In 2015, Year 7 public school students will move to secondary school

This move aligns with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum in 2015 which has more in-depth content in each subject and higher expectations about the knowledge and skills that children need so they can succeed in and contribute to our modern world.

Secondary schools will give Year 7 children access to the specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for this new curriculum.

As Year 7 students in secondary schools, they will be introduced to new and more demanding concepts and ideas in all subjects. In maths, for example they will do formal algebra and geometry which is currently taught in Year 8. In science, they will study biological and physical sciences including mixing chemicals using specialised equipment. They will also have access to a much more diverse range of learning experiences such as computer science, robotics, food science, woodwork and metalwork.

The move will provide exciting new opportunities for Year 7 children. All schools and staff are working hard to prepare for them for the transition.

Families who have questions about the move are encouraged to visit the Department’s parent website at det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou or make a time to meet with the principal or one of the leadership team at their children’s school.