

## Transitioning to Year 7 at Yeronga State High School



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### HOW CAN PARENTS ASSIST THEIR CHILD TO A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO YEAR 7?

At Yeronga State High School our school culture and curriculum are focused upon the holistic development of each student to enable them to create and access a world of opportunities. Our Junior Secondary School is supported by a quality team of expert staff dedicated to working with students throughout Years 7, 8 and 9. Parents and carers can support a child's transition by:

- ensuring their child attends the Transition Day. The Transition Day is an important first step to making your child feel confident, comfortable and ready to embrace High School life!
- familiarising yourself with our school website - <https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/>. On our website you will find lots of information about our school vision, *Quality Pathways to success* which include our values, policies, procedures, and any further documentation you may need now or in the future. It may be beneficial to explore the website with your child and discuss any questions or interests that may come up for them while viewing the website.

- checking in with your child over the course of the year, in particular the first few weeks of term transitioning into High School may bring mixed emotions. Notice any signs of anxiety, worries or concerns. At Yeronga State High School, we want to ensure that you and your child feel comfortable to approach any of our friendly staff who can help ease any of these potential concerns and uncertainties that you or your child may have. It is important to remember that many Year 7 students will share common concerns - reassure your child that what they are feeling is probably normal and similar to a lot of their peers. Speaking up early assists us to promptly help your child.

## HOW TO ACCESS FURTHER PARENT COMMUNICATION?

Depending on how you chose to receive information when completing the enrolment form, generally we will send parent information via email, however there are a couple more additional communication resources available to parents to keep up to date and informed.

- Please follow our **Facebook page** - <https://www.facebook.com/YerongaStateHighSchool/> and our **Instagram page** - **@officialyerongashs** where our dedicate Marketing and Communications team frequently post important events, updates and achievements.

## USEFUL APPS FOR PARENTS TO DOWNLOAD

**QParents** is a secure web and mobile application that allows parents of Queensland State School students to access information about their child and communicate directly with their school. Specifically, it allows families to access and, where appropriate, change:

- invoices (financial information);
- personal details;
- timetable;
- Assessment Calendar;
- attendance details; and
- academic reports.

**Qkr!** Is an easy and secure way to order and pay for school items from your phone. Through the use of **Qkr!** You can pay for tuckshop, school fees, uniforms, excursions and more! Receipts are sent directly to your email address. **Qkr!** Is available for download on any smartphone – simply search for **Qkr!** in the app store.

You can find more information regarding Qkr! and how to download via -

<https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Payments/Qkr-How-To-Guide.pdf#search=Qkr%21>

**Schoolzine** is a parent engagement platform where you will be able to access school newsletter and enable us to communicate with the school community across multiple channels.

You can find more information on how to download the **Schoolzine** app via -

<https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Payments/SZappInstallation.pdf>

### **WHAT PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE?**

Yeronga train Station is located on Lake Street and is a short 650m from Yeronga State High School. This is a short 8-minute walk. There are also multiple bus routes available from Park Road, Yeronga. You can find further information by contacting TransLink on 13 12 30.

### **WHAT IS THE DAILY SCHEDULE AT YERONGA STATE HIGH SCHOOL?**

Students at Yeronga State High School have four 70-minute periods each day, across the week. The first class commences at 8:45am, so we encourage parents to ensure their child arrives at school no later than 8:30am. School ends at 2:45pm each day. Break times for the students are – **11:15am – 11:55am** and **1:05pm – 1:35pm**.

### **WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING ON THE FIRST DAY OF YEAR 7?**

On the first day of Year 7 at Yeronga State High School your child will only need to bring in a book and pen to take notes. The student laptops will be issued in the first week after an induction process has been finalised. Your child will be assisted with navigating the different programs and platforms relevant to learning that is required with the use of these devices.

### **WHAT TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY ITEMS WILL MY CHILD NEED?**

Yeronga State High School operates a Student Resource Scheme that provides digital textbooks for Year 7 Students. The school will contact you regarding the Digital textbooks prior to your child commencing in 2022. As part of the Student Resource Scheme, your child will also be provided a school backpack with a bag tag representing the school house that your child is placed into to enhance school spirit.



Our school has chosen the Jacaranda Digital Bundle learning package for your child's learning in 2022. Parents get incredible value with the Jacaranda Digital Bundle. The bundle includes 12 premium digital learning resources covering all the core learning areas. These resources have been designed to enrich the way your child learns, while providing them with all the tools they need to thrive.

Your child will also need a few standard stationery items. The Year 7 Stationery requirements list can be found here –

<https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Stationery%20Lists/Stationery%20Lists%202022/year7-stationery-list-2022.pdf>

## **WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S MOBILE DEVICE POLICY?**

Students are allowed to use their mobile phones while attending Yeronga State High School, however they are generally not permitted for use during class time unless a teacher specifically asks for students to use their phones for a certain task. Students will also find signs throughout the school that specify if it is a device free zone. If your child is ever in doubt about the rules around using their mobile phone or other devices, please encourage them to ask one of their teachers.

You can find further information and a more detail explanation of Yeronga State High Schools Information Communication Technology Acceptable Use Procedure on the website -

<https://yerongashs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Internet%20usage/yeronga-shs-ict-acceptable-use-procedure.pdf>

## **WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE?**

Yeronga State High School is committed to fostering a school environment that is supportive, respectful, compatible with human rights and provides all students with opportunities to engage in quality learning. At Yeronga State High school, we want to foster a shared understanding between students, parents and staff of the importance of attending school.

If your child needs to take leave from school, please ensure that you contact the school as soon as possible, as all absences need to be explained and recorded. If your child is late to school, please ensure they check in with Student Services located on the lower level of D Block.

## **WHAT IS THE UNIFORM POLICY?**

Yeronga State High School aspires to be a learning community founded on values of *Quality, Harmony* and *Sustainability*. These values underpin the expectations of the student standard of dress. Students are expected to wear their uniform to demonstrate a preparedness for learning. A Yeronga student has respect for self and others, and represents our school with pride on all occasions.

At Yeronga State High School, we have a gender-neutral uniform to maintain a more inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of all students.

- Formal uniform is to be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
- Sport Uniform is to be worn on Wednesday and Friday
- Students are able to wear the formal uniform any day and bring their sports uniform to change into if they wish.

## **WHO IS MY FIRST CONTACT IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT MY CHILD?**

Your child's first point of contact with any concerns should be their CARE class teacher otherwise you can contact the Year 7 Co-ordinator, Jessica Corsbie via email at [jxcor3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jxcor3@eq.edu.au)