Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your children into the Year 10 family of Palmerston Christian School. This year shall be a wonderful journey that we shall embark on together. It is my hope that we can partner in the growth and development of your child, not just educationally, but holistically, as they rise to new heights and overcome any challenges that lie before them.

For those who haven’t met me, my name is Mr Chad Robertson and I am the Year 10’s Pastoral care, English, HASS (History/Geography) and Biblical Studies teacher, as well as being the Campus Coordinator for Palmerston of NTCC. This means that I will be their main contact and will see them every day. The transition into Year 10 is often a challenging one, particularly with the transition into NTCC and moving between two campuses. Year 10 is however an exciting year, filled with many adventures, should your child choose to embrace the experience. I and the other amazing staff of Palmerston Christian School and NTCC will be here to assist in any way that we can, both with matters involving subjects, Year 10 as a whole, and the integration into the broader educational community of NTCC.

**Bring your own device**

It is an expectation that every student has their electronic device (laptop or iPad) in a charged, workable state for each lesson of the day. Electronic devices have become an integral element of the classroom teaching environment and it is expected that students utilize these tools in an appropriate manner at all times. If you have any concerns or questions about this policy, please feel free to contact me at any time. Failure of a student to maintain their device appropriately or to use it as an educational tool will result in action taken to rectify the problem.

**Equipment**

At the beginning of the year, all Year 10 students received the following equipment: a red and blue pen, a pencil, a ruler, glue, eraser, pencil case, and relevant subject exercise books and text books (we have a class set of scissors, glue and sharpeners). Please help ensure that your child comes to school every day with their equipment, as it is expected that Middle School students begin to take on greater responsibility for their learning and for their belongings.

If your child loses his/her stationery, please replace it ASAP.

Some final textbooks are currently on order and will be made available in English and HASS as soon as available (my apologies for the delay, however this has not interrupted education, but instead shall enhance it).

**Diaries**

Students have the option of what they use as a diary in Year 10. Most will use their digital devices, however, I’d encourage you to familiarise yourself regularly with your child’s diary. Assessed work can also be found on the website. Feel free to contact me at any time should you have any queries or concerns.
**Homework**

Students will be given homework most nights, for English, HASS, Science and Maths and at times other subjects also. At times, homework will be focused on preparing for a test or completing assignments, some subjects may however have regular activities for the students to complete for homework.

If your child is unable to complete the homework by the due date, please write a quick note to explain as incomplete homework will be completed at lunch time.

**Assignments**

Every term students will receive a schedule of when all the assignments are due for the term. For every assignment, students will receive an assignment outline sheet that has a due date on it, a description of what the task is and what is expected. Students will be given class time to begin working on their assignments and have their questions answered. Assignments will also have a marking rubric on them which gives students an idea of the expectations required for the different grade levels (A, B, C, D, E). Teachers will use these as a marking guideline.

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS** – If your child cannot meet the deadline of an assignment, please contact the subject teacher by email or note at least two days before the due date. Students who fail to meet the assignment due dates will be required to attend lunch detention until the assignment is complete and will potentially also be deducted 10% of the possible grade each day that it is late. This is to teach them time management and ownership.

As part of the Year 10 curriculum, students will be asked to watch film clips and films that are rated PG. If you have any concerns about this please contact me. However, there may be times when your child, as part of English or HASS, is exposed to some challenging concepts and themes throughout the year; I’d encourage you to explore these in open conversation with your child.

On occasions such as for Physical Education activities, Sports Carnival and various subject in-class activities, students are required to go over to Marlow Oval and Lagoon. As this is not school owned land, parental permission is required. Students are only allowed access to the area if supervised by a teacher.

Please feel free to contact me at school anytime; the best method of contact for me is via email at: chad.robertson@ntschools.net. If you contact the front office they will take your name and send me an email to return your call.

Please fill in and return the form on the next page by Wednesday 10th of February.

Kind Regards,

Chad Robertson
Year 10 Pastoral Care Teacher
chad.robertson@ntschools.net
I, ____________________________________________________________________, am the parent / caregiver of ____________________________

My contact details are as follows:

Parent/Caregiver 1

EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver 2 (optional)

EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________________________________________________

Please circle

I do / I don’t give my child permission to watch PG rated films as part of the school curriculum and last day of term activities.

I do / I don’t give my child permission to walk over to Marlow’s Oval and Lagoon (supervised) for sports and other in class activities for all subjects as lessons require it.

Comments/ Additional Notes

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