's, they are shorter because we have an assembly. On Thursday's, students in Year 9 and above go to sport, which gives Year 7 and 8 students an extra long lunch, 60 minutes!!

Should I use a diary?

Absolutely! It is not essential, but highly recommended that you bring a diary to school every day and use it to keep track of what homework you have, when it is due and what you have to bring to school everyday. The school does not give you a diary so you will be able to purchase one yourself. Whether it is a physical diary or one online - that's up to you!

Are there electives that I can choose?

As mentioned above, you have your core class lessons like English, Maths, Science, PE, History & Geography, Drama, Languages and Computing Skills and then you have Visual Arts, Music and Technology (woodwork, textiles, coding, food technology, etc) in different classes. At the end of Year 7, you get to choose the language you'd like to learn in Year 8. Once you come to Year 9 and 10, you will be able to choose other electives from subjects like Technology, PE, History & Geography, Technology, etc.

Are there any clubs or ensembles I can join?

There are HEAPS of clubs that you can join at CTHS. We have concert bands, choirs, string, percussion, guitar and drama ensembles. You can also audition for the CTHS big band, however you must be in one of the music ensembles first. The before and after school bands and ensembles kick off for Year 7 in the latter half of Term 1, once you've had an opportunity to settle into school. There are also lunch time clubs where you can go and play some games, or get a little extra help with your homework. Joining these clubs are a great opportunity to meet new people. You will hear information about this in assemblies and the daily notices so keep an eye and ear out!