



## HOW DOES YEAR 7 WORK AT ALL SOULS ST GABRIELS SCHOOL?

One of the questions asked by parents is "*How does Year 7 work?*"

The short, correct, but not very informative answer is "*Just as it has done in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.*"

However, with Year 7 now a Secondary year level, it is worthwhile repeating the basic tenets of how the Year 7 programme operates.

### **The short summary is that it will operate basically as a "Primary class in Secondary"**

The elements of this are as follows:

- Year 7 classes will have their own Home Room.
- The Year 7 classrooms, although obviously located in Secondary, are a little apart from the rest of secondary and in the same wing as staff offices.
- Year 7 will meet for roll call each morning in Tutor Group as a Year 7 class rather than in House Groups as the Years 8 - 12 do (Year 7s commence the transition to House groups in Term 3).
- Each Year 7 class will remain together throughout the day, regardless of what subject they may be at.
- Year 7 will have exposure to the whole gamut of secondary subjects besides the core English, Maths, Social Sciences and Science. This includes The Arts (Music, Art, Drama), Computing, Design and Technology, Home Economics, Health, Physical Education and Life Skills. Many of these subjects will be taught in specialist rooms.
- We have a Year 7 Co-ordinator who will oversee all that happens in Year 7 and work with our Senior Staff, residential staff and teaching staff to ensure that the needs of Year 7 are being met.
- In boarding, Year 7s will be allocated space in wings with Year 6 and Year 8 students according to their house membership. This allows them to enjoy the benefits of being in a House environment, but have different space, facilities and lights out times to older students.
- Year 7s (the Under 12 Age Group) become part of our secondary sporting competition as we add an extra year level – U12 to our current U13, U14, U15, Seconds and Firsts competitions.

We have been doing all of the above for six years now and it has worked exceedingly well. Our Year Sevens have fitted seamlessly into our secondary school.