

Welcome to Kennedy

Year 7 Transition Program



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Baptist College

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Your Head of Year

Welcome to Kennedy Baptist College, my name is Mr Aaron Norman and I am your Head of Year for 2025 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.

Key Information Includes:

- My role as your Head of Year
- 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

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:

- Ensuring that you are happy and comfortable at the College
- Helping you to make friends
- 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 smoothly for all of you

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. As I love to design, create and build things, you may find me down in a Technologies classroom. I enjoy travelling, camping, the great outdoors and a strong black coffee!



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 Year 11 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 make friends and 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 8.45am. You will then participate 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 Aaron Norman

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 21 January – Tuesday 28 January (*See booking information below)		ICT Department in Research and Study Centre
	Pre-Start	Friday 31 January	10.00am - 2.00pm	College Auditorium
	Day One	Monday 3 February	8.45am - 3.15pm	Year 7 Area
	Commencement Ceremony	Monday 3 February	9.00am - 10.00am	College Auditorium
February	Southern Associated Schools Junior Trials	Wednesday 7 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Centre
	Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea	Tuesday 11 February	5.00pm - 6.30pm	College Auditorium
March	Year 7 Day Excursion	Friday 28 March		More Information to follow

Device Induction Sessions

One hour sessions between Tuesday 21 January - Thursday 30 January 2025 (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 31 January 2025, 10.00am-2.00pm
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 3 February 2025, 8.45am - 10.00am

Year 7 students are welcomed by their Year 11 Mentors during their Form classes at 8.45am 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.

Southern Associated Schools Junior Sport Trials

Wednesday 12 February 2025, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Girls Basketball, Boys Super 8s Cricket
(Sport Centre)

Trials will be on Wednesday afternoon in Week 2, students are to wear full physical education uniform. Students are to come down directly after school finishes to the Sports Centre where they can change and then meet their coaches for attendance and trials. During the season students will be competing against the following schools: Mercedes, CBC, Corpus Christi, Emmanuel, and Seton.

Games during the season will run from 4-5pm with a later return for any away games. The season will run from Week 3 - 7 with Finals in Week 9.

Year 7 Families Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 11 February 2025, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
(The Terrace and College Auditorium)

Parents are invited to an informal afternoon where they will have the opportunity to meet and talk with 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.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Thursday 27 February 2025 HBF Stadium

During this carnival, all Year 7 students who would like to swim will be given that opportunity. It is not compulsory to swim but it is compulsory to attend this event. More information to follow closer to date. Parent helpers are required for the 2024 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. If you are able to help, please keep an eye out for a volunteer sign-up link in the College newsletter.

Useful information to help you settle in

Day Structure and Start Time

The Kennedy Baptist College day is divided into seven(7) periods, with the addition of a Form/ Administration period at the commencement of the day.

8.10am	Warning Bell
8.15am	Form Time
8.30am	Period 1
9.20am	Period 2
10.10am	Period 3
11.00am	Recess
11.25am	Warning Bell
11.30am	Period 4
12.15pm	Period 5
1.05pm	Lunch
1.35pm	Warning Bell
1.40pm	Period 6
2.25pm	Period 7
3.15pm	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 8.15am to 3.15pm
- Staff are on duty from 7.45am to 3.45pm
- Office hours are from 7.45am to 4.00pm

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
- How to set up your QuickCliq account

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
- Complaints Handling Policy
- Digital Citizenship Agreement
- Enrolment Policy
- International Students Policies
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Privacy Policy
- Protective Behaviours Curriculum
- Student Attendance Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Safety & Wellbeing Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Yard Duty and Student Supervision Policy

Office Closure

Closing:
Friday 6 December 2024
Reopening:
Wednesday 8 January 2025

*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 7.45am. 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. 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 QuickCliq.

Account set up information can be found in the Kennedy Handbook but you will need your Form class details handy.

We accept cash, debit card and SmartRider credits purchased through Beedawong.

