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# GENERAL

## STUDENTS DAY 1

Year 7 students will be welcomed at 8:15am on Wednesday 5 February on the front lawn by Ms Bonser, their Year Coordinator and student Peer Leaders who then accompany the group to the Theatre.

Year 8 – 12 students meet in the central quadrangle by 8:30am with Year 8 students seated at the front through to Year 12 students at the back, near the library.

Year 7s will be introduced and welcomed by the rest of the school as they move from The Arts courtyard to be seated. Once seated, the Welcome to Country and Mr Hunter’s welcoming address are delivered. At the end of the assembly, students will be called to move off in their year groups to meet with their Year Coordinator. Here, they are called into their tutor groups and move to their tutor group room, where timetables and diaries are distributed. The first classes will commence at approximately 9:45am and for most students, this will be with their tutor teachers in their tutor room.

If students are unable to attend on the first day of schooling, parents/caregivers should inform the school in writing of the reason for the delay in attendance and state the anticipated date on which the student will return. This should be sent by email to [Willetton.SHS.Studentdetails@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Willetton.SHS.Studentdetails@education.wa.edu.au)


Transperth guide travelling to school  
[High School Services \(transperth.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au)

## SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM THURSDAY 30 JANUARY. STUDENTS RETURN WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY.



## FOR THE LATEST

 [@willettonseniorhighschool](https://www.instagram.com/willettonseniorhighschool)

 [Virtual School Tour](#)

# STUDENT SERVICES

Our Student Services team provides support for the social, emotional, and educational wellbeing of all students. The goal of the Student Services team is to help students reach their full potential.

Our team consists of a Deputy Principal, Program Coordinators, Year Coordinators, Chaplains, Nurses, Psychologists, First Aid Officer and a Teacher in Charge of Learning and Curriculum Support and is supported by School Officers. The Program Coordinator, along with the Year Coordinators, will follow students through their journey over the six years, facilitating parents, students and staff building strong relationships to support students.

The key message to carry forward into 2025 is if we don’t know, we can’t help so we encourage all parents and students to keep lines of communication open.

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# YEAR 6 TRANSITION

The transition from primary school is a difficult time for both students and parents, communication is the key.

- Be prepared for early ups and down. Adjusting to change takes time, but if things don't stabilise after the first six-weeks, talk to your child's home-room teacher in the first instance.
- Remind your child that it's normal to feel nervous about starting something new - for example, you should share how nervous and excited you feel when starting a new job.
- Talk to other parents to check whether your child's experiences and feelings are similar to those of others. Sporting and school events are a good place to meet new parents.
- Try to make sure your child eats well, gets plenty of physical activity and sleep. The change to secondary school is likely to make your child more tired at first.



## SIGNS YOUR CHILD MAY BE HAVING DIFFICULTY

- A lack of involvement in the new school
- Little to not talk about new friends
- Refusal to talk to you about school
- Little or no interest in doing homework
- Low confidence or self-esteem - your child might say they are 'dumb' or 'stupid'
- No desire to go to school, or refusal to go
- A drop in grades or academic performance

If your child is having trouble, **don't wait for things to improve on their own.**

**Please see the following link for more information.**

[What are transitions?](#)

# GOOD STANDING

Our vision statement emphasises the importance of achieving excellence and building bright futures for tomorrow. We provide a distinctive, comprehensive education with strong academic and vocational pathways assisted by effective pastoral care programs, where all students are given the opportunity to become confident, innovative, and successful learners supported in the process of defining themselves as they prepare to meet the challenges of the future.

This policy provides a behaviour framework that students are expected to meet in order to maintain Good Standing status. The intention of the policy is to reward students who are actively participating in their learning and encourage positive attitudes towards learning. It is also the intention of the policy that students see Good Standing as something to be valued and maintained. Students who have relinquished the right to hold Good Standing status, should work towards regaining the status.

All students will commence the school year with Good Standing. This entitles them to the freedom, Rights and privileges of every student within the school. If a student loses Good Standing, it can be regained by fulfilling the requirements. If a student has lost Good Standing, they are unable to attend any extra curricula sporting, social events, or reward activities. Willetton's Student Services team has the responsibility to oversee and implement the required procedures of the Good Standing Policy. The aim of the policy is to focus on the positives and increasing acknowledgment of those students who maintain their Good Standing through rewards and extra-curricular activities. Maintaining Good Standing focuses the following five key target areas: Attendance, Punctuality, Behaviour, Devices, Uniform.

## STUDENT DEVICES

Teachers at Willetton Senior High School often integrate information technologies into their classrooms to provide a wealth of rich educational resources and tools that deliver positive teaching and learning outcomes. The school has adopted a Bring Your Own Device model, meaning students are requested to bring a personally owned tablet to school for the purpose of enhancing their learning experience. If possible, the device should support the use of a stylus/pen which allows students to annotate and highlight work directly on the screen. Parents are reminded that students are provided with free access to the Microsoft 365 suite of applications including Word, PowerPoint and OneDrive so there is no need to purchase this. These applications can be installed on five devices. Students should use OneDrive to store their schoolwork as it is automatically backed up without need for a thumb drive or external storage. Further information is available on the school's website under Parent Essentials.

# COMPUTER NETWORK STUDENT ACCESS

Most students who attended a WA Department of Education school in 2023 will be able to access the school network using their same username and password. However, students will need to ensure their password complies with the stricter secondary school security requirements. This includes a minimum of six characters, and must contain characters from three of the following areas:

- uppercase
- lowercase
- digits (0-9) and
- special characters (! # @ etc).

If their current password does not meet these requirements, students are asked to change their password through Connect prior to the first day of school. Those students who forget their password or did not attend a WA Department of Education school in Semester 2 of 2023, will be provided with access to the network on the first days of school. Details of what students need to do to arrange this will be provided by tutorial teachers and the Year Coordinators.

## YEAR 11/12 COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

YEAR 12 STUDENTS in ATAR pathways may continue to submit applications for Private Study up to July 2025.

Requests for course changes can be made during week 5 of Term 1 only.

Students experiencing difficulties with their courses should contact their Year Coordinator or class teacher.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Our uniform promotes our public image and enhances a sense of belonging and pride in the members of our school community.

Learning appropriate clothing is part of student acquisition of a positive self-image and teaches them community and employer dress expectations as they enter the world of work. Full uniform compliance is also essential for staff and students' safety and welfare as it clearly signals those who are and are not permitted to be on-site.

## STUDENT UNIFORM ITEMS

- School, rugby or knitted jumper worn with shirt underneath
- Blue lower school short sleeve shirts
- White upper school short sleeve shirt
- Skirt
- Navy blue school pants
- Navy blue shorts
- Dress
- School scarf
- Leggings are not permitted
- Stockings only with skirts or dress - not with shorts
- Stockings must be plain black or nude in colour
- Minimal ear piercing with studs/sleepers or one small nose stud only permitted
- School shirt must be worn beneath the school uniform outer garments
- Dangling earrings, spikey bracelets and chokers are health and safety hazards and are not permitted.
- T-shirts/undershirts are to be short-sleeved and white only, with no motifs and not to protrude beyond the sleeves/hemline
- Extreme hair colours and styles are discouraged. Only natural colours and hues are acceptable, such as blonde, brunette, black or auburn.
- Students are not permitted to wear clothing or other items that will cause offence to a reasonable person
- Caps are encouraged for sun protection
- Students wearing clothing associated religious or cultural identity should keep within school colours
- Shoes must be enclosed.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

### LOWER SCHOOL

WSHS PE shorts

WSHS light blue PE top

### UPPER SCHOOL

WSHS PE shorts

WSHS dark blue PE top

WSHS dark blue PE top for Lifecare

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

## UNIFORM CONCEPTS

### LOCATION

Willetton Super Store is located at  
30 Kembla Way, WILLETTON WA 6155

### CONTACT

Phone: 08 9270 4669  
Email: [willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au](mailto:willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au)  
Website: [nellgray.com.au](http://nellgray.com.au)

### OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tu, Wed, Fri: 9am - 5pm  
Thu: 9am - 5pm  
Sat: 9am - 1pm

Closed on Sunday and public holidays  
Closed from Friday 20 Dec and re-open Monday 6 Jan 2025

### SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

We have a secondhand uniform shop run by volunteers, located near the Performing Arts Centre.

The Secondhand Uniform shop has been closed for repair and is anticipated to re-open at the beginning on Term 1. Please visit our website: [www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/school-board/](http://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/school-board/)

### SECONDHAND BOOK SHOP

Due to textbooks now being available online, we have decided to permanently close our secondhand bookshop. We apologise for any inconvenience.

# FINANCE FOR PARENTS

Proposed 2025 Charges and Voluntary Contributions (C&VC) have recently been emailed out to the parent account holder. All information about 2025 Charges and Voluntary Contributions, course costs and other optional costs can be found on the school website.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME)

A reminder that Secondary Assistance in the form of financial subsidies is available to holders of Health Care and Pensioner Benefit cards or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card who meet the eligibility criteria. Further information and application forms can be downloaded from the school website under Financial Assistance. Applications close 11 April 2025.

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Years 7 to 12 you may be eligible for up to \$535 towards school expenses if you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

**Applications close 11 April 2025**

## 2025 BOOKLISTS & PERSONAL ITEMS

Booklists and Personal Items can be downloaded from the [school website](#) or below.

- [Year 7](#)
- [Year 8](#)
- [Year 9](#)
- [Year 10](#)
- [Year 11](#)
- [Year 12](#)

Parents who choose to purchase from Campion will be assisting the school. Items can be purchased from any store that stock the required items.

## 2025 EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

A list of possible excursions, incursions and activities for 2025 and associated costs are available via our school website. The list is an indication of what may occur up to the maximum value. Not all excursions may proceed.

For any general enquiries, please first refer to the school website. Alternatively, please contact the Finance Office via email [willetton.shs.finance@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:willetton.shs.finance@education.wa.edu.au) or by phoning 9334 7200.

# LIBRARY

## SUMMER READING

Students who have loaned books for the holidays are to return their items by Week 1 Term 1 2025 - **Wednesday 5 February.**

Students and staff have access 24/7 to a vast collection of eBooks and audiobooks online using ePlatform. Students have been shown how to access this resource on their devices where there are eBooks and audiobooks.

Please visit the Willetton SHS Library if you need assistance to sign in to ePlatform to loan eBooks and audiobooks using your device or to loan items from the Library before the term finishes for 2024.

Happy holiday reading! 📖

# CANTEEN

The canteen is open to students and staff from 7:30am.

Orders can be made for pick-up at recess and lunch from that time, or students can order at recess for lunch pick-up.

A menu is available and there are specials which change each day.

The canteen staff thank you all for your support. Volunteers are welcome.



**WISHING YOU A  
SAFE AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAY BREAK**

