

Killara High School

Year 7 Enrolments - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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<p>Note: Year 7 2021 students start school on FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2021.</p>
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Enrolment Process 2020 – Updated 18 November 2020

I have just moved into area and would like to enrol my child for Year 7 2021. Whom do I contact?

If you have a child whom you wish to enrol for Year 7 2021, and we have not yet received your Enrolment Form, please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak with Ms Sally Jones in Enrolments.

I have a student registered to start Year 7 in 2021. What are my next steps?

Parents of Year 7 2021 students should have completed the following four items:

1. RSVP for Orientation Session (23, 24, or 25 November)
2. Enrolment Interview (for those new to KHS) – see note below regarding sibling enrolments
3. Online Google Form
This form provides the school with important information about your child and also contains a permission form for the Killara High School 2021 Swimming Carnival which is currently scheduled for Wednesday 10 February 2021.
4. Uniform Shop Booking

If you require additional information on any of these steps, please contact the school immediately and ask to speak with Enrolments.

Do I need to book an Enrolment Interview for my Year 7 2021 student if I currently have a student at Killara High School?

- Enrolment appointments are NOT required for Year 7 2021 students who have a sibling in attendance at Killara High School.
- Please refer to the checklist in the covering letter of your Enrolment pack, prepare copies of all required documentation, and send these copies with the applicant's sibling for delivery to the school office.
- All requested documents (copies only) from **Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4** of the Document Check List provided in the information pack must be provided. It is a Departmental requirement to include the Verification of Residential Address documents for each new student.

Whom should I contact if I have not yet received my Year 7 2021 Enrolment Pack?

Please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak with Ms Sally Jones in Enrolments.

Whom should I contact if I did not receive an email regarding the Orientation Sessions?

Please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak with Ms Sally Jones in Enrolments.

Whom should I contact if I have not received the link for the GOOGLE Form?

Please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak with Enrolments.

Whom should I contact for assistance with booking an Enrolment Interview?

Please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak with Enrolments.

Whom should I contact for assistance with booking a Uniform Shop Appointment?

Please contact the school on 9498 3722 and ask to speak directly to the Uniform Shop. Alternatively, you may email the Uniform Shop at khscp@yahoo.com.au

I have a note in my diary that there is an Enrolment event on Tuesday 1 December 2020. Is this still happening?

There is no longer an Enrolment event on Tuesday 1 December 2020 as originally communicated.

The student Orientation Sessions and the one-on-one Enrolment Interviews replace this previously scheduled event.

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. This usually occurs in the first term of the year. If you are applying after Term 2 contact us directly and we will be happy to discuss the process.

If your child is currently enrolled in Year 6 in a non-government primary school, and you wish to enrol in our school in Year 7 of the following year, contact us directly.

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 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 the criteria of this program. BJE will be required to confirm the credentials of applicants. Only students joining the school in Year 7 may apply under the Hebrew Program.

Students will need to commit to studying Hebrew at least in Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8).

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?

The school is currently accepting enrolment of siblings even if they live out of the catchment area.

Do you accept International students at your school?

Killara High School **does not** accept students that are on a 571P Visa or 500P Visa. These are International Student visas.

We **do** enrol mainstream students (permanent residents and temporary visa holders) living in our catchment area who are able to provide the necessary documentation proving residency.

For additional information, please refer to *Temporary Visas and international students* in the **How To enrol** section of our website’s Enrolment page.

Do you have a Gifted and Talented program?

We offer a Gifted and Talented program in Year 8. It is only open to our Year 7 cohort to apply. Those students who are interested will sit a test during the year and will be notified if they have been successful.

We do also ask all prospective Year 7 students, on Orientation Day in December, to sit a couple of general aptitude tests and from those results we organise two purposefully placed classes.

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.

Uniforms, Transport, School Hours and Laptops

How do I organise the school uniform?

With the current Covid restrictions, all new enrolments must contact the Uniform Shop to make a booking. Additional information can be found on the KHS website under 'Parent Services'.

Parents of Year 7 2021 students were emailed a link with information on how to book an appointment.

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

Depending on where your property is there are a number of buses that service the catchment area.

You will be required to apply on line 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 Homegroup and finish at 3.05pm.
On Wednesday, Homegroup is at 8:40am and the day ends at 2:30pm.
On Thursday, Homegroup is at 8:40am and the day ends 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 couple of 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 were forwarded to Year 7 2021 students in their Information Pack. Additional information can also be found on the KHS website under 'Student Services' by clicking on the 'BYOD Learning Hub' tab.

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 enrolled?

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 Homegroup 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 Homegroup, 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. All students must receive private tuition. Rehearsals will be before or after school.

For more information, please refer to the PAE page on the website found under 'Learning'.

Does the school have a Before or After School program?

No. We do however offer a number of 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 (in the Library on Tuesday and Friday from 3.10pm-4.10pm).

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 bompo-dompo 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 will be held in April 2021) 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?

We acknowledge the use of mobile phones has become an integral part of daily life. Killara High School does however have a Mobile Phone Policy that addresses the inappropriate use of the phone while at school.

At Killara High School it is expected that mobile phones are off and away during learning time. In addition to this, earphones/earbuds should also be stored in bags. It is recognised that in certain contexts teachers may wish to utilise phones as learning tools for specific activities. The use of phones as learning tools is at the teachers' discretion and students may use phones only with the explicit permission from their teacher and for the exclusive use and duration stated by the teacher. Students are not allowed to use digital devices in the

following spaces under any circumstances: changing rooms; toilets; gyms; and swimming pools.

Inappropriate use of the phone will be dealt with as outlined in the KHS Mobile Phone Policy. A complete copy of this policy is available on request.

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.

School newsletters will also be sent via email link once a fortnight.

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 killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au (for questions not related to enrolments).