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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 7 students

At Christchurch South Karamata we have established an expectation that Year 7 students remain with the same homeroom teacher in Year 8. Clearly there are advantages and disadvantages in this, but research suggests most students benefit greatly from remaining and enjoying the stability of an adult with whom they have built a rapport and a positive relationship.

While it is expected that the vast majority of students will continue together as a class with the same teacher it is not always desirable or possible. So we offer every parent the opportunity to elect to continue or not. All the students in a class may be placed in other classes if;

- a teacher is leaving,
- the needs of our organisational structures require a teacher to change levels or role,
- the numbers of parents choosing not to continue make the class not viable.

We reserve the right to make “best placement” judgements based on our professional opinions in some cases. Students will not know their 2023 classes until Admission Day on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

Please consider the best option for your child, discuss the issue with her/him, and if you **do not** want your child to continue with the same class and teacher, email me at principal@chchsouth.ac.nz on or before Wednesday, 2 November 2022.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hastings", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ross Hastings
Principal