

# **Your Guide to Transitioning Into Year 7 at Kennedy**

(Events and information)

## Dear Year 7 Student

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, my name is Mr Ross Macauley and I am your Head of Year for Term 1, 2021. Returning in Term 2 will be Mr Scott Britza who will continue as your Head of Year for the remainder of the year.



Mr Ross Macauley

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.



Mr Scott Britza

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

## 2021 Transition Program Outline:

	Event	When	Time	Location
January	*Device Induction sessions	1 hour session on any day between Monday 18 January – Wednesday 27 January (*booking is required via the following link: <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=axdbv">https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=axdbv</a> )		ICT Department in Research and Study Centre
	Pre-Start	Friday 29 January	10.00am - 2.00pm	College Auditorium
February	Day 1	Monday 1 February	8.45am - 3.15pm	Year 7 Area
	Commencement Ceremony	Monday 1 February	9.00am - 10.00am	College Auditorium
	Meet The Teachers	Tuesday 16 February	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
April	Term 1 concludes	Thursday 1 April		
	Term 2 commences	Monday 19 April		
	Year 7 Day Camp	Friday 23 April		Information to follow

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.

## 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.



### 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 pray that you have an enjoyable start at Kennedy,

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

**Mr Ross Macauley**

Acting Head of Year 7

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Please take note of the key dates in 2021 to assist in transitioning your child to secondary education.

January 2021

## Device Induction Sessions

One hour sessions between Monday 18 January 2021 through to Wednesday 27 January 2021 see below.  
*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



## Pre-Start Day

Friday 29 January 2021, 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 29 January 2021 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

February 2021

## Day 1 and Commencement Ceremony

Monday 1 February 2021, 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.

## Swimming Trials

Weeks 1-3

Swimming trials will be held during Physical Education classes in Weeks 1 - 3 for all major strokes (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke). Students who are not wanting to trial will still be expected to swim in these classes. Year 7 students will be placed in the Interhouse Swimming events based on their time recorded in Physical Education classes.

Students will need College bathers for swimming classes and the Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

## Southern Associated Schools Junior Trials

Wednesday 3 & 10 February 2021, 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
*Various Locations*

Trials will be on Wednesday afternoon, students are to wear full Physical Education Uniform. During the season students will be competing against the following schools: Mercedes, CBC, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, and Seton. The season will run from Week 3 - 7 with Finals in Week 9.

## Meet the Teachers

Tuesday 16 February 2021, 5.00pm - 6.30pm  
*College Auditorium*

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

## Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Thursday 25 February 2021  
*HBF Stadium*

This is a compulsory event. More information to follow closer to date. Parent helpers are required for the 2021 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. If you are able to help, please keep an eye out for a volunteer sign-up link in the College newsletter.

## 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 must sign in at Reception. Parents are encouraged to help in the Cafeteria, Research and Study Centre, Uniform Shop, Physical Education 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 fundraise for the College.

The Association meets 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.

## Did you know?

### Kennedy and our International Mission Commitment

Kennedy Baptist College partners 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 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 children who attend. (No funding from the 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 Tuesday during school terms from 2.00pm for approximately one hour in the Administration Interview Room.

All College 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](mailto:lang@kennedy.wa.edu.au).

### Trips and Tour Opportunities

Kennedy Baptist College recognises the educational value of overseas tours that are integrally linked to the curricular and co-curricular programs offered to students. The College runs over eight overseas tours, as part of our educational program.

The tours are classified as either: mission, recreation, linguistic or study tours across learning areas. These tours have clear demonstrable educational values and aim to broaden the life experience for each student.

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in the following tours during their secondary education at Kennedy:

- 2022 (Year 8) - Canberra-Sydney Tour
- 2023 (Year 9) - Canberra-Sydney Tour
- 2024 (Year 10) - Europe International Tour, Transform Cambodia Mission Tour
- 2025 (Year 11) - New Zealand Ski Tour, Transform Cambodia Mission Tour, Newman Indigenous Tour

Please note that the timing of the Europe International and the New Zealand Ski tour are subject to change depending on when international travel resumes once again.

# Summary of events leading to the end of Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December	30	1 December	2	3 Uniform Shop closes for Christmas break	4
	7 Booklist available online this week	8 Administration Office closes for Christmas Break	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30	31	1 January
January	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12 Administration Office opens for the 2021 school year, Uniform Shop reopens (Monday - Thursday)	13	14	15 Uniform Shop closed
	18 Device Induction Session	19 Device Induction Session	20 Device Induction Session	21 Device Induction Session	22 Device Induction Session, Uniform Shop closed, Last day to sign up for Instrumental Music
	25 Device Induction Session	26 Device Induction Session	27 Device Induction Session, 2.00pm and 3.00pm	28	29 Pre-Start Day, Uniform Shop open for uniform pick up
	1 February First Day of Year 7 start 8:45am, Commencement Ceremony 9.00am, Swimming Trials - Week 1	2 Year 7 start 8:15am	3 SASJ Trials for Basketball (Girls) and Cricket (Boys) 3.30pm-4.30pm	4	5 Uniform Shop closed
February	8 Swimming Trials - Week 2	9	10 SASJ Trials for Basketball (Girls) and Cricket (Boys) 3.30pm-4.30pm	11	12 Uniform Shop closed
	15 Swimming Trials - Week 3	16 Meet The Teachers 5.00pm-6.00pm	17 SASJ Competition	18	19 Uniform Shop closed
	22	23	24 SASJ Competition	25 Interhouse Swimming Carnival	26 Uniform Shop closed
	1 March	2	3 SASJ Competition	4	5 Uniform Shop closed
March	8	9	10 SASJ Competition	11	12 Uniform Shop closed
	15	16	17 SASJ Competition	18	19 Uniform Shop closed
	22	23	24	25	26 Uniform Shop closed
	April	29 Easter Service (Eyre and Forrest)	30 Easter Service (King and Stirling)	31 SASJ Final	1 April Term 1 concludes for students

All information contained within this publication is correct at the time of printing. [Please check these dates on Parent Lounge.](#)