



MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

"Because I have seen the Lord"

Transition to High School Policy

Rationale

Learning is a continuous process across the life of the student. As such the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 should be as seamless as possible. In addition, each student should feel a sense of belonging to their new school and that they feel valued both as an individual and as the new community of Year 7.

Guidelines

1. Enrolment of students into Year 7 is based on current Diocesan Enrolment Criteria.
2. Upon enrolment, wherever possible and appropriate, information is exchanged between feeder school and Magdalene with regard to any learning support or behaviour management issues in order to Pastorally provide a smooth transition to High School.
3. An Information Evening for parents of Year 6 students is held once the enrolment process has concluded. This is normally in Term 4. A package of information about the school, its curriculum offerings and structures and its organisation is distributed to parents.
4. Classes in Year 7 are loosely streamed, with a number of higher ability classes and one lower ability class.
5. A "Year 6 Orientation Day" will be held during Term 4 each year. On that day, students are welcomed into the community, meet their student leaders and Pastoral Care teachers, and sit for an AGAT test, which is used to inform those responsible for compiling classes.
6. The Year 7 "First Day Programme" allows Year 7 to experience High School without any other junior students being present. All students have a timetable given to them, experience a six period day and are given information by their teachers about the arrangements for their subjects.
7. The Year 7 Co-ordinator, together with a team of 6 Pastoral Care Teachers takes primary pastoral care of the students throughout the year. They monitor the Diary, contact parents when necessary and track the transition of each student.
8. A Peer Support Programme is run during Term 1 that involves Year 10 students mentoring groups of Year 7 students. Formal meetings are held once every fortnight.
9. A Welcome Evening is held for parents in the first few weeks of school which allows teachers to meet with parents in a casual atmosphere. It is also the occasion on which the student computers are distributed to parents.

10. Year 7 students engage in a two day induction program which provides information about high school learning, pastoral issues, organisation and the use of the student computers at the beginning of Year 7

Basis of Discretion

The Principal reserves the right at all times to review current practices and recommend changes that are appropriate and in the best interests of the school or individual students.

Supporting Documents

1. Year 6 Orientation Day Programme
2. Diocesan Enrolment Policy
3. Student Induction Course materials
4. Peer Support Programme

Evaluation

The policy will be reviewed in 2015 by the Policy group.