

Shelley Public School



Friday 6th September, 2019

Dear Year 6 Parents / Caregivers,

Transition to high school is a significant milestone in the lives of our senior students. In preparation for 2019, we are providing our Year 6 students with an opportunity to experience life as a high school student during weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. During this time, students will attend classes in different rooms with the Year 6 teachers, Mrs Bradley, Mr Parsonage and Miss Greenwood. They will continue their studies in English, Mathematics, Science, History/Geography, Creative Arts and PD/H/PE during the program.

The students from 6D, 6E and 6F will form temporary class groupings, giving them the opportunity to mix with their peers from across the grade. A timetable will be provided for students to glue into their diaries, as well as the attached copy for parents to keep in a visible location at home. The timetable is colour coded to indicate the time, group, subject and location. All students will start the day in their current class to allow for the roll to be marked. This will be their Home Room, where they will revise the timetable and pack their books and resources needed for the lessons that day. Students will return to their Home Rooms at the end of each day to unpack their belongings.

For fitness lessons, every student will be required to bring a pair of sports shoes and a t-shirt to change into. These will need to be clearly labelled with their name and brought to school in a plastic bag. Students will change back into their school uniform at the end of the lesson.

To help students prepare for the expectations of high school, small homework tasks will be set for completion during the transition program. This may be a research question to follow up on topics discussed in class, or a brief revision worksheet for Mathematics, for example. We will be encouraging the use of student diaries to assist students in submitting these tasks on the due dates. Effective time management is an important skill required of secondary students and being able to work around additional commitments outside of school in order to meet homework requirements is an expectation from Year 7-12.

We are excited to offer this transition program at Shelley this year and believe it will be a valuable opportunity for our senior students to trial following a timetable and packing their bags with the resources needed for classes. They will have the opportunity to experience high school expectations in the safety and security of their familiar school environment. While class teachers will spend time with students learning how to read the timetable, parents are also encouraged to discuss the timetable with their children at home in preparation for the day ahead.

We appreciate your anticipated support of this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

In partnership,

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