



Achieving excellence together

# *Welcoming your child to Year 7 in secondary school*

From 2015, all Year 7 Western Australian students will transition into secondary school. This move aligns with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and allows your child incredible access to specialist subject teaching and facilities.

At Cecil Andrews Senior High School we have been preparing for this change to happen for some time. We have been working very hard to refine and develop a range of programs and systems so that we manage the change as smoothly as possible. This means when your child joins Cecil Andrews SHS, they will be welcomed into an environment which is ready to work for them to achieve excellence.



## COMMUNICATION MATTERS

We understand that some parents may be nervous that their child is starting high school earlier than previously, and that there may be some questions you have regarding this transition. Please know that you are a partner in your child's education and as such you are welcome to contact us with any questions you may have. In fact communication is a key area we have improved – so that you are kept up to date about all that is going on with your child's school life.

Some of the ways we communicate with our parents and students are through:

- Our mobile phone app – available to download for free from your App Store.
- Our website – all the latest information and some great news stories as well.
- Our official Facebook page – like our page at [www.facebook.com/CecilAndrewsSeniorHighSchool](http://www.facebook.com/CecilAndrewsSeniorHighSchool)
- Newsletters – regular printed newsletters and occasional special edition newsletters
- Parent information nights
- Student diary system
- SMS system for attendance and absentee days
- Vivo Online Rewards System – an online rewards system that parents can monitor and stay involved in their child's progress

## CARING FOR YOUR CHILD

Above all else, parents need to know that their child is happy and safe at school. Cecil Andrews SHS places an emphasis on pastoral care and runs a range of programs so that every single student is nurtured and encouraged at school. We have a dedicated Student Services Team including a Chaplain, a School Psychologist, form teachers and year coordinators who ensure your child is supported during their time at school. Our other programs include:

- Positive psychology groups
- Resiliency programs
- Breakfast club
- Motivational speakers
- Peer support programs
- Rainbows –peer mediated support for grieving children and their families
- Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience
- Health programs
- Follow the Dream (after school homework club for Indigenous students)
- Clontarf program for Indigenous male students
- Vivo Online Rewards System

## LEARNING

Quality of teaching and learning is of course at the forefront of all we do at Cecil Andrews SHS. We want your child to succeed at school and to reach their full potential.

- Quality teaching staff – dedicated and passionate, award winning teachers
- Official Teacher Development School (TDS) in Science and Transition (expert primary school teachers on staff)
- Specialist Australian Rules Football program
- Specialist Performing Arts program
- Academic extension for talented students
- Information and Communication Technology focus
- BYOD – Bring Your Own Device Program
- 21st century learning

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