### Event Calendar

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<td>Tuesday 6th December Year 6 students in primary school uniforms to the Harristown SHS Auditorium 8.45am – 2.30pm</td>
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### Primary-Secondary Interface

At Harristown we have a strong interface with our feeder primary schools with near 20 visits planned during Term 2, 2016.

Year 5 children from our Southern Vale Cluster schools will be invited to visit the campus later this year to familiarise themselves with people, places and programs here.

Year 6 children will participate in a onsite workshop here in celebration of National Literacy/Numeracy Week when primary children will work alongside our Year 7 & 8s.

Furthermore, talented Years 6 children from the Southern Vale Cluster primary schools will be invited to extend their knowledge and skills in particular areas over a 4 week program. Principals are contacted directly about each event.

### Making Friends

We recognise that fitting in and making friends is very important to young people, hence our emphasis on an Inter-year Program which assists students to do both. This program involves Year 12 students working with small groups of junior school students to get to know one another and to get to know their senior leaders.

Particular playground areas are assigned for Year 7s so that they have a place to be until they feel comfortable to venture out into the broader school during lunch times.

Students, who involve themselves in music or sport, by joining ensembles or teams, will often make friends with children who have like interests. Similarly, this is the case when children are interested in lunchtime activities such as chess, or STEAM LAB which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics.

### Open Afternoon

Don’t miss our Open Afternoon when school leaders will introduce themselves and student leaders will show groups of visitors around the many working displays showing off the best of what Harristown offers! We’d love to see you 😊

### Four Mini School Families

On enrolment at Harristown each child is assigned a House. Assignment to a House is generally based on a child’s surname, except in cases where Houses are full for the particular year level or parent/carer requests that a child be in a particular House with other family members.

Generally speaking, students whose surnames begin with the following letters are allocated to the following Houses:

- Balkuin (surnames A-C)
- Barang (surnames D-K)
- Bonda (surnames L-Q)
- Dherwain (surnames R-Z)

All students from inside and outside the cluster are welcome to enrol, until such time that our enrolment numbers grow to a point where we are unable to take students from outside our cluster. With an enrolment of 1700 expected, you will need to get applications in early!

At Harristown we pride ourselves on connecting with our families and while we expect approximately 300 enrolments in Year 7 in 2017, we want to maintain our ability to interview all families. We will continue the practice of conducting group interviews with families, lasting approximately 45 minutes, where incoming Year 7s can get to know each other and some of our leaders.
The Curriculum

Just as in primary school, the high school must adhere to the Australian Curriculum, observing documented standards of assessment. This practice is reviewed as part of the regular audits conducted by the Department of Education and Training.

Harristown continues to strive to be a high performing school across all areas.

We support our teachers to implement research- and evidenced-based strategies as part of teaching and learning at Harristown. This includes the 16 elements of explicit instruction, the Dimensions of Learning incorporating the Habits of Mind as well as Question-Answer-Relationship (QAR), a reading comprehension strategy promoted through our School’s Literacy Plan.

Differentiating for diverse learners is also a focus at Harristown, ensuring that each learner’s needs are considered and addressed.

Events for Parents/Carers

Throughout the school year, Harristown holds a number of events which are not to be missed by parents/carers. These include:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Subject Selection Evening

Other events which parents/carers may be interested to attend, particularly if their child is receiving an award, include:

- Gold & Silver Award Ceremonies
- Presentation Night at the Empire Theatre

During the year a number of special assemblies are held to which a number of parents/carers may be invited. These include:

- ANZAC Assembly
- NAIDOC Assembly

Year 7 Camp

Year Level Co-ordinator, Liam Holcombe is planning a camp for early 2016. So be sure to save up to participate in this event. A great way to make friends!