

# 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.”*

A portrait of Andrew Baker, a man with short dark hair and a light beard, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light pink shirt, and a red and grey striped tie. The background is white with blue geometric shapes in the bottom left and right corners.

**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](http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au)**



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