



St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma

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Family Transition to High School Information Meeting **Monday 6 November 2017 – 5.30pm in the Secondary School Library**

Dear Parents/Guardians

The transition period for your child as they move from Primary school to Secondary school is a time of great excitement and anticipation. It is also a time that can result in questions that need answering and uncertainty for both your child and your family. Your child has now experienced two SPOT (St Patrick's Orientation Time) sessions.

In these sessions they have experienced different subjects, met some of their new teachers and have had an opportunity to meet and ask questions of a panel of current students who have shared their experiences.

At St Patrick's, our aim is to ensure a smooth transition for both your child and your family into Secondary education, and in doing so we want to ensure that your questions have been answered and that your child and your family is prepared for the exciting adventure that is Secondary education. For families who may have already potentially made their decisions for 2018, this meeting will still provide information about transition to high school and make sure that you have fully explored all your options.

We invite you and your family to a transition information meeting where we will overview numerous Secondary school perspectives and answer your questions.

Some of the topics to be discussed may include:

- the technology provisions and STEM course
- the daily structure and organisation
- Religious Education for the real world
- school uniform requirements
- assessment schedules
- curriculum standards
- student wellbeing and pastoral care
- homework and assignment expectations
- extra-curriculum activities
- the sporting program
- teacher quality
- opportunities for parent/guardian involvement through our Community Council

Our Secondary Leadership Team and other staff will be in attendance. A copy of our Secondary students' handbook will be distributed at this meeting, and the Secondary school uniform will be on display. Refreshments will be provided and you will have an opportunity to meet some of your child's future teachers. The duration of the information session will be approximately 60 minutes and will be held in the Secondary school library.



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If this meeting time does not suit you or your family, we are happy to meet with you individually, if you wish to make an appointment. Please stay tuned to the *StPatsCooma* facebook page, as we will be posting more information there.

St Patrick's is a school steeped in Monaro history and a school where we live and learn by our school motto "Strength in Gentleness". We are a place of learning, safety and belonging. We look forward to meeting you at our information session, answering your questions and welcoming your child to our school in 2018.

For further information, please contact Sarah in our office on 64 521 721.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Steve Joyce
Assistant Principal 2018

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