Welcome all Kalamunda Senior High School prospective students, parents and feeder primary schools to the third edition of our Transition Newsletter.

New School Website
We are very excited to announce the launch of our new school website at kalamundashs.wa.edu.au. It looks fantastic and is very easy to navigate. Parents and students can access everything they need to know about our school community from the tabs at the top of the site. New families may be particularly interested in the Prospective Students tab which contains information on enrolment procedures, school boundaries, specialist programs for Years 7 and 8 and International students.

The Parent Quick Links tab gives you easy access to essential information such as canteen menus, uniform orders, bus timetables and term dates. There is a downloadable term calendar and a section with the latest news and events.

From bell times to accessing the school nurse, our new website puts the answers to all your questions at your fingertips. It is well worth a look.

School Visits
Thank you to all the terrific Year 6 and 7 Teachers, who welcomed us into their classrooms, during our school visits, in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term One. The visits were a success, informing the students of the transition process, daily high school life and the great programs we run at KSHS and getting them excited about next year. Students and teachers had an opportunity to ask questions and view our new video presentation. A special thank you also, to the Year 8 students who accompanied us on the talks and gave a students’ perspective of transitioning to high school.

Enrolment Packages
Enrolment packages for general enrolment were hand delivered to feeder primary schools during the school visits. These enrolments are due back to KSHS by Friday 25 July at the latest as per Department of Education requirements. Please be aware that this is Week 1 of Term Three. If you did not receive an enrolment package, they are available from the front office or downloadable from our school website.

School Open Day
The School Open Day was a wonderful chance for parents and students to visit KSHS and have a look around. The Principal, Mrs Kathy Ritchie spoke with nearly 50 families before a tour of the school facilities. Families who missed the School Open Day are welcome to book a family tour at any time during the school year.
Special Program Testing Days
All testing for the Specialist Programs of Academic Excellence, Outdoor Adventure and Kalamunda Performing Arts is scheduled for Weeks 4 and 5 of Term Two.

All applicants for Academic Excellence will sit the written test and have been notified by mail.

Applicants for the Outdoor Adventure Program who made it through the portfolio stage will attend a practical and written test. All applicants have been notified by mail and those who were successful need to confirm their intention to attend the testing day.

All applicants for the Kalamunda Performing Arts Program will participate in the workshop and have been notified by mail. More information will be given on this day as to those applicants who will progress to the audition stage.

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Purchasing School Uniforms
Kalamunda Senior High School, as an Independent Public School, is a School Board endorsed full ‘school uniform’ school. The school expects our students to be proud of their appearance and wearing the uniform is both a condition of enrolment and is necessary for students to maintain their Good Standing.

Uniforms must be purchased through the P&C School Uniform Shop located behind the school cafeteria. The Uniform Shop opening hours are Thursday mornings 8.00 – 11.00am. Payment can be made by cash and EFTPOS (Mastercard and Visa Card). They do not accept cheques. Orders can be left at the front office and uniforms will be delivered there for student pick up. Orders can also be made via email: kshspc.uniforms@gmail.com. Payments can also be made by EFT.

Our new school website has access to the full School Uniform Policy and the Uniform Shop Information Booklet where you will find a list of and photos of each piece of the uniform as well as physical education and specialist program uniform requirements, order forms and EFT details.

The uniform shop will open after school for fittings and purchase for 2015 Year 8 students only on Friday 28 November on the Orientation Day.

The uniform shop will open after school for fittings and purchase for 2015 Year 7 students only on Friday 5 December on the Orientation Day.

The uniform shop will also open for a few days after school in Term Three for 2015 Year 7 and 8 students only. These dates will be advised in future newsletters.

Moving to Secondary School – What costs can we expect?
Moving to secondary school has a financial impact on families. We would like to give parents the opportunity to prepare for any extra costs and so in these newsletters will try to project approximate charges for families. Please be aware that these charges may change for 2015.

$300.00 – Average Uniforms: (3 x polo shirts, 3 x shorts, 1 jumper, 1 PE shirt and 1 PE shorts - $277) OR (2 x polo shirts, 2 x tartan skirts, 1 dress, 1 jumper, 1 PE shirt and 1 PE shorts - $307)

$175.00 – Average Year 8 booklist: (Dependent on variety of subjects taken)

$235.00 – Parent Contributions and Charges (set by Department of Education)

$ 55.00 – Mathletics, School Year Book (Echoes), School Journal

$ 60.00 – Voluntary Contributions (P&C, Chaplain, Sports Carnivals)

$1000.00 – Approximate cost of the CYOD (See below for more information)
Specialist programs may have additional costs associated with student participation.

During 2015 many students will have the opportunity to attend a day camp or excursion to enhance the learning program of their course. Any extra activities offered to students may incur a charge to be paid by the parent / guardian.

**School Boundaries PDF Map**

Our new PDF digital Boundaries Map drawn up by Landgate is completed and available for use on our new school website. This interactive map allows parents to zoom in and locate where their residence is located in conjunction with the KSHS boundaries. It will also be loaded onto det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline.

*It is really important for parents to understand that KSHS is a local intake school. Enrolment at a feeder primary school does not guarantee enrolment at KSHS. Students must live within the boundary area to gain automatic placement. Students accepted into the GATE Art also gain entry into the school. Students successful in gaining a place in the Endorsed Outdoor Adventure Program, SIMS music students and the continuing Asian language studies may also be given priority.*

After these categories of students, vacancies will be filled by:

1) Those who have a sibling currently enrolled at KSHS who is not a special program student; and
2) Proximity of residence to KSHS

**Transition Days**

In Term Three, many Year 6/7 students will have the opportunity to visit KSHS and spend ‘a day in the life of a high school student’. The day will focus on highlighting those things that are the same and different from primary school. We will bus the students and their teachers to and from their primary schools. Each primary school will visit separately so the students can feel comfortable with their current classmates. They will get a taste of attending lessons on a high school site by participating in lessons taught by high school staff. They will have a tour, use the facilities (toilets, cafeteria etc) and experience lessons such as Phys Ed, Art or Design and Technology. Mrs Helen Deacon, Associate Principal and Mr Mark Pettit, Head of Middle School, will coordinate the day and address the students. This fantastic day is really enjoyed by all students, regardless of where they will be attending high school.

**CYOD – (Choose Your Own Device)**

The Federal funding for computers in school has ended. As the computers purchased under this program are now reaching the end of their useful life, we do not have the resources to replace the 1:1 ratio the Federal funding allowed us to achieve. As outlined in Transition Newsletter No 2, we are moving to a CYOD in 2015 to ensure students have access to a personal computer at school. As we finalise our Strategic Planning for IT in line with our 2014-2016 School Business Plan, we will ask Year 7 and 8 students to bring their own computing devices to school next year. We are currently looking at brokering cost effective deals through private companies, with options for parents to make their own purchasing arrangements. Special deals will include options for warranty, service and insurance. More specific information about preferred devices will follow. We are aware of the financial implications of this purchase and feel this advance notice will allow our families to plan for its inclusion on the booklist. It is likely the cost will be in the range of $800 - $1000.
### Important Dates Calendar

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**Department of Education**

We encourage you to visit the Department of Education’s parent website at: det.wa.edu.au/schools and you to access information on the Year 7 move to high school. This has a section on frequently asked questions and answers which may assist you during the year.

**Newsletter 4**

In our next newsletter we will include information on:
- Year 7 Curriculum Structure
- Extra Uniform Shop fitting hours

In the meantime if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Susan Archdall on 92936400 or susan.archdall@education.wa.edu.au

Regards

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Principal

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