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

Thank you to all those fantastic primary school communities who have welcomed us into their schools. Our assembly visits, morning and afternoon teas and parent nights have been very successful in getting important information out to Year 6 and 7 parents.

Our next visits to schools will take place in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. These visits are aimed at informing the students of the great programs we run at KSHS and to get them excited about next year. Whilst enrolments are being taken until the end of Term 2, the deadline for special programs is the end of Term 1 (11 April). Mr Mark Pettit, Head of Middle School, and Ms Susan Archdall, Transition Coordinator, and some former students of the primary schools will talk to the Year 6/7s. Students will have a chance to hear about life at high school and have an opportunity to ask questions. During these visits the students will receive their enrolment folders – green for Year 7 and blue for Year 8.
Year 4-7 Parent Night
Over 100 people joined us for our Year 4-7 Parent Night. It was terrific to see so many families come to learn about the history, values, programs and priorities of the school. There was an opportunity to meet the Principal, Kathy Ritchie and the Year 7 and 8 Transition Team and to hear about the work that has gone in to preparing for the Year 7s and 8s moving to KSHS in 2015.

School Boundaries
One of the first things that parents ask is ‘Where are the boundaries of KSHS?’ At present, we are having a new PDF digital Boundaries Map drawn up by Landgate. This interactive map will allow parents to zoom in and locate where their residence is located in conjunction with the KSHS boundaries. This map will be emailed to all our feeder primary schools and uploaded onto our website for parent use. It will also be loaded onto det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline. At the moment 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

Information on Enrolment
Applications for Special Programs; Outdoor Adventure, Academic Excellence and Performing Arts close on the last day of this term – Friday 11 April. Application forms and information can be accessed from the front office of your primary school, KSHS front office or online at the KSHS website.

Enrolment packages for general enrolment will be hand delivered to feeder primary schools in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. These enrolments are due back to KSHS by Friday 25 July as per Department of Education requirements.

School Open Day
The School Open Day is a wonderful chance for parents and students to visit KSHS and have a look around. Families will be addressed by the Principal, Mrs Kathy Ritchie and then be taken on a tour of the school facilities. Families who cannot make the School Open Day are welcome to book a family tour at any time during the school year.

*School Open Day Term 1 Friday 28 March*

*Ring the school to book your tour.*

*The 9.30am session is already fully booked but there are still vacancies in the 11.30 session.*
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 with most high schools, 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.

School Website
The school website contains a range of information from the background of the school to introducing the staff and the school uniform. All application forms and information on the Specialist Programs, as well as the forms necessary for enrolment. We are currently updating our school website and shall soon have a brand new platform for you to peruse. The website can be accessed at: www.kalamundashs.wa.edu.au/

Department of Education
We also 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.
## Important Dates Calendar

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**Newsletter 3**

In our next newsletter we will include information on:

- Year 7 Subjects
- The launch of our new website
- Ordering school uniforms

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

Kathy Ritchie  
Principal

Susan Archdall  
Transition Coordinator