



14 November 2025

Dear Parents / Caregivers,  
Kia ora koutou,

I want to thank everyone for their feedback and questions about the new uniform. We are using this to help improve the information available to parents and have even been able to make some tweaks to improve items. All the latest information is now stored in the [Uniform FAQ](#) section of our website.

This week we confirmed details about the next steps with the uniform:

- availability of stock
- pricing of items
- recycling of old uniforms

### **Availability**

The new uniform will be available for trying on in early December at the Uniform Shoppe. This stock is an airfreighted early delivery so that we can give you the chance to try on clothing and see the final items as a complete range. The bulk delivery of stock will arrive in January, meaning that you can place the order now and we will notify you when this arrives in store for collection.

### **Pricing**

We have also received confirmation of the pricing of the new items. I have attached a summary of the cost of our uniform – the new items and the discounted price for current uniform items. In appendix 1 (at the bottom of this letter) there is a comparison of prices between the old and new items for those of you that just want to go straight to the numbers. It is important to highlight the reasons why the pricing compares very favourably to the old items:

- Bang for buck. If we take the jacket as an example, it is a far superior item with a minimal increase.
- Value across your time at CHS. The purchase of these uniform items spread across 5 years of schooling is cheaper than the current range.



- Fewer items that last longer. The jacket, jersey and trousers are the same across summer and winter and for each year of schooling.
- Sizing changes to coincide with uniform change. A new uniform shirt in Year 12 coincides for many students with growth and the need for change.
- Addressed the significant gender price difference. There is still more work involved in the female items and that is reflected in a price difference, however, this gap has reduced.

Please remember that we have received generous support from our supplier. If you need financial assistance for the purchase of new uniform items, please contact us via the school website. I worked hard to negotiate this support from SAS, so please make sure you approach us if you need help in getting into the new items.

### **Recycling and reusing**

And finally, we received a great suggestion from some students recently, asking if we could find the uniforms a new home next year. We investigated our options and our Community and Sustainability Committee will be collecting items and organising for them to be donated. I look forward to working with these student leaders and SAS (our uniform provider) to ensure the items find a deserving new home. We have some options ready to go, but if anyone has a special connection or an organisation with a particular need for items, please let me know.

Kind regards  
Ngaa mihi

**Greg Thornton**  
Principal



*Appendix 1 – The price comparison*

Uniform price comparison			
item	currently	new	Notes
Socks	\$16.00 (1 pair)	\$35.90 (3 pack)	
Shorts	\$47.50	\$46.50 - \$51.50	
Trousers	\$55.00 - \$69.00	\$60.00 - \$71.00	
Tupene		\$72.00	New and a pre-order item
Tartan skirt	\$102.50		Discontinued item
Skirt	\$81.00	\$81.00	
Year 13 skirt	\$81.00		Discontinued item
Shirt		\$53.50	New shirt with improved stretch fabric
Blouse	\$41.50 - \$44.50	\$49.90	New blouse with improved stretch fabric
Polo			Discontinued item
Jacket	\$90.50	\$140.00	New waterproof jacket with fleece lining
Jersey	\$95.00 - \$100.00	\$110.00 - \$115.00	New jersey - first price adjustment since Dec 2022
Tie	\$31.00	\$33.00	New tie