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Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians and Students,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding our college uniform and onsite uniform shop. Following careful consideration and consultation, we have made the decision to transition to a new uniform supplier, with the change taking effect later this year in time for our new 2026 Year 7 cohort.

As a part of this decision, we will be closing our onsite uniform shop. Due to ongoing financial pressures, the shop has only been open for six hours per week and is closed during school holidays. Based on feedback from families, the uniform shop has not been meeting the needs of our school community in recent years.

Firstly, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to our current wholesale supplier, Wise Schools, for their years of service providing uniforms to our college community which enabled us to run our own uniform shop onsite.

New Uniform Supplier

We are pleased to welcome PSW as our new uniform provider. In partnership with PSW, we are designing a new college uniform that addresses feedback from students and parents. This new look incorporates improved materials that are easier to care for and better suited for daily wear.

PSW will greatly enhance accessibility for our families. Located less than 4km from the school, PSW is open five days a week, including Saturdays, and offers convenient services, such as Click and Collect and home delivery. In addition to improved accessibility, PSW is known for its high-quality products, ethical manufacturing practices, and excellent customer service. We are confident this partnership will deliver a uniform our students are proud to wear and feel comfortable in each day.

Our new school uniforms (both academic and sport) will align with our refreshed college branding, including the updated colour palette and logo. As part of this process, we have gathered and reviewed feedback from students, families and staff. We would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank members of our School Council Uniform subcommittee for their time and continued valuable ongoing contributions. This feedback has played a key role in guiding the future direction of our school uniform.

Common themes in the feedback we received included:

- The green jumper no longer fits in with our school brand and some students found the jumper uncomfortable.
- The college skirt is very long and does not fit our branding.
- The black jumper fades quickly after washing and pockets hang low when items are in them.
- The blouse lacks the college logo, creating inconsistency with other uniform items and is only available in long sleeve. A short sleeve version has been requested.
- Unisex grey pants and shorts are not stretch material and some find them uncomfortable.
- The short sleeve shirt is only available in a unisex cut.
- The PE top in bottle green no longer fits in with our school branding.
- PE shorts are only available in a unisex fit and many students do not like the feel and fit.
- A need to increase the number of garments available with both unisex and fitted options.
- The lack of a college school bag.
- Support for a school vest to increase options when it is cold and a more comfortable option in class when not having to wear the full jacket.

Transition Period and Discounted items

The implementation of our new school uniform will be undertaken over a two-year transition period from the time we launch our new uniform at the end of the year. This will mean all students will be in the new uniform from 2028. Students can still wear the old uniform in 2026 and 2027.

As a result of this change, we will be discounting our remaining stock of current college uniform items. These items can continue to be worn for the next two and a half years. Please find the sale price list attached.

Discounted pricing will commence on Wednesday 11th June. Please note that discounted items and items purchased prior to this date are not eligible for a refund. Exchanges can only be made for the same item of a different size.

School Saving Bonus (SSB) and Extended Trading Hours for June

If you have SSB funds remaining in your online portal (not yet allocated to activities), you may use these funds to purchase uniform items at the reduced prices until the end of June 2025. From July 1, 2025, families will no longer be able to use SSB funds for uniform purchases as any remaining balances in the SSB portal will be transferred to the school for families to use on school activities only. If you have any questions about SSB funds, please see the Compass newsfeed from our Business Manager, Maddie Hellen, explaining the SSB rollover on July 1.

To support this transition, we have extended our uniform shop trading hours for the month of June:

Mondays: 8am - 2pm (Not open Kings Birthday Public Holiday)

Wednesdays: 10:30am - 4pm

We will return to normal trading hours at the beginning of July. We will communicate later in the year the last day of trading for our onsite uniform shop.

As we transition to the new uniform, we will not be restocking items once they have sold out. We understand the inconvenience this may cause and we will work with families on a case-by-case basis if uniform items are not available to be purchased.

We are in the process of finalising the new uniform with PSW. We are also reviewing our uniform policy and guidelines with our School Council Uniform Subcommittee and look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming months.

We are excited to usher in this new chapter with a uniform that reflects our sense of pride in our school and community.

Evan Miller



Principal
Highvale Secondary College



CHANGEOVER SALE



\$45

WAS \$69

Summer Dress



\$60

WAS \$120

Winter Skirt



\$20

WAS \$32

Short Sleeve Shirt



\$20

WAS \$28

Long Sleeve Shirt



\$24

WAS \$38

Long Sleeve Blouse



\$25

WAS \$40

Boys Grey Shorts



\$30

WAS \$40

Fleecy Jumper



\$60

WAS \$87

Jacket



\$20

WAS \$84

Green Jumper



\$24

WAS \$38

Sport Top



\$15

WAS \$31

Sport Shorts



\$27

WAS \$42

Track Pants