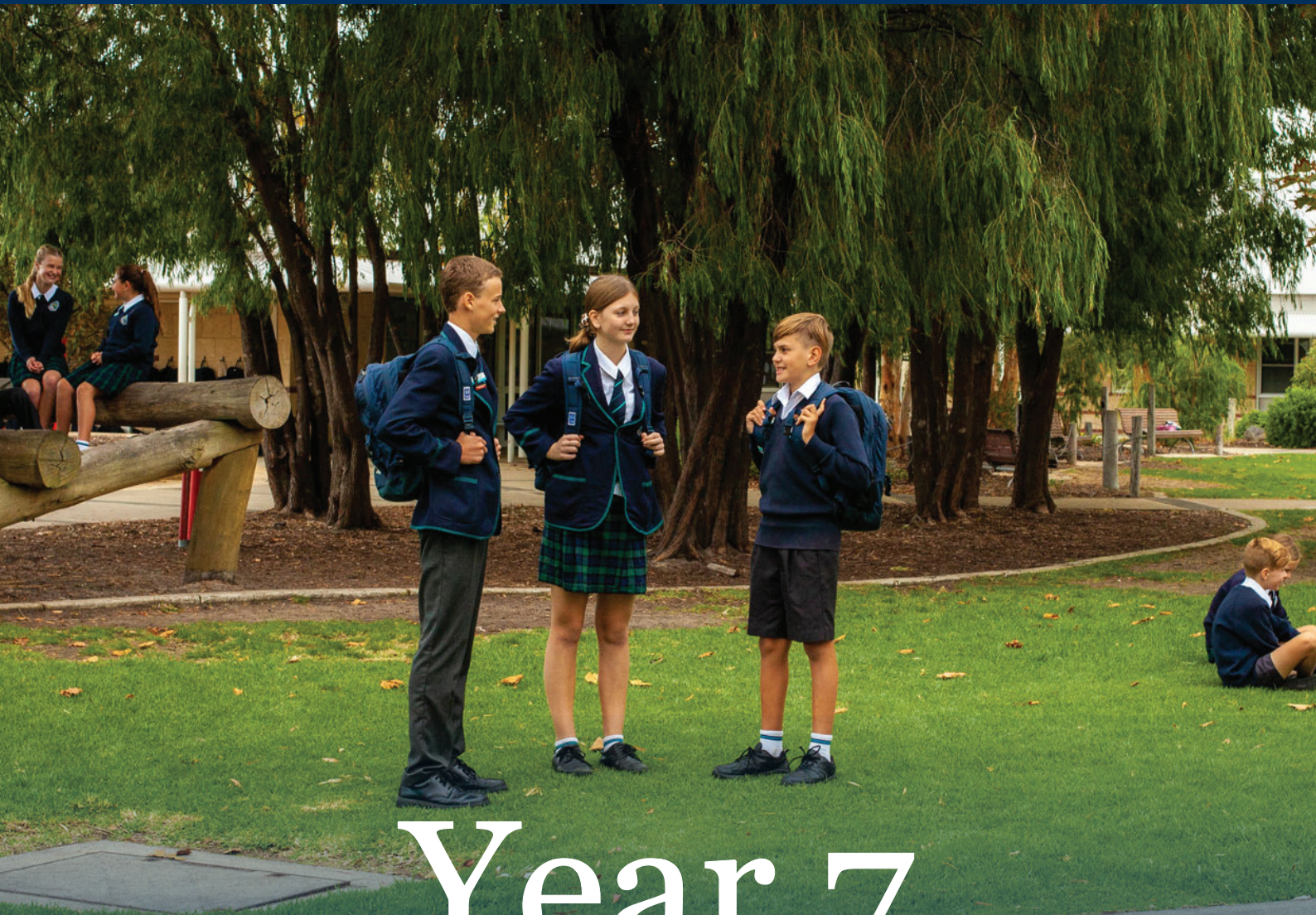


GEORGIANA MOLLOY ANGLICAN SCHOOL

YEAR 7



Est. 2003



# Year 7

*A snapshot of information for  
parents and students*





Middle School is a pivotal time that bridges a young person's journey between childhood and adulthood. As educators it is our role to help guide and nurture the Middle School student to become responsible, caring and kind, lifelong learners. We are committed to providing students with strong foundations of knowledge, skills and strategies required for Secondary School and into their adulthood.

GMAS provides a stimulating, safe, caring and supportive environment that enriches the learning experiences and recognises the unique individual needs, interests and abilities of our students. It is a layered approach with the student in the centre, surrounded by the support of family, friends, staff and the whole school community working together, allowing each individual to maximise their potential, thrive and be ready to face the next stage of their life journey.

*Lisa Ness*  
*Head of Middle School*



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A photograph of two young women in school uniforms. The woman on the right is holding a Nikon DSLR camera with a large lens and is looking down at it with a smile. The woman on the left is partially visible, also smiling. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background. The text 'Key into Middle School' is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

# Key into Middle School

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# A snapshot of of Year 7

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## **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care of students at GMAS is paramount and we aim to provide a high level of support to encourage each student to reach his or her full potential. It is important to establish relationships with every student. Each year group has a dedicated Head of Year who works very closely with students and teachers to ensure a high level of pastoral care with ongoing support and encouragement for all students.

Each student belongs to a Home Room group consisting of a Home Room teacher and other students from the same year level. The Home Room teacher is central to the pastoral care of students and is always the first person to approach for help or advice on most matters.

Students also belong to one of six Houses consisting of students from all year levels. The House structure provides opportunities for students to engage in a variety of sporting, academic and cultural competitions. The six Houses are named after local bays in the region: Bunker, Eagle, Flinders, Geographe, Hamelin and Meelup.

The pastoral care team also includes our Chaplain, Psychologist and Learning Support team.

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## **The Curriculum**

GMAS is committed to providing an educational programme that stimulates natural curiosity whilst also engaging and encouraging students to develop a passion for learning, providing them with a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and strategies required for Senior School and beyond.

The Middle School curriculum is deliberately broad and diverse. Students study the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Science (HASS) and Science, as well as a breadth of study including Christian Religious Studies (CRS), Health and Physical Education, Japanese, the Technologies (Digital, Foods and Materials) and the Arts (Media Studies, Drama, Music and Visual Arts).

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## **1:1 Laptop Program**

Every student in Secondary School has access to their own laptop throughout their learning journey. We believe in the importance of empowering students by educating them to become safe and responsible digital citizens. The ICT Helpdesk is located in the library and staff are on hand to offer technical support during school hours.



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### Communication

SEQTA is a collaborative communication tool that enables parents and students to engage in the education process. It provides the ability to view timetables, homework, pastoral notes, attendance history, details of upcoming assessments, results, feedback, reports, and communication. Other communications include the school website, a fortnightly newsletter (What's On), a quarterly publication (The Fairlawn), Facebook and other social media platforms.

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### Timetable

Classes are organised around a five day timetable consisting of five periods each day. Every day begins with Home Room at 8:40am. Students will be provided with an individual timetable on the first day of school and will be able to access this electronically on SEQTA.

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### Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp has a strong focus on team building and developing relationships and confidence through challenging and enjoyable experiences.

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### Co-curricular

The co-curricular activities on offer are a highlight of schooling at GMAS. There are many ways students can be involved in GMAS school life through participation in a range of activities including music, drama, bands, choirs, sports, debating, sustainability, solar car challenges, equestrian, Pedal Prix cars, mountain biking and more.

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### School Uniform

Students are always expected to wear the school uniform with pride, including to and from school. We have an on-campus Uniform Shop open to students and families during term time. For online orders, or to view the uniform policy, visit our website.





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### **Lockers**

Year 7 students will be provided with a high security combination lock which they are to retain throughout school years. A \$45 charge will be applied to your Term 1 account.

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### **Library**

Our Library is full of books and information to help our students study for that big test or escape to an imaginary world through our expansive collection of novels. The Library is also host to many events and activities including Book Week, the Talented Young Writers Workshop and National Simultaneous Story Time.

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### **Cafe**

The Cafe is open from 8:30am to 1:00pm. It provides a range of wholesome, healthy food. Daily specials are updated once a term and we always endeavour to make products from scratch which eliminates unnecessary sodium, sugars and preservatives. To view the current menu or to order online, visit our website.

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### **Bus Services**

GMAS provides a bus service for students residing in the Bunbury and Capel area. For more information, please contact the school. For information about all other bus services, please contact the Public Transport Authority.

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### **Student Services**

Student Services is the primary service point for students and parents in regards to attendance, late arrivals, medical assistance, lost property and messages. If a student arrives late or needs to leave early, they must be signed in or out by a parent/guardian. Student Services is located adjacent to the Cafe.

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### **Parents and Friends Association**

The Parents and Friends Association (P&F) is an essential branch of our GMAS community. The P&F provides assistance in areas such as co-curricular activities, working bees, outdoor education and social activities. All parents are welcome and encouraged to be actively involved in the association.

# *What can we do as parents to help our children adjust successfully?*

Talk to your child often, and most importantly, listen to what they want to tell you.

Help your child keep contact with existing peers, as well as providing opportunities for them to make new friends.

Continue extra-curricular activities, especially those sporting or community activities that help your child bond with others.

Practice time-management and timetabling activities. For example you could ask your child to prepare a meal. They will need to plan for, budget, shop, prepare, cook and clean up. All very important skills that will help them succeed in secondary school.

Moving to secondary school is a time full of excitement and new opportunities, but it can also be difficult or scary for some children. You can help by making sure your child feels prepared and well-supported.







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### Key Staff

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Deputy Principal: Ms Meg Watson  
Head of Middle School: Mrs Lisa Ness  
Head of Year 7: Mrs Sarah Snow  
Head of Curriculum: Mr Phil Deroost

### Term Dates 2023

Term 1: 1 February - 6 April  
Term 2: 26 April - 30 June  
Term 3: 18 July - 22 September  
Term 4: 10 October - 8 December