

KATANNING
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



YEAR 7 HANDBOOK

2026



School Motto:
We Strive To Excel

Our vision:
Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership

Moral Purpose:
At Katanning Senior High School we work together to enable success for all students

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Welcome

Welcome to Katanning Senior High School. We hope that you will enjoy your time at your new school.

You will learn new things, meet new people, make new friends and become involved in all the different experiences high school has to offer.

This booklet outlines the different courses you will be studying in Year 7 at Katanning Senior High School. Read it carefully, so you have a good understanding of the kind of work you will be doing next year. It also contains general information about the school that you and your parents/carers need to know.

During the next six years, as you progress from Year 7 to Year 12, you will grow and develop educationally, physically, socially and emotionally. Use this time wisely. Do your best to learn all you can so that you will enter young adulthood with a sound, well balanced education and the ability to do whatever you choose.

We look forward to you joining us.

Mr Ian Masarei

Principal



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL?

You can expect a whole new learning experience! At High School, a lot of emphasis is placed on you to be organised. You will have new experiences and daily routine compared to primary school, with up to five different teachers in one day! You will have more facilities and options to enhance your learning. You will be given lots of support for you to achieve your very best.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOURSELF?

Take this booklet home and read it, show your parents/carers and then read it again over the school holidays.

We have a great selection of subjects and a range of activities with many different teachers. You will meet lots of new students, as well as students you'll already know from your primary school.

Finding your way around the school will take a little bit to get used to, but peers and staff are there to help. If you find yourself lost or needing help with anything, don't be afraid to ask questions by going to the front office or asking a staff member for help.

WHAT WILL WE DO ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

Upon arrival at school please meet on the Year 7 lawn area at the front of the school. School Staff will meet you there and provide directions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M LATE TO SCHOOL?

You need to sign in at the front office. You will be given a late note to give to your teacher.

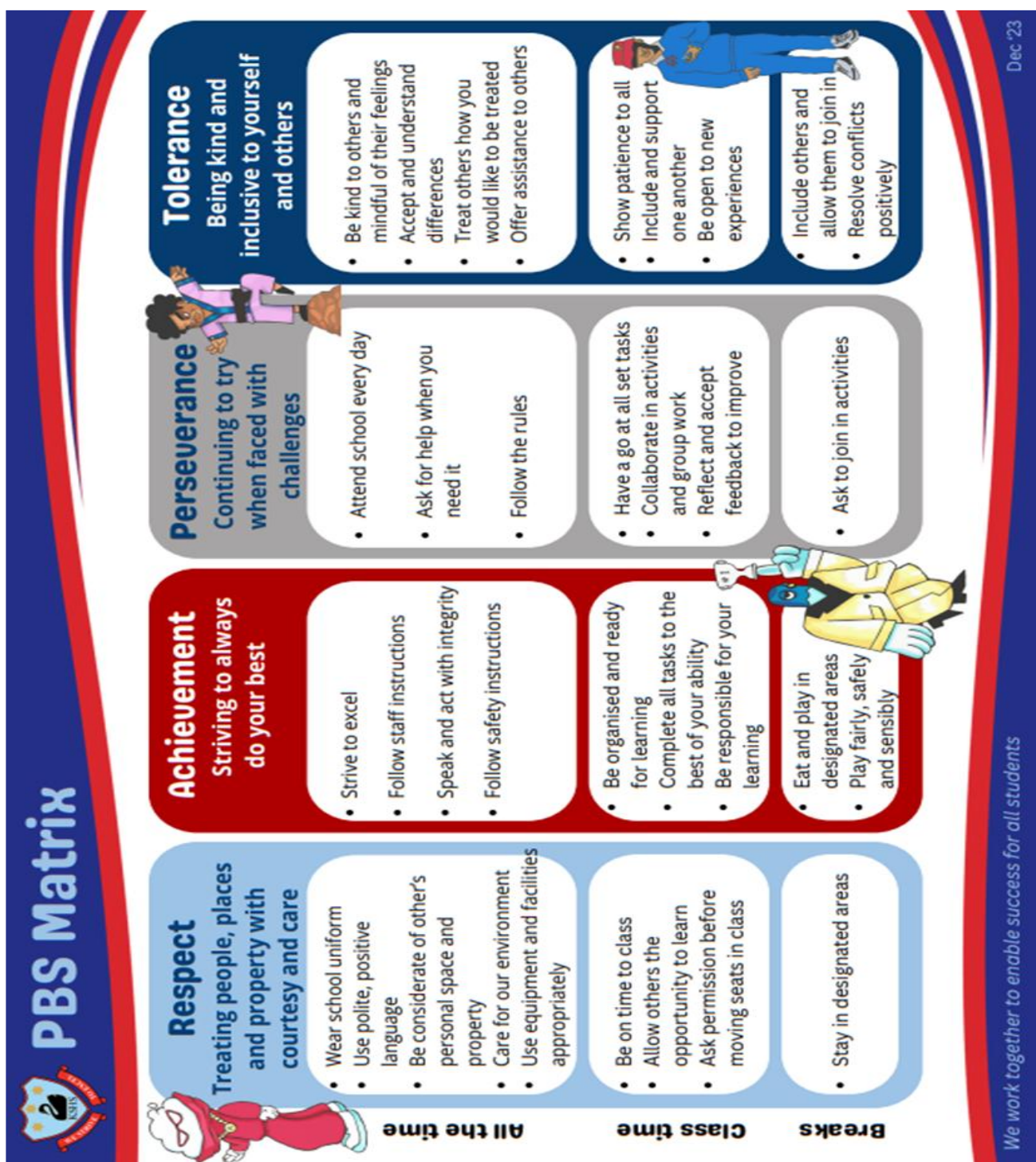
WHAT IS A HOUSE SYSTEM?

Students are placed into one of four houses. The houses are named after local sheep studs, Barloo (Blue), Condeena (Yellow), Glenroy (Green) and Strathglen (Red). The House system forms a basis for sporting competitions and carnivals. The objective of the system is to foster a feeling of belonging and pride in being a Katanning Senior High School student.

WHAT ARE PBS POINTS?

PBS – Positive Behaviour Support

Katanning Senior High School continues to encourage our students to demonstrate our school values of Respect, Achievement, Perseverance and Tolerance (RAPT). The PBS rewards system allows staff to award students points for showing RAPT. Students can then redeem points for individual rewards at our school shop and there are whole school rewards for reaching milestones. The rewards shop has been very popular and a great encouragement to many students for positive behaviour at school.



WHAT DO TEACHERS MEAN WHEN TEACHERS SAY, “BE ORGANISED”?

It means go to class with the equipment you need. In some subjects it means paper, pens, pencils, books, or a calculator, others it could mean suitable clothing and shoes. A good idea is to pack your bag the night before so you aren't rushed in the morning before school. Check your timetable to make sure you have everything you need for subjects each day.

Look after your equipment and keep your work neat and tidy. Make sure you write your name on your work, read instructions carefully and ask for help if you don't understand something.

WHAT IF I'M SICK?

There is a school nurse available twice a week. If you are unwell or need a band aid, speak to your classroom teacher during class time, or go to the front office during break times.

CAN I USE MY MOBILE PHONE AT SCHOOL?

You are not allowed to use your phone on school grounds. If you bring your phone to school it needs to be Off and Away All Day. If you need to contact a parent/guardian, please go to front office and staff can assist you. You also bring your phone to school at your own risk. The Department of Education holds no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen phones. This includes other connectivity devices such as ear buds and headphones.

CAN I USE THE LIBRARY?

The Library is open at 8:30am and during lunch breaks.

WHAT IS CONNECT?

Connect is a way teachers can inform and remind you and your parents/carers about class work and assignments online. Parents can contact your teachers directly and inform the school if you are going to be away. This is also a great tool for your parents/carers to monitor your progress.

WHAT UNIFORM DO I NEED?

You will need to wear a blue KSHS school shirt, navy blue shorts or pants (no big logos, jeans or leggings), either of the KSHS jackets or a red, navy or white undershirt. Hoodies are not allowed.

The school uniform is compulsory for all students. Please remember in the cooler months, hoodies are not part of our school uniform and are not to be worn.

Remember to name your uniform so it can be returned to you if misplaced. Lost property box is located in the front office.



WHERE DO I EAT LUNCH?

The front lawn area is for Year 7 students only. The High School does not have a canteen service, so remember to be organised and bring your recess and lunch to school. It is highly recommended to bring a water bottle with you, especially in the warmer months. Soft drinks and energy drinks are not allowed at school.

WHAT DO I DO IF I GET LOST AT SCHOOL?

Don't panic! You will soon learn your way around. Ask the nearest staff member for help, or go to the Front Office. We also have copies of the school map you can keep in your bag.



ROUND DRIVE



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TIMETABLE

You will be given your timetable on the first day of term. It is a good idea to glue your timetable into a work book so you don't lose it. Here is an example of what your timetable will look like:

Your name will be here

Year and House Group

KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Student Timetable
Schedule: 2019 Term 3
Student :

Grid: Year 7
Year Group: 7
Room :
Student Reference: 2780

(# = User defined times) (* = clash)
Form: 7ADV.2
House: Glenroy
Student Number: 30221373

Form Teacher:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Period 1	07HASS_2 Humanities and Soci Ms J Collins 11 08:50-09:50	07ENG_1 English Miss S Eastman 09 08:50-09:54	07SCI_2 Science Miss S Watson 27 09:50-09:54	07ENG_1 English Miss S Eastman 09 08:50-09:54	07ADV_2 Advocacy Mr G Adams ART1 08:50-09:54
Period 2	07MAT_1 Mathematics Mr H Al Kaaby 28 09:50-10:50	07HASS_2 Humanities and Soci Ms J Collins 11 09:54-10:58	07LEAD_1 HPE LEAD Program Mr D Gardiner GYM 1 09:54-10:58	07PA_4 Performing Arts Ms M Le Guin ART2 09:54-10:58	07SCI_2 Science Miss S Watson 27 09:54-10:58
Recess					
Period 3	07ENG_1 English Miss S Eastman 09 11:15-12:10	07PA_4 Performing Arts Ms M Le Guin ART2 11:28-12:32	07ENG_1 English Miss S Eastman 09 11:28-12:32	07MAT_1 Mathematics Mr H Al Kaaby 28 11:28-12:32	07DIGTE_8 Digital Technologie 11:28-12:32
Period 4	07SCI_2 Science Miss S Watson 27 12:10-13:05	07MAT_1 Mathematics Mr H Al Kaaby 28 12:32-13:36	07DIGTE_8 Digital Technologie 12:32-13:36	07SCI_2 Science Miss S Watson 27 12:32-13:36	07HASS_2 Humanities and Soci Ms J Collins 11 12:32-13:36
Lunch 1					
Lunch 2					
Period 5	07LEAD_1 HPE LEAD Program Mr D Gardiner 12 13:35-14:30	07LEAD_1 HPE LEAD Program Mr D Gardiner GYM 1 14:06-15:10	07HASS_2 Humanities and Soci Ms J Collins 11 14:06-15:10	07LEAD_1 HPE LEAD Program Mr D Gardiner GYM 1 14:06-15:10	07MAT_1 Mathematics Mr H Al Kaaby 28 14:06-15:10
Bus Duty					

Periods are your classes

This shows the subject, your teacher's name, the room you are in and the time of the class

LEARNING AREAS

You will get to try out new subjects as well as ones you've done before.

English

In Year 7 you will focus on the three interrelated strands of Literature, Literacy and Language. You will develop your communication skills and engage with a range of texts including media texts, novels, non-fiction and poetry. You will also create imaginative, informative and persuasive texts and learn how concepts in English relate to the local community, regional and global contexts.

Humanities and Social Science (HASS)

In Year 7 you will be introduced to the study of HASS subjects, which are History, Civics and Citizenship, Geography, Economics and Business. You will be questioning, researching, analysing, evaluating, communicating and reflecting to investigate events, developments, issues, and phenomena, both historical and contemporary.

Mathematics

Year 7 Mathematics has three content strands: number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability. Understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning are an important part of the mathematics strands.

Science

In Year 7 you will explore the content areas of Biological, Chemical, Earth and Space, and Physical Science. Within each context you will investigate, hypothesise, test and draw conclusions to make sense of your world. You will also explore how science is used in society.

STEM

In Year 7 you will be developing your capabilities in critical and creative thinking as you learn to: generate and evaluate knowledge, clarify concepts and ideas, seek possibilities, consider alternatives and solve problems, through STEM opportunities. You will take part in projects that require interdisciplinary skills from Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering. You may also have opportunities to hear from industry specialists and be involved in incursions or excursions.



Languages

In 2026 Year 7 students will be introduced to Aboriginal Cultural Studies. These lessons will be delivered by a teacher at Katanning Senior High School for 1 lesson per week.

Health and Physical Education

In Year 7 you will gain knowledge, understanding and skills to help you achieve successful outcomes in personal, social, movement and online situations. You will learn how to take positive action to improve your health, safety and wellbeing by applying problem-solving and effective communication skills, and through a range of preventive health practices.

THE ARTS

Visual Arts

In Year 7 Art you will create 2D and/or 3D artwork through projects which encourage personal response and an understanding of compositional structure.

Drama

In Year 7, you will be given an opportunity to plan, develop and present drama to peers by safely using processes, techniques and conventions of drama.

TECHNOLOGIES

Digital Technologies

In Year 7, learning in digital technologies focuses on further developing understanding and skills in computational thinking, such as decomposing problems and engaging you with a wider range of information systems as you broaden your experiences and involvement in national, regional and global activities.

Design and Technologies

— Food and Fibre Production (Home Economics)

— Materials and Technologies (Woodwork and Metalwork)

In Year 7, you learn about technologies in society in; Food and Fibre Production and Materials and Technologies specialisations. You will have the opportunity to design and produce products, services and environments.





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