



Dear Families,

On behalf of our staff, students and community, we would like to welcome your family to Willunga High School.

Welcome to our school community and, if you already have children learning with us, thank you for your continued confidence in our school. We expect that the learning journey that your child is about to begin will be full of engaging and challenging learning and social experiences within a school that offers great support, a broad curriculum and extra curricula opportunities. Our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Success are integral in everything we do to support your child to achieve their desired post school pathway.

The transition into secondary education is a milestone event for children and is always accompanied by a range of emotions, from the excitement of a new environment to the anxiety of meeting new classmates and teachers or the nervous expectation of new teaching and learning experiences. There are extensive support networks in the school, beginning with the culture of care that is a key feature of our middle schooling philosophy.

For most of you, your child has been part of an extensive 'Transition to Secondary School' program that will continue for the remainder of the year. The intention of this is to ensure that students are able to start their 5 years of secondary schooling in the most positive way possible by feeling comfortable at our school. The transition program supports your child to become familiar with students from other schools, their potential classmates, and their potential 2019 class teachers.

On the first day of school in 2019, students are expected to be fully prepared to begin their learning journey. They will need a laptop, school uniform and stationery so they can properly engage in their new classes. Students will gather outside the gym where Mr Caleb Macrow, Assistant Principal Middle School, will welcome them, introduce them to their Year 8 Home Group Teachers and direct them to their first high school lesson.

Our school has a strong emphasis on the development of productive and respectful relationships. We aim to provide the best possible learning opportunities so that students can perform to their full potential both academically and socially. To support student wellbeing and academic success, it is important that as members of our community you let us know if you have any concerns.

To support their transition to a large secondary school students will be able to access an area in the Middle School that is 'Year 8 Only'. This allows students to socialise with their peers until they are confident enough to explore our excellent school grounds with the rest of the school population.

Family Information Evening - Wed 7 November

We invite you to join us at our Year 7 Family Information evening and BBQ from 6pm – 7:30pm. You will have the opportunity to meet our Middle School leadership team and learn what to expect from our school. We will also provide further information regarding our expectations for the Bring Your Own Device program (BYOD) and school services such as the Doctor on Campus, wellbeing team, special needs and our International program. Question and answer time will be included.

Please RSVP for the Family Information Evening by phoning our school on 8557 0100 or email peta.jones@whs.sa.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully
Anthony van Ruiten
Principal

