

# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

## REGIONAL CONSULTATION June – September 2019

### Year 7 will be taught in high school from term 1, 2022.

Moving year 7 into a high school setting will align South Australia's public schools with the Australian curriculum taught in high schools, giving students access to specialist teachers and resources, increased peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

All secondary schools in South Australia will be offering year 7 from 2022.

### Why we are consulting

We understand regional communities have different needs, so we are inviting communities to have their say on how year 7 will move to high school through a series of forums in regional South Australia and through the YourSAy website at [www.yoursay.sa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au).

The approach to be tested responds to the issues of isolation and travelling distance experienced in regional communities.

It is modelled on Western Australia's approach, where a small minority of families chose to keep their children in primary school, with the vast majority moving their children straight to high school with their peers.

Forty-six primary schools that are located more than 20km from their nearest high school have been identified in South Australia under the proposed approach.

### What we want to learn

The consultation will test the possibility of providing eligible families with a choice to keep their year 7 child in primary school, if their primary school is located more than 20 km by road from their nearest area or high school.

Modelled on Western Australia's approach, the option would be available for a limited period of 3 years from the 2022 statewide transition date, to smooth the system changeover.

### We're interested in your views

Information gathered through the consultation process will enable the Department for Education to better understand any local implications about the move of year 7 to high school and will be compiled into a report that will inform the government's final decision about how to best respond to the needs of regional communities.

The information gathered through community consultation will also help us address other issues of concern, as we move toward the introduction of year 7 in all South Australian public high schools from term 1, 2022.

### For more information

To learn more about the move of year 7 to high school in 2022, visit the Department for Education's website at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au) or email the project team at [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).

#### FINAL OUTCOME

*A decision about a regional transition period will be made in late 2019.*

*We will notify families of the final outcome.*

