

Chatswood High School

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Chatswood High School

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Year 7 2025

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 **PHONE: 9419 3611**

 **EMAIL: chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

 **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Mr Richard McKeough (relieving)**

If you would like to talk to a member (or members) of staff with a concern you have relating to your child please phone the school on 9419 3611. *Note:* Teachers are unavailable to receive calls when teaching. Please be ready to leave your name and phone number with the school office so that they can return your call.

Email is recommended for less urgent matters.

Please email the school at chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Subject: Include your child's name and year group and the name of the teacher or the position held by the teacher you wish to speak to. Include a contact phone number in your message if you would like to speak with the staff member.

The following is a guide for which staff member to contact:

Academic Matters:

Please contact your child's teacher first, then the appropriate Head Teacher.

If the matter is specifically related to the Gifted and Talented / Selective classes, please contact Mr Amos Bromley, the school's High Potential & Gifted Education Coordinator.

Wellbeing Matters:

2025 Year Advisors

Year 7: Ms Kamaljit Kaur & Ms Jessie Ren
Year 8: Ms Elizabeth Fung & Mr Sam Sun
Year 9: Ms Amelia McNamara & Mr Nicholas Seroukas
Year 10: Ms Gaby Barford & Ms Lily Lim
Year 11: Ms Vivian Yan & Mr Robert Wajzer
Year 12: Ms Laurina Barbetti & Mr Nicholas Hill



School Counsellors

Ms Belinda Head, Ms Yun Zheng, Ms Caitlin Scally

Deputy Principals

Years 7 & 11: Mr Hunter Ashton
Years 8 & 10: Ms Lauren McKinnon (Rel)
Years 9 & 12: Mr Nicholas Boogert (Rel)

Head Teachers of Wellbeing

Years 7 & 8: Ms Vanessa Lo
Years 9 & 10: Ms Claire Bradbury
Years 11 & 12: Ms Wendy Reato

Sentral Student & Parent Portal



The Student and Parent Portal is used to access important school information.

The Portal allows parents to:

- Access student's academic reports
- View student daily notices, classes and timetables
- Book parent teacher interviews (Term 2 & 3)

Parents will be emailed instructions and an access key to register for the Parent Portal early Term 1 2025.

School Bytes Parent App & Portal



School Bytes App and Parent Portal is used to access important school information.

The Portal allows parents to:

- Receive real time push notifications from your school
- Give excursion consent and sign forms
- Receive school communications
- Manage student school finances

Parents will be emailed information early Term 1 and you will be able to download from the App Store or Goggle Play



**Scan the QR code for important Links
for Chatswood High School**

School Facebook Page



facebook.com/chatswoodhighschool

Follow the school on Facebook for notifications on current school activities, including sports and extracurricular, P&C updates, student achievements, social justice activities and more.

School Website



chatswood-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The school's website is updated regularly and provides information on upcoming events, current activities, school and Department of Education news and alerts, school calendar and term dates.

School Newsletter



Our school newsletter is an important method of providing information to parents about all the achievements, events and activities occurring at Chatswood High School. It is emailed to parents regularly and is also available for viewing on our school website.

It is important that parents and teachers work closely together in partnership. If there are any concerns or problems, then a solution is often not far away. If there are disruptions at home then it is very helpful for us to know as we can further support your child at school.



PARENTS

If your child has a problem with a particular subject

CONTACT

Teacher of that subject FIRST

If concerns continue in regards to a particular subject

Head Teacher of that subject

If you have concerns about your child's work progress over a number of subjects, lack of focus or motivation, peer relationships, etc

Year Advisor

If you have any concerns related to subject choices

Deputy Principal responsible for your child's year, Head Teacher, or Careers Advisor

Concerns regarding payments

Front office

STUDENTS

Unable to attend sport

PROCEDURE

If a student is unable to attend sport, a parent must email the the school before 11am. Please see page 5 for the early departure procedure.

OR

If a student has an injury that prevents them from travelling to and from sport they must attend the non-sport room.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

It is a legal requirement that the school receives a **written** explanation from a parent/carer for all absences, late arrivals and early departures. The following information is a guide for parents and students to explain the school's attendance procedures.

Parents, to explain a student's whole day absence or late arrival, **please do not telephone the school.**

Use **ONE** of the following written methods to notify the school:

SMS A REPLY TO THE SCHOOL (our preferred method)

You can reply to the School's text with the reason for your child's absence. Please note you can only reply to the absent text message you receive from the school.

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

- Notifying the school via the portal feeds that notification directly on to your child's attendance record. This means there is less margin for error and you can be assured that the school has received your notification.
- On the Parent portal, you can notify us of and explain an absence.

EMAIL THE SCHOOL

If you cannot access the portal or SMS, you can email chatswood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Late Arrival Procedure

All students arriving late to school must go to the office and sign in at the student counter using their Student ID card.

A student is late when they arrive after 8.50am as this is the official start time of school and when roll call begins. This includes all senior students whose timetabled Before School class is cancelled.

If they do not sign in at the office a whole day absence will be recorded on their attendance record and parents will receive a text message that says their child is absent.

If a parent/carer knows a student will be late please send an email or official appointment slip with the student on their arrival to school. If the late arrival is explained in writing at the time a student signs in at the office, parents/carers will not receive a text message or email notification.

Students may be placed on lunchtime detention if their late arrival remains unexplained by a parent.

Early Departure Procedure

1. Please email the school advising of the early departure clearly stating: **Student's full name and year, date and time of early departure.**
2. Students leaving school EARLY must have a note signed by a parent/carer to show the teacher so that they can leave the class.
3. Students must go to the office, scan their student ID card and an early departure slip will be printed. If students do not do this a truancy may be recorded against that student's attendance record.



Application for Extended Leave

Parents/carers must complete an Application for Extended Leave -Travel, PRIOR to departure for any leave longer than 4 consecutive school days. These are available on the school website and the School Bytes portal.

Applicants must include details of the educational and cultural benefits to the student for 'Approval of Leave' to be reviewed. Once reviewed an email will be sent to the parent/carer. Please include any supporting documents such as flight details/travel itinerary.

If you require any further information regarding the School's Attendance Procedures please refer to the school's website or contact the school on telephone: 9419 3611.



MS. K. KAUR



MS. J. REN



A message from your Year Advisors

Welcome to High School!

As your Year Advisors for Year 7 in 2025, our role will be to look after the wellbeing of the Year 7 students. We are here to support you on your journey through high school.

So if you need anything, whether it be about your school work or something you want to get off your chest, we are always here. We are available before school, during recess and lunch to help you, to encourage you, and to make sure you love being a part of the Chatswood High School community as much as we do!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and hope you enjoy being at Chatswood High School!



MON

TUES / WED / FRI

THURS

Period 0* <i>Before School</i>	7.50 - 8.50	Period 0* <i>Before School</i>	7.50 - 8.50	Period 0* <i>Before School</i>	7.50 - 8.50
Roll Call	8.50 - 9.00	Roll Call	8.50 - 9.00	Roll Call	8.50 - 9.00
Period 1	9.00 - 9.55	Period 1	9.00 - 10.05	Period 1	9.00 - 9.50
Period 2	9.55 - 10.50	Period 2	10.05 - 11.05	Period 2	9.50 - 10.45
Assembly	10.50 - 11.10	Recess	11.05 - 11.25	Recess	10.45 - 11.00
Recess	11:10 - 11:30	Period 3	11.25 - 12.25	Period 3	11.00 - 11.50
Period 3	11.30 - 12.30	Period 4	12.25 - 1.30		
Period 4	12.30 - 1.30	Lunch 1	1.30 - 1.50	Lunch 1	11.50 - 12.10
Lunch 1	1.30 - 1.50	Lunch 2	1.50 - 2.10	Lunch 2	12.10 - 12.30
Lunch 2	1.50 - 2.10	Period 5	2.10 - 3.10	Period 4 / Sport	12.30 - 1.30
Period 5	2.10 - 3.10	<i>After School*</i>	3.10 - 4.10	Period 5 / Sport	1.30 - 2.30
<i>After School*</i>	3.10 - 4.10				

* Senior Students Only



Your Timetable

Below is an example of a Year 7 timetable. Your timetable works on a fortnightly rotation. It is divided into Week A and Week B. The term always starts on week A. This will assist you in knowing in advance what to pack every day. The timetable shows you your subject at the top (class code in brackets), the room you are in and the teacher who will be taking you for that subject.

The bell times are not the same every day, so please refer to the section on bell times in this booklet. Recess is R and is a 20-minute break. Lunch is divided into L1 (lunch 1) and L2 (lunch 2) for a total of 40 minutes. Between periods 1 & 2, and periods 3 & 4, there is 5 minutes transition time for you to get to your next lesson. This gives you plenty of time between periods to walk to your next class and the teachers are understanding that you need to orientate yourself to the new routine in the first two weeks. If you get lost, ask a teacher or another student for directions.

MonA	TueA	WedA	ThuA	FriA
Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MR Mark Bugden	English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: L-21 MS Annie Yoon	PDHPE Yr7 (7PDHH) Room: L-29 MISS Deborah Clark	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-56 MR Nicholas Bate	Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: M1.01 MRS Amisha Dadheech
PDHPE Yr7 (7PDHH) Room: L-29 MISS Deborah Clark	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-56 MR Nicholas Bate	English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: L-21 MS Michelle Schlyder	Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: L-16 MRS Amisha Dadheech	English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: L-21 MS Michelle Schlyder
	Visual Arts Yr7 (7VA11) Room: K116 MISS Genevieve Tyrrell	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-56 MR Nicholas Bate	History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: RP-2 MR Samuel Sun	Music Yr7 (7Mush) Room: R2002 MRS Stella Levinsky
Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: H132 MRS Amisha Dadheech	Music Yr7 (7Mush) Room: R2002 MRS Stella Levinsky	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-56 MR Nicholas Bate		History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: R1029 MR Samuel Sun
Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: H132 MRS Amisha Dadheech				
			Literacy Yr7 (7LH) Room: G-45 MS Annie Yoon	
	Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: G-56 MRS Mamata Shirsat	History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: R1029 MR Samuel Sun	Language (semesterised) Yr7 (7LOTEH) Room: L-23 MISS Winnie Wu	Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MRS Mamata Shirsat
English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: L-21 MS Michelle Schlyder				

MonB	TueB	WedB	ThuB	FriB
PDHPE Yr7 (7PDHH) Room: L-29 MISS Deborah Clark	Visual Arts Yr7 (7VA11) Room: K117 MISS Genevieve Tyrrell	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-56 MR Nicholas Bate	Language (semesterised) Yr7 (7LOTEH) Room: L-23 MISS Winnie Wu	Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MR Mark Bugden
History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: R1029 MR Samuel Sun	Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: G-37 MRS Amisha Dadheech	Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MR Mark Bugden	Tech Man Yr7 (7TAS11) Room: G-57 MR Nicholas Bate	English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: L-21 MS Michelle Schlyder
	Sport Yr7 (7SportH) Room: G-45 MR Nicholas Boogert	Visual Arts Yr7 (7VA11) Room: K117 MISS Genevieve Tyrrell	History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: R1029 MR Samuel Sun	Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: L-16 MRS Amisha Dadheech
Science Yr7 (7SCH) Room: L-17 MRS Amisha Dadheech	Sport Yr7 (7SportH) MR Nicholas Boogert	History Yr7 (7HISH) Room: R1029 MR Samuel Sun		Welfare Yr7 (7WH) Room: RP-1 MISS Gaby Barford
English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: G-45 MS Michelle Schlyder				
			Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MRS Mamata Shirsat	
	Sport Yr7 (7SportH) MR Nicholas Boogert	Music Yr7 (7Mush) Room: R2002 MRS Stella Levinsky	English Yr7 (7ENGH) Room: G-45 MS Michelle Schlyder	PDHPE Yr7 (7PDHH) Room: L-29 MISS Deborah Clark
Maths Yr7 (7MATH) Room: M1.02 MRS Mamata Shirsat				

EXTRA CURRICULAR GROUPS

These are some of the groups our school has to offer that are open to year 7 students!

Stay tuned for updates such as time and location.

Come to our annual Promo Day where all our extra-curricular programs will be advertised and you can sign up and talk to some of the members!



Art Club

Come along and make your own artwork and also artwork to beautify our school environment.



Before/After School Sports Program

The program provides students with opportunities to develop their skills in a range of sports and connect with their peers. The program includes Frisbee, AFL, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball and Netball.



Assistance in Mathematics (AiM)

Students who are in need of help with maths homework or are looking for more work can attend AiM in the morning for help.



Chess Club

Play chess together with your friends and compete in tournaments!

For students who would like to learn tips and techniques, whether to work on their own projects or start something new. Individuals can share and learn from others' ideas, such as with short collaborations (potentially with other clubs), or a co-written collection of works, making every member a better writer. Lessons are decided by the theme of each month, which may focus on anything from genres to popular texts.



Creative Writing Club



Rubik's Cube Club

A space where like-minded "cubeheads" can interact, improve and learn with each other. Complete beginners can also join and teach them how to solve the Rubik's cube.



Debate Club

Teams of students across all years compete in the Premiers debating Challenge as well as combine with other schools to spend a day receiving expert debating tips.



Dance Ensemble

A Contemporary, Lyrical and Jazz dance group open to students with all levels of dance experience. Students can audition for School Spectacular and participate in various other performances and excursions throughout the year.



Drama Ensemble

Drama Ensemble is open to students from 7-12. We bring plays to the stage and have some exciting performance opportunities in the works! If you are interested, please approach Mr J to audition.



LGBTQI+ and ally group (Pride Club)

A chilled out group with people you can relate to.



Philosophy Club

For students interested in discussions around philosophical matters. Students aim to engage in critical and creative thinking, tackling and deducing questions and issues around philosophy

EXTRA CURRICULAR GROUPS



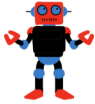
Music Program

CHS is renowned for its exciting and dynamic music program with numerous ensembles that perform at school, in the community and also participate in music camps and tours to Australian and Overseas destinations.



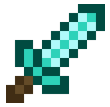
Programming Club

A small group of people who work on programs such as python and java script. Feel free to do your own coding or join the group activity.



Robotics Club

The robotics club is a club devoted to making robots through; Design, Manufacturing (using wood, metal and plastic work), electronics and Coding.



Minecraft Education Club

Minecraft Education club is a social and stimulating club where students can compete in a range of challenges that engage with teamwork and logic. These challenges including team games and building competitions using the Minecraft education software.



SRC

We aim to improve the lives of students by running fun and useful events/ initiatives, making physical improvements to the school, and working to ensure the school and others act in the best interests of students.



Years 7/8 Drama Club

For year 7 & 8 students who are interested in Drama and performance. The club aims to get more students interested in drama, starting with the younger grades.



Craft Club

Anyone from beginners to experts can join, including students and staff. For those interested in origami, knitting, or crocheting. Activates creativity and dexterity as well as provides them with an offline hobby that has practical uses outside of school.



Theatre Sports

For anyone interested in Drama and performance. This club focuses on a range of fun and creative drama games and activities that will refine your quick thinking skills.



Dungeon's and Dragon's Club

A space to find people to learn and play 'Dungeon's and Dragons' DnD is an interactive storytelling game where players gather together to take part in an imaginary adventure that often involves exploring a castle or dungeon, defeating monsters and discovering treasure.

Can't find a club of activity you're interested in? Make one!

Grab some friends, find a teacher and reach out to the SRC for support to create your own group! Grants and funding are available.

For more information on any of the groups or to find out more contact:
chatswoodhsrc@gmail.com

Before and After School Program – Open to all students

In 2025, Chatswood High School will continue the very popular and successful training program for Basketball, Volleyball, European Handball, Frisbee, Netball, Soccer and Touch football. Each session is run by a dedicated teacher or coach at school on a weekly basis. Sessions are aimed at improving student's skill levels as well as building stronger connections between students.

These training sessions are **free** and students are encouraged to attend as many training sessions as they can fit into their busy schedules.

Throughout the year, these training sessions will be used to select knockout and representative teams who will represent Chatswood High School at a variety of tournaments. Information will be specified in the daily notices and school newsletter.



Morning
7.30 - 8.30 am

Teacher

Afternoon
3.20 - 4.20

Teacher

Monday

Volleyball Club



Mr Wajzer

Junior Basketball Club
(MPC)



Mr Abernethy

Soccer Club
(School Oval)



Mr Yang

Tuesday

Netball Club



Ms Cunneen

Thursday

Girls Basketball Club



Ms Tyrrell

Frisbee Club



Mr Sun

Friday

Touch Football Club



Mr Yang

European Handball Club



Mr Harvey



Talented Athlete Programs (TAP) – *Students must trial for these programs*

In 2025, Chatswood High School will continue to provide our TAP Sports program for Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer. Each program is run by a specialised external coach who provides professional coaching for the students selected in the program.

Training sessions vary from one to two sessions per a week (please check timetable below).

Each program has a cost involved to cover the specialised coaching program and students must participate in a trial at the beginning of the year to be selected in the squad.

	Morning 7.30 - 8.30 am	Teacher	Afternoon 3.20 - 4.20	Teacher		
Monday	TAP Soccer - Squad 1	→	Evo Soccer	TAP Volleyball - Squad 1	→	STV Volleyball
Tuesday	TAP - Soccer - Squad 2	→	Evo Soccer	TAP Basketball- Squad 3	→	Basketball NSW
Wednesday	TAP Soccer- Squad 3	→	Evo Soccer	TAP Volleyball - Squad 2	→	STV Volleyball
Thursday	TAP Basketball- Squad 1	→	Basketball NSW	TAP Football- Squad 1	→	Evo Soccer
Friday	TAP Football- Squad 2	→	Evo Soccer	TAP Basketball- Squad 1	→	Basketball NSW

The Chatswood High School Music Program is a dynamic and exciting co-curricular program that strives for excellence by providing students with a well-rounded musical education and a lifelong appreciation for music. All students are welcome in our program including beginners. It is never too late to start learning an instrument!



Year 7 students will be able to join the following ensembles:

ENSEMBLE	DAY	TIME	CONDUCTOR
Choir	Monday	7:40 - 8:40am	Lachlan Massey
Jazz Combo	Wednesday lunch	1:30 - 2:10pm	Heather Prowse
Sinfonia	Wednesday	7:40 - 8:40am	Alastair Duff-Forbes
Percussion Ensemble	Thursday	2:45 - 3:45pm	Robert Oetomo
Big Band	Thursday	2:30 - 3:45pm	Ray Cassar
Concert Band (Year 7)	Thursday	7:40 - 8:40am	Ms Sexton/Mr Berry
Guitar Ensembles	Thursday/Friday	2:45 - 3:45pm (Thur) 3:15 - 4:15pm (Fri)	Nic Vanderjaget (Thur) Joshua Mejia (Fri)

More experienced players may also be asked to join the Symphonic Wind Ensemble or Philharmonia in addition to these ensembles. Pianists may participate in Stage Band and the Jazz Ensemble **subject to availability**. Piano players are strongly encouraged to learn another instrument in order to join an ensemble e.g. clarinet, oboe, tuba, viola, or french horn.

**2025 FEE
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Participation in any ensemble (large or small) and/or multiple ensembles: (concert bands, Stage Band, Sinfonia, Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Rock Band, etc.)	\$600
Instrumental Hire:	\$300
Percussion Hire (ALL percussionists in any ensemble pay this fee):	\$150
Private Tuition:	Fees arranged privately*
Music Camps and Tours:	Fees paid separately**

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions about the Music Program, type of ensemble your child should join, instrument your child should learn etc please fill out the following form using the QR code.



ENROLMENTS

If you would like to enroll your child in an ensemble request instrument hire (instrumental hire and private tuition included) please fill out the following form using the QR code.



FURTHER INFO

For more information including list of instruments available for hire, private tutor contacts, full program ensemble rehearsal schedule, important dates, Music Program Handbook and links to our YouTube channel please visit <https://chatswood-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/enrichment/music---band-program.html>

* We have a team of tutors available for private tuition on school grounds before and after school. Payments are made privately directly to tutors.

** A Music Camp for Junior Concert Band, Junior Strings, Choir and Senior Concert Band has been planned for March 23rd - March 25th, 2025 at the Collaroy Conference Centre. Camp fees paid separately.

Maths Pack and Visual Arts Diary

The Maths pack and Visual Arts diary must be purchased from the school. These are available from the school office \$50.

English

We have included a suggested extra reading list to encourage wide reading (see Page 29 of this booklet).

All other items are available from a local newsagency or other stationery retailer.

GENERAL STATIONERY ITEMS

- 2 x blue pens
- 2 x red pens
- 2 x black pens
- 1 x pair 6" scissors
- 1 x pkt 12 coloured pencils
- 1 x pencil case
- 2 x A4 display folders
- 1 x 30cm plastic ruler
- 1 x ink and pencil eraser
- 2 x HB pencils
- 2 x 2B pencils
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 1 x glue stick
- 2 x highlighter pens

HISTORY

- 1 x A4 128 page exercise book
- 1 x A4 display folder

GEOGRAPHY

- 1 x A4 128 page exercise book

LANGUAGES

- 1 x A4 96 page exercise book
- 1 x A4 display folder

PDHPE

- 1 x 96 Page exercise book
- CHS Sport uniform
- Sports shoes

TECHNOLOGY

- 1 x A4 display folder
- 1 X fabric apron (for food preparation)
- 1 x tea towel
- 1 x Reusable container for transportation of food
- Fork and/or spoon contained in a reusable bag
- Appropriate shoes according to school policy (**lace-up solid black leather/imitation leather shoes. Must be fully enclosed and cover the arch of the foot. NO CANVAS.**)

ENGLISH

- 2 x A4 128 page exercise books
- 1 x USB (16GB)
- 1 x A4 display folder

SCIENCE

- 1 x A4 256 page exercise book
- 1 x A4 display folder

ART

- 1 x art eraser
- 1 x 2B pencil
- 1 x 4B pencil
- 1 x USB memory stick (min 4GB)
- 1 x Visual Arts diary (**to be purchased from the school \$12**)

MUSIC

- 1 x 96 page music book (with manuscript included)

MATHEMATICS

- 1x Grid book (can be purchased from the school \$4)
- 1x Calculator (to be purchased from school \$34)

CHS uses the **School Bytes Payment Portal** which provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at the same time)
- Use family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required



You can download on the [App Store](#) or [Goggle Play](#) you will be able to access your child's statement of account, payment history and activities any time.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

- The Annual Statement of Account is emailed to parents at the start of the school term. Included in the statement are general school contributions, P&C voluntary contributions and selective subject fees if applicable.
- Other fees such as excursions, extra-curricular and sports fees will be added onto the statement throughout the school year
- You can always review the balance of you school fees via School Bytes under statement of account.

EXCURSIONS & SCHOOL ITEMS

- All activity and excursion notifications are sent to the family email address. Consent for all activities/excursions must be given through School Bytes by the due date. If consent is not given, your child will not be able to participate.
- Payment must be made by the due date indicated on the permission note
- Late payments are not accepted

PAYMENT METHOD

SCHOOL BYTES PAYMENT PORTAL

- Online credit/debit card payments are made through a secure payment system
- Once fees are selected to pay in the School Bytes payment portal, you will then be prompted to enter your card details and finalise your payment.

PAYMENT METHOD – cash, cheque or EFTPOS



While our preference is for payments to be made via School Bytes payment, we will still accept over the counter payment via cash, cheque and EFTPOS. *We are unable to accept card payments over the phone*

For cash or cheque payment:

On envelope, write:

- Student Name
- Class Year
- Name of Excursion / item
- \$ Amount enclosed



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SET UP YOUR SCHOOL BYTES PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

To set up your School Bytes parent portal, follow the steps below:

1. Open the School Bytes parent portal link - <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>
2. Select 'create a new account'
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your original enrollment documents provided to the school
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your original enrollment documents provided to the school
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication (family email)
6. Enter a password
7. Confirm your password
8. Select 'create an account'

An email will be sent to the email address nominated, in order to verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, **log in to the School Bytes parent portal.**

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

-  **EMAIL:** uniformshop@chspandc.org.au
-  **ONLINE ORDERING:** <https://shop.chspandc.org.au/>
-  **LOCATION:** Oliver Rd (at the end of the cul-de-sac to the left of the school entrance)



Chatswood High School P&C would like to welcome all new students. School uniform is mandatory and is available for purchase through our P&C Uniform Shop.

School uniform fittings and purchase methods:

We recommend that all new students visit the Uniform Shop for a fitting to find their correct size. **Use one of the following methods to arrange your child's uniform fitting:**

Book an appointment online Recommended	Use the following link to book your appointment for a fitting: https://signup.zone/chs-uniform-new-yr7-2025 <i>When booking please include a <u>valid email address</u> or <u>mobile number</u> as this is how we will contact you about your appointment if needed.</i>
Visit the Uniform Shop during regular hours	We are open every Thursday - 8:00am to 11:15am <i>(last opening day for the year is 12th December 2024)</i>
Visit our online store for purchasing uniforms	Measure your child at home and select the appropriate size using the online measurement charts. Uniforms can then be collected during regular shop hours. <i>Appointments are, however, highly recommended for first purchases.</i>
Please note: only ONE parent/guardian can accompany the student into the shop for the fitting due to space restrictions. Please do not bring any other family members or siblings into the shop.	

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS AND DATES:

We are open every Thursday from 8:00am - 11:15am for purchase in store.

NOV	Saturday 23rd	8:00am - 4:00pm	By appointment for fitting and purchase	2024
	Saturday 30th	8:00am - 4:00pm	By appointment for fitting and purchase	
	Sunday 1st	8:00am - 4:00pm	By appointment for fitting and purchase	
DEC	Tuesday 3rd	SHOP CLOSED	Orientation Day	
	Saturday 7th	8:00am - 4:00pm	By appointment for fitting and purchase	
	Sunday 8th	8:00am - 4:00pm	By appointment for fitting and purchase	
	Saturday 14th	TBA	Appointment slots will be released in the signup zone if needed	
FEB	Monday 3rd	8:00am - 2:00pm	Student Free Days (All Staff Return)	2025
	Tuesday 4th	8:00am - 2:00pm	Student Free Days (All Staff Return)	
	Wednesday 5th	8:00am - 2:00pm	Student Free Days (All Staff Return)	
	Thursday 6th	8:00am - 11:15am	All Students Return - Normal opening hours No appointment is needed during February	

UNIFORM FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS - YEAR 7-9

Suggested Number	Item	Price
3	Junior Shirts	\$33 each
2	Charcoal Shorts	\$45 each
3	Junior Dresses	\$60 each
2	<i>Navy Shorts (optional)</i>	\$45 each
2	PE Polos	\$36 each
1	PE Shorts	\$32 each
1	School Cap	\$15 each
1	Track Jacket or Jumper <i>Wool or polycotton</i>	\$75 each
1	Navy Sweatshirt <i>(optional)</i>	\$50 each
1	<i>School Bag (optional)</i>	\$65 each
1	<i>Music polo (for students joining junior band, choir, junior percussion, or string ensemble)</i>	\$35 each

SHOES & SOCKS (NOT SOLD AT THE CHS P&C UNIFORM SHOP)

White socks and black **leather/imitation leather** school shoes are to be worn with the school uniform. White socks and sports shoes are to be worn with the PE Uniform.

SPECIAL SIZING AND REQUIREMENTS

For students needing special sizing - extra-small or extra-large, and any student with special requirements - please order as early as possible. A separate order will be placed, which takes additional time to fill.

Other items, including warmer garments, can be purchased in store or online at your convenience at <http://shop.chspandc.org.au/>

Or scan here



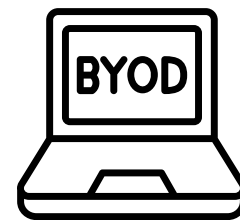
Chatswood High School 'Bring Your Own Device' Program

The Chatswood High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program requires students in years 7 to 12 to bring their own portable computing device to school everyday with the aim to support and enhance their learning experiences both in and out of the classroom.

Chatswood High School provides considerable freedom to students in their choice of technology and in their use of technology in the classroom. The school does so with the expectation that they will make good decisions with regard to their personal use of technology.

Please be aware that the chosen BYOD must meet the minimum specifications. You can scan the QR code below which will take you to our school website for all information regarding BYOD.

Scan here for all
information regarding
BYOD at CHS



BYOD Device Purchasing Portal

Chatswood High School has partnered with JB HiFi Education and also HP to allow educational devices recommended by CHS to be available to purchased at educational discounted prices.

Although parents may purchase a device from any supplier or store, we recommend a device that meets our device specifications and is able to work with the CHS wireless infrastructure.

The devices must have software to allow the students to fully participate in class activities. Though the school will be able to give students basic assistance, the device is still your their own and it is the student's responsibility to keep it secure and functional.

Scan here for the Purchase Portals:



HP Purchase Portal:

<http://www.hp.com.au/byod>

1. Enter the school Code: **CHATSWOODhs**
2. Start shopping



JB-HiFi Purchase Portal:

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

1. Enter the School Code: **CHSBYOD**
2. Start shopping

THE SCHOOL STUDENT OPAL CARD

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between school and home using the train, bus, ferry, and light rail services.



Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for the School Opal card, secondary students (Years 7-12) will need to live more than 2km in a straight line from the school, or at least 2.9km walking distance. Some visas do not support the School Student Transport Scheme. For example, students on a 482 or a 500 visa will not be able to apply for the School Opal card.

How To Apply

1. Once Chatswood High School has confirmed your child's enrolment, apply for a new card via Transport NSW website.
2. The school will endorse your application online after checking the student's residential address, enrolment status and relevant visa details.
3. Once Transport NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent within 14 days to the address provided on the application.

Who Should Apply?

A new application is required if the student has not had a School Opal card before. If the student is changing schools, going into Year 7, or has an updated residential address, they can still use their existing School Opal card but you **will have to update their details on the website <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>**.

If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass which allows for travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for a term.

A parent or carer must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over may apply for themselves.



Scan here to apply for a school Opal card



Please see the following page for Frequently Asked Questions and links to additional forms (School Drive Subsidy & for travel on medical grounds).

What if we have a split-parenting arrangement?

Both parents will need to submit an application for each address and select the 'shared parental' option during the online application. However, if one parent lives too close it will be rejected for that parent on that basis, and only the parent who qualifies will need to apply. Additionally, the school will need to have both parents' addresses in order to endorse.

Is everyone eligible for an opal card?

No, in addition to distance restrictions, there are certain visas that do not qualify for the school student transport scheme. For example. 482s and 500s. However, exchange students are still eligible with the 500 visa.

Can my child use their Student Opal Card for excursions?

No, the free Opal Cards are only for use to and from school. Your child will need to use a Child/Youth Opal Card for excursions.

Sydney Metro Northwest

If you are expecting to use the Sydney Metro Northwest please nominate train as mode of transport.

What if I live too close? Can I appeal a rejected application?

Unfortunately, this decision is managed by the Department of Transport and Chatswood High will not be able to make exceptions. Other options are:

Term Bus Passes

These passes are \$55 per term and are also available on line from the Opal website. Unfortunately they only accommodate bus travel and not trains.

Appeal on Medical Grounds

If you would like to appeal the rejection based on a medical grounds for an ongoing condition, there is a medical report and certificate that must be signed by a medical practitioner. This form can either be submitted during the application process or afterwards by emailing concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au and quoting your application ID number in the subject line eg "Request for review- N211111".

Purchasing a Child/Youth top up Opal Card from Retailers

(If your child is 16 years or over they will need to request a Concession Card from the school office to use a Child/Youth Opal Card.)

What is the role of the school in the application process?

The school receives an electronic application from the Transport office and we will confirm that the name, address, visa, and parental information on your application is the same as our enrolment information. If the information does not match we will reject it.

Does my child need their Student Opal Card for the first day of the year?

You will need to apply for a Student Opal Card early in the year, but students are granted free travel to school on all public transport until March to allow for new applications to be processed.

The Chatswood High School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) provides a forum to bring parents, teachers, and the community together to advance the best interests of our students.

Our 2025 focus areas are:

- Student learning and development support
- Student and parent well-being sessions
- Student leadership and co-curricular activities
- Enhancing the school environment for students

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Scan here for P&C website

<http://www.chspandc.org.au/>

For Parents, we:

- Provide a forum to hear what's happening at CHS and engage directly with the Principal and school teachers (via P&C meetings)
- Provide input and sponsor school activities
- Offer opportunities to meet other families via a variety of social events
- Manage the Uniform Shop for all student uniform needs.

For Students, we:

- Sponsor new learning and development avenues to improve academic and well-being outcomes
- Support participation in leadership and life skills-building opportunities
- Fund co-curricular activities – e.g. before and after school sports programs, and a range of well-being and study support programs
- Provide year 7 locker hire - to register your interest in hiring a locker in 2025, go to www.chspandc.org.au. **There are a limited number of lockers available.**
- Provide an active student-centered voice in the NSW School Infrastructure Project Reference Group
- Administer the P&C Building Fund and deliver smaller building projects e.g., new shade structure at high school oval, contribute to new building fit-outs e.g. the school hall kitchen.

Examples of what we've done:

Facilitated a variety of wellbeing programs for students & families (>\$20k - mostly funded by Chatswood RSL grant).

Funded a major shade structure at the highschool oval (>\$200K).

Assisted funding for student leadership camp, before and after school sport training, new music equipment and new gym equipment.

Coordinated gardening working bees to improve green spaces around the school.

Hosted social morning teas for parents to meet.

How you can support our school

There are many opportunities for you to support the activities of the CHS P&C. Research shows that where parents are actively involved in school activities, student engagement and performance improves. The high school years are a vital time to stay connected with your teens.

P&C Meetings

Come along and have your say

You can join various school committees, share your expertise or volunteer your time and energy. Some are during school hours, others outside working hours: decide what suits you & your family.

P&C Socials

Join our Facebook & LinkedIn pages via the QR codes.



These sites are moderated by a volunteer parent, and are a great way to meet other parents and hear about things happening at the school and events sponsored by the P&C.

P&C Roles & Social Activities

You can volunteer for various roles in the P&C. Do you have skills in other areas and willing to lend an occasional hand? E.g. accountant, architect, builder, landscape gardener, caterer, event organiser, communication and design or other? Can you volunteer some time to help? For example, volunteer at the Uniform Shop, be a parent representative on teacher selection panels, or help in the P&C Executive. Again, see our website for more information:

<https://chspandc.org.au/volunteering/>

Financial Contribution to the P&C

A financial contribution to the P&C is included in the invoice issued for all students attending the school. This contribution is used to fund requests made to the P&C by the school and to support the highly-valued well-being program we provide to students and parents each year. Without your support, these initiatives are not possible. Please note, CHS Parents and Citizens Association is a registered charity. The P&C contribution has two components:

- P&C general contribution: \$100
- Building Fund: \$150 (suggested amount). All gifts to the Building Fund > \$10 are tax deductible.

*We need your support to create a vibrant and strong community.
Whether it's financial or volunteering, every small contribution helps.
We'd love you to come along and get involved!*

✉ EMAIL: secretary@chspandc.org.au

🌐 WEBSITE: www.chspandc.com.au

All canteens in NSW public schools must meet certain requirements. These include providing more healthy food and drink options – to make the healthy choice an easy choice for students. Our school canteen operates under an outsourced vendor in accordance with the Healthy School Canteen Policy. We are pleased to announce we have a new canteen operator, Catering Project through their canteen solutions brand "EATS".



Opening Hours

8.00am through to 2.10pm

Downloading the app



Parents simply download the Flexischools app from the Apple or Google stores and follow the prompts to create an account. Once set up, click "Order Food" to see the online catalogues available, place your order and pay. Orders can be placed at any time, up until our specified cut-off time (as shown in the App).

Online Ordering: Flexischools

Our new canteen operator is introducing an online ordering option to making it easier for parents and students to plan their meals. With this convenient system, you will be able to:

- Pre-Order Meals: Parents can pre-order meals for their children, ensuring that their preferred choices are available and ready when needed.
- Online Payment: Make payments online, reducing the need for cash and providing a secure and efficient payment method.
- View Menu Options: Access the canteen menu in advance to help plan your child's meals and make selections that align with their dietary preferences.

Current Menu: As of term 4 2024

BREAKFAST POTS

Bircher Muesli (DF/N).....	5.50
Mango Chia (GF/VG).....	5.50
Fruit Salad (GF/VG).....	5.50
Granola Cup (VG).....	5.50

SANDWICH / WRAP / ROLLS

SANDWICH	
Roast Chicken with Tarragon, Mayonnaise, Baby Spinach.....	6.50
Egg Florentine with Tomatoes & Parmesan Cheese (V).....	6.50
Smoked Ham & Cheddar Cheese.....	6.50
Chunky Tuna, Avocado, Mayonnaise & Baby Spinach.....	6.50

WRAP	
Chicken Schnitzel with Avocado, Rainbow Slaw & Roast Garlic Aioli.....	7.50
Portuguese Roast Chicken with Avocado Peri Peri Mayonnaise.....	
Tomato & Baby Cos.....	7.50
Eggplant Chips with Miso Hummus, Alfalfa, Slaw & Spiced Yoghurt (V).....	7.50
Shaved Turkey W/ Pickled Red Cabbage, Tomato Relish, Mixed Leaf.....	7.50

SUSHI ROLLS	
Avocado & Cucumber (V/GF/DF).....	4.50
Chicken Schnitzel (GF/DF).....	4.50
Spicy Tuna (GF/DF).....	4.50
Teriyaki Beef (GF/DF).....	4.50

SALAD & BOWLS

Chicken Caesar (GF).....	7.00
Thai Beet (GF/N/DF).....	7.00
Risoni Pasta (V).....	7.00
Broccoli & Cranberry (GF/VG).....	7.00
Salmon Poke.....	8.50
Teriyaki Chicken Poke.....	8.50
Tofu Poke (VG).....	8.50

EVERYDAY HOT FOOD

(BREAKFAST)

Bacon & Egg Roll.....	6.00
Bacon Brekkie Burrito.....	7.00
Vegan Burrito (VG).....	6.00

(RECESS + LUNCH)

Chicken Burger.....	7.50
Cheeseburger.....	7.00
Beef Meatballs in Napolitana Sauce.....	6.00
Beef Nachos.....	6.00
Arancini in Napolitana Sauce (VG).....	5.50
Mac & Cheese (V).....	5.50
Nuggets (6).....	5.50
Beef Sausage Roll.....	5.00
Spinach & Cheese Roll (V).....	5.50
Meat Pie.....	5.50
Hot Dog.....	5.50
Beef Lasagne.....	5.50
Vegetable Lasagne (V).....	5.50

Flavoured Milk.....	4.50
Water.....	4.00
Cold Pressed Juice.....	5.50
Soda.....	4.50
Juice Poppers.....	3.00
Ice Tea.....	5.50
Aloe Vera Water.....	5.50

PRE ORDER AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS APP

HOT FOOD ROTATION

\$7.50

(LUNCH ONLY)

MONDAY

Butter Chicken with Pumpkin & Rice
Chickpeas & Butternut Squash Tagine with Mint Couscous (V)

TUESDAY

Beef Meatballs with Napolitana Sauce & Basil Pesto with Mash Potato (GF)
Plant Based Meatball with Napolitana Sauce & Basil Pesto with Mash Potato (GF/DF/VG)

WEDNESDAY

Jacket Potato with Pork Bolognese, Bean Sauce, Sour Cream & Mexican Cheese (GF)
Jacket Potato With Mushroom Bolognese, Bean Sauce, Vegan Cheese (VG/GF/DF)

THURSDAY

Baked Honey Dijon Chicken & Mushroom with Quinoa (GF)
Beetroot Falafel Quinoa, Roasted Capsicum, Tabbouleh & Hummus (VG/GF/DF)

FRIDAY

Beef Panang with Pineapple & Rice (DF/GF)
Tofu Panang with Pineapple & Rice (VG/GF/DF)



Or view on our school website: <https://chatswood-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer/canteen.html>

Year 7 Suggested Reading List

Often, Year 7 parents ask us what books their child should be reading at home in their spare time. Here is a list of popular titles appropriate for students in Year 7/8. The texts on this list will not be taught in class but are supplementary.



Novel Suggestions

- **39 Clues Book SERIES** by Rick Riordan
- **CHERUB Book SERIES** by Robert Muchamore
- **Conspiracy 365 Book SERIES** by Gabrielle Lord
- **Maggot Moon** by Sally Gardner
- **Navigating Early** by Clare Vanderpool

Indigenous Stories

- **The Binna Binna Man** by Meme McDonald and Boori Monty Pryor
- **Birring the Secret Friend** by Jackie French
- **Home to Mother** by Doris Pilkington
- **My Girragundji** by Meme McDonald, Boori Pryor
- **The Burnt Stick** by Anthony Hill, Mark Sofilas
- **Two Hands Together** by Diana Kidd

Short Stories

- **Life Bytes** edited by Alwyn Evans
- **Changing Stories** by Bronwyn Mellor, Judith Hemming and Jane Leggett

General Fiction

- **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli
- **Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend** by Matthew Green
- **Paper Planes** by Allayne Webster
- **Paperboy** by Vince Vawter
- **Two Wolves** by Tristan Bancks
- **The First Book of Samuel** by Ursula Dubosarsky
- **Hitler's Daughter** by Jackie French
- **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech
- **Two Weeks with the Queen** by Morris Gleitzman
- **Refuge** by Jackie French
- **Wringer** by Jerry Spinelli
- **The Colour of Sunshine** by David Metzenthen
- **Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt
- **Can You See Me?** by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott
- **Wonder** by R. J. Palacio
- **Across the Barricades** by Joan Lingard

Asian Stories

- **A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park
- **A Step From Heaven** by An Na
- **Nips XI** by Ruth Starke
- **My Name is Parvana** by Deborah Ellis
- **The Kite Fighters** by Linda Sue Park

Classics

- ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** by Roald Dahl
- ***Moby Dick*** by Herman Melville
- ***Oliver Twist*** by Charles Dickens
- ***Robinson Crusoe*** by Daniel Defoe
- ***Treasure Island*** by Robert Louis Stevenson

Action, Adventure, Survival

- ***The Cry of the Wolf*** by Melvin Burgess
- ***Thunderfish*** by Simon Higgins
- ***Holes*** by Louis Sachar

War Stories

- ***Birring the Secret Friend*** by Jackie French
- ***Home to Mother*** by Doris Pilkington
- ***My Girragundji*** by Meme McDonald, Boori Pryor
- ***The Burnt Stick*** by Anthony Hill, Mark Sofilas
- ***Two Hands Together*** by Diana Kidd
- ***Secrets in the Fire*** by Henning Mankell
- ***Onion Tears*** by Diana Kidd
- ***War Horse*** by Michael Morpurgo

Australian Stories

- ***Fly a Rebel Flag*** by Robyn Annear
- ***Ned Kelly's Secret*** by Sophie Masson
- ***Other Brother*** by Simon French
- ***Racing the Moon*** by Michelle Morgan
- ***The Year My Life Broke*** by John Marsden
- ***Lockie Leonard, Legend*** by Tim Winton

Historical Fiction

- ***King of Shadows*** by Susan Cooper
- ***Catherine, Called Birdy*** by Karen Cushman
- ***Pagan's Vows*** by Catherine Jinks
- ***Once*** by Morris Gleitzman
- ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry
- ***Goodnight Mister Tom*** by Michelle Magorian

Sport Stories

- ***Dropping In*** by Geoff Havel
- ***Extra Time*** by Morris Gleitzman
- ***Glory in the Cup Series*** by Bob Cattell
- ***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander
- ***The Whole of My World*** by Nicole Hayes
- ***You Don't Even Know*** by Sue Lawson

Fantasy

- **Infinity Ring SERIES** by Various authors
- **Percy Jackson and the Olympians SERIES** by Rick Riordan
- **Project Earth Mend SERIES** by David P. Reiter
- **The Keys to the Kingdom SERIES** by Garth Nix
- **Warrior Heroes SERIES** by Benjamin Hulme-Cross
- **Ariel, Zed and the Secret of Life** by Anna Fienberg
- **The Keeper of the Isis Light** by Monica Hughes
- **Cairo Jim and the Lagoon of Tidal Magnificence** by Geoffrey McSkimming
- **Haroun and the Sea of Stories** by Salman Rushdie
- **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill
- **Summer in Orcus** by T. Kingfisher
- **His Dark Materials SERIES** by Philip Pullman
- **Watership Down** by Richard Adams
- **Peter Pan** by J. M. Barrie
- **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman

Crime, Suspense & Mystery

- **Fletcher Smith: Sports P.I. SERIES** by Jonathan Harlen
- **Hardy Boys: Undercover Brothers SERIES** by Franklin W. Dixon
- **Lost Boy** by Linda Newbery
- **To the Boy in Berlin** by Elizabeth Honey (Illustrator); Heike Brandt
- **The Bad Beginning** by Lemony Snicket

Graphic Novel

- **Ghosts** by Raina Telgemeier
- **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick

Science Fiction

- **The Giver** by Lois Lowry
- **Galax-Arena** by Gillian Rubinstein



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