



Year 7

Information for  
prospective parents  
and students



John Wollaston  
ANGELICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



## Key Staff

- Ms Anne Ford: **Principal**
- Ms Kylie Virgo: **Deputy of Pastoral Care**
- Ms Kathryn Paul: **Dean of Teaching and Learning**
- Ms Jaqueline Fisher: **Head of Year 7**
- Mr Derek Heatherly: **Business Manager**

## Student Leadership

There are many opportunities for student leadership. In the Secondary School each House elects a House Council consisting of two students from each year group. Year 11 Peer Support Leaders may assist Year 7 students when they visit John Wollaston for Transition Day. The following year, the Peer Support Leaders help Year 7 and Year 8 students adapt to the expectations and routines of the Secondary School.

## House System

Pastoral care underpins all we do at John Wollaston. In the Secondary School, pastoral care is primarily delivered within the House System. Each student is assigned to one of our four Houses; each House is led by a Head of House.

House Groups are made up of students from Years 8 to 12, with Year 7s beginning to attend the House Groups for visits at the start of Term 2 as part of the Year 7 Transition Program. Siblings are assigned to the same House and are usually in the same House Group.

The Heads of House, together with the House Group Teachers, provide support in all aspects of a student's life at school; helping them to achieve academically whilst overseeing their social and mental health and well-being. House Groups meet together at the start of every day.

The four Houses are:



**Head of House**  
Mrs Pauline Galley



**Head of House**  
Mr James Winter



**Head of House**  
Mrs Sally Banks



**Head of House**  
Mr Quentin Hess

## Uniform

The John Wollaston Anglican Community School uniform is attractive and distinctive. Parents and students are reminded to uphold the Uniform Policy in order to maintain the standard of dress at a high level. For full uniform details please see the School website.



## Year 7 Transition Program

John Wollaston offers an outstanding Year 7 Transition Program. Over the past ten years the School has developed a successful year-long academic, pastoral and co-curricular program to assist Year 7s with their transition to secondary schooling. The Year 7s are housed in a purpose built Year 7 Centre. They have an experienced class teacher with whom they spend most of their day, plus they get a taste of the secondary environment by attending specialist classes including Visual Arts, Foods, Textiles, Information Technology and Design and Technology.

The inclusive and caring Year 7 environment is indicative of the strong pastoral approach taken at John Wollaston. Head of Year 7, Jaqueline Fisher says the year-long Transition Map gives students the skills and confidence to cope with the challenges of Year 8 and beyond.



Throughout the year the Year 7s have a strong association with the Salvation Army and venture into the city to see the work being done to support the homeless and other people in need.

## Encounter7

Encounter7 is the name of the year long Encounter program for Year 7s.

The year begins with an amazing adventure based camp where friendships are forged and the tight knit community of Year 7 develops. These strong friendships and support structures then scaffold the students for their education at John Wollaston.



## Summary of Subjects Studied

John Wollaston Year 7s follow the Western Australian Curriculum. Students are usually taught the following subjects by the Year 7 class teacher:

- Mathematics
- English
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science
- Religious and Values Education (RAVE)
- Encounter7 - Values Added Program (VAP)
- Health Education

Students are usually taught the following by specialist teachers:

- Japanese
- Music
- Physical Education
- Food and Textiles Technology
- Drama
- Design and Technology
- Information Communications Technology (ICT)





## Instrumental Music

The Arts Learning Area offers a wide range of Instrumental and Vocal Tuition with lessons being conducted by visiting specialist tutors. Tuition is offered for the following (subject to availability of tutors): Cello, Clarinet, Drums/Percussion, Euphonium, Flute, Guitar (Acoustic, Bass, Electric) Piano, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Viola, Violin and Voice.

## 1:1 Laptop Program

Currently all students entering Year 7 receive a new Lenovo ThinkPad L13 Yoga laptop. The Business Manager oversees this program and can be contacted for more information.

## Homework

Homework gives students the opportunity to complete tasks and to consolidate what has been learnt at school. It develops long term habits of learning and planning. As a general guide, Year 7s are expected to do 45 minutes homework five nights a week.

## Use of the Student Homework Diary

The Student Homework Diary is an excellent form of communication between home and school. Students are responsible for updating their diary daily and parents must sign the diary on a weekly basis.

## Assessment and Reporting

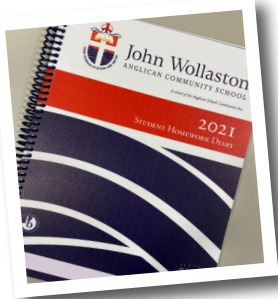
All Academic Reports in the Secondary School are now available to families online through the portal SEQTA Engage. Parents can also communicate with staff via this portal. Students receive feedback on assessments and communicate with staff via SEQTA Learn.

## School Café

The Café is available for students to purchase food at both recess and lunch times. Families can also set up an account with FlexiSchools and pre-order school lunches at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## Library Access

The Library Resource Centre is open before and after school, most days, for student convenience.



## School Participation

There are many ways Year 7 students can become involved in John Wollaston school life; drama, after school clubs, inter-house and inter-school sport and music are some examples.