



2015 TRANSITION

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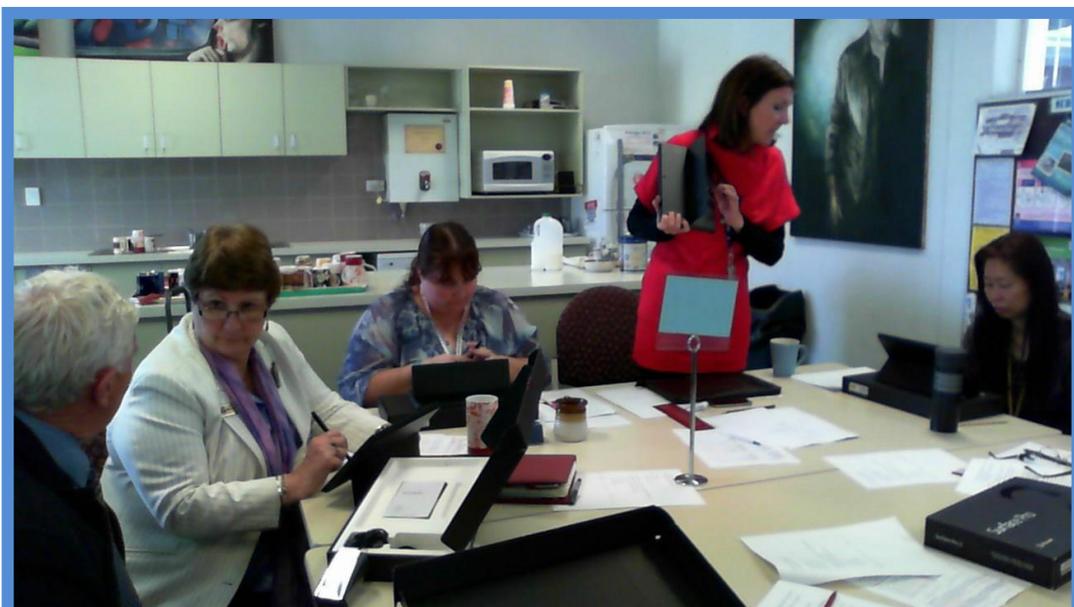
Welcome all Kalamunda Senior High School prospective students, parents and feeder primary schools to the fifth edition of our Transition Newsletter.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

In 2015 as we have outlined in early Transition Newsletters our incoming Year 7 and 8 students will need to bring their own computer device to school. Schools no longer receive funding for individual devices so many high schools have begun the switch to a BYOD. To provide you with information on the BYOD Program we are holding a parent information evening on Wednesday 17 September in the school gymnasium centre off Canning Road starting at 6.30pm. We extend a welcome to all families of our 2015 Year 7 and 8 students. If you intend to come please RSVP the school on 92936400.

Staff Devices

Last week all staff at KSHS received a new computer device which they are trialling in the lead up to the student BYOD program. Staff are partaking in training at staff meetings and practicing out of hours in the use of the device for integration into their learning area in 2015.



Year 7 Swimming

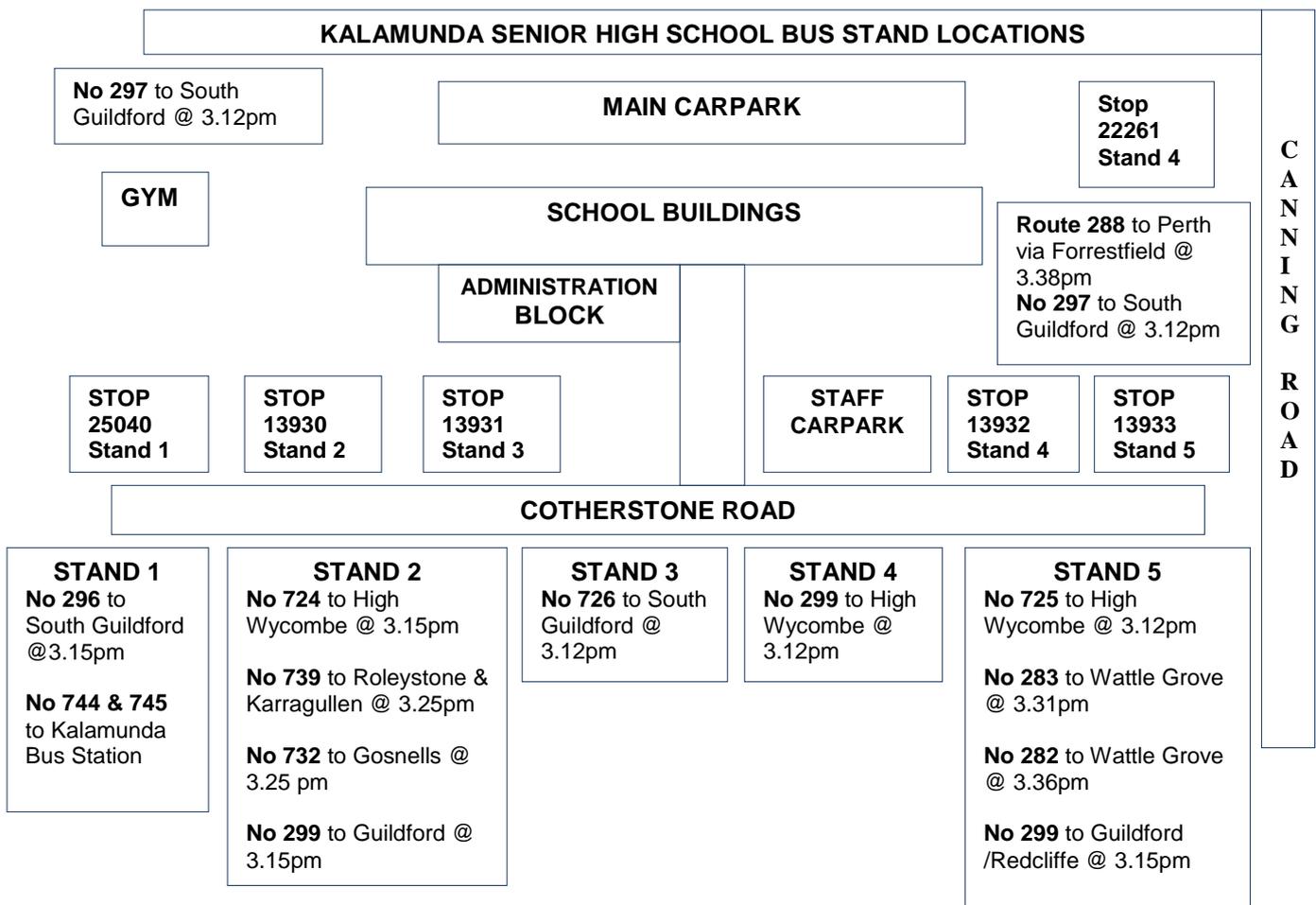
Year 7 students at Kalamunda Senior High School will continue to access in term swimming lessons in 2015. These lessons will follow the normal 2 week format that students have used at their primary schools. They are booked for Term 4 at Kalamunda Water Park.

Late Start on Day 1 for Year 7 students

To assist students, parents and staff with the entry of the double cohort on the first day of school for 2015, the Year 7 students will begin school at 10.00am. This will help to ease congestion of parking and the front office and allow the Year 8s to be settled in by the time the Year 7s arrive. It will also allow us to take the time needed to orient the Year 7s on their first day at KSHS. We believe this will make each of our new year groups feel special as they begin their high school journey.

Changes to Bus Stops

In the last edition of our Transition Newsletter we printed information regarding students catching buses to and from KSHS. We also published a map of all our school bus stops. Unfortunately, just after the distribution of that newsletter, the Public Transport Authority made some changes to the KSHS bus routes and stops. Below is an updated bus stop map. Our school bus timetable, which is available from the front office, has more updated information regarding changes to routes.



Orange School Bus Services

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you are seeking Transport Assistance on an 'Orange' school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the 'Orange' school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.

Please be aware; Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by 'Orange' school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an 'Orange' school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

2015 Year 8 Curriculum Structure and Timetable

Year 8 students will have access to courses which cover all eight learning areas. Students have 25 periods per week of class-time. This will be broken down in to:

Periods Per week	LEARNING AREA Each period is approximately 1 hour
4	English
4	Society & Environment
4	Mathematics
4	Science
2	Physical Education
1	Health Education
2	LOTE – <i>Italian / Japanese / Indonesian</i>
2	Arts – a combination of some of: <i>Visual Art / Drama / Dance / Music</i>
2	Technology & Enterprise – a combination of some of: <i>Home Economics / Computing / Design & Technology</i>
25	TOTAL PERIODS PER WEEK

Arts and technology & enterprise courses will change each semester to give students a range of experiences. Students in Specialist Programs such as GATE Art, Performing Arts, Outdoor Adventure and SIMS Music students will not have access to as many arts and technology and enterprise courses as other students as they will be spending more time in their specialist area.

Extra Uniform Shop Fitting Hours

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 Four for 2015 Year 7 and 8 students only.

Thursday 30th October 2014 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 7th November 2014 from 3.30pm to 4.00pm

Thursday 13th November 2014 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Important Dates Calendar

TERM	DATE	EVENT	VENUE
3	Friday Weeks 4,5,6,7,8	Transition Days for Feeder Primary Schools	KSHS
	Wednesday 17 September	BYOD Information Evening 6.30pm	KSHS Gymnasium Centre
4	Friday 28 November	Year 8 Orientation Day	KSHS
	Friday 5 December	Year 7 Orientation Day	KSHS

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.

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In our next newsletter we will include information on:

- * Helping your child settle into high school
- * BYOD update

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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