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Catholic schools to move Year 7 to secondary

Catholic Education South Australia has confirmed that they are set to move Year 7 from primary to secondary settings in the majority of their schools.

This week all parents in Catholic schools have received information about how the proposed changes will impact their school. Most schools will implement the change in 2019.

“This means that, for most schools, Year 6 will become the final year of primary schooling. Year 7 will become the first year of secondary schooling,” explains Helen O’Brien, Director, Catholic Educations South Australia.

“This decision is primarily about meeting the learning, social and emotional needs of young people across all Catholic Schools. It is also about strengthening pathways from primary to secondary schools across Catholic Education.”

In 2015, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools endorsed a move towards shifting Year 7 from primary to secondary settings in 2019-20. Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) is implementing that decision and has now identified when most Catholic schools in South Australia will make this change.

There are a small number of exceptions including:

- country primary schools where there is no Catholic secondary school nearby
- Catholic schools where middle schooling structures already exist or are planned
- Catholic schools that are co-located with other schools offering Year 7 in a primary context
- other local and exceptional circumstances.

“With 1 in 5 South Australian school children in a Catholic school, the move will be a significant one. We encourage parents to talk to their local principal if they have any questions or concerns.”

Ready for Year 7 resources including a video and fact sheets are available on the Catholic Education South Australia website at www.cesa.catholic.edu.au