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2016 YEAR 7 TRANSITION

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

2017 Academic Scholarships

Congratulations to the Kalamunda Senior High School Academic Scholarship winners for 2017. These worthy recipients have earned an academic scholarship, each to the value of \$600. The purpose of the scholarships is to help cover the costs of books, school charges and uniforms. The calibre of portfolios was very high with many students demonstrating a commitment to excellence during their primary school education. We look forward to these students attending KSHS in 2017 as Year 7s. Presentations to the scholarship winners were made at their primary school assemblies and we would like to congratulate the following recipients.

Connor Norregaard – Gooseberry Hill Primary Aiden Denny – High Wycombe Primary

Aika Ryan – Darlington Primary Jack Hollick – High Wycombe Primary

Katarina Beronja – Kalamunda Primary Annabelle Holt – Falls Road Primary

A further Academic scholarship was awarded to the top student participating in the Kalamunda Senior High School Primary Scholarship program. The winner is Anika Zonta Albillos from Kalamunda Primary.

Transition Days

Throughout Term 3, Kalamunda Senior High School staff were pleased to host many Year 6 students on their Transition Days. The days were a big success with students experiencing 'a day in the life of a high school student'. The days focussed on highlighting those things that are the same and different from primary school. Each primary school visited separately so the students felt comfortable with their current classmates and teachers. They had a taste of attending lessons at a high school site by participating in lessons taught by Year 7 staff. They had a tour, used the facilities (toilets, cafeteria etc) and experienced lessons such as Art or Design and Technology. This fantastic day was really enjoyed by all students, regardless of where they will be attending our high school or somewhere else.

Due to the success of the program, and in response to parent requests, this year we extended the invitation to students from schools outside our local intake area. They had the opportunity to participate in the Transition program on October 21. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the Kalamunda SHS staff who made these days possible.

Orientation Day

This will be held on **Friday 25 November** at Kalamunda Senior High School. It is a day for students to come together and meet their teachers for next year and students they will be in classes together with. It will be an opportunity to form some friendships and to help orient students to the school facilities, routine and activities. Students should be dropped off at the Cotherstone Rd entrance from 8.30am and registered at the welcome stations by their parents.

Further information will be sent directly to families who have students already enrolled to attend Kalamunda Senior High School next year.

If you have not enrolled, please contact the school as soon as possible so that your child can be included in classes before the day.

BYOD – (Bring Your Own Device)

An information session has been scheduled for 15 November. This session will provide information on the program and how it is being used to enhance student learning. It will also cover the details of which devices can be accommodated at the school. A representative from Stott and Hoare will provide information on an onsite warranty package which involves a drop off and pickup service for any warranty issues. Please ring the school on 9293 6400 to register your attendance at this session.

Further information on the BYOD program can also be found on the school website.

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.

KSHS uniforms can be purchased online or from the Lowes store at Shop 1014/15 in the Carousel Shopping Centre, Albany Highway Cannington. They are open 7 days a week and you can buy uniforms throughout the school holidays. Lay-bys are available and discount vouchers and discount days are provided throughout the year for Kalamunda SHS families. Online ordering is available by visiting: www.lowes.com.au

Raising Teenagers

One of the major challenges for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to develop the skills they need to be independent and responsible. The transition into high school is often the start of these challenges. This time can sometimes be a difficult time for both teenagers and their parents.

Triple P offers a series of 3 seminars aimed at providing parents support and strategies to make this transition into high school and adolescence as smooth as possible.

The seminar series is offered over 3 evenings. The first seminar provides strategies to parents to manage the change within the home, the second seminar looks at how to help your teenager make the most of their time at school and the final seminar examines ways to encourage your teenager to become connected with the wider community.

The seminars will begin Term 4, week 6 and will be run over 3 weeks. They are being offered to parents of Year 6 children and will be conducted on Tuesday evenings 15/11, 22/11 and 06/12 at 5:30 – 7:30pm. These will be hosted at Lesmurdie SHS in the community library. Refreshments are provided.

Numbers are limited to 30 so RSVP is essential.

To RSVP email Lisa Pesick at lisa.pesick@education.wa.edu.au. For more information call Jenny Edmonds on 9293 6413.

Cyberbullying

Do you want to empower your child to deal with Cyberbullying?

If the answer is yes then you are cordially invited to attend a free parent session run by experts from Bully Zero Australia Foundation.

Contents covered include:

- Bullying definition
- Facts & Australian statistics
- Consequences, the law and setting realistic boundaries & rules at home
- Bullying signs and symptoms
- Licence agreement and privacy
- Social media statistics & impact on children and parents

- Which are the most popular social media platforms
- Role of parents
- What parents can/cannot do if their child is cyber bullied
- How to build resilience
- What's harmful and appropriate/inappropriate online material
- Questions/answers and so much more

When: Tuesday 1 November 2016

Time: 5.30 – 7.00pm

Where: Kalamunda Senior High School Staffroom

Refreshments are provided

Please RSVP by Friday 28 October to Mrs Morton on Amanda.morton@education.wa.edu.au

Important Dates Calendar

TERM	DATE	EVENT	VENUE
4	Tuesday 15 November (6.00 – 7.00pm)	BYOD Information session	KSHS Staffroom
	Friday 25 November	Year 7 Orientation Day	KSHS
	Wednesday 30 November	Special Program Welcoming Ceremony (AESP, AEP, GATE, KPA, OAP)	Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre
	Tuesday 15/11, 22/11 and 6/12 (5:30 – 7:30pm)	Triple P Parenting Information Sessions	Lesmurdie Senior High School Community Library

Website

We encourage you to visit our website <u>kalamundashs.wa.edu.au</u> to keep updated with news and activities happening in the school. If you subscribe, you will also receive our regular News Review.

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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