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Principals Address

Withcott Students – Celebrating Excellence in Secondary Education

It has been a privilege this year to attend the awards evenings at two of our major secondary school partners, Toowoomba State High School and Centenary Heights State High School.

There is something incredibly special about watching our former Withcott students grow from primary school children into confident, capable young adults who are embracing opportunities and achieving success in their secondary education. Seeing them recognised for their hard work, commitment and achievements is a wonderful reminder of the potential that lies within every student.

Their achievements are a testament to the importance of strong foundations, quality teaching, a supportive school community and families who encourage their children to strive for excellence. We are incredibly proud of each of them and look forward to seeing what they achieve in the years ahead!

We are delighted to celebrate the following former students and their outstanding accomplishments:

Year 7
Polly C - Academic Award
Wylie F - Academic Award & Community Award
Lily V - Academic Award
Holly B - Community Award
Islah M - Community Award
Lyla P - Community Award

Year 8
Bethany A - Academic Award
Adelaide D - Academic Award & Community Award
Lillian F - Academic Award
Scarlett P - Academic Award
Hannah W -Community Award

Year 9
Eva Q - Academic Award
Ken C - Academic Award & Junior School Captain
Emily B - Academic Award
Carter F - Academic Honours, Academic Award & Community Award
Kaitlyn G - Academic Award & Community Award

Year 10
Natalie M - Academic Award

Year 11
Melinda A - Subject Award – Social and Community Studies
Beau VZ -2027 CHSHS School Captain & Community Award

Year 12
Gabrielle B- Performing Arts award & Subject Award- Film TV and Media
Harry A - Academic Award & Performing Arts Award
Oliver C - Academic Award
Rhianna G - Academic Award, Performing Arts Award & Community Award
Will VZ - Academic Award & Performing Arts award

Once a Withcott student, always part of the Withcott story!

Lyndal Symonds, Principal

QParents

Reminder to check QParents to see if you have credit and/or Back to School Boost funds available to apply to your Swimming Program invoice.

Please note, for credit other than the Back to School Boost, you must call/email the office for the credit to be applied. The remaining balance needs to be paid on the original invoice.

Please contact the office if you are unsure, we are more than happy to help!

2027 Enrolments Open



Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from the school website.

Whole School Assembly - Every Thursday at 9:00am. All Welcome!

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform Shop will be open (during term time) 3:10pm - 3:45pm, Tuesday and Thursdays for Term 4. Card payments accepted. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis.

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CENTENARY HEIGHTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY for YEAR 7 in 2027

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YEAR 7 ORIENTATON DAY

Tuesday 8 December 2026
8:35am – 2:55pm

Meet and collect your child at the Performing Arts Centre (PAC).
Parents/carers are welcome to stay for a short introduction to the day.

Students will experience a full day as a high school student and become familiar with our school environment.
Please note this day is for **enrolled students only who have paid their first fee instalment.**

Please wear:
Primary school uniform

Please bring your school bag with:
- Hat
- Book and pencil case
- Water bottle
- Lunch

If you have any questions please contact our Junior Secondary team via junior_secondary@centheighshs.eq.edu.au or 4636 7500

We look forward to welcoming our future Year 7 students to Centenary Heights State High School.

Prep 2027 TRANSITION INFORMATION

Come and Try Mornings: 18 Nov - 9:30-10:30am in Prep Classrooms - Please Bring hat and waterbottle.

Please note that Parent/carers stay for the Come and Try Morning with their Pre Prep Student. This is the final Come and Try Morning for the year.

Pre Prep Interviews: 25 Nov to 1 December - Booking link has been sent by email.

THERMOMIX RAFFLE

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity....you could WIN a Thermomix TM6! Tickets $20 each with only 300 tickets available, so get in quick before they're all gone.

Purchase tickets at P&C Square website https://withcott-pandc.square.site
Select Fundraisers & Events.



SPORTS

The annual **Interhouse Swimming Carnival** is on Monday 7 December at the Lockyer Valley Aquatic Centre in Gatton. Nominations for this have now closed.

All 8 year old swimmers that have nominated in 50m events will be checked during school swimming lessons to confirm their ability. If changes are recommended, the school will be in contact.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED. A very big thank you to those that have already volunteered to help with timekeeping on the day of the carnival. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the volunteer timekeeping list. Please note the following: **Depart:** 8:40am **Return:** 2:00pm (approx.) **Transport:** Private transport or chartered bus as indicated on returned swimming nomination. **Wear:** Coloured house shirt (red, green or yellow) and school broadbrim hat. **Take:** Morning tea, lunch, water bottle, togs, towel, googles, swimming cap and sunscreen.

School Calendar of Events

2026 Term 4

23 Nov-4 Dec	Swimming Program
28 Nov-3 Dec	National Athletics
30 Nov	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
7 Dec	Swimming Carnival
8 Dec	CHSHS Orientation Day
9 Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day
10 Dec	Final Assembly/School Concert
11 Dec	Final Day Term 4

Payments/Permissions Due

OVERDUE Swimming Program Fees

Laminating

Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5.00 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOUR CARE: If you need care or would just like the assurance that your child is cared for if you have that appointment that runs late, contact www.campaustralia.com.au or phone customer care 1300 105 343. You are always most welcome to come and have a look around, ask questions or just have a friendly chat.

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SWIMMING PROGRAM **23 Nov-4 Dec**

Reminder that payment is now overdue for the Swimming Program. Please contact the office is you are unsure of the payment total owing and if you have additional credits to apply to the invoice.

Students will get dressed ready for swimming before leaving school for the pool. Thongs are stongly encouraged for students to wear travelling to and from the pool in the bus. Students take minimal gear to the pool (e.g. leave socks and shoes at school).

Students MUST WEAR **a swimming cap and goggles.**
Parents and carers are welcome to attend and watch their children deveop their swimming skills.

Please be aware that **only parents and carers with a current Blue Card LINKED to the school are permitted to enter the change rooms while students are using them.**

Coffee service- Term 4!!
Would you like to join the WSS barista crew??
Flexible days and times- we will work around your schedule.
Reach out if this interests you!
Bri 0431518751

If you would like to assist during swimming lessons, please bring your current Blue Card to the school office so we can register your details and let your student's teacher know that you will be available for helping.



Group	1	2	3	4
Bus Departs Withcott	9:35am	10:30am	11:30am	12:30am
Bus returns to Withcott	11:25am	12:25pm	1:25pm	2:25pm
Classes	5.6 B 5.6 E 5.6 R	3.4 A 3.4 E 3.4 G 3.4W	1.2 B 1.2 M	1.2 N Prep B

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS AND MEDICATION

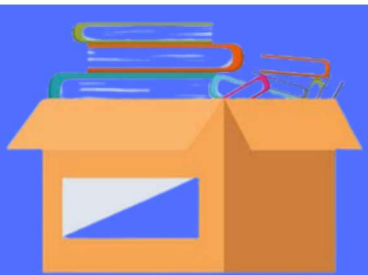
A reminder that all emergency and medical action plans need to be reviewed by the GP for students with Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergic Reaction, Seizure Management, Diabetic Plan ect. Could parents/carers please check the present plan and **bring in the new plan to the office at the beginning of the year.**

All student medication (puffers, Epi-pens, tablets ect.) needs to be collected from the office on your student's last day of school. 2027 Medication will need to come on the first day of school, with all required forms and consent to be completed. Please find attached both the consent to administer medication and the medication order form.

Reminder that medication that is not prescribed by a doctor (ie Panadol, Nurofen, antihistamine) requires a medication order to go along with the consent to administer.

P&C NEWS

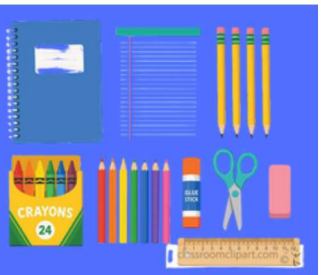
P&C Meetings are held **every fourth Tuesday** of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday 24 November at 6:00pm in the library. The P&C welcomes all parents, carers and members of the community to get involved with Withcott SS P&C! If you would like more information, please email pandc@withcottss.eq.edu.au



2027 Book Drop Off

Friday 22 January 2:00pm-3:00pm

You can come in and meet your teacher and leave your school supplies in your classroom.



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



A huge congratulations to Kieran, who proudly represented Withcott State School at this year/s Centenary Heights State High School Orchestral Immersion Program!
Kieran is the very first Withcott State School Instrumental Music student to participate in this fantastic program, making this an extra special achievment.

We are incredibley proud of the effort, commitment and resilience Kieran demonstrated throughout the three reherseals, culminating in the final performance. It takes courage and determination to step into a new musical environment, take on new challenges and perform alongside other talented young musicians.

Leia Jensen, Instrumental Music Teacher

ALOPECIA AWARENESS

At our school, we believe that everyone deserves to feel safe, valued and included. As part of building a kind and supportive school community, we would like to raise awareness of a condition called alopecia.

What is alopecia?

Alopecia is the medical term for hair loss. One type, called Alopecia Areata, is an autoimmune condition where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles, causing hair to fall out.
Hair loss can range from small, smooth patches on the scalp to complete hair loss on the head or body. Alopecia can affect people of all ages, including children. It is important to understand that alopecia is not contagious and cannot be passed from one person to another.

Kindness and Understanding

For children experiencing alopecia, looking different from their friends can sometimes be challenging. While alopecia does not usually affect a person's general health, it can affect their confidence and feelings of belonging.
As parents and carers, we encourage you to talk with your children about the importance of accepting differences and treating everyone with kindness and respect. Simple actions, such as including others in games, being a good friend and avoiding unkind comments or questions about someone's appearance, can make a big difference.

Our message is simple: Everyone is different, everyone belongs, and kindness matters.

By developing awareness and understanding, we can help ensure that every child feels comfortable, confident and supported in our school community.
More information can be found at https://aaaf.org.au/about-alopecia-areata/

Year 6 Credit

A reminder to families with students in year 6, bank details need to be provided to the office for refunds to be issued. If you have a student remaining in a younger grade, please advise the office if you would like the credit transferred instead.



2027 Booklists have been sent home with all students and are also available on the school website.

TUCKSHOP: Online (Quickqliq.com.au) and money orders must be received by 9:00am Tuesdays. Tuckshop day is Thursdays. Any questions queries or concerns should be directed to our Tuckshop convenor Miss Julie Slik (0408 000 572).

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EVENT DATE CLAIMER: Final Assembly with Awards and End of Year Concert Thursday 10 December 2026

Final Assembly and Awards Presentation 9:00am - 10:00am (Year 6 parents invited to enjoy canapes and punch in the library following assembly.)
Sr Concert (Year 3 to 6) 10:30am to 12:00pm -Jr Concert (Prep to Year 2) 1:00pm to 2:00pm

STUDENTS P-2: All students in P-2 should always have a change of clothes in their bag in case of toileting accidents.



All students need a wide broad brimmed hat. Please ensure it is clearly labelled.



CHAPPY COFFEE: What better way to start your day then with a cup of coffee supporting chaplaincy?! Scan the QR code to order a bag of coffee beans (beans or ground) right to your doorstep, 40% of each purchase directly supports Chaplaincy at Withcott State School when you select it as you school.



LOST PROPERTY: All lost property is stored in the undercover area (near bubblers in tuckshop area). Families are reminded that any unmarked lost property not collected by the end of each term is donated to local charities.