

19 August 2020

Grade 6/7 KHS Transition for 2020/2021

Dear Grade 6 Families

What a challenging year 2020 has been so far! Strong partnerships between home and school have never been so important for the learning and wellbeing of our young people. We look forward to starting this relationship with you as we welcome your family to our Kingston High School community.

The move to high school is a significant transition for families: symbolically, as your child leaves their primary school years; socially, as your child's peer group takes on greater importance and they become the youngest in a school community once again; and also, developmentally, in the hard work being undertaken by the pre-frontal cortex of the adolescent brain. These are exciting, intense, emotional and challenging years for learning!

Although our transition process is slightly altered this year due to Covid -19 disruptions and restrictions, we have been working with your primary school community to build a comprehensive transition process for your child that honours the learning still to be done in their Grade 6 year but gives them the information and confidence to feel ready for Grade 7.

2021 Kingston High School Information Evenings

As we are still unable to host large adult gatherings, our parent information evenings are coming to you. We encourage all families and Grade 6 students to come along to one of our sessions. You will learn about:

- Who we are – our KHS values and beliefs, strategic direction, school improvement priorities
- How we create a community of learners – school curriculums, structures, policies and processes
- How our teachers work together to best plan for and respond to student learning and wellbeing needs
- How learning is structured – timetables, classes, enrichment, student voice and decision making, social learning

We will be in your Primary School on the following dates:

Kingston Primary School	Tuesday 1 September at 7.00 pm
Snug Primary School	Thursday 3 September at 7.00 pm
Blackman's Bay Primary School	Monday 7 September at 5.00 pm
Illawarra Primary School	Wednesday 9 September at 7.00 pm
Margate Primary School	Wednesday 16 September at 6.30 pm

Please RSVP for one of the above sessions by calling our school office on 6283 1222.

Virtual Tours - School Social Media

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing a number of short videos via our KHS Facebook page and your primary school's social media to introduce aspects of our school site and community. Stay tuned! Our [Kingston High School Facebook page](#) is a great snapshot of our daily life at KHS – 'like' us to see regular posts and see the types of experiences your child will be involved in at KHS.

Middle Years Literacy Project

Our Grade 7 and 8 staff continue to work with a number of our feeder primary schools in building consistent and effective practice in the teaching of writing. This consistency supports the continued and uninterrupted improvement for your child's learning as they transition to high school.

Supported students/students with additional transition needs

Our Learning Support AST, Sonia Marsh, has been working closely with primary support staff to share critical information and build transition plans for students with Learning Plans and additional transition needs. This important partnership continues throughout Term 3 and 4 with our staff visiting primary schools and primary students spending some time on campus with our staff and students, building relationships and expertise in responding to individual student needs.

Orientation Day

We will hold an Orientation Day in Term 4 (date TBC) but no Primary Visit Day in Term 3 as we have held in previous years. This is in response to primary schools indicating a need to keep their Grade 6 students firmly focused on their Grade 6 learning during Term 3, due to the disruption experienced during Term 1 and 2. Orientation Day will provide an opportunity for your child to feel ready to be a learner at KHS in 2021. Parents are also required to attend the first part of this day.

School Tours are also available each Tuesday of the school term at 9.30 am. Please ring the KHS office on (03) 62831222 for an appointment.

Information Packs will be mailed home with a suite of information around uniform, curriculum, ICT, school policies and more following our Information Evenings.

Class Placements

Your child's current teacher provides our school with detailed and valuable information about your child's wellbeing and academic strengths and particular needs, as well as the friendships and groupings that support your child's learning. We form our classes based on a detailed balancing of all of these important factors. All students are placed with a friend suggested by their primary teachers.

Should you have any queries concerning your child's enrolment, please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 62831222. We know Kingston High will provide a challenging, balanced and supportive educational environment for your child. Our partnership with families is crucial and we look forward to the opportunity to foster this relationship – we'll see you at our information evenings!

Yours faithfully



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