



2017 TRANSITION

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Welcome all Kalamunda Senior High School prospective students, parents and feeder primary schools to the second edition of our Transition Newsletter for 2016.

Enrolment Packages

Enrolment packages for general enrolment were hand delivered to feeder primary schools during the school visits this term. Enrolments close on **Friday 22 July** as per Department of Education requirements. Please be aware that this is Week 1 of Term 3. If you did not receive an enrolment package, they are available from the front office.

2017 Academic Scholarships

Applications are still open for the 2017 Academic Scholarships at Kalamunda Senior High School. The school makes available academic scholarships, each to the value of \$600. For 2017 there will be 4 Year 7 scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to help cover the costs of books, school charges and uniforms. The scholarships are awarded to students who have shown a commitment to excellence during their primary school education. To be eligible students must be attending KSHS in 2017 as a Year 7. Presentations to the scholarship winners are made at the primary school assemblies during Semester 2. Scholarship applications and **portfolios** (please note applications are not accepted without a portfolio) are due by **Friday 22 July**. The application forms and further information is included in the enrolment packages that will be delivered to students this term.

School Boundaries

One of the first things that parents often ask is 'Where are the boundaries of KSHS?' We now have a PDF digital Boundaries Map drawn up by Landgate on our school website. This interactive map allows parents to zoom in and locate where their residence is located in conjunction with the KSHS boundaries. Parents can access this website and read a text description of where the boundary cut offs are located, or they can ring KSHS and speak to Noelene Clarke who can advise if you live within the boundary.

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

2017 Year 7 Curriculum Structure and Timetable

Year 7 students will have access to courses which cover all eight Learning Areas of the Western Australian Curriculum. Students have 25 periods per week of class-time. This is broken down in to:

Periods Per week	LEARNING AREA
	Each period is approximately 1 hour
8	English / Humanities – <i>Same Teacher for both subjects</i>
8	Mathematics / Science - <i>Same Teacher for both subjects</i>
2	Physical Education
1	Health Education
2	LOTE – <i>Italian / Japanese / Indonesian</i>
2	Arts Tasters – <i>Visual Art / Drama / Dance / Music</i>
2	Technologies Tasters – <i>Home Economics / Computing / Photography / Design & Technology</i>
25	TOTAL PERIODS PER WEEK

Tasters will change each term to give students a range of experiences in different specialist courses. Students in Specialist Programs such as GATE Art, Performing Arts and Outdoor Adventure, will not have access to as many term tasters as other students as they will be spending more time in their specialist area.

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.

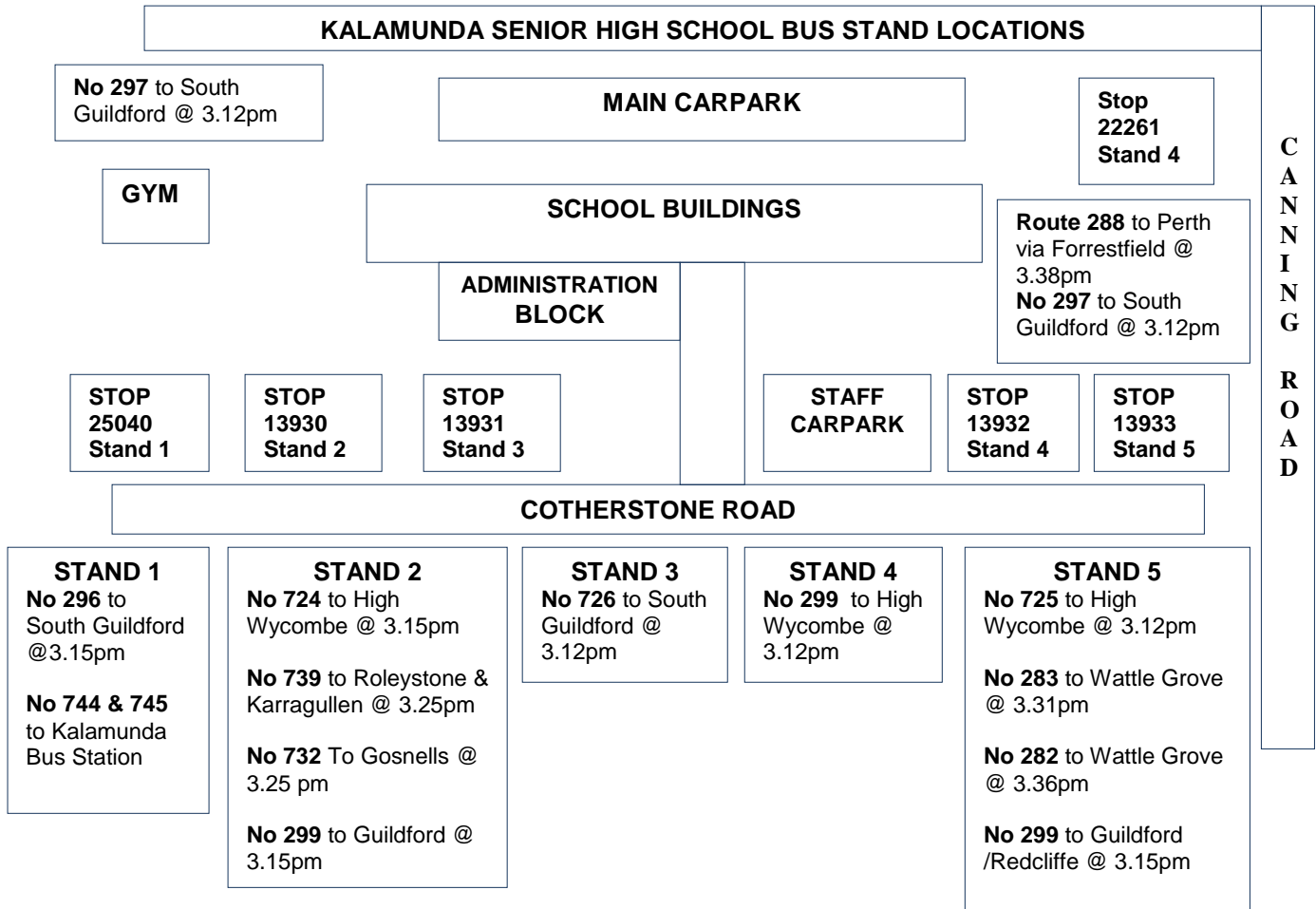
Uniforms are available at Lowes which is located in Westfield Carousel Shopping Centre in Cannington. There is a uniform price list in the enrolment package and there is information also available on our school website.



Bus Transport

Many students travel to and from school using the public transport buses. A timetable is available from our front office containing arrival and departure times of a variety of bus services. Some students must swap buses at the Midland Terminal to connect them to a service that transports them close to home.

Teachers are on duty at the school bus stands after school as students are departing. The bus stands are situated on Cotherstone and Canning Roads as indicated on the map below:



SmartRider

The SmartRider is similar in size to a credit card and is available for all students throughout the state. Students received an application for a SmartRider card in their enrolment package. Parents need to complete and submit to the school with the completed enrolment forms. Student information will be released through the school to the Public Transport Authority who will issue the SmartRider cards. The cards will be sent to the school and students will receive them during the first week of 2017. Until the cards arrive, students will need to pay cash to ride the bus. This is approximately \$1.80 each way but may differ according to the route your child takes.

