



# NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

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To our school communities,

This letter aims to provide clarity to our communities for our local schools perspective on the matter of Year 7 students in a secondary setting.

The recent amalgamation of Tanunda Lutheran School and Faith College and the restructuring of their schools with the Year 7's to be enrolled at the Faith Campus has led to significant discussion about this matter within our school communities.

Currently South Australia is the only Australian State not to have Year 7's in a secondary setting.

**Our combined schools position is that we have no immediate plan to have year 7's at High School. Our position is based on the following:**

- Although the Australian Curriculum is set in year 7/8 bands for subjects, there is no current definitive research to suggest that year 7 students improve their learning outcomes in secondary settings. Some specialist facilities may be of benefit and we currently are further developing sharing arrangements.
- Pastoral care programs in our Primary Schools are very strong and able to meet the social and emotional needs of students.
- Whilst Nuriootpa High has land space, a major capital works development would be required to cater for the extra students. At this point in time there are no plans for this development.
- Close cooperation within our partnership sites and private primary schools encourages the sharing of facilities and programs.
- Strong transition and continuity of learning programs exist between our sites and are regularly reviewed and modified.

If you would like to discuss the issue further please contact a member of the leadership team at your respective school.

Kind regards,

Principal

Nuriootpa High school on behalf of the Barossa Partnership Site Leaders.



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