



Kennedy
Baptist College

Year 7 Transition Program

Information to assist your
transition into Kennedy for 2026



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Welcome Message

Your Head of Year

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, my name is Mr Tristan Ward and I am your Head of Year for 2026 and beyond.



The beginning of secondary school is an exciting time with wonderful opportunities ahead of you. Our Transition Program is designed to support you as you settle into Kennedy and help you develop a strong sense of belonging.

The following contains lots of information so I recommend that you sit down with your parent/s or guardian and read through it together.

My Role as Your Head of Year

It is our aim that every student feels safe and supported within a Christian community so they can strive for personal excellence in all that they do.

I have many responsibilities and some of the things I will be doing for you include:

- Creating activities and plans for Extended Form on Wednesdays
- Working with your Student Council
- Equipping you with skills to respond appropriately when someone else is not behaving appropriately
- Making sure that Year 7 runs as smoothly as possible for all of you

About me

I'm excited to get to know each and every one of you. As you settle into Year 7, when you see me out and about, come and say hello. Like all teachers at Kennedy, I am here to help you. Your transition to high school should not be a daunting experience, please come and share your concerns and questions with me when they arise. With a passion for all things media, I enjoy engaging with film, video games, documentaries, and exploring innovative apps and software. As a proud Queenslanders, I also have a deep appreciation for both rugby league and union. I value meaningful conversations and am always happy to connect with students, parents and colleagues.



Key Information in this booklet includes:

- Your Year 11/7 Mentors
- Day One and Commencement Ceremony
- Year 7 Transition Program outline
- New Student Checklist
- What to bring on the first day

Your Year 11/7 Mentors

We have a special Mentoring Program to ensure that you enjoy a smooth transition into our College community. The Program is known as 11/7s where specially trained students will help you to settle in. They will be with you on Orientation Day, Pre-Start Day and the Commencement Ceremony, The Year 11s will also hang out with you at lunchtime and recess for the first few weeks and will be available to help you. You will recognise them by their special blue polo shirts.

The Transition Program

Pre-Start Day

This is a fun-filled day that is designed so you can familiarise yourself with the College and to help you meet new people.

Day One and Commencement Ceremony

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors and their Form teachers at their Form classes at 9.00am. You will then take part in a Commencement Ceremony in the Auditorium to which parents are invited.

We also have two special programs called Thrive and SMARTS to help you with your well being and studies.

Thrive

Year 7 Thrive is a weekly program throughout Semester One that explores a range of topics including cybersafety, rights and responsibilities, emotional literacy, digital citizenship, personal strengths and positive coping strategies.

SMARTS

Year 7s undertake the SMARTS program through the Research and Study Centre during Term 1 which involves study and organisation techniques, preparing for tests, managing/completing assignments and overall transition into secondary school studies.

We pray that you have an enjoyable start at Kennedy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via direct message through SEQTA.

Mr Tristan Ward

Head of Year 7



Year 7 Transition Program Outline:

Please take note of the key dates in Term 1 to assist in transitioning your child to secondary education. See below for more information. * Please refer to the College Calendar in Parent Lounge for other College events.

	Event	When	Time	Location
January	*Device Induction sessions	1 hour session on any day between Tuesday 20 January – Tuesday 29 January (*See booking information below)		ICT Department in Research and Study Centre
	Pre-Start	Friday 30 January	10.00am - 2.00pm	College Auditorium
February	Day One	Monday 2 February	9.00am - 3.15pm	Year 7 Area
	Commencement Ceremony	Monday 2 February	9.15am - 10.15am	College Auditorium
	Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea	Tuesday 10 February	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
	Southern Coastal Associated Schools Junior (SCASJ) Trials	Wednesday 11 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Centre
	Interhouse Swimming Carnival	Thursday 26 February	More Information to follow	Perth HPC
March	Kennedy Insights Protective Behaviours (Parents only)	Thursday 19 March	5.30pm -7.00pm	Staff Lounge
	Year 7 Day Excursion	Friday 27 March	More Information to follow	
	Easter Services	Monday 30 March or Tuesday 31 March	6.00pm - 8.30pm	More Information to follow

Device Induction Sessions

One hour sessions between Tuesday 20 January - Thursday 29 January 2026
(ICT Department in Research and Study Centre)

Digital technology plays a pivotal role within education, with the benefits of advancements in technology forming a significant part of a student's learning environment.

Please see our [website](#) for information on purchasing the right device for your child and scan below QR code with your camera phone to book for *your child's device induction session*.

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE INDUCTION SESSION:

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Pre-Start Day

Friday 30 January 2026, 10.00am-2.00pm
(College Lower Foyer)

This is a fun-filled day that is designed to help you re-familiarise yourself with the College and to help you to make friends and meet new people. You never know, you may meet a friend who becomes a friend for life! The day involves a lot of enjoyable things, music, fun and games. We would encourage all of you to attend this day as it will help you to get to know your way around the College and make connections with other Year 7 students before the Term 1 begins.

Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

Bring: Please bring snacks and water for the day plus bathers, towel, hat and sunscreen

Dress: Casual modest dress and bring/wear sport shoes and socks to participate in the Sports Centre activities.

Day One and Commencement Ceremony

Monday 2 February 2026, 9.00am - 10.15am

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors during their Form classes at 9.00am before the Commencement Ceremony in the Auditorium begins at 9.00am. Parents are welcome to go straight to the Auditorium to be seated.

After the ceremony, students will have their ID photos taken and enjoy some icebreaker activities with their mentor group before starting regular classes.

Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea

**Tuesday 10 February 2026, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
(The Terrace and College Auditorium)**

Parents are invited to an informal afternoon where they will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, as well as connect with other families. This is a valuable chance to engage with fellow parents and become a part of the Kennedy community.

Southern Coastal Associated Schools (SCAS) Junior Sport Trials

**Wednesday 11 February 2026, 3.30pm - 4.30pm Girls Basketball, Boys Super 8s Cricket, Year 8+9 Touch Rugby, Netball
(Kennedy Sport Centre)**

Trials will be held on Wednesday afternoon in Week 2, and students are required to wear the full physical education uniform. Students should come directly after school ends to the Sports Centre, where they can change before meeting their coaches for attendance and trials. During the season, students will compete against the following schools: CBC, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, and Seton.

Games will run from 4-5pm, with a later return for any away matches. The season will take place from Week 3 to 7, with Finals scheduled in Week 9. The competition will also occur in Term 2, featuring a different set of sports.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 26 February 2026
(Perth HPC, Mount Claremont)**

During this carnival, all Year 7 students who would like to swim will have the opportunity to do so. Swimming is not compulsory; we encourage all students to participate, and attendance at the event is mandatory. More details will be provided closer to the date. Parent helpers are needed for the 2026 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. If you can assist, please watch out for a volunteer sign-up link in the College newsletter.

Protective Behaviour

Semester One - Thrive Program

Students will engage with external speakers on topics such as online safety, bullying, respect and mindfulness. The Thrive program, delivered by Kennedy staff in Semester One, supports these messages with structured lessons. We also follow up with our Kennedy Insights speakers to help families continue these important conversations at home, with the aim of ensuring all students feel safe and secure.

Year 7 Day Excursion

Friday 27 March 2026, All day

A day when our Year 7 students will participate in a variety of activities designed to foster teamwork and give everyone a chance to get to know each other better.

Easter Services

**Monday 30 March 2026 or Tuesday 31 March 2026
(College Auditorium)**

Kennedy Baptist College values faith as its guiding principle, shaping all that we do. We strive to live out Christ's teachings every day and warmly invite you and your loved ones to join our Easter services:

Monday 30 March 2026 (Falcon and Harrier families)

Tuesday 31 March 2026 (Kestrel and Osprey families)

Time: 6.00pm to 7.15pm

Students are asked to be in Form Classes by 5.30pm, to start promptly at 6.00pm.

Useful information to help you settle in

2026 Day Structure

The day commences at 8:30am and finishes at 3.15pm. Students should arrive by 8.25am for an 8.30am start. The school day is divided into six(6) periods, with a form class at the commencement of each day.

8:25 AM	Warning Bell
8:30AM	Form Time
8:45 AM	Period 1
9:40 AM	Period 2
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10:35 AM	Recess
11:00 AM	Warning Bell
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11:05 AM	Period 3
12:00 PM	Period 4
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12:55 PM	Lunch
1:20 PM	Warning Bell
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1:25 PM	Period 5
2:20 PM	Period 6
3:15 PM	End of Day

Term Dates

Refer to your student diary or our website for Term dates and student free days.

College Hours

- School hours are from 8.30am to 3.15pm
- Staff are on duty from 8.00am to 3.45pm
- Office hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm
- Research and Study Centre: 8.00am to 4.15pm
- Cafeteria: 7.45am to 2.00pm

Kennedy Handbook



The Kennedy Handbook is designed to be a useful resource for both students and parents to gain a thorough understanding of life at Kennedy. The handbook provides an overview of Kennedy values, facilities, staff, learning, guidelines and policies, procedures and much more.

Students and parents/guardians are required to familiarise themselves and comply with the College procedures and requirements outlined in this handbook.

Some of the information you will find in the Kennedy Handbook:

- College Procedures
- College Map
- Communication Channels
- Getting to and from Kennedy
- Getting around Kennedy
- Getting involved
- How to load funds onto your SmartRider

College Policies



Students and parents/guardians are required to familiarise themselves and comply with the College policies.

- Acceptable Use of Mobile Devices Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- College Premises and Facilities – Accessibility and Use for Students Policy
- Complaints Handling Policy
- Cyber Safety for Students Policy
- Digital Citizenship Agreement
- Enrolment Policy
- International Students Policies
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Privacy Policy
- Protective Behaviours Curriculum
- Rollback Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Student Attendance Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Yard Duty and Student Supervision Policy

Office Closure

Closing: Friday 12 December 2025
Reopening: Wednesday 12 January 2026

*Timetables and booklists will be issued to enrolled students prior to December closure.



Student Code of Conduct

The **Student Code of Conduct** sets out the College's expectations of students with respect to their academic and personal conduct.

Uniform Expectations

All students must wear College uniform at all times, upholding the College's values and reputation, as stated in the **Uniform Policy**.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used from 8.00am. They are to be switched off and then kept in the student's locker until the end of the day.



Student Diary and Time Table

You will receive a copy of your Student Diary and your time table before the start of Term.



SmartRider

You will receive your College issued SmartRider in approximately the third week of Term 1.



Locker

A locker will be provided to you. Access to lockers is not allowed during lessons. A Locker shelf can be purchased for \$15.



Lost Property

All lost property or confiscated items are kept at Student Services



Places where to get help:

- Student Services (located in the Administration building)
- Health Centre (located next to the Administration building)
- ICT Support (located in the Research and Study Centre)
- If unsure ask your Mentor, your Form teacher or your Head of Year.



Beedawong Cafeteria

The Beedawong Cafeteria is open for breakfast, recess and lunch.

Online lunch orders need to be made by 9.00am through Flexischools App.

We accept cash, debit card and SmartRider credits.

