

C.N.P.S.: Checklist of Secondary School Questions - As a Possible Guide for Parents of Students in Year 6

Tick if of interest:	Question Number:	Question Category General	School Name: _____ Answer/Comments:
	1	Is the school zoned? If so, where are the borders?	
	2	How many students are there in total at the school?	
	3	How many Year 7 students do you estimate there will be next year?	
	4	How large are average class sizes?	
	5	Is the school co-educational?	
	6	Is religious education taught at the school? If so, which one/s and how many hours per week?	
	7	Do students use (paper) diaries to record their homework details?	
	8	What access do Year 7 students have to computers?	
	9	Will Year 7 students receive emails at home from the school?	
	10	What types of public transport are available close to the school?	
	11	Where are the Year 7 lockers?	
	12	Do the lockers have combinations or keys? What if students forget or lose them?	
	13	Does the school have a one week timetable, or 2 weeks?	
	14	On average, how much homework is expected of a Year 7 student each night?	
	15	Does the school have Houses and house competitions eg for sport, drama etc?	
	16	Does the school have an annual play or other concert?	
	17	When is the Open Day? Or School Tour?	
	18	What is the school website?	
	19	Where can I find out about costs such as books or uniforms?	
	20	What is the discipline policy at the school?	
	21	What is the anti-bullying policy at the school?	
	22	What is the mobile phone/ipod/ipad policy at the school?	
Subjects			
	23	How many subjects do Year 7's study?	
	24	Which subjects are compulsory?	
	25	Which subjects can they choose?	
	26	Do Year 7's have to study another language?	
	27	What other languages can they choose from?	
	28	Are any subjects streamed? If so, which ones?	
	29	Are there Year 7 art classes?	
	30	Are there Year 7 cooking or some kind of Home Economics classes?	
	31	What sporting teams does the school have?	
	32	What other schools does this school play inter school sports against?	
	33	What access to computers do Year 7 students have?	
	34	How is ICT taught?	
	35	How is music taught?	
	36	How is drama taught?	
	37	Does sport, music or drama have some training/practise sessions after hours?	
Academic Results			
	38	How often do parents receive reports on the student's progress?	
	39	How often are parent / teacher / student meetings held?	
	40	What are the schools recent academic results for Year 12 students?	