Year 7 at Alstonville High School

**What information does this page contain?** If your child is enrolling in year 7 at Alstonville High School or you are considering enrolling a child in year 7 at Alstonville High School this page is designed to provide you with some useful information with links to other information contained in our school webpage. Our school webpage contains a lot of information about our school and we are constantly updating what it has to offer. We suggest you bookmark http://www.alstonville-schools.nsw.edu.au/

**Can I talk to someone about enrolling at Alstonville High School?** Of course we would always encourage anyone interested in enrolling a student at Alstonville High School to contact us directly and we can set up a time to meet with you and provide a more personalised service. To make an appointment you can just call the school on 66285222 and ask to speak with the appropriate Deputy Principal or the Principal.

**What are your expectations of students at Alstonville High School?** We have high expectations of our students, staff and families because we want our students to achieve the best possible outcomes they can. More information can be found in our Wellbeing Policy (http://www.alstonville-schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/14074412/14080915/1318251146999_19eb9eec2eda24ca012f332fa8cc73e1.pdf) and in our student handbook (http://www.alstonville-schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-handbook).

**What subjects will students study in year 7?** Information about subjects, book requirements and costs can be found in our student handbook (http://www.alstonville-schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-handbook).

**How does Alstonville high School place students in classes in year 7?** We organise our classes in bands based on student ability. The number of classes in each year group and the number of classes in each band can vary according to the number of students enrolled in year 7 but generally we organise classes in three bands. One band caters for students who are gifted or talented students and we generally have at least two classes of students in this band. The next band caters for students who have generally sound skills across the spread of subjects. We also run a band catering for students who might need additional literacy and numeracy support. The numbers of classes in these two bands varies from year to year based on the needs of students enrolling at Alstonville High School.

To determine what band we start students in we draw upon information from NAPLAN exams completed in Primary School. Parents and carers can also provide us with information that they believe would be useful for us. We also administer literacy and numeracy tests towards the end of year 6 which provide more recent information and help us moderate the other information we receive. We also work closely with Primary Schools and ask them to provide us with advice on student achievement and to review our suggested class placements.

**What support will Alstonville High School provide for my child?** We believe that every student should be supported so that they can achieve the best possible personal goal(s). We also believe in the importance of partnerships and communication and providing students with the skills to assume appropriate responsibility for their learning.

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During term four of each year we also run a transition program for students from year 6 where they will visit Alstonville High School. We run a number of different visits for year students based on the needs of individual students and some students will visit a number of times. We work closely with families and primary schools to plan a successful transition program for students who have specific additional transition needs. For more information about this process we would encourage families to speak with our Head Teacher Teaching and Learning – Equity (Mrs O’Brien). We also have staff that work specifically to support students in our school including a year adviser, boy’s adviser, girl’s adviser, School Counselor, Learning and Support Teacher and the Deputy Principal of that year group. Year 7 students are also supported through our peer support program by trained year 11 students providing a structured series of activities in first term. More information about how we support our students can be found in our Wellbeing Policy and Teaching and Learning Policy (http://www.alstonvill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies)

**What is Alstonville High School’s school uniform?** Alstonville High School has an attractive school uniform that is strongly supported by the P&C, families and the community. We believe that wearing school uniform with pride benefits students and also benefits our school. Information about our school uniform can be found at (http://www.alstonvill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/uniform-canteen/uniform-shop)

**How much will it cost to send a child to Alstonville High School?** Alstonville High School provides a quality education at a very reasonable cost. Information about fees and contributions can be found in our Student Handbook (http://www.alstonvill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-handbook)

**When will I find out if my child has been accepted at Alstonville High School?** By 31st May we should have processed in zone enrolment information and have started on the first round of out of zone enrolment offers. By the 21st of June we should have finalised all in zone enrolment enquiries and started on the 2nd round of out of zone enrolment offers. If you are unsure about enrolment zones and procedures we advise you to give the school a call and we will provide you with the necessary information.

**Is there a band or orchestra that my child can join?** There are many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of activities at Alstonville High School. We have a school band and a choral group. Each afternoon after school a dance studio operates in our school Performance Space. We also offer drama, debating, many sports, student leadership programs, peer support, a chess club, a writer’s club, outdoor activities, a boy’s leadership program, a volunteer program, art and opportunities to enter a range of competitions.

**As a parent how can I become involved with the school?** We active a very active and support P&C and they welcome all parents and careers and provide a range of ways you can be involved with the school including volunteering in the school canteen, representing parents on staff selection teams, providing a parent’s perspective on school policy development, helping with working bees, volunteering to help with various school excursions and events. Parents can also subscribe to our school newsletter (delivered via email) and follow what is happening at school via our twitter account @AlstonvilleHS.