



John Pirie Secondary School

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Dear parents, caregivers and students,

Many of you will be aware that year 7 will be taught in all South Australian high schools from 2022. As part of planning for the move, the Department for Education has short-listed 3 high schools as potential pilot schools to 'Lead the Way' and offer year 7 in a high school setting from 2020. The pilot will provide valuable insights into how students and staff in primary schools and high schools successfully transition to a secondary setting. I'm pleased to advise you that **John Pirie Secondary School (JPSS) has been short-listed for the pilot**, because of our safe and supportive environment, strong connections with primary schools, and our focus on progressive approaches to teaching and learning.

The other high schools short-listed for the pilot program are Mitcham Girls High School and Wirreanda Secondary School. Participation in the pilot is voluntary. Whether it goes ahead depends on the number of parents who register interest for their current year 6 children to enrol as a year 7 at JPSS in 2020. Local primary schools in Port Pirie will also send a letter home to families today with further information including how to register an interest for their current year 6s for 2020.

Registrations of interest are now open through our webpage <http://www.jpss.sa.edu.au/>. Paper copies of the registration of interest form are also available at our front office. Registrations will close on 24th May 2019. **We will host Pilot Information Sessions on Thursday 21 March (from 4-5pm and 6-7pm), and convene the JPSS Open Night for all prospective parents and students on Tuesday 9 April.** We will keep our school website up-to-date with information and frequently asked questions. If you'd like to talk to me about the pilot, please make an appointment by calling 8632 0400.

I'm really looking forward to year 7s potentially joining our school community next year. It is a testimony to the quality of schools in the Pirie Partnership, and the special effort made by all staff to transition our young people from primary to high school, that we have this opportunity to Lead the Way for public education in South Australia.

Yours sincerely

Roger Nottage

Principal

Wednesday, 6 March 2019

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Responsibility

Confidence

Persistence



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