NAME: _____________________________________________________________

PRIMARY SCHOOL: __________________________________________________

HOUSE VISITED: __________________________
Dear Grade 6 students,

Welcome to Dandenong High School! We have spent the past few years creating a new and wonderful school which we are very excited to share with you. We have amazing new buildings filled with the most advanced technology. Our Year7 students learn in specially designed Houses that allow students to work in groups, research independently and create exciting work. Our students do not just have one teacher for each subject, they have three! Each student gets time to work in depth with all of their teachers so they can achieve their very best.

We would like you and your Grade 6 teacher to spend a day at Dandenong High School experiencing the fun and excitement of secondary school. On your arrival at DHS in the morning, you will be asked to complete a challenge. You will spend the day discovering lots of interesting facts about Dandenong High School and being involved in wonderful and fun learning activities. **You are required to bring a pen, this booklet, food for morning tea and lunch.** On the day of your visit, you should be wearing your full school uniform and your runners, as you may be taking part in some PE activities.

We are very eager to get to know you and hope that your visit to Dandenong High School will answer all of your questions you have about secondary school. You will see that High School is a fun, friendly and caring place filled with really nice teachers and students. We are so excited about meeting you all.

On the following pages there are two activities that we would like you to complete before your come and visit Dandenong High School.

Thank you for agreeing to come and spend a day with us. We promise it will be so much fun and highly informative.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Kamer, Mr Penhale and Mr Greaves
The Transition Team
Dandenong High School
Discover Dandenong High School

Pre-Activity

Before you come and visit us at Dandenong High School, we would like you and your classmates to find out some information about our school. There is a task we would like you to complete below. Fill in your responses in the spaces provided and make sure you remember to bring this booklet with you when you come and visit.

- Click on the link called ‘Discover Dandenong High School’
- Watch the video of our Principal and answer the following questions:

1. In which country was Mrs Ogden born? ________________________________

2. When did she come to Australia and how long has she worked at Dandenong High School? ______________________________________________________

3. In which House was she House Leader before she became the Principal? ________

4. List any three facts that Mrs Ogden shares about Dandenong High School?
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   ____________________________________________________________________

5. What is the name of the Literacy and Numeracy centre? ____________________
   What is it named after? ________________________________________________

6. How many Principals have there been at Dandenong High School? _________

7. What are some of the things that Mrs Ogden thinks make being the Principal of Dandenong High School so special? ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________

8. What are some of the favourite parts of her job?
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During your visit to Dandenong High School, you are to complete the Scavenger Hunt Activity. You will be required to discover information, uncover facts and locate places at Dandenong High School. For this challenge, you will need to look around the Dandenong High School new buildings, school yard, LRC (Library) and Canteen. You may also need to ask a Dandenong High School teacher or student. Good luck.

1. There are seven House buildings, what are their names and their colours?

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2. Downstairs in each of the Houses, the Learning Spaces labelled 0 and 3. What kind of learning do you think takes place here?

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3. Our new building Melaleuca has many learning spaces. What are they used for?

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4. The names of the 7 Houses are taken from: (circle correct answer)
   a) Famous Australian explorers
   b) Australian fruits and vegetables
   c) Aboriginal tribal names
   d) Australian native plants
   e) Local Dandenong street names.

5. Name the seven House Leaders at DHS.
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6. How many lockers are there in each of the Houses?
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7. What is the Jacaranda Building currently used for?
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8. Describe the purpose of the upstairs Learning Space without carpet.
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9. Which Learning Space is mostly used by the year 7s?
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10. Name the Education Secondary Support Officer in the House you are visiting today.
    (Lady who sits behind the glass window in each of the Houses)
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REFLECTIVE TASK

You have just experienced your first day as a “high school student”. Congratulations on achieving such a huge milestone. It is very important that you take the time to reflect on your experiences today and make a plan for how you will approach Year 7 next year.

1. What was the most exciting thing you discovered about Dandenong High School?

2. What was the most surprising thing you learnt about secondary school that you did not expect?

3. Describe your feelings about the new Learning Centres. How are they different to your usual classroom? What type of learning activities do you hope to do in them next year?

4. What is your greatest fear about secondary school? Do you feel any less anxious or worried now that you have spent a day at Dandenong High School?

5. What is one thing you hope to achieve in secondary school? What will you need to do to make this happen?

Thank you for spending the day with us. It was wonderful to meet you all and we are excited about our new Year 7’s starting in 2016 ☺️