

Primary to High School Transition

In South Australia the last year of primary school is year 7. Families who want their child to attend a specific South Australian public high school will need to register their interest during year 7.

The year 7 to 8 transition process is a registration of interest managed by the education department on behalf of schools. This process will allocate students to a high school, but is not an enrolment to the school. Final enrolment is subject to the consideration and acceptance by the high school. The central process generally runs between April to May of the year prior to your child starting high school and is completed around the end of term 2. When the process opens each year, all year 7 students will have the forms and information distributed to them via our school. After this time the normal school enrolment process resumes and high schools will enrol students as per their regular enrolment process. Families can register their interest in their child attending a public high school of their choice through the year 7 to 8 transition process.

Parents should read the Starting Secondary School brochure before completing and returning their child's forms. The brochure, Registration of Interest forms and further information for families whose children are attending non-public schools can also be downloaded at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/schools/choosing-a-school/enrolling-in-high-school>

The final allocated high school will send parents a student secondary school acceptance pack in August. Your child will be considered for placement at each school you have applied for, in order of choice. Popular metropolitan high schools, may offer placement for only a small number of non-local students and all other non-local applicants will be placed on their waiting lists. If no places are available your child may be offered at place at their local (zoned) high school. If parents do not want their child to go to their allocated school, they can approach other secondary schools directly regarding an enrolment.

You can only seek a review if there is additional information that should have been considered in the original application. See the student secondary school acceptance pack for information about the review process. This review process does not apply to special interest programs. When special interest schools notify you about your child's placement, they will include instructions for their review process if one is available. Contact your primary school or dec.d.startingsecondaryschool@sa.gov.au for further information about the review process.

The student secondary school acceptance pack will include an enrolment form for parents to complete. You need to fill out the enrolment form and provide the school with copies of the following documents:

- proof of the child's identity and date of birth – e.g. birth certificate, passport or official Centrelink documentation with the child's name and birth date
- copies of any family law or other relevant court orders, if applicable
- proof of residential address

The secondary school where acceptance has occurred, will offer an orientation meeting/visit directly with your family. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, 2 orientation visits may occur (1 being with an Aboriginal Community Education Officer). These generally occur during weeks 7-9 Term 4.

Timeline

Time	What	Who
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Year 7 student folders forwarded to secondary school when confirmation of enrolment and attendance has been received • Department for Education Transition Information distributed to Year 7 families (including ED176) • Advertise open days in school newsletter • Share criteria information to families requesting to enrol in an Out of Zone high school • Registration of Interest Form – Placement in Year 8 in a South Australian Government School (ED176) completed (support offered as required) • Ensure copy of siblings current high school ID card is attached to ED176 form for Out of Zone requests • Applications for Specialist Programs/Scholarships to be submitted (e.g. Ignite @ The Heights, International Baccalaureate @ Banksia Park) 	School Leadership, Year 7 Teachers Department for Education School Administration staff Class Teachers Families School Administration staff Families
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary schools encouraged to visit Ingle Farm Primary to meet with Year 7 students and teachers, provide information and answer questions 	IFPS Leadership team and Class Teachers
Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary School zoned allocation spread sheet from Department for Education received by school • Families and students advised of secondary school placements 	Department for Education Department for Education
Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with secondary schools, ensuring information related to students social, emotional and academic development and wellbeing is shared • Family Information evening at Secondary Schools • Student Orientation visits on dates determined by the secondary schools, including additional visits for students with special needs as required 	Class Teachers Secondary Schools