

Parent Update

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Where to find information on moving to high school

Starting high school is a big and exciting step for any student. For our current year 6s, it will also be historic, as they will be part of the first class to begin year 7 in South Australia's public high schools in 2022.

We know families have a lot of questions about the year 7 to high school move, regardless of what year their child is in, as it will involve some change for primary and high school communities across the state. This Parent Update will direct you on where to go for answers.

Have a look online

The Department for Education website provides information and advice on the year 7 to high school move for families, students and school staff. Visit <u>education.sa.gov.au</u> and click on the 'Year 7 to High School' icon on the website's home page, or search <u>education.sa.gov.au/7toHS</u>. Read about how the move will work, regional considerations, support for students with additional needs, school sport competitions and much more.

Families can also watch videos featuring year 7 students who have already made the move to high school sharing their experiences. If you are interested in research that has gone into the year 7 to high school move, you can also download the full findings from our pilot program review on the website. The pilot has involved three public high schools that started welcoming year 7s in 2019 to provide early insights on the move.

Ask your local schools

Our primary and high schools are working together to ensure the move is successful for families. Schools are a great starting point for anyone wanting to know more about the move at their local level and they can also assist you with transition, registration and enrolment advice.

In metropolitan Adelaide families can use the 'find a school' tool on the Department's website at education.sa.gov.au/findaschool. It provides details of your local zoned high school and other public schools nearby.

Visit your high school website, find them on Facebook or phone their front office for information on curriculum, extra curricula activities and specialist programs they offer, as well as upcoming open days or tours.

Register your interest for secondary school in 2022

Registrations of interest are open for families to apply for their year 6 or 7 child to start secondary school in 2022.

All public primary school families will shortly receive a unique link by email or letter to access their child's online registration of interest form. On this form you will be able to nominate the public secondary school/s you would like your child to attend for 2022. Paper forms are also available to families if you cannot access the internet.

Registrations will close Friday 21 May 2021. Families will receive an enrolment offer from their allocated secondary school by Friday 13 August 2021.

Families currently attending a non-government school can also apply to attend a public secondary school in 2022. They can get further information and a registration form from their local secondary school, education office or through the Department's website at education.sa.gov.au/enrolment

If you have any questions you should talk to your primary school or you can email the statewide transition team at: education.startingsecondaryschool@sa.gov.au.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au



