



St Patrick's Parish School, Cooma

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Dear Parent/Carers

As Year 6 enter the final term in Primary school, we begin the transition to High School. Fortunately, for the St Patrick's students, this is a pretty seamless process. It begins with the students coming in small groups for an informal interview with the Principal or member of the Leadership Team during school time. At this time, expectations can be outlined, questions can be answered and a special booklet is provided. A member of the Student Leadership Team will also be present to provide a student's perspective.

The next step is a SPOT Day (**St Pat's Orientation Time**). The first of these orientation days is on **Wednesday 25 October** from 9.15 am to 11.30am. Current and new students will be involved in 'ice-breaker' activities, a Year 7 2017 student forum, a tour of the school and relevant information about subjects and expectations at high school. All students are invited to wear their sports uniform.

This will be followed by another SPOT Day on **Friday 3 November**, where students will experience a range of unique secondary subjects and practical activities between 9.00am and 11.30am. Students are to wear their normal school uniform. They bring their snack food or they can enjoy the opportunity to purchase food from the canteen.

The next step is to be part of a TAG morning in Term 4. This is where the Year 6 students will each have a set morning to 'tag along' or 'shadow' a current Year 7 student to see the normal routine. The students who are currently at St Patrick's will be allocated a time. The students will visit between 9.00am and 11.30am. This also allows them to have the opportunity to visit the canteen if they wish.

We are very excited about the broad range of opportunities for your child as part of their Secondary schooling. If you have any questions about any of the orientation activities, please contact the school on 6452 1721 or email office.stpatscooma@cg.catholic.edu.au

In the meantime, please continue to check out the school's newsletter and Facebook page (links through the front page of the website www.stpatscooma.nsw.edu.au), where you will see evidence of a busy, happy productive learning environment.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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