



Denison College

OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

BATHURST HIGH CAMPUS | KELSO HIGH CAMPUS

Year 7 2026

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT BOOKLET



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MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPUS PRINCIPALS

Welcome to Denison College of Secondary Education. Denison College is the largest single education provider in Bathurst, catering for approximately 1800 students in Years 7 to 12. The college provides a consistent organisational structure that unites Bathurst High and Kelso High campuses. This dual-campus model allows the two schools to maintain their own unique identities, traditions, and culture under the umbrella of one college. It gives our students access to a rich curriculum, a vast range of co-curricular opportunities and provides exceptional support throughout important educational transitions.

By combining resources and working collaboratively across both campuses, targeted opportunities are provided for students in all years, adding to the students' campus experiences. These include an expansive curriculum that is shared across both campuses and TAFE; transition of students from Year 6 into high school; strong careers focus to enhance transition to post school destinations; the iXtend program for high potential and gifted students; and enhanced student opportunities in creative and performing arts, agriculture, and sport.

We believe in educational excellence where each student is encouraged to strive to achieve their best in a supported and dynamic learning environment. It is our aim that all our students thrive throughout their time at school, ensuring everyone leaves Denison College with choice and opportunity. A college approach to strategic planning and professional learning provides a consistent standard of excellence in teaching, learning and leadership at both campuses.

Our campuses are well-resourced and staffed by highly capable, well-qualified specialist teachers who care deeply about providing the very best education for all children and young people. We trust that you enjoy a positive and productive relationship with the staff and leaders of your campus, as we work in partnership with you to support the growth and development of your child during their high school years.



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CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

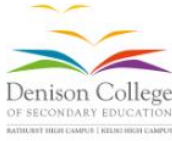
The Student Representative Council (SRC) at each campus is comprised of students from all years chosen and elected by their peers. The purpose of the SRC is to represent the views of the student body within each campus to the Executive, staff, parents, and the wider community, and to allow an avenue for students to discuss issues relating to them. The SRC, through its committee structure, develops projects and activities to meet the needs of the student body and to contribute to a positive campus and college climate. The SRC works with other student leaders collaboratively to ensure that student voice is representative of the entire student body on each campus.

ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL/AECG

These student groups at Kelso High Campus and Bathurst High Campus are elected to highlight student peer issues which affect Indigenous students and to promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

2025 LEADERSHIP TEAMS

The Year 11 and 12 Student Leadership Team comprises the captains, who have been elected by the staff and students to this position, as well as other senior students who have been successful in the Leadership Team application process. The team is involved in many activities within the campus and Bathurst Community. They prepare for their duties by participating in training which concentrates on team building and developing leadership skills.



KELSO HIGH CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TEAM



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION- BATHURST HIGH CAMPUS

The Bathurst High Campus has an established P & C Association that meets regularly on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:00pm, with all parents, carers and citizens invited to attend.

The P&C liaises with the school, administers several scholarships, provides representatives on teacher merit selection panels, supports programs within the school and provides a forum for parents and carers to meet and discuss school-based programs

The group meets in the Bathurst High Administration Block, however, there is an online option to access the meetings remotely. To obtain the meeting link or for any enquiries please email pandc.bathursths@gmail.com. Parents can keep up to date by following the **Denison College P & C- Bathurst High Campus** Facebook page.

PARENT FOCUS GROUP- KELSO HIGH CAMPUS

The Kelso High Campus holds two Parent Focus Group meetings per term on a Thursday (Week 5 and Week 10), which all parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

This group meets to discuss what is happening within our school with valuable information on the school plan and discussion on areas for improvement. The group also provides an opportunity for parents and carers to meet in an informal setting, encouraging them to build connections with other members of the group.

These Parent Focus meetings are held at the school office from 5:30-6:30pm, and if you would like any further information, please contact the school on 6331 4544.



CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

Aboriginal Education Officers and Aboriginal Education Coordinators at each campus work collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, parents and the community on wellbeing, academic and cultural programs.

Boys' Adviser at each campus deals specifically with issues relating to male students. Male students can seek the advice or help of the Boys' Adviser at any time.

Careers Adviser at each campus assists all students with career advice. They also co-ordinate work experience programs, university admission applications and TAFE courses for senior students.

First Aid Officer at each campus will contact parents/carer in an emergency. Please ensure that all contact details are up to date. Students will be sent home if they are sick or unwell. If students have an accident at school, campus staff will contact parents/carers. An ambulance will always be called if the school is seriously concerned about the health and/or wellbeing of a student.

Girls' Adviser at each campus deals specifically with issues relating to female students. Female students can seek the advice or help of the Girls' Adviser at any time.

Learning Support Team (LST) at each campus ensures that students' needs are being met. They facilitate collaborative planning for student success between teachers, support staff, parents and students. The LST assists students who need additional support with referrals to outside agencies, counselling and co-ordination of school-based personnel and services.



Medication is not to be brought to school at either campus. Panadol is issued ONLY if parents or carers provide verbal permission on the day, or written permission which is kept on the student's file. Please contact the office of the relevant campus regarding the storage and administration of other daily medication.

Roll Call is held at the start of each day, at each campus. In Roll Call, there are attendance, uniform and wellbeing checks. Student notices are also read ensuring critical information is distributed to students about school activities and co-curricular opportunities.

School Counsellors at each campus are available for students, staff and parents/carers to visit if they are concerned about their own wellbeing or the wellbeing of others. Students can seek the advice or assistance of the counsellor at any time. Parents/carers and staff are advised to make an appointment to see the counsellor as they have limited flexibility to add to their schedule at short notice.

SLSOs (School Learning Support Officers) at each campus work with teachers to provide additional learning support for students in class.

Year Advisers at each campus care for students holistically, focusing on their academic engagement, wellbeing and personal growth. Year Advisers work with a single year group ensuring that they develop close connections with students. This also provides parents/carers with a specific point of contact, if they wish to discuss the progress of their child.



CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

WEBSITE - Each campus publishes information regularly on their websites:

Bathurst www.bathurst-h.schools.nsw.gov.au Kelso www.kelso-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL - Parents and guardians can access information about their child's progress, behaviour, attendance and assessment tasks by logging into the Parent Portal. Please contact the Front Office at your local campus to arrange access to the Parent Portal.

FACEBOOK - You can also keep up to date by following your local campus on Facebook.

CAMPUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Every student uses the facilities of the campus in many different ways, and in order to maximise the opportunities we can offer each student, the campus sets a school contribution. This money is spent directly on enhancing the physical and educational facilities provided to all students. We ask that every family endeavors to pay these contributions. Contributions should be paid in total by Week 4 Term 1. Alternatively, contributions can be paid in installments each term.

Assistance is available to families unable to make payment for school contributions, uniform, textbooks, school excursions or student stationery. Please contact the campus Principal or Deputy Principal for information about this service.

Please note, the contributions listed below are those common to both campuses. Each campus has specific subjects which students may choose to enrol in (e.g. electives) which require funds to cover the cost of consumables used in class. This is also the case for mandatory curriculum in areas including Visual Arts, Music and Technology. Other campus-specific contributions cover items such as Year 7 Book Packs and extra-curricular programs such as Band, Instrument and Vocal Group. Please refer to the Campus New Student Booklet for a full list of contributions payable.

The following relate to all students as they fund basic service requirements on each campus:

Years 7 & 8	Years 9 & 10	Years 11 & 12
Contribution (general): \$50.00	Contribution (general): \$50.00	Contribution (general): \$50.00
Technology: \$40.00	Technology: \$40.00	Technology: \$40.00

ADMINISTRATION AND CURRICULUM TERM DATES 2026-2027

2026 Term Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April 2026

Term 2 – Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July 2026

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September 2026

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December 2026

2027 Term Dates

Term 1 – Thursday 28 January to Friday 9 April 2027

Term 2 – Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July 2027

Term 3 – Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September 2027

Term 4 – Monday 11 October to Monday 20 December 2027

Please be advised that each campus holds a School Development Day (pupil free day) each Term.

Term 1 - First 4 days of Term

Term 2 - First 2 days Term

Term 3 – First day of Term

Term 4 - Last day of Term



CURRICULUM

Denison College offers a wide and varied curriculum to all students at each campus which caters to the abilities, needs and interests of the student body. In Years 7 and 8, all students study a core curriculum, and in Years 9 and 10, students study a core curriculum, plus three elective subjects from a broad range of choices offered at both campuses. In Years 11 and 12, students can choose their subjects from over 60 courses offered at their home campus, across shared college lines or TAFE. Denison College facilitates inter-campus learning (shared college lines) for students by providing a bus that enables students to move between campuses for classes.

For campus specific information on curriculum offerings, please ask your local campus front office for the curriculum document relevant to your student.

SELECTIVE ACADEMIC CLASS- iXtend Program

The iXtend program is offered across both college campuses for students in Years 7 and 8. iXtend is an opportunity for our high potential and gifted students to engage in a differentiated curriculum designed to extend their academic knowledge and challenge them to become creative and critical thinkers.

Throughout the year, iXtend students will also have the opportunity to work with their peers across campuses to access mentoring and participate in a range of regional and statewide external academic enrichment competitions.

Entry into the Year 7 iXtend class is based on an application process that requires an expression of interest to be completed online. Information from the student's primary school will be sought to support student placement. Students will also be required to complete a writing task when they attend their first day of transition.

Parents will be contacted directly where specific information regarding their student is needed to complete the application process in such a manner as to not disadvantage them.

For more information about the iXtend Program, please visit your Campus website- *sub heading- Enrolment*.



TECHNOLOGY

Both campuses of Denison College are technology rich schools, with designated computer rooms, class sets of mobile laptops for student use in each faculty, smart boards, data projectors and video conferencing equipment. Additionally, each school has fully networked wireless internet access.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

BYOD, or Bring Your Own Device is the policy of allowing students to bring personally owned devices (e.g. laptops or tablets) to school and to use those devices to access school information and appropriate applications for learning.

BYOD aims to improve students' learning experiences in and out of the classroom. BYOD devices will function on the College's secure wireless network, allowing students to enrich their learning experiences with relevant, familiar technology, software and applications of personal choice.

To have effective BYOD management within the College, it is necessary that all BYOD devices conform to minimum specifications. This enables all students, regardless of their device, to be able to work collaboratively in a class situation.

Please note, students may choose to bring their own device to school, however having a personal device at school is not compulsory. Faculties in the school have their own device trolleys and often students utilise these.

Acceptable Usage of Web Services Policy: In order to access the web services of the Department of Education, students must agree to adhere to the rules set out in the Web Services Acceptable Usage Policy. A full copy of the policy can be found here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2002-0046>

Guidelines and suggested requirements for Windows laptops:

Entry Level Yr 7-10 for

Processor Type: Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 3

Memory 8-16 GB RAM

Wireless Connectivity Support 5Ghz Dual Band 802.11 a, b, g and n wireless

Screen Size 11" Minimum

Battery Life 5 hours without charge

Some Suppliers that support BYOD-

www.hp.com/au-en/shop/byod/

<https://www.ibeducation.com.au/home>

<https://www.dell.com/en-au/shop/lp/student-laptops>

<https://byod.acer.com.au/school/nsw/>

Guidelines and suggested requirements Apple MacBook

No older than 2018

www.apple.com/au/education/k12/how-to-buy/

Software

All students can access Office 365 via the DEC Student Portal. This means they have access to Microsoft Word Online, Excel Online, PowerPoint Online and Microsoft software plus Adobe software for free.

STUDENT BUS SERVICES

Both Campuses have access to a network of bus services for both morning and afternoon travelling options.

Bathurst Buslines provides a great source of information where you can search through the services that are available in your area to choose the best bus route for your child.

Address: 29 Lyal Street, Bathurst **Phone:** (02) 6331 2744

Website: <https://www.buslinesgroup.com.au/bathurst/school-services/>



UNIFORM

Students who attend Denison College are expected to wear the uniform appropriate to their campus and school activities each day. Each campus has a different uniform in a variety of styles suitable for the broad variety of activities students undertake at school. The uniform of each campus is designed to be comfortable, affordable, flexible, and easy to wear. Please ensure that your student has appropriate footwear (fully covered) to ensure they can participate in all practical classes.

Both Campuses will have school-based processes for uniform sales to students and community.

From 2025, all Kelso High Campus school uniform supplies will be available for purchase directly on campus during office opening hours. This convenient option ensures families can easily access the full range of uniform items without the need to visit external suppliers. Our friendly office staff will be on hand to assist with sizing, purchases, and any uniform-related queries.

Year 7 2026 Families- Please note there will be an opportunity to purchase school uniform supplies at the 'Welcome to High School' Information Evening on **Tuesday 2nd December 2025**.

KELSO HIGH CAMPUS UNIFORM



School Polo Shirt- **White and Green**
School Shorts/Trackpants/Skorts- **Black**
School Fleecy jumper- **Black**

Girls Uniform

- Bottoms: Plain black pants, black track pants, black shorts (no stripes) or a black skirt.
- Tops: White shirt with a collar or a white polo shirt, and a black hoodie with the school emblem. Years 11 and 12 have special jerseys in school colours.
- Shoes: For safety reasons and to comply with OH&S requirements for practical subjects, shoes must be enclosed and constructed of an appropriate material, e.g. leather.

Thongs, canvas shoes or sandals are not permitted.

Boys uniform

- Bottoms: Plain black pants, black track pants, black shorts (no stripes)
- Tops: White shirt with a collar or a white polo shirt, and a black hoodie with the school emblem. Years 11 and 12 have special jerseys in school colours.
- Shoes: For safety reasons and to comply with OH&S requirements for practical subjects, shoes must be enclosed and constructed of an appropriate material, such as leather.

Thongs, canvas shoes or sandals are NOT permitted.

The school has a Student Assistance Scheme for families experiencing financial difficulties in purchasing uniform. Application forms can be obtained by contacting the school.

CAMPUS BELL TIMES

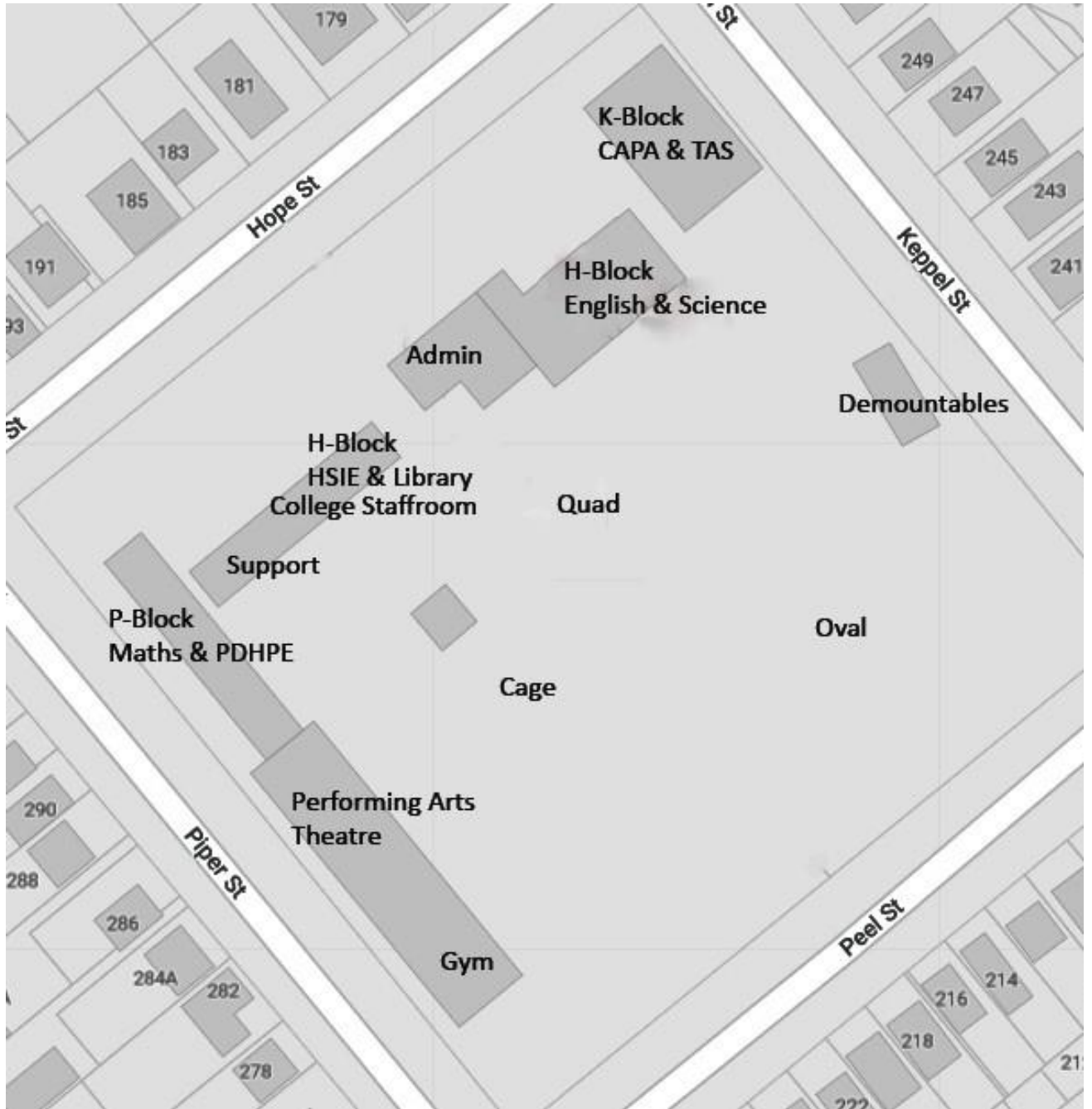
Bathurst High Campus Bell Times 2025

Periods	Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	Tuesday A Assembly	Tuesday B Year Meetings
Roll Call	8:55 am	8:55 am	8:55 am
Period 1	9:05 am	9:05 am	9:05 am
Period 2	10:00 am	9:50 am	9:55 am
Recess	10:55 am	10:35 am	10:45 am
Assembly Year Meetings		11:05 am	11:05 am
Period 3	11:25 am	11:45 am	11:25 am
Period 4	12:20 pm	12:30 pm	12:20 pm
Lunch	1:10 pm	1:15 pm	1:10 pm
Period 5	1:40 pm	1:45 pm	1:40 pm
Period 6	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm
End of Day	3:20 pm	3:20 pm	3:20 pm

Kelso High Campus Bell Times 2025

Period	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Tuesday (non-assembly)	Period	Tuesday – Assembly (once per cycle)
Roll Call	9:00-9:10	Roll Call	9:00-9:10
1	9:10-10:04	1	9:10-9:58
2	10:04-10:57	2	9:58-10:46
Recess	10:57-11:17	Recess	10:46-11:06
3	11:17-12:11	3	11:06-11:54
4	12:11-1:04	4	11:54-12:44
		Whole School Assembly	12:44-1:14
Lunch 1	1:04-1:24	Lunch 1	1:14-1:34
Lunch 2	1:24-1:44	Lunch 2	1:34-1:54
5	1:44-2:37	5	1:54-2:42
6	2:37-3:30	6	2:42-3:30

BATHURST HIGH CAMPUS MAP



KELSO HIGH CAMPUS MAP



• YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENT PROCESS-STEP 1

This EOI for Year 7 2026 will be available online from **3rd March 2025** from your local Primary School's website.

Parents and carers will need to complete an online EOI by **28th March 2025**.

(If your child attends a non-government school or you require a hard copy version of the EOI, please email alisha.hutchinson3@det.nsw.edu.au)

**ENROLMENT PROCESS
YEAR 7 2026**

1

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

3rd-28th
MARCH
2025

• YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENT PROCESS- STEP 2

High Schools will commence Round 1 offers for local students from **12th- 23rd May 2025**.

Parents and carers will receive an **enrolment offer via email** after this date with the next steps of the enrolment process.

**ENROLMENT PROCESS
YEAR 7 2026**

2

ROUND 1 ENROLMENT OFFERS

12th-23rd
MAY
2025

- **YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENT PROCESS- STEP 3**

High Schools will communicate a confirmation of enrolment letter to families who have completed their enrolment and provided their 100 points of residential identification. This will occur in Term 4 2025.

**ENROLMENT PROCESS
YEAR 7 2026**

3 CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT

**TERM 4
2025**

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Two female students in white lab coats standing in a laboratory setting.

- **IMPORTANT RESOURCES**

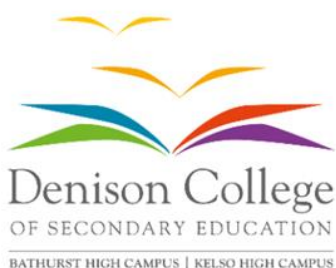
- Residential Address check for the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Residential-address-check.pdf>

- Getting Ready for High School

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/starting-high-school.pdf>

2025 DENISON COLLEGE TRANSITION PROGRAM



DENISON COLLEGE

TRANSITION PROGRAM YEAR 7 2026

GROUP 1

Eglinton Public School
Kelso Public School

GROUP 2

Bathurst South Public School
Bathurst West Public School
Meadow Flat Public School
O'Connell Public School
Rockley Public School
Sofala Public School
Wattle Flat Public School
Non-Government Schools

GROUP 3

Bathurst Public School
Perthville Public School
Raglan Public School

Local Expressions of Interest and non-local placement applications are to be submitted by Friday 28th March 2025

Students will attend their local designated Secondary Campus for Transition in Term 2 and Term 3, 2025.

Extra transition dates for support students will be available in Term 4, 2025.

	Activity	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
TERM 1	Year 7 2026 & 2027 Parent information evening and campus tours	Tuesday 4th March 2025 6:00pm- Bathurst High Campus Thursday 6th March 2025 6:00pm- Kelso High Campus		
TERM 2	Denison College Transition visit for students (9:30am-2:30pm)	Wednesday 11th June 2025	Wednesday 18th June 2025	Wednesday 25th June 2025
TERM 3	Denison College Transition visit for students (9:30am-2:30pm)	Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Wednesday 10th September 2025	Wednesday 17th September 2025
TERM 4	Year 7 2026 Welcome to High School Evening	Tuesday 25th November 2025 6:00pm- Bathurst High Campus Tuesday 2nd December 2025 6:00pm- Kelso High Campus Book pack and uniform sales from 5:30pm		
	Year 7 2026 Orientation Day	Wednesday 3rd December 2025- Both campuses		

Parents/carers and students are encouraged to attend the information evenings in March and November.



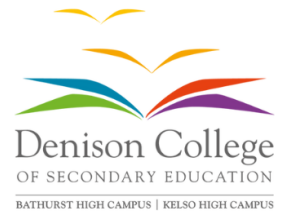
Keep up to date with Transition news by liking your local campus on Facebook.

2025 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND STUDENT TRANSITION DAYS - Kelso High Campus

These are in addition to the general transition days and will focus on making transition to high school a culturally safe experience.



Year 7 2026



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Transition Days for 2025

KELSO HIGH CAMPUS

Mentoring Session

Term 2 Week 10-
Monday 30th June 2025

Programs at Kelso High Campus

Term 3 Week 10-
Monday 22nd September 2025

Cultural Workshops

Term 4 Week 9- Monday 8th
December 2025

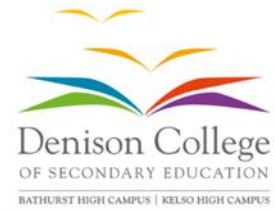


For further information, please contact
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2025 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND STUDENT TRANSITION DAYS - Bathurst High Campus



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Cultural Workshops



Term 4 Week 9-
Monday 8th December 2025



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