

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



Parent Update Week 2, Term 4 – 2021

Preparing for high school

If you are the parent or carer of a year 6 or 7 student, you may be thinking about what your child will need for high school next year.

Our schools make their own decisions about uniforms and learning resources like textbooks and laptops. They will let you know what you need to provide for your child, if they have not done so already.

In this Parent Update, we have outlined some of the Department for Education's overarching policies, guidelines and norms when it comes high school uniforms and technologies.

If you have specific questions about your situation or child, please contact your high school.

School uniform

The Department encourages schools to have a school dress code to help create a sense of community and ensure students are appropriately dressed for school activities.

Uniform policies are developed by individual school Governing Councils for the Principal's approval, in accordance with the Department's [school dress code instructions](#).

Uniform policies should offer a choice of uniform options that are mindful of student diversity and gender expression. Governing Councils also need to consider including financial strategies to keep costs low.

Talk to your school about their uniform requirements and potential cost-saving options like second-hand uniform shops.

Using a mobile phone in high school

Students can bring mobile phones to school to ensure safety when travelling and so parents and students can contact each other. But students must follow their school's rules during the day.

While our primary school students cannot use phones during school hours, high schools have their own individual policies on when students can use them at school, if at all.

Ask your high school for a copy of their local mobile phone policy. You can also find our [using mobile phones and personal devices at school](#) page on the Department for Education website.

Laptops and other ICT devices

Many parents buy their child a new device for high school.

High school students use devices like laptops and tablets to create content, research topics and engage in online activities.

Schools make their own decisions about what devices students need and communicate this with parents. Many schools also provide details of lower-cost providers.

Talk to your school about what device your child will need next year. If payment is likely to be an issue, discuss your individual circumstances with the school.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.

