

Your Guide to Transitioning into Year 7 at Kennedy

(Events and information)



Kennedy
Baptist College

Dear Year 7 Student

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, my name is Mrs Degois and I am your Head of Year for 2019.

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.

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



Transition program outline:

	Event	When	Time	Location
November 2018	Orientation Day for students	Friday 23 November	8.30am -12.30pm	College Auditorium
	Orientation Day Morning Tea for parents	Friday 23 November	8.30am - 10.00am	College Staff Lounge
	Year 7, 2019 Parent Information Evening	Friday 23 November	5.00pm-6.30pm	College Auditorium
January 2019	Device Induction sessions	1hr session on any day between Monday 21 January – Wednesday 30 January 2019 (*booking is required - refer to booklet in the pack)		ICT Department in Research and Study Centre
February 2019	Pre-Start	Friday 1 February	10.00am - 2.00pm	College Auditorium
	Day 1	Monday 4 February	8.45am - 3.15pm	Year 7 Area
	Commencement Ceremony	Monday 4 February	9.00am - 10.00am	College Auditorium
	Meet The Teachers	Thursday 21 February	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
March 2019	Protective Behaviours Evening at Kennedy for parents	Wednesday 6 March	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
	Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday 27 March	Information to follow	
April 2019	Year 7 Foundation Camp	Monday 8 April - Wednesday 10 April	Information to follow	
	Term 1 concludes	Friday 12 April		

We also have other programs 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 techniques, preparing for exams, managing/completing assignments and overall transition into secondary school studies.

My role as your Head of Year

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

As your Head of Year, I have a lot of responsibilities and some of the things I do 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
- Making sure that no one bullies you – or if they do, then doing something about it
- Making sure that Year 7 runs smoothly for you all.

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 new school. I am very interested in travelling, cooking and I love animals.

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 settle in. They will be with you on Orientation Day, Pre-Start Day and the Welcome Ceremony, The Year 11s will also hang out with you at lunch and recess for the first few weeks and will be available to help you. You will recognise them by their special blue polo shirt.

Day 1 and Commencement Ceremony

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors at their Form classes at 8.45am and for a Commencement Ceremony in the Auditorium with your parents.

We pray that you have an enjoyable start at Kennedy,

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the College.

Kind regards

Mrs Laura Degois

Head of Year 7

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You are invited to...

November 2018

Orientation Day for Students

Friday 23 November 2018, 8.30am - 12.30pm

Pick up and drop off at College Auditorium

The Orientation Day is structured with programmed activities and provides students with the opportunity to begin to familiarise themselves with the Campus, meet College teaching staff and other incoming students from a number of different primary schools. They will work in small groups, which include incoming students and Year 11 Mentors who will be caring for them throughout the day and during 2019.

The day caters for students only and your child can be collected from outside the Auditorium at 12.30pm.

Time: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Drop-off & Pick-up: College Auditorium

Dress: Casual clothes, sports shoes, hat and sunscreen

Bring: Please bring a drink and snack to eat.

Orientation Day Morning Tea for Parents

Friday 23 November 2018, 8.30am - 10.00am

Held in the College Staff Lounge

At Kennedy Baptist College, parents are an essential part of our vibrant community and we would like to invite all parents of our 2019 Year 7 students to an informal morning tea provided by the College and so you can get to know other parents and members of the Kennedy Parents and Friends Association.

Year 7, 2019 Parent Information Evening

Friday 23 November 2018, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

College Auditorium

Within our role as Pastoral Care providers at Kennedy Baptist College, we consistently come across a variety of issues with students including, but not limited to, appropriate mobile phone use, appropriate technology use, friendships, adolescent brain development, and having realistic expectations.

In response to this as a part of our Year 7 Transition Program, we invite you to an Information Evening to address issues that could potentially arise in 2019. Issues that will be covered include; cyberbullying, texting, sexting and includes information parents should be aware of and how to respond in these situations.

The evening provides an opportunity to meet the Pastoral Care Providers at Kennedy Baptist College and other parents. The presentation will include a question and answer session to address queries you may have.

The information presented during the evening is aimed at parents rather than students but there won't be anything discussed that younger people cannot hear. Please feel free to bring your children if you would like to.

January 2019

Device Induction Sessions

One hour sessions between Monday 21 January 2019 through to Wednesday 30 January 2019

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 Device and Induction insert for information on purchasing the right device for your child and the device induction session booking instructions.

February 2019

Pre-Start Day

Friday 1 February 2019, 10.00am-2.00pm
College Lower Foyer (Auditorium)

It is a fun-filled day that is designed to help you re-familiarise yourselves with the College and to help you 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 and 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 1 February 2019 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 4 February 2019, 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.

Meet the Teachers

Thursday 21 February 2019, 5.00pm - 6.30pm,
College Auditorium

Parents are invited to an informal evening where they will be given an opportunity to meet and speak with your teachers and connect with families of other students.

March 2019

Protective Behaviours Evening at Kennedy for Parents Only

Wednesday 6 March 2019, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
College Auditorium

At Kennedy Baptist College we place high value on the social and emotional development of students in our care. We are constantly developing and implementing programs across all year groups and to support this we are hosting a Protective Behaviours evening.

More information will follow closer to the date.

Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 27 March 2019

More information will follow closer to the date.

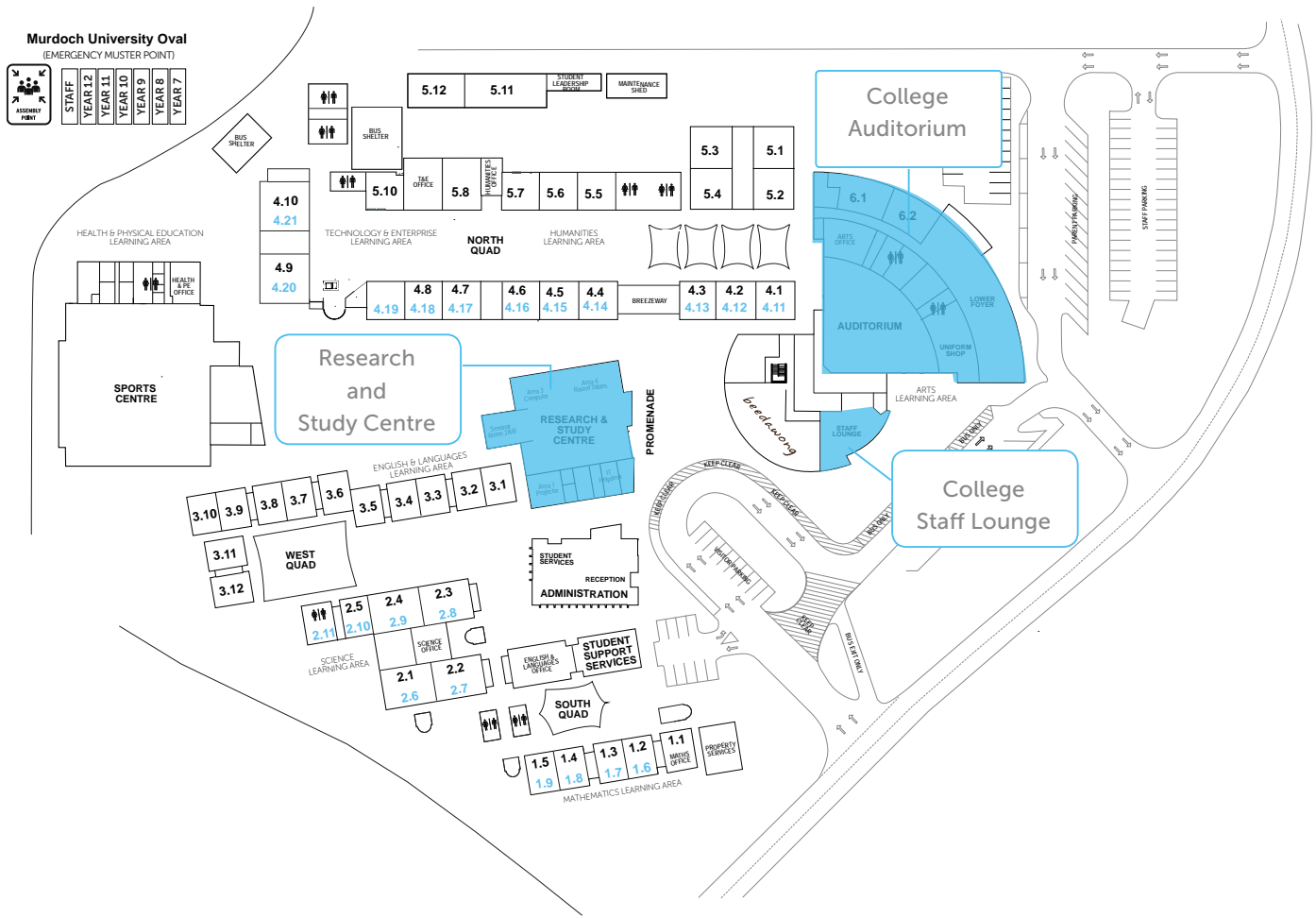
April 2019

Year 7 Foundation Camp

Monday 8 April - Wednesday 10 April 2019

More information will follow closer to the date.

Venues for transition activities



Parent Involvement at Kennedy

There are many aspects of College life where parents can be involved and we greatly value the assistance of all our parents and volunteers. When arriving on campus all volunteers and parent volunteers must sign in at Reception. Parents are encouraged to help in the Cafeteria, Research and Study Centre, Uniform Shop, at Phys Ed events and Arts performances.

Parents are welcome to support their children at all major sporting carnivals and Arts events. They are also invited to special events such as Assemblies, Easter Services, concerts, performances and Awards Nights.

The College makes requests for parental assistance via email or through the College's fortnightly newsletter which we encourage you to read.

The Kennedy Parents and Friends Association

The major role of this Association is to build community within the College amongst parents and fund raise for the College.

The Association meets at 7.00pm in the College Staff Lounge once a term. Meetings are open to all parents at the College. The Annual General Meeting and committee elections are held in February each year.

The Association also encourages social gatherings amongst the various year groups to foster relationships with other parents. A social event for Year 7 and 8 families will be held in Term 1.

Summary of events leading to the end of Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	1 October	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25 Specialist Basketball Trials	26
	29	30	31	1 November	2
November	5 Specialist Cricket Trials	6	7	8	9
	12 Specialist Cricket Trials	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23 Orientation Day for student, Orientation Morning Tea for parents Parent Information Evening
	26	27	28	29	30 Uniform Shop closes at 3.45pm
December	3 December	4	5	6	7 Administration office closes for Christmas Break
	10 Booklist available online this week	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31	1 January 2019	2	3	4
January	7	8	9	10	11
	14 Administration Office opens for the 2019 school year Uniform Shop reopens	15	16	17	18 Last day to sign up for Instrumental Music
	21 Device Induction	22 Device Induction	23 Device Induction	24 Device Induction	25 Device Induction
	28 Device Induction	29 Device Induction	30 Device Induction	31	1 February Prestart Day
February	4 First day of Year 7 start 8.45am Commencement Ceremony Return Fee Payment Option Form	5 Year 7 start 8.15am	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15 Year 7 Swim Trials
	18	19	20	21 Meet the Teachers Evening	22
	25	26	27	28 Interhouse Swimming Carnival	1 March
March	4	5	6 Protective Behaviour Evening at Kennedy for parents	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27 Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews	28	29
April	1 April	2	3 Easter Service	4 Easter Service	5
	8 Year 7 Foundation Camp	9 Year 7 Foundation Camp	10 Year 7 Foundation Camp	11	12 Term 1 concludes for students

All information contained within this publication is correct at the time of printing.

Please check these dates with the following website: <https://www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/calendar/> and any information about transitioning to Kennedy can be found at: <https://www.kennedy.wa.edu.au/kennedy-community/transitioning-to-kennedy/>

Did you know?

Kennedy and our International Mission Commitment

Kennedy Baptist College is partnering with Transform Cambodia as our first international mission commitment to help rescue children from poverty in the developing world. The Kennedy Centre opened in October 2017 with seven staff members and 103 children who attend daily and receive intensive English tuition, healthcare and learn valuable leadership skills to help them become change makers for their nation in whatever capacity they choose. The Centre is dependent on the ability of the Kennedy Community to sponsor the 103 children attending. (No funding from College income acquired through tuition fees or government grants can be used for this project.)

Should you wish to sponsor a child or support our Centre in Phnom Penh, please do not hesitate to contact our Administration.

Kennedy Prayer Group

The Kennedy Prayer Group is a group of faithful members of our College community who meet together each week to pray for and support the College community. Our Prayer Group meets every Wednesday during school term from 2.00pm for approximately one hour in the Admin Interview Room.

All school parents/grandparents/guardians are most welcome to join us in prayer. All prayer remains confidential and anonymous.

A College grandparent recently mentioned; "I never realised how much I could contribute to the College and how fulfilling it is to help in this quiet way. It is a joy to support the College and see prayers answered."

For more information about the Prayer Group or to join, please contact Ms Linda Ang at lang@kennedy.wa.edu.au.



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