

# HIGHVIEW COLLEGE

## YEAR 6 EXPERIENCE AND ORIENTATION DAY POLICY



**Person Responsible – Director of Pastoral Care**

### **Rationale**

Highview is committed to providing a means whereby students in Grade Six may experience the life of a Highview student, start to build relationships with the school community, teaching staff and other students and ease into the important transition period from primary school to secondary school.

### **Aims**

- To provide students with interesting and stimulating activities
- To provide a positive and safe environment for their first secondary school experience
- For Year 6 students and their parents/guardians to be confident that they have made the correct choice of school
- To provide an opportunity for Year 6 students to practise using a timetable, moving between classrooms and meeting a variety of teaching staff
- To have the opportunity to complete literacy and numeracy testing in order to highlight students in need of extension and intensive programs before Year 7 begins and to provide information to establish Year 7 home groups

### **Implementation**

- During Term 2 students will attend an Experience Day filled with a variety of interesting activities displaying subjects offered at the Year 7 level.
- Late in Term 4 students who are enrolled for Year 7 in the following year will attend an Orientation Day focusing on meeting new students and staff members as they become familiar with the school buildings and practise the use of timetables and the method of transport to and from school.

### **Process**

- The Experience Day will be held on a typical school day with Years 8-12 in attendance and Grade Six students replacing Year 7 students. Students will follow a timetable that has been arranged specially for Experience Day
- The December Orientation Day will be held on a day when only VCE students will be in attendance. The school will try to provide exciting and stimulating activities in a range of subject areas and at break times. All teaching staff available on the day will be rostered on to help with these activities in an attempt for students to meet as many staff members as possible.

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