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Dear parents, caregivers and students,

As you may be aware, 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 earlier than the rest of the state. This includes our local high school, Wirreanda Secondary School.

This means that year 6 students in our school who live in the Wirreanda Secondary School zone, have a chance to get a head start on high school and enrol in year 7 in 2020.

There are many benefits to teaching year 7 in a secondary setting, including access to specialist teachers and facilities. Participation in the pilot is voluntary. We know this is a big decision for families and we have attached detailed information and frequently asked questions to help you consider this decision.

You are welcome to discuss this with your child's teacher or our school's leadership team. We will provide you with regular updates. You can also find out more through:

Open night

Where: Wirreanda Secondary School.

When: 4-7pm, 19 March.

Pilot information night

Where: Wirreanda Secondary School.

When: 6:30pm, 1 April in the high school's new STEM space.

You can register your family's interest in year 7 at Wirreanda Secondary School via the school's webpage <http://wirreandasecondary.sa.edu.au/>. Paper copies will also be available.

It is a testimony to the quality of our school, and the capacity and professionalism of our staff to effectively transition our students from primary to high school, that we have this opportunity to be involved in a pilot and *Lead the Way* for public education in South Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Michele Russell



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