

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update Week 10, Term 3 - 2020

What students can expect as a year 7 in high school

We've been engaging with hundreds of our pilot school families through workshops and feedback forms about how their child has found year 7 in high school this year.

Parents and students involved in the pilot at Wirreanda Secondary School, Mitcham Girls High School and John Pirie Secondary School have largely been highly supportive of the move.

Gains in maturity

Many pilot group parents reported positive changes in their children's attitude to school work and their organisational skills. They said their children appreciated the opportunity to learn a more diverse curriculum from specialist teachers in specialist classrooms.

Diversity of subject choices

The diversity of high school subjects and greater depth of subject knowledge earned praise from parents involved in the pilot. Comments included students enjoying sport, science, cooking and interactive experiences.

Making new friends

This was the top concern of students entering Year 7 and also a concern for many parents in the lead-up to the school year. When we surveyed families and students in May, 97% of students said they had made new friends, and this had in fact been a highlight of the high school experience. Many of them found the high school transition days and getting to know you activities, such as camps, beneficial.

We'll be sharing more experiences from our families with you in term 4, as we continue to learn more from our pilot schools.

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.

