

Ready for Year 7

A parent guide to the transition of Year 7 to secondary school.



Every child matters

At the heart of a Catholic Education is a commitment to every child and a focus on their educational, spiritual and emotional needs.

Our students deserve the very best educational opportunities that we can provide.

Time for change

Catholic Education South Australia has made a commitment to move Year 7 to secondary settings wherever possible.

Currently, South Australia is the only state where Year 7s undertake their education in a primary setting.

This move will open up more diverse learning opportunities for young people.



Year 7 in a secondary setting

Most Catholic schools in South Australia will make this change by 2019-20.

In fact, almost 50% of Catholic school students in this state already undertake Year 7 in a middle or secondary school.

This means that for most students Year 6 will become the final year of primary schooling. Year 7 will become the first year of secondary schooling.

Transition dates are being finalised in consultation with each school and will be shared with school communities by the end of 2016.

“I think this change will be really positive for students because they’ll be able to access the depth and variety of learning that they need.”



Nadine MacDougall
Catholic School Parent

Benefits for your child include:

- **Educational benefits** – teaching the Year 7 curriculum in a secondary setting gives students access to specialist teachers and facilities.
- **Learning outcomes** – A secondary environment offers flexibility that can help students to be challenged intellectually.
- **Social and emotional benefits** – Adolescents thrive in an environment that encourages independence and supports their social and emotional needs.

“We know that this will have positive outcomes for the learning and education of young people. Moving Year 7 into a secondary setting will align South Australia with the rest of the country.”



Andrew Baker
Principal, Gleeson College

How do I find out more?

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your school principal.

For the latest information – including access to a collection of fact sheets – please visit:

www.cesa.catholic.edu.au



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