



St Joseph's Memorial School

A Catholic educational setting in the Josephite tradition
Early Learning to Year 7

Childhood

Learning

Community

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

You may be aware that in 2015 the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) endorsed the move of Year 7 from primary to secondary settings.

This decision was made following significant research and consultation. It is based on the understanding that the move will:

- give Year 7 students greater access to specialist teaching and facilities;
- align our schools with the rest of the country and enable the Australian Curriculum to be delivered in the secondary context where it is designed to be taught;
- ensure that we best meet the learning, social and emotional needs of our students.

Further information regarding this decision is available [here](#).

Most Catholic schools in South Australia will make this change in 2019. Our school, and a number of other eastern suburbs Catholic primary schools, were granted an exemption due to circumstances at the time, with an understanding that our region would transition Year 7 at a later date.

SACCS has recently reviewed this exemption and determined that it will conclude at the end of 2019. This means that from 2020 our school will offer enrolments from Reception through to Year 6, where Year 6 will be the final primary year.

Many of you have already made plans for your child(ren) to continue their education in a Catholic secondary college. Your chosen school will support your child through their transition to secondary education.

If you have chosen other educational pathways, we strongly encourage you to consider a Catholic secondary school for your child. A letter from our local Catholic College principals is attached. You may also wish to explore the full list of secondary schooling options on the [Catholic Education website](#).

If you would like a personal meeting to discuss what this means for your child's secondary schooling options, whether that is a Catholic or other pathway, please contact the front office to arrange a time.

As we work through what these changes means for our school, we will ensure that our senior students continue to have opportunities for leadership and access to other important rites of passage.

As always, the education and wellbeing of your child will remain our focus.

Yours sincerely

Brady Stallard