

# Year 7 - Year 12 Parent Handbook 2024



## **Our Vision**

To be a transformational Christian learning community.

## **Our Mission**

To provide the highest quality Christ-centred education that prepares and equips students for life.

## **Our Core Values**

*FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. But the greatest of these is LOVE. – 1 Corinthians 13:13*

## **Our School Values**

*Respect, Community, Stewardship.*



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# Key Secondary School Dates

Terms Dates, Public Holidays and non-student Days are listed below. For all other events, including those relating to Calvin's program of academics, sport, camps and other Year 7-12 activities, please consult the School Calendar [calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar).

Term One commences	Monday 5 February
Public Holiday (Regatta Day)	Monday 12 February
Public Holiday (Eight Hour Day)	Monday 11 March
Student free day (Years 7-12)	Thursday 28 March
Easter	Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April
Term One concludes	Friday 12 April
Term Two commences	Wednesday 1 May
Public Holiday (King's Birthday)	Monday 10 June
Term Two concludes	Friday 5 July
Term Three commences	Wednesday 24 July
Student free day (Years 7-12)	Friday 6 September
Term Three concludes	Friday 27 September
Term Four commences	Monday 14 October
Public Holiday (Hobart Show Day)	Thursday 24 October
Student free day	Friday 25 October
Term Four concludes	Wednesday 18 December



# Communication

## Calvin Secondary Office Details

Office hours are Monday - Friday: 8.00am - 4.00pm

+61 3 6229 4829

[admin@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@calvin.tas.edu.au)

## The Secondary Campus Office Staff

Ms Melissa Quinn - Senior Administration Officer

Mrs Carrie Ann Oudman - Administration Officer (Monday to Thursday)

Mrs Suzanne Straatsma - Administration Officer (Friday)

Ms Julie Berg - Executive Assistant to the Principal

## Attendance and Absences

If a student is sick or unable to attend school, the Secondary Office should be contacted as soon as possible by:

- emailing [absences@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:absences@calvin.tas.edu.au)
- visiting the **Parents page** of the School website, or
- calling the School Office on 6229 4829.

The 2016 Education Act specifies the reasons a student can be authorised not to attend school and what documentation is required in order to support authorised absences. An authorised absence is explained through documentation such as a medical certificate. Un-authorised absences in the year, will be followed up with parents/carers. If documentation is not received to explain the absences, then a meeting with staff at the school may be required and we may be obliged to provide the names of students to the Department of Education. Under the new Education Act, parents are strongly discouraged from planning family holidays and trips during the academic year as these are considered unauthorised absences.

Further information about absences can be found via the Tasmanian Education Department website [decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/attending-school/attendance](https://decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/attending-school/attendance).

If a student needs to leave the school during the school day for any reason, then communication must be received by the Administration Staff. This can be done by:

- emailing [absences@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:absences@calvin.tas.edu.au)
- calling the School Office on 6229 4829, or
- note confirming the details - this must include the current date and a parent signature.

Once permission has been obtained, the student should sign out using the kiosk at the Secondary Office before leaving. Students are required to sign in on return or if arriving late to school.

Year 11 & 12 students must sign in and out via the kiosk at the Secondary Office if they arrive or leave at times other than the regular school hours. Year 7 - 10 students are not permitted to sign themselves in or out using the kiosk without a member of the Administration Staff present and the required permission from a parent.

## School Newsletter & Friday Night Reminders

The School Newsletter will be available every second Wednesday via email. Every Friday a list of dates and reminders will be emailed to parents and carers. These are an essential source of information regarding events across the school. A list of previous Newsletters can be found at [calvin.tas.edu.au/newsletters](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/newsletters).

## Updating Your Personal Information

When your child starts at Calvin you will receive an email invitation to login into **Consent2Go**. Consent2Go is a software package used primarily for permissions for excursions. It is also used to allow parents to provide the school with any medical information and to update personal information. There is also a link on the **Parents page** of the school website.

It is **extremely important** that family information such as email addresses, postal addresses, phone numbers and medical details are **kept up to date**. Consent2Go requires both parents to update their information. If your details change, please make sure you change them as soon as possible. If you need any help with using Consent2Go please contact the School Office.

## Medical

Parents or Carers can update contact details and student medical information via the **Parents page** on the school website under "Information & Medical". If your contact details change, it is **essential** that you update your details using this system or notify the Secondary Office.

If your child is required to take medication at school please read and complete the **Medication Authorisation Form and Guidelines document**. This can be also be found via the **Parents page** on the school website under "Information & Medical".

Students should report to the Secondary Office if they are sick so that trained First Aid staff can respond appropriately to their needs. Office staff will direct them to the First Aid Room. Parents will be contacted if an injury or illness requires more than basic first aid.

Students undertaking Food Technology need to be aware of our protocols surrounding safety in the kitchen, particularly relating to food allergies and intolerances. This document can be found via the **Policies page** on the school website.

## SEQTA Teach Learn and Engage

At Calvin, we use an online learning management system called SEQTA to connect students, teachers and parents. This streamlines the management of marks, timetables, assessments, feedback and other student data. SEQTA Engage is a powerful tool for parents, providing an overview of their child's learning and assessments. It also provides a communication channel for parents and teachers, enabling greater collaboration and enhanced learning outcomes. An Information Session to explain SEQTA Engage will be available alongside the Secondary Community BBQ early in the school year.

## Contacting Teachers

Contact with teachers is always welcome, especially via email. For issues relating to a specific subject, please contact your child's teacher directly. For issues of a pastoral nature, please contact the Head of Year.

Please note that email addresses are the initial of firstnamesurname@calvin.tas.edu.au

e.g. bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au.

## Contacting Students

Messages can be left for individual students through the Secondary Office via phone or email. The message will be passed on to the student through their class teacher or Head of Year. If students need to contact parents/carers during the day, they can come to the Secondary Office at recess or lunch and seek permission to use the school phone. Students should not contact parents directly if sick and needing to be collected as communication should always involve the Secondary Office.

## Parent Information Evenings

At various times during the year we invite parents to attend Information Evenings. An invitation will be emailed or communicated via SEQTA, advertised in the School Newsletter and on the school calendar.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

On the Secondary Campus, formal parent-teacher conferences take place in Terms 1, 2 and 3. These are booked using an online booking system. Details of this will be provided to families via an email, the Newsletter or Friday Night Reminders. Students are invited and encouraged to join these meetings. Parents wishing to connect with teachers outside of these times should email the teacher directly to set up a meeting time.

## Excursions, Camps and School Activities

Information about excursions, camps and other offsite events are sent to parents via **Consent2Go**.

Permission to attend these events is granted via this system too. Please make sure you follow the email prompts to give permission for student attendance via Consent2Go. From time to time, parents may be invited to attend camps or excursions, however, they must hold a valid **Working With Vulnerable People Card**.



# Our School

## Christian Schools Tasmania (CST) Association

Christian Schools Tasmania is an Association of four schools in the greater Hobart area, Calvin Christian School, Channel Christian School, Emmanuel Christian School and Northern Christian School.

Membership of the Association is open to practising Christians who are able to subscribe to the Association's Statement of Faith and demonstrate an active commitment to the schools. If you wish to apply to join please speak to the School Principal.

## Christian Schools Tasmania Office

The CST Office is situated at 299 Macquarie Street Hobart and is open for business between 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Key Staff      David Gillman (CEO)  
                      Joe-Ann Smit (Family Accounts)  
                      +61 3 6224 8300

Brian Bosveld (Business Manager)  
Naomi Rayner (Administration Officer)  
[admin@cst.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@cst.tas.edu.au)

## Fees and Family Assistance

All financial matters relating to tuition and camps are handled through the Christian Schools Tasmania Office.

A commitment to Christian education comes at a personal cost. If you have difficulties meeting school fee obligations, please enquire about the fee assistance program. Normally fee assistance applications are made during October for the following year. Applications after that time will be considered, especially if your financial circumstances have changed, but the level of assistance may be limited. To discuss payment arrangements or enquire about fee assistance, please contact CST [accounts@cst.tas.edu.au](mailto:accounts@cst.tas.edu.au) or +61 3 6224 8300.

A reminder that ten school weeks' notice in writing to the Principal ([sambrose@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:sambrose@calvin.tas.edu.au)) is required when withdrawing a student from enrolment.



## Staff Contacts

### Leadership Team

The Calvin Senior Leadership Team consists of the following staff:

Principal - Mr Scott Ambrose

Deputy Principal (Head of Secondary) - Mrs Bonny Moroni

Deputy Principal (Head of Primary) - Mr Andrew Nash

Head of Students - Mrs Stelle Carmichael

### Secondary Heads of Year and Pastoral Team

Year 7	Mr Stephen Matthews
Year 8	Mr Isaac Beswick
Year 9	Mr Glenn Bradley
Year 10	Mr Jonathan Quinn
Year 11	Mr Simon Boonstra
Year 12	Mr Wayne Amos

Deputy Head of Students - Mr Martin Huber

Secondary Counsellor - Mrs Julia Willoughby

### Secondary Heads of Learning Areas

Humanities & Languages	Mr Kyle Fifield
Maths & Science	Mrs Sue Dishington
Technology & The Arts	Mrs Miriam Grice
Health, Physical Education and Sports	Mr Nathan Bosker



## Community Engagement Committee

The Committee exists to support the Principal and to build opportunities for school community connection. The Committee is involved in a number of activities throughout the year, including welcome activities at the start of the year and the annual Oliebollen Festival. Members of the Community Engagement Committee are appointed by the Principal and the CEO of Christian Schools Tasmania.

## The Library

The Library is central to the teaching and learning program at Calvin. It is open from 8.30am until 4.30pm from Monday to Friday, during the school term. Extended hours operate during examination periods. The Library is staffed during these hours to support students and teachers in their learning programs. Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to study in the library when not timetabled to other classes.

## Learning Support - The HUB

Learning Support on the Secondary Campus operates out of The HUB. The HUB is centrally located near the Library and provides a vertical classroom, where students across all years are comfortable and confident that they will be supported academically and emotionally. Students with identified learning or social needs may work between The HUB and their classroom on a casual or regular basis for both academic and/or emotional support. Referrals for support or interventions can be initiated by the Head of Year, Head of Learning Area, classroom teacher, student or parent.

## School Buses

Buses leave the school from either the turning circle at the Secondary Campus or the Primary Campus. Parents collecting students should do so from the lower exit on Sophia Street or in the Reformed Church car park. Students walking or using bicycles should cross Maranoa Road at the marked place where the crossing guard is positioned. For specific information on the bus runs, contact the relevant bus company as listed below:

- Margate/Channel/Huntingfield/Blackmans Bay/Howden – Wisby Bus Company [wisbybuses.com.au](http://wisbybuses.com.au) OR +61 3 6267 1789
- Hobart and surrounding suburbs – Metro [metrotas.com.au/timetables](http://metrotas.com.au/timetables) OR 13 22 01
- Huonville (morning service only) – Coal River Coaches  
[coalrivercochestasmanianschooltransport.com.au](http://coalrivercochestasmanianschooltransport.com.au) OR +61 3 6272 2645
- Huonville – Tassie Link [tassielink.com.au](http://tassielink.com.au) OR 1300 300 520
- Eastern Shore via Macquarie Street, Davey Street and Mount Nelson – O’Driscolls  
[derwentvalleylink.com.au](http://derwentvalleylink.com.au) OR 6261 4653. (Parents can track this service via the **TransportMe App**).

Some students in Year 11 & 12 may be able to drive their personal vehicle to and from school, however, we request that they park in the council carpark opposite the Kingston Reformed Church. Students wishing to drive their personal vehicle to school or to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by another student will need to have the permission of parents via the ‘Use of Motor Vehicles’ form provided to senior students at the commencement of the academic year.

# Visiting our School

## Secondary Campus Times

- Students should **not** arrive at Calvin Secondary Campus before **8.15am** when supervision begins.
- Students should be at Calvin Secondary Campus by **8.40am** so that they can be in Home Room for the taking of attendance, distribution of notices and participation in devotions.
- The school day finishes at 3.15pm.
- The Secondary Campus week is divided into 40 periods. Each period lasts for 40 minutes.

## Signing In

All visitors to the school need to enter their details using the online registration system (at the Calvin Secondary Office on Sophia Street) and obtain a visitor's badge. Visitors should sign out on departure. Those interacting with students as part of their visit will be required to present a Working with Vulnerable People card. To apply for a card please visit [justice.tas.gov.au](https://justice.tas.gov.au).



# Academic Program

All students have a Home Room period at the beginning of each day, an assembly once a week, and two co-curricular lessons every second Thursday afternoon.

## Years 7 and 8

Students undertake the study of core subjects for the duration of the school year. They also rotate through a number of Arts and Technology subjects throughout the year. In Year 7, students undertake all eight of the Arts and Technology subjects. In Year 8, they choose to continue with four of these subjects; two each semester.

All Year 7 & 8 students undertake the study of an additional language, German or French. After Year 8 the study of language becomes optional. For students whose literacy skills are well below the expected year level, there may be the opportunity to have extra literacy support in the regularly timetabled language classes. The Literacy Support program is administered by the Learning Support staff for eligible Year 7 students.

<i>Subject Year 7 &amp; 8</i>	<i>Length of Course</i>	<i>Lessons per Week</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Christian Studies</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Language (German or French)</i>	<i>Semester for Yr 7; Full Year for Yr 8</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>HPE (Health and Physical Education)</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Personal Development</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Visual Art</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Drama</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Media Arts</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Digital Technology</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Food Technology</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Material Design and Technology</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Term Year 7; Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Semester Year 8</i>	<i>4</i>

## Year 9

In Year 9, students continue the study of core subjects and choose three, year long subjects which enable the consolidation of skills in the Arts, Technologies and Languages. Subject choices for Year 9 electives are:

- Drama
- Design Technology (Wood and Metal)
- Digital Technology
- Food Technology
- French
- German
- Music
- Visual Art

Year 9 will also engage in the “Discover” program which consists of three lessons per week plus a number of experiential learning opportunities including camps, service activities and a career exploration program. The lessons allocated for “Discover” will incorporate the Christian Studies and Health program for Year 9. As well as covering Australian Curriculum content in these subject areas, the program will offer opportunities for reflection, identity awareness and character development. Through a variety of experiential learning opportunities, students will explore, reflect upon and critique their own growth and direction to encourage the building of Christian character and the core Calvin attributes of Courage, Resilience, Compassion, Curiosity, Reflection, and Integrity. This Program will also cover significant components of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award for students who have chosen to enrol in this internationally recognised certificate being offered by Calvin in 2024.

## Year 10

In Year 10, students continue the study of core subjects and choose three elective subjects from the following list:

- Drama
- Design Technology (Wood and Metal)
- Digital Technology
- Food Technology
- German
- Introduction to Business and the Law
- Maths Methods Foundations (this is a TASC 3 subject)
- Music
- Outdoor Experiences

<i>Subject Year 9 &amp; 10</i>	<i>Length of Course</i>	<i>Lessons per Week</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Personal Development</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>HPE (Health and Physical Education)</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>2 periods for Yr 9 3 periods for Yr 10</i>
<i>Elective Subject 1</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>4 periods</i>
<i>Elective Subject 2</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>4 periods</i>
<i>Elective Subject 3</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>4 periods</i>
<i>Christian Studies</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>2 periods for Yr 10</i>
<i>"Discover" Program</i>	<i>Full Year</i>	<i>3 periods for Yr 9</i>

## Years 11 and 12

Students in Years 11 and 12 at Calvin undertake a variety of TASC or VET courses. Most students aim to achieve their TCE; some will have specific Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) requirements. A full explanation of the Year 11 and 12 subjects and Pathway options is available in the Senior Secondary Course Handbook, published each year in Term 2. A copy of this handbook is available online at [calvin.tas.edu.au/senior-secondary](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/senior-secondary).

## Academic Reports

Reports will be provided to parents/carers via SEQTA Engage at the times indicated below. Printed copies of reports are available upon request via the Secondary Office. These reports provide a snapshot of student learning and achievement via criteria grades and the 'Progress as a Learner' section. Most feedback about student learning and progress will be provided to parents on an ongoing basis via SEQTA Engage.

	<i>Term 1</i>	<i>Term 2</i>	<i>Term 3</i>	<i>Term 4</i>
<i>Years 7-12</i>	<i>Interim Reports</i>	<i>Mid-year Reports (includes first Semester/Term Report for Year 7 &amp; 8)</i>	<i>TASC Interim Report</i>	<i>End of Year Reports (includes final Semester/Term Report for Year 7 &amp; 8)</i>

## NAPLAN and Progressive Assessment Testing (PAT)

Students in Years 7 and 9 undertake the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) each year. These tests occur in March and results are provided to parents during Term 3. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

PAT is a program of testing developed by the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) and provides a common achievement scale for all tests within a learning area. PAT scale scores allow teachers to compare achievement on the tests within each learning area regardless of year level and the specific test completed and to monitor progress over time. At Calvin, Years 7-9 students undertake PAT in December each year. Results are not provided directly to parents but are used to improve teaching programs and inform summative assessment of students.

## Assessment Procedure

Assessment is an important part of student learning at Calvin. It supports students to develop as confident and self-motivated learners and provides a mechanism for the student to demonstrate learning. Assessment allows teachers to make informed and consistent judgments about the quality and extent of a student's knowledge, skill and ability and, as such, student work is to be submitted according to set deadlines. If students do not submit work for assessment by the required due date, they may be required to attend "academic catch-up" sessions at lunch or on Wednesday after school. Assignments submitted after the due date will have late marks deducted unless an extension is negotiated prior to the submission date (a doctor's note or similar may be required). In most cases, assignment due dates and specifications will be provided to students in class and via SEQTA Learn and will also be available to parents/carers via SEQTA Engage.

## Homework Policy

Homework is an expected part of the academic program for Years 7-12 students at Calvin Christian School. It is anticipated that students will do approximately 60 minutes of homework per evening in Years 7 and 8. Students in Years 9 and 10 will be expected to do approximately 80 minutes of homework per evening. In Years 11 and 12, the homework will vary according to the subject level. TASC 3 and 4 subjects usually require around 3 hours of homework per week; this may be lower for TASC 1 and 2 subjects. For Years 7-10 students, the subject teachers will allocate homework based on a timetable which will be distributed in Term 1. If you feel that your son or daughter is doing too much or too little homework, please contact the Head of Year or the subject teacher directly.

## Music Tuition

Private music tuition is available for a range of instruments. Lessons can be during or outside of school hours. The cost of tuition, whilst competitively priced, is in addition to other school fees and is set by individual tutors. Please direct all inquiries to [music@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:music@calvin.tas.edu.au).





# Student Life

## Lockers

Lockers are provided for all Secondary students. Students must purchase their own lock. It is recommended that students purchase a small/medium sized combination lock.

## Mobile Phones

Should Year 7-10 students need a mobile phone to be brought to school, it must be kept in the student's locked locker or handed in to the Secondary Office for safe keeping. The office staff will communicate messages to your child or children. Students found using their mobile phone (texting, social media, calling or receiving a call during school hours on campus) will have the phone confiscated and parents will be asked to collect it at a convenient time. Year 11 and 12 students may carry their mobile phones with them but only discreet, occasional use (outside of class) is permitted.

Listening to music in class for Years 10-12 is at the teacher's discretion. Year 10 students should only access music via their laptop (as their phone should be in their locker)

## Co-curricular

All students and teachers will be involved in a co-curricular program. While a number of co-curricular activities run outside of school hours (e.g. sporting teams, sailing club, etc.) we recognise the value in setting aside time for students and teachers to work together on co-curricular activities on a regular basis. This may include training/coaching for sports teams, participation in artistic or musical activities, or regular meetings of Calvin Clubs. The co-curricular lesson is timetabled for the afternoon lessons every second Thursday afternoon. Students are given the opportunity to elect their preferred co-curricular option early in Term 1 and at the end of each term for subsequent terms. Invitation for specific co-curricular events requiring parent permission will be sent out via Consent2Go.

Students at Calvin also have the opportunity to participate in a number of competitions throughout the year, including Tournament of Minds, STEM Challenge, the ICAS Competitions, History Challenge, public speaking competitions and debating. These competitions are administered through the Co-Curricular Program, subject teachers or the Heads of Learning Area and will be communicated to students via Student News or to parents via email or the School Newsletter.

## Camps

Calvin's camps are designed to develop and build effective relationships and to create opportunities for challenge and growth. Further details about each camp will be provided to parents in the weeks leading up to the camp via Consent2Go and will be available via the Calvin Calendar [calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar).

## Lost Property

**All items of uniform and personal school equipment should be labelled with the student's name.** A box of lost property is kept in the Secondary Office.

## Pastoral Care

Calvin's Pastoral Care Program is based on the understanding that students learn best when they feel cared for and connected. The Head of Year will work with Home Room teachers to develop community among students through camps, weekly assemblies, year level activities and orientation events. The Head of Year will work with students and parents to develop relationships and to help students to integrate into Secondary Campus life. The Head of Year will also take control of most of the behavioural issues that may arise throughout the year. Furthermore, the Head of Year will lead students through a Personal Development Program that is timetabled into the student program for one lesson per fortnight for Years 7-12.

## School Counsellor

Calvin provides the resources of a School Counsellor. Julia Willoughby is the Counsellor for the Secondary Campus and she has a wealth of experience in family and school contexts. She is available to guide, listen, and work through any issues students may have. Julia works from the Secondary Campus and can be contacted at [jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au).

## Building Bridges Program

Year 7 students participate in the Building Bridges Program under the guidance of the School Counsellor and Home Room teachers. This program sees Year 7 students joining in small group activities under the leadership of Year 10-12 students during Home Room once a week during Terms 2 and/or 3. For further information, contact the Year 7 Head of Year or the School Counsellor.

## School House System

Students are allocated a house for their involvement in school events such as sport carnivals, academic competitions and community events. Winning houses are announced at school assemblies. The names of the houses reflect our school's faith and heritage.

School Houses:

Geneva	Blue
Westminster	Yellow
Wittenberg	Red

## School Sports Carnivals

Students compete in a number of house-based carnivals throughout the year at Calvin. These include the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and Cross-Country Competition. Attendance at these carnivals is compulsory for all students. Those who are unable to participate due to injury are asked to help with various tasks throughout the day. Further information on the carnivals is provided through the School Newsletter or via email.

# Preparing for 2024

## Uniform

The wearing of correct and full formal uniform is mandatory for all students. Please ensure that all items of clothing are **clearly named**. School uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. As the wearing of school uniform is a condition of enrolment, the school will contact parents should students fail to conform to the policy. Unless otherwise specified, students need to wear full school uniform to and from school and when representing the school in public (including excursions). Please refer to the Calvin Christian Secondary Uniform Policy for a full description of the required uniform for Years 7-12. This can be found at [calvin.tas.edu.au/parents](https://calvin.tas.edu.au/parents). If a student is unable to wear correct uniform (including the incorrect uniform for a given day) due to an unforeseen circumstance, a note must be provided to the Home Room teacher or Head of Year.

## Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop opening hours can be found on the school calendar at [calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar](https://calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar). Normal trading hours are Tuesday 8.00am - 4.00pm and Thursdays 8.00am - 12.00pm. Parents and Carers are strongly encouraged to book an appointment at [midfordbooking.as.me/CalvinChristianSchool](https://midfordbooking.as.me/CalvinChristianSchool) or email [ccs.kingston@midford.com.au](mailto:ccs.kingston@midford.com.au) or call **+61 3 6240 1883**.

Uniforms are also available online at [midford.com.au](https://midford.com.au). New users will need to click the "Register new account" button and use the unique school code, CCS1962. Pick-up in store and home delivery are available for online orders. **If you are a new parent please advise us of this when you book or call so we can best assist you.**

The Calvin Uniform Shop is located in the small cottage on the Secondary School campus driveway just off the entrance near Maranoa/Denison Street. Parking is available in the carpark of the church opposite and in the Metro Bus parking lot on Denison Street.

## Calvin Marketplace Facebook

Secondhand items are available to be sold or bought using the Facebook Group **Calvin Marketplace**. This group can also be used for the selling and buying of other school related items i.e. calculators, text books. If purchasing secondhand text books, please ensure they are still on the course syllabus and are the correct edition where this is stipulated. You can request to join the Calvin Marketplace at [facebook.com/groups/calvinmarketplace](https://facebook.com/groups/calvinmarketplace). Unfortunately, the School Office cannot receive cash or items for collection as part of this process.

## Back to School Book Sales and Ordering

### Years 7-10

Basic stationery items (pens, pencils, ruler, sharpener) will be provided to students in Home Room on the first day of Term 1. It is recommended that students bring their own pencil case and ring folders and/or document wallet for storing exercise books and papers.

## Year 11 and 12

Students supply their own stationery, pencil case, exercise books, lined paper and textbooks in Years 11 and 12. Required textbooks are outlined in the TASC booklist available on the **parent's page** of the Calvin website. Textbooks and other stationery required for each course can be ordered online through **Office National** from 9am Friday 1 December. Orders placed on or before Sunday the 21st of January are guaranteed to be delivered prior to the beginning of Term 1 2024. The website is <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/hobart/calvin-christian-school> and access code is CCS24. Items can be shipped to personal addresses or collected from Office National, 3 Howard Road, Glenorchy.

## Laptops/Notebooks

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be provided with a laptop for use at school. In **Years 7 and 8**, these will be used during school hours in appropriate subjects but will remain at school in the evenings for charging and maintenance. Some Year 7 and 8 homework may require students to access online programs such as Maths online. As such, parents will need to either provide access to the internet and a computer, laptop or other device at home or allow students to work in the Library Resource Centre until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday.

In **Year 9**, students will be provided with a laptop to use in class and take home. They are **not** allowed to use their own laptop or device. They will be provided with a protective case and a charger, however, a security deposit of \$250 will be invoiced to parents at the start of Year 9 to cover potential damage or loss. In Term 1 in **Year 10**, these laptops will be available for purchase for families at the cost of the security deposit. If the student chooses to bring their own device the school laptop can be returned in good order with the charger and case for a refund of the security deposit.

Students in **Years 11 and 12** will need to provide their own laptop for use in and out of class. Students are required to charge and maintain their laptop from home but are able to connect to the Calvin network and internet during the school day. At the start of each academic year, all Year 7-12 students and Parents/Carers will need to provide written consent to Calvin's Computer and Internet Policy using the form distributed at the commencement of each academic year and available at [calvin.tas.edu.au/parents](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/parents).

## Additional Requirements (for separate purchase by parents)

### Years 7 to 10

Most Year 7 and 8 textbooks (e.g. Science textbook) will be issued to students for the duration of the year via the library. Some reference books (e.g. Atlases) will be stored in classrooms for use in specific subjects. All students will require home access to a Bible. Copies are available from the Principal's Office to new families who do not have one. Items will need to be purchased by parents for Year 7 students and retained for use in future years. These are listed below:

#### Food Technology

Container (approximately 20 x 30 cm - a large ice cream container will suffice)

Slice tin (20 x 30 cm) will be needed occasionally

## Mathematics

Casio Calculator FX82 ES (for use for Years 7-10) – \$29.95 from Office National.

## German (Year 8 only)

Ganz Klasse! 1 Workbook – Available from Secondary Office for \$50.00 payable via the Qkr app or by credit card only.

## German (Year 9 only)

Ganz Klasse! 2 Workbook – Available from Secondary Office from Term 2 for \$50.00 payable via the Qkr app or by credit card only.

## French (Year 8 only)

Tapis Volant 1 Workbook – Available from Secondary Office for \$50.00 payable via the Qkr app or by credit card only.

## French (Year 9 only)

Tapis Volant 2 Workbook – Available from Secondary Office from Term 2 for \$50.00 payable via the Qkr app or by credit card only.



School Bible Verse

*Set your Mind on Christ* – Colossians 3:2



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