

Ready for Year 7

An introduction



Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) is moving Year 7 from primary to secondary settings

This means that, in most schools, Year 6 will become the final year of primary schooling. Year 7 will become the first year of secondary schooling.

Most Catholic schools in South Australia will make this change in 2019.

Background

In 2002 the national peak body the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment and Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) agreed to achieve a uniform approach to schooling across Australia by 2010.

The agreement set in motion changes across the country which have seen Year 7 education move in all states and territories except South Australia.

In 2015 CESA made a commitment, as part of the Strategy for Leading Catholic Education to New Levels of Excellence, to transition most Year 7 classes to a secondary setting by 2020.

Quite simply, we are passionate about helping children to thrive. We believe these changes will significantly enhance educational outcomes.

"This move will open up more diverse learning opportunities for young people. By the time students enter Year 7 they are beginning to change socially and emotionally. Many are ready for greater independence."

Christine Comas

Principal, St Martin's Catholic Primary School



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Why move Year 7 to secondary?

This decision has not been made lightly. It is primarily about best meeting the learning, social and emotional needs of young people.

What are the benefits?

Benefits for your child include:

- **Educational benefits**

Teaching the Year 7 curriculum in a secondary setting gives students access to specialist teachers and facilities.

- **Learning outcomes**

A secondary environment offers flexibility that can help students be challenged intellectually.

- **Social and emotional benefits**

Adolescents thrive in an environment that encourages independence and supports their social and emotional needs.

The experience of parents and students in other schools and sectors who have recently made this move has been overwhelmingly positive.

How do I find out more?

Please talk directly with your school principal or go to www.cesa.catholic.edu.au for more information.