

## Frequently Asked Questions for Families

### ***Is Year 7 definitely moving to high school in South Australia?***

Yes, the Independent and Catholic sectors have already moved, and the public education system will be moving in 2022.

### ***Is the pilot definitely going ahead?***

Participation in the pilot is voluntary, therefore whether the pilot program goes ahead is dependent on the number of parents who register an interest for their current Year 6 daughters to enrol at Mitcham Girls High School in 2020.

### ***Why is Year 7 moving?***

Moving Year 7 into high school will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in secondary settings. Year 7 is taught in high school in all other jurisdictions because of the benefits of providing specialist teachers and facilities.

### ***Why was Mitcham Girls High School shortlisted for the pilot?***

Mitcham Girls High School was chosen because of the supportive environment and commitment to student wellbeing, strong connections, effective transition processes and progressive approaches to teaching and learning.

### ***How do I register an interest in enrolling my daughter to undertake Year 7 at Mitcham Girls High School?***

Registrations of Interest are now open to Year 6 students via the school's website [www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/enrolments/](http://www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/enrolments/). Paper copies will also be available at the Parent Information Evenings.

### ***What about Year 7 students moving into Year 8 next year?***

Regardless of the pilot, normal transition and enrolment processes will continue at Mitcham Girls High School for current Year 7 students enrolling as Year 8 students next year.

### ***Will the Year 6 students be OK in high school? What about their wellbeing?***

Experiences from interstate shows that early adolescents thrive in a secondary setting. Mitcham Girls High School has an excellent record for settling Year 8s and special attention will be given to the Year 7 students so that teachers and staff in primary schools and Mitcham Girls High School can plan and support each student's transition.

### ***Does Mitcham Girls High School have zone restrictions?***

No, the school is not zoned.

### ***Will the Year 6 students be better off in high school?***

Undertaking Year 7 in high school will allow students to take advantage for access to specialist facilities, resource and exposure to different teaching styles. The Australian Curriculum was fully implemented in 2015 and designed to specialise for each subject, for example science labs for science. Students will have opportunities for deep learning, greater peer interaction, greater independence and responsibility.