

Year 7 Enrolments - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Enrolment Process Year 6 2024 to Year 7 2025

What is the first step?

The Year 6 2024 to Year 7 2025 enrolment process starts with the completion of an *Expression of Interest* form.

NSW Government Primary School

If your child is enrolled in Year 6 at a public primary school, and you wish to apply to enrol in our school in Year 7 of the following year, contact the Year 6 Coordinator at your current school to obtain an “*Expression of Interest*” form to complete. In 2024, this form is available to complete online from Wednesday 6 March.

Friday 5 April is the last day parents can submit a digital EOI online.

Non-Government Primary School

If your child is currently enrolled in Year 6 2024 in a **non-government** primary school, and you wish to enrol in our school in Year 7 2025, contact us directly at enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au.

What are the key enrolment dates that I need to be aware of?

Term 1 2024 – **Action:** Complete online *Expression of Interest* (link provided by government primary school). Non-government primary school applicants, please email enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au

Term 2 2024 – **Action:** If there is an offer to enrol, high schools will advise by email. Please follow instructions for online enrolment. If declined placement, high schools will advise by email.

Term 3 2024 – **Action:** KHS will send an email in July/August notifying you of receipt of your *Application to Enrol*. At this stage, Enrolments may also provide a *Year 7 2025 Document Checklist* and advise when and where to submit all supporting documents.

Term 4 2024 – **Action:** *Year 7 2025 Enrolment Pack* mailed to all families outlining all required steps for Term 4 2024 (i.e. submit any outstanding supporting documents, uniform shop bookings etc.).

The Department of Education sets a very detailed schedule for the Year 6 to 7 Enrolment process starting in Term 1 with the completion of the online “*Expression of Interest*” forms to be completed by *Friday 5 April 2024* and culminating in the Year 7 2025 Orientation Day on *Tuesday 3 December 2024*.

Once you have submitted your *Expression of Interest*, you will receive email communications from secondary schools in Term 2 2024. Please note that these emails (declined placement or offer to apply) will be sent to the parent’s email who completed the *Expression of Interest*.

Please note that we do continue to accept enrolment requests throughout the year if your situation changes or if you do not move into the catchment until the January vacation period.

If you require additional information, please email enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au.

I have submitted my *Application to enrol* what happens next?

Term 3 2024

KHS will send an email in July/August notifying you of receipt of your *Application to Enrol*. At this stage, KHS enrolments may also advise to submit all supporting documents.

I emailed an *Application to enrol form* rather than completing it online. Will that work?

If you have completed an *Expression of Interest* online, you must also submit your *Application to enrol* online (if there is an offer to enrol, a link will be sent to you by Killara High School). Please note that the link will be sent to the individual email address of the parent or caregiver that completed the *Expression of Interest*.

We reside in area and my Year 6 2024 student has an older sibling at KHS. Do I still need to bring in all the supporting documents?

Yes, regardless of whether you have a student already enrolled at Killara High School we ask that you provide us with current paperwork so that we can update our records.

See also question below relating to *Out of Area Sibling Applicants*.

Is there a Year 7 2025 Orientation Day?

The Year 7 2025 Orientation Day is scheduled for Tuesday 3 December 2024. You will be notified of the time of the Year 7 2025 Orientation Day (and any other Year 7 2025 Orientation activities) in the *Year 7 2025 Enrolment Pack*.

General Enrolment

How do I apply to enrol at your school?

If your child is enrolled in Year 6 at a public primary school, and you wish to apply to enrol in our school in Year 7 of the following year, contact the Year 6 Coordinator at your current school to obtain an “Expression of Interest” form to complete. In 2024, this form is available to complete online from 6 March to 5 April 2024.

If you are applying after Term 1, please email enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au and we will be happy to discuss the next steps.

If your child is currently enrolled in Year 6 2024 in a non-government primary school, and you wish to enrol in our school in Year 7 2025, please email enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au

Can I apply if I live out of the Killara High School catchment area?

Enrolment at Killara High School is highly sought after by families in our local area. As such, we are required to maintain an enrolment buffer sufficient to meet anticipated local area needs during the academic year. Non local enrolments can only be accepted where that buffer is not compromised.

As outlined in the school’s enrolment policy, available on the enrolments page of our website, we may accept enrolments outside our local catchment area if places are available. Applications for non-local enrolment will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

What is the Hebrew out of area program?

Students that can provide evidence of 6 years of consistent Hebrew studies prior to enrolment at Killara High School are able to apply under these criteria. BJE will be required to confirm the credentials of applicants. Students will need to commit to studying Hebrew at least in Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8).

As outlined in the school’s enrolment policy, available on the enrolments page of our website, we may accept enrolments outside our local catchment area if places are available. Applications for non-local enrolment will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

If I have another child currently enrolled at the school, can I enrol siblings of that child even if I have moved out of the school catchment area?

This is currently under review for sibling enrolments in Year 7 2025.

An out of area Year 6 2024 student who has a sibling currently enrolled at Killara High School in Years 7 to 9 2024, will be offered enrolment under our sibling policy.

An out of area Year 6 2024 student's who has a sibling currently enrolled at Killara High School in Years 10 to 12 2024, will be notified once we receive the Expression of Interest. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

This does not apply to out of area siblings of students in attendance at Killara High School under the Hebrew program. The Year 6 2024 sibling will need to apply separately under the Hebrew program.

Do you have selective testing?

No. We only accept students that are in our catchment zone, or who are accepted under the strict out of area criteria. We are not a selective school.

Killara High School has run a *High Potential and Gifted Education* class in Year 7 for the past two years. For more information, please refer to the Killara High School website (*Learning at our school/High Potential and Gifted Education*).

Uniforms, Transport, School Hours and Laptops

How do I organise the school uniform?

An individual time slot will be scheduled in Term 4 2024 so that you can organise your child's uniform requirements. An email will be sent with details later in the year.

Are there buses that connect the school with areas of the catchment area?

Depending on where your property is there are several buses that service the catchment area. You will be required to apply online for a School Opal card. Please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.

What are the school hours?

On Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, we begin at 8:50am with Mentor Group and finish at 3:05pm.
On Wednesday, Mentor Group is at 8:40am and the day ends at 2:30pm.
On Thursday, Period 1 is at 8:40am and the day ends at 3:00pm.

What is the BYOD program all about? Is there a particular laptop that I need to buy?

The *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* program has been running successfully for the past few years at Killara High School. There are a significant range of devices on the market that will meet a range of budgets and purposes.

There are specifications that will need to be met in order to make the device useful in the classroom. These specifications will be forwarded to you later in the year or you can visit our website (*Student Services Tab/BYOD Learning Hub*).

Courses and Class Sizes

What languages are studied?

In Year 7, students will be studying a term each of French, German, Japanese and Chinese (unless the student is enrolled in the Hebrew program). In Year 8, each student will be required to continue with one of those language choices.

Who do I speak to if I am concerned about my child once he/she is in attendance?

We encourage you to contact the child's classroom teacher in the first instance if it is an academic concern. There is both a Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser overseeing the year group so please contact them for all other concerns. If you are needing help at all in finding the best person to contact please ring the school office for assistance.

How many students are in each class?

There is a maximum of 30 students per class set by the Department of Education. We endeavour to keep the classes in Year 7 as small as possible (usually about 22-24 students).

How many Year 7 classes will there be?

The number of classes has not been determined as yet but based on past years there will be about ten Year 7 classes.

Does my child stay with the same Mentor Group all year to do all their subjects, or do they move classes and mix with other students in the year?

To make the transition to high school as easy as possible the students will remain in two main groups - one for their Mentor Group, Art and Technology classes and another for their core classes.

Other Important Information

Do you have a number of music programs at the school?

The Performing Arts Ensemble (PAE) run many types of vocal, instrumental music and dance classes. Further information will be provided in the Year 7 2025 Enrolment Pack, or you may refer to the website (*Learning at our school/Performing Arts Ensemble*). All students must receive private tuition. Rehearsals will be before or after school.

Does the school have a Before or After School program?

No. We do however offer several enrichment programs that run during the year such as Computer Coding, Robotics Club for Year 7 Students, PAE programs, Debating, Drama Ensemble and Peer Tutoring Program. All programs are subject to change.

What opportunities are there for Year 7 in sports? Are there representative sporting teams?

Sport for Year 7 involves lessons with the aim of providing opportunities to develop both individual and team skills. Competitive and team opportunities are available in interschool gala days, in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, and through trialling and possible selection in under 15 years teams in the Combined High Schools' Knock Out competitions in sports such as soccer, rugby, basketball and netball and lunchtime basketball, table tennis and bompodompom competitions.

Does the school have an anti-bullying program and how does it work?

We have zero tolerance for bullying. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. All incidents of bullying and harassment are reported for immediate response and action by the school's Executive staff.

Year 7 will participate in a cyber-safety program, which specifically focuses on reporting cyber-bullying.

A priority of the Year 7 Camp (which is held in Term 1 or 2 each year) is the building of bonds between students in their class groupings. Year 12 Prefects join the camp and act as role models and helpers within the school for Year 7 students to call upon if they are experiencing difficulties.

What is the best thing we can do to prepare our children for the independence of high school?

- Talk positively to your child about the move to high school.
- Ask them what's exciting about high school? Does anything worry them?
- Make sure your child has a quiet work area and extra stationery supplies.
- Organise personal hygiene items in school bags.
- Decide what your child will do before and after school, and what time they need to be home.
- Discuss emergency and safety items with them.
- Remind them they can always speak to the counselling staff at their school.
- Discuss the dangers of being distracted when crossing the road or riding – including talking and texting on the phone, and wearing headphones.
- Work out a backup plan in case their travel routes change or they miss their transport.

For a quick guide on everything you need to know, please refer to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/a-z-parents-guide>

Is there any career advice program available for school students?

We have a dedicated Careers Department. Assistance will be given to students in later years.

Does the school allow mobile phones to be used at school?

Killara High School acknowledges the value of mobile phones and online services in supporting educational outcomes. We also recognise that phones may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible, and respectful ways. The purpose of these procedures is to decrease distractions, improve health and wellbeing, encourage deep learning, and promote positive social interactions between students. We encourage students to disconnect from their mobile phone at school and focus on their learning and wellbeing.

Mobile phones are not to be used during school hours. From 2023, mobile phones are to be placed inside and secured in *Yondr* pouches throughout the school day. Every student will be assigned a personal *Yondr* Pouch with an ID Number, like being assigned a textbook. While the *Yondr* Pouch is not "owned" by each student, it is each student's responsibility to bring their pouch with them to school every day – just like a textbook or other school resource.

Please refer to the complete Mobile Phone Policy on our website (*About our school Tab/Rules and policies*).

How do I keep abreast of activities that are happening at the school?

We use Compass as the School and Student Management System to keep you informed of your child's progress whether it be attendance, classes, activities, excursions and so on. Once your child begins you will be given your access password.

You may also wish to follow us on Facebook (killara_highschool) and Instagram (killarahighschool.edu.au) to see what is happening in and around our school.

How can I become involved in the school community?

There are a number of ways you can be involved. Both the Uniform Shop and Canteen rely on volunteers from the parent body or you may join the Killara High School P&C to have your say on how the school operates.

We urge as many parents as possible to give up a little time over the course of a year to assist in the Canteen and Uniform Shop, or to assist with a working bee or any other activities around the school.

For all other queries, please refer to the *Enrolment* page on the Killara High School website or feel free to contact us directly by emailing:

enrolments@khs.nsw.edu.au

or for questions not related to enrolments:

killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au