

FAQs

What subjects do Year 8's study?

Year 8's study these subjects:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Home Economics (*Cooking & Sewing*)
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts (*Visual Art, Music, Dance & Drama*)
- Technical Studies (*Woodwork, Metalwork, Photography*)
- LOTE – Japanese

How will I know which bus to catch?

What happens to people who misbehave on the bus?

- At the end of the year, the high school runs an evening where buses and lots of other things are talked about. A letter will also be posted to your home address, letting you know the bus you'll catch and from which stop.
- People who misbehave on the bus will receive a warning. If it continues they may be banned from travelling on the. If the behaviour is illegal or dangerous, the police will be called.

Are there Student Leadership opportunities?

- Yes, there is. Student Voice organises lots of activities and supports student voice.
- At the start of the year, students are asked to meet with the SRC teacher to find out how they can become a member.
- There are also Student Ambassadors and the Leo Club that work with the SRC to support each year level.

What is the consequence for bullying?

Who can I talk to if I am being bullied?

- We don't tolerate bullying and harassment at Willunga High School. Students who bully and harass receive consequences ranging from community service to suspension away from school.
- Students who are bullied can get help from the student counsellor, teachers, your Learning Community Leader or Middle School Assistant Principal.

Who can I talk to if I am having troubles?

Who can I talk to if the work is too hard or too easy?

- There are lots of people that you can talk to. Your teachers, Year Level Leader or the Middle School Assistant Principal. You can make an appointment to see these people through Student Reception.
- If you're having trouble with the work, or finding it too easy, then talk to your teacher. If you still have an issue, then see your Year Level Leader or Middle School Assistant Principal.

What extra-curricular sports do you have at high school?

- There are lots of sports for you to get involved in, including Athletics, Volleyball, Football, Cricket & Netball. There are also SASSA sports like Soccer, Football, Netball and Cricket. You will also experience a variety of sports in your PE lessons.

What if I don't like a subject? What if you are failing a subject?

- It is important to give your best in every subject. If you don't like a subject, still put in 100% effort to achieve your personal best. As you move up into Year 9 and then the Senior School, you'll get to choose more of your own subjects.
- If you are not doing too well in a subject, the teacher will most likely call your parents and have a meeting with them and you. In this meeting a plan will be created to help support your learning.

Will I be in the same class as my friends?

- When we put classes together, we base them on an even mix of gender and students from different primary schools. Generally, people are placed with other students they will know from their primary school if they are doing the same LOTE.
- We will also ask your Primary School teachers for information about the best placement for you.

When do you get to choose your own subjects?

- You get more choice of subjects in Year 9 and even more when you go into Senior School.

How long are the lessons?

- Most lessons at Year 8 are 100 minutes long.
- You have up to 200 minutes per week of English, Maths and Science.

Do you have to keep the same classes?

- At Year 8, you stay with the same class for your core subjects such as English, Maths, Science. Classes are mixed for practical subjects, such as Home Economics and Tech Studies. At Year 9, you can make more choices and Homegroups often change.

Do the Year 8's have their own area? Will we have our own classroom?

- Our Middle School has lots of undercover areas for students to use at break times. This has toilet facilities. There are also yard areas for students to access such as the Japanese garden and active yard areas such as the Outdoor Gym.
- Each Year 8 Homegroup has its own classroom that they use for their English, Maths and Science lessons.

Do you have to wear school uniform?

- Yes you do. Students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school. The uniform helps you to be easily identified as part of the Willunga High School community. Denim is not part of the school uniform. Neither are ugg boots, tracksuit pants or thongs.
- If students are not in school uniform, students may be requested to change into spare uniforms we keep at school.

How much homework will I get?

- For Year 8's, homework is usually four to five hours per week. It depends on the subjects you have each day and whether you complete all of your class work.

Do you get homework over the weekends?

- You may have projects to finish over the weekend or a test to study for. It also depends on the subjects that you have on Friday and Monday.

Are there consequences if you don't do your homework?

- If it is the first time, you may get a reminder and a note in your diary. If you don't do your homework often, then you'll get a lunchtime community service and your parents may be called in to the school.
- If you're having trouble finishing your homework or assignments, then see your teacher as soon as possible and/or get a note from your parents asking for extra time (before the work is due).

Where do I get extra help with my Maths, Reading and Writing?

- On Thursday afternoons (3:15 - 4:00pm) there is a Middle School Tuition Group, where a minimum of two staff available each session (one English/HASS specialist and one Math/Science specialist) provide some extra tuition, clarification, and work completion opportunities for students who wish to sign up.
- Sometimes, students get extra help with their Maths, Reading and Writing through The Learning Support Centre. This has to be approved by students' parents and the Special Needs Coordinator.
- In Learning Support, students can access a quiet space to work, get help from School Services Officers and use computers and iPads.



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