Year 7 Transition 2015
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I am worried about my child who will be 12 years old when they arrive at the College being on the same site as 18 year olds. How will this be managed at the College?

A. This spread of ages has actually existed over many years on high school sites with few problems. The College does however provide a structure where students have a safe place that is supervised by duty teachers for their year group throughout the day. Students also have access to Year Coordinators to provide support should they feel uncomfortable in this way.

Q. I am the parent of a student in Year 8 in 2015. I am concerned that my child will be lost in the transition process as all of the energy will be placed into Year 7 students. What will happen for Year 8 students?

A. Woodvale SC has committed to allocate resources to provide a seamless transition process for all students. Each year group will have their own information evenings, orientation days, access to Approved Specialist Programs, access to Year Coordinators and so on. It is important to us that all students new to the school are supported in their transition.

Q. I live outside the local intake area. Because the school will be taking Year 7 and 8 students in 2015, does that mean you will not be taking any students from outside of the area?

A. Woodvale SC has to provide for Year 7 students from four primary schools within our intake area. We then offer places in our Music, Basketball and Soccer programs. We envisage the College will continue to work within the guidelines outlined in the Department of Education Enrolment Policy to provide places for students within our local intake area first.

Q. My child has a disability. Will there be a special transition process for my child?

A. Yes. Our Student Services team liaises closely with Primary Schools in our local intake area to provide a smooth transition in these circumstances. If you are at all concerned about this process, please request an appointment with Student Services during 2014 so the needs of your child can be adequately met.

Q. My child attended the cluster primary school but we do not live in area anymore. Can my child still enter Woodvale Secondary College?

A. You will need to make an out of boundary application which will be considered on merit. Out of boundary students can also enter through eligibility into the Specialist Programs (Music, Basketball, Soccer). Unfortunately, attending Woodvale Primary, North Woodvale Primary, Halidon Primary or Creaney Primary does not guarantee entry to the College.