Starting Year 7

at Penola Catholic College









Some of my friends from primary school will come to Penola Catholic College with me, and some will not, but that's okay.

I will make lots of new friends and my teachers will help me to

make new friends.



I will wear my new Penola Catholic College school uniform to school each day.

On the day I have my PE lesson, I will wear my PE uniform.







Each day I will carry my things in my Penola Bag to school. I then will keep my bag and belongings in my locker.

My locker will have a padlock and I will use my code to open my locker.



I will have my own school laptop that I take to every class.

My teachers and the IT Help Desk will help me learn how to use my new laptop.







At the start of each day, I will walk through the front gates of the school.



I will start the day with Homeroom and have 6 lessons/periods each day.

Most of my lessons will be in the same classroom and my teachers will come to this room, but for some lessons, my class and I will walk to a different room.







I will have my PE lessons in the Gym and Outside Area.



I will complete my Art lessons in the Art Building.

I will complete my Woodwork lessons in the Woodshop.







I will complete my Food Studies in the Food Technology Room.

I will complete my Science lessons in the Science Room.



I will complete my Drama lessons in the Drama Room, Music lessons in the Music Room and I may have classes or Mass in the Chapel.







For recess and lunch, I will eat in the outside areas and play with my friends.

I may bring my recess and lunch to school, but I may also line up to buy food from the Canteen.



At lunchtime, I may go to the ERC to read books, draw and play board games when I have finished eating my food.







I may use the student bathrooms before school, at recess and at lunchtime.

At Penola we follow the rules to stay safe, such as wearing masks in the classroom, coughing in my elbow and using hand sanitiser.



Attending Secondary School is a big new change, but I have lots of people to help me:



Our College Principal is Mr Caldow



Our Head of Campus is Mr Harrison



Our Coordinator of Students is Mr Barbetti







Our Transitions Coordinator is Ms Shkembi



Our Head of Learning Enhancement is Mrs Brandon

Our Year 7 Coordinators are Mr O'Dowd and Ms Ruberto







At times, I may also visit **The Wellbeing Team** who are also here to support me



Mr Ganderton is our Wellbeing Officer



Ms Dour is our Psychologist



Ms Smith is our Provisional Psychologist



We have lots of fun things to look forward to in Term 1.

We will go to open water swimming at Port Melbourne and Year 7 Camp at Mt Eliza.







I may feel both excited and nervous about starting Year 7 and that is okay.

I can always ask my teachers and parents lots of questions.

