

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Teena koutou e te whaanau,

The sun is out, the students are playing music here for Spirit week and I can't help but get that summer is coming feeling.

It is a great prompt for me to remind you about the change to summer uniform next term. Please have a look at the CHS website for [full details](#).

I particularly want to bring your attention to the wearing of sandals and senior students uniform wearing around exam time. Remember that the wearing of sandals in the summer uniform is one option. You are also welcome to continue wearing school shoes and socks as a part of the summer uniform.

Sandals. Earlier in the year we asked for your feedback on sandals as we had concerns about how they were being worn around the campus and the Health and Safety implications of wearing sandals in the science labs and technology workshops. Thank you for your feedback and input into this discussion. There was a preference for the sandals to be kept as a uniform item and support for us to monitor standards of uniform closely, including the sandals.

We need to stress the importance of wearing shoes in a Science lab and Technology workshop. This is a Health and Safety concern. Students **must** bring a change of footwear to take part in lessons in these rooms, for their own safety. If students are not wearing closed toes shoes, they will either be asked to put on a pair of our hard toe boots or will not be allowed to take part in the lesson. If these school shoes are not a part of the school uniform they may **only** be worn for the Science and Technology lesson.

The Board were also asked to consider alternative sandals to the roman sandals. We have done this and have widened the scope of the acceptable sandals in our uniform. The details are as follows:

Must:

- Be plain black or brown either in canvass or leather (or leather look)
- Have a strap over the front of the foot and an ankle strap – similar in style to the standard Roman sandal
- Have black or silver buckles only
- Be flat soled
- Be worn properly and kept tidy at all times

No:

- Slip-ons, slides or scuffs
- Embellishments e.g. Coloured tags, buckles or jewels, or prominent logos

Senior students, exams and summer uniform. Please note that students are expected to be in full school uniform whenever they attend school, and this includes school exams and the final NCEA examinations.

Nga mihi nui

Kind regards

CHS Board of Trustees