



Year 7 Transition Program

Dear Year 7 Student

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, my name is Mrs Natalie Williams and I am your Head of Year for 2022 and beyond.

The beginning of secondary school is an exciting time with so many opportunities ahead of you. We have a Transition Program designed especially for you which will support you every step of the way and help you develop a strong sense of belonging.

The following contains lots of information so I recommend that you sit down with your parent/s or guardian and read through it together.

Key information includes:

- My role as your Head of Year
- Your Year 11/7 Mentors
- Day 1 and Commencement Ceremony
- Year 7 Transition Program Outline
- New Student Checklist
- What to bring on the First Day



My Role as Your Head of Year

It is our aim that every student feels safe and supported within a Christian community so they can strive for personal excellence in all that they do.

I have a lot of responsibilities and some of the things I will be doing for you include:

- Ensuring you are happy and comfortable at the College
- Helping you to make friends
- Creating activities and plans for Extended Form on Wednesdays
- Working with your Student Council
- Giving you skills to respond appropriately when someone else is not behaving appropriately
- Making sure that Year 7 runs smoothly for all of you.

You will see me around the Year 7 area most days of the week. I am very approachable and friendly and I encourage you to come and have a chat with me. I would love to get to know you and answer any questions that you may have about settling into a secondary school. I am very interested in sports and love spending time with family.



Your Year 11/7 Mentors

We have a special Mentoring Program to ensure that you enjoy a smooth transition into our College community. The Program is known as 11/7s where specially trained Year 11 students will help you to settle in. They will be with you on Orientation Day, Pre-Start Day and the Commencement Ceremony, The Year 11s will also hang out with you at lunchtime and recess for the first few weeks and will be available to help you. You will recognise them by their special blue polo shirts.

Pre-Start Day

This is a fun-filled day that is designed to help you re-familiarise yourself with the College and to help you to make friends and meet new people.



Day 1 and Commencement Ceremony

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors and their Form teachers at their Form classes at 8.45am. You will then participate in a Commencement Ceremony in the Auditorium (parents invited).

We also have other programs called Thrive and SMARTS during the first term to help you with your studies and well being.

Thrive

Year 7 Thrive is a weekly program that explores a range of topics including cybersafety, rights and responsibilities, emotional literacy, digital citizenship, personal strengths and positive coping strategies.

SMARTS

Year 7s also undertake the SMARTS program through the Research and Study Centre which involves study and organisation techniques, preparing for tests, managing/completing assignments and overall transition into secondary school studies.

We pray that you have an enjoyable start at Kennedy, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via direct message through SEQTA.

Mrs Natalie Williams
Head of Year 7

Year 7 Transition Program Outline:

Please take note of the key dates in Term 1 to assist in transitioning your child to secondary education. See below for more information.

	Event	When	Time	Location
January	*Device Induction sessions	1 hour session on any day between Monday 17 January – Thursday 27 January (*booking is required via the following link: https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/auhga		ICT Department in Research and Study Centre
	Pre-Start	Friday 28 January	10.00am - 2.00pm	College Auditorium
	Day 1	Monday 31 January	8.45am - 3.15pm	Year 7 Area
	Commencement Ceremony	Monday 31 January	9.00am - 10.00am	College Auditorium
February	Southern Associated Schools Junior Trials	Wednesday 9 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Centre
	Swimming Trials	Friday 11 February	All Day	Melville Aquatic Centre
	Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea	Tuesday 15 February	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
April	Term 1 Concludes	Friday 8 April		
	Term 2 Commences	Tuesday 26 April		
	Year 7 Day Camp	Friday 29 April		Information to follow

More information:

January

Device Induction Sessions

One hour sessions between Monday 17 January 2022 through to Thursday 27 January 2022.
ICT Department in Research and Study Centre

Digital technology plays a pivotal role within education, with the benefits of advancements in technology forming a significant part of a student's learning environment.

Please see the [website](#) for information on purchasing the right device for your child and scan below QR code with your camera phone to book for your child's device induction session.

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE INDUCTION SESSION:

Scan the QR code with
your phone's camera.



Pre-Start Day

Friday 28 January 2022, 10.00am-2.00pm
College Lower Foyer (Auditorium)

This is a fun-filled day that is designed to help you re-familiarise yourself with the College and to help you to make friends and meet new people. You never know, you may meet a friend who becomes a friend for life! The day involves a lot of enjoyable things, including a waterslide, bouncy castle, music, fun and games. The day is run in conjunction with our friends from Nations Youth Ministry. We would encourage all of you to attend this day as it will help you to get to know your way around the College and make connections with other Year 7 students before the first day of Term 1.

When: Friday 28 January 2022 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

Bring: Please bring snacks and water for the day plus bathers, towel, hat and sunscreen

Dress: Casual modest dress



Day 1 and Commencement Ceremony

Monday 31 January 2022, 8.45am - 10.00am

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors at their Form classes at 8.45am before the Commencement Ceremony in the Auditorium with their parents at 9.00am. They will then enjoy some ice breaker activities with their mentor group before starting their regular classes.

Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
College Auditorium

Parents are invited to an informal afternoon where they will be given the opportunity to meet and speak with their child's teachers and connect with families of other students.

February

Swimming Trials at Melville Aquatic Centre

Friday 11 February 2022

Students will need College bathers for swimming classes Week 1 - Week 3 and the Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Southern Associated Schools Junior Trials

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Girls Basketball, Boys Super 8s Cricket
Sport Centre

Trials will be on Wednesday afternoon in Week 2, students are to wear full physical education uniform. Students are to come down directly after school finishes to the Sports Centre where they can change and then meet their coaches for attendance and trials. During the season students will be competing against the following schools: Mercedes, CBC, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, and Seton.

Games during the season will run from 4-5pm with a later return for any away games. The season will run from Week 3 - 7 with Finals in Week 9.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 24 February 2022 (Tentative)
HBF Stadium

This is a compulsory event. More information to follow closer to date. Parent helpers are required for the 2022 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. If you are able to help, please keep an eye out for a volunteer sign-up link in the College newsletter.

April

Year 7 Day Camp

Friday 29 April

Information to follow.

New Student Checklist:

☐ Instrumental Music Program

Information regarding the program is available on our website. Please complete your application by Monday 24 January 2022.

☐ Attend Relevant Transition or Orientation Program

Year 7:

Please refer to the 'Year 7 Transition Program' for more information.

Years 8-12:

Your Orientation will be held before school starts. Please refer to the invitation accompanying your timetable in December.

☐ Uniform

Purchase and name all uniform items including shoes and College bag.

Please refer to our website for the Uniform Shop opening hours.

☐ Booklists

Order and purchase books from Campion. Booklists are available on our [website](#).

☐ Purchase your Child's Device

Please refer our website for device specification or contact the IT Department if you require further information: BYOD@kennedy.wa.edu.au

☐ Book and attend a Device Induction Session (1 hour duration)

Sessions are held in the Research and Study Centre.

☐ Recess and Lunch Orders at Beedawong Cafeteria

Register online to place your order.



What to bring on the first day:

College commences Monday 31 January 2022.

Students are to arrive at the following times for Day 1:

Year 7 Students

Year 7 students will start their first day at 8.45am with a special Commencement Ceremony held in the College Auditorium. Parents and Guardians are invited to attend.

Normal start time of 8.15am will commence on Day 2.

New Year 8 to 12 Students

New Year 8-12 students will start their day at 8.10am for the normal starting time of 8.15am. Students will be advised on Pre-start Day as to where they are to report on arrival.

Your child will need ...

- College bag
- College hat
- Device
- Pencil case with usual contents
- Kennedy student diary and their timetable
- A file with approximately 20 sheets of A4 paper
- Morning tea and lunch with a drink bottle (or purchase from Beedawong, our Cafeteria via www.quickcliq.com.au)
- Medication (Epipen etc) to be handed in to the College Nurse if required
- Sports bag (If you have Physical Education on the first day and bathers, towel and goggles for Year 7 only)