

Dear Parents

**RE: Grade 7 Transition from EPIC to Elevate**

20 July 2018

It's already half way through the year and that means that our Next Gen Friday ministries are shifting gears by shifting age groups. As the EPIC team, we've had the incredible privilege of seeing your grade 7's growing up in our church. Some have been here since grade 4; others have only been here for a few weeks. None-the-less, it's going to be a massive happy/sad moment as we send them to Elevate from Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

Elevate is our High School Youth Ministry at Edge Church and is run by Stephen and Kelly Scott. Friday nights consist of similar, yet age appropriate elements such as connection with friends, praise and worship, fun vibe, biblical and practical messages that challenge and encourage teenagers to live a life that honours God. We are big on equipping our young people to face the scary world, and live a life filled with purpose.

Elevate runs every Friday night of the school term from 19:30 – 22:00. It starts off with connection and registration in the front foyer and the programme starts just before 20:00 in the main auditorium. They finish their programme at around 21:30 and move upstairs to the Activity Centre (where EPIC takes place) and hang out until you pick them up.

We transition our grade 7's before the end of the year so they can get accustomed to Elevate. As it is, the first term of high school will be met with many changes and we want them to have some stability. They will be moving to Elevate with their new Elevate Life Group leaders who they will meet at EPIC on the first Friday of term 3. Life Group leaders are committed to be there for your teen and will help them transition to high school. These leaders have been part of church for many years and are passionate to see your teens grow in God.

**THE TRANSITION PLAN:** Friday, 24 August, will be a very exciting, but a slightly long night for some. They will attend EPIC at 18:00 where we will have a special farewell service and pray for them. They will then spend some time with Stephen, Kelly and some of the other Elevate leaders over supper. At 19:30 they will go with their leaders and register for Elevate in the main foyer. You are welcome to pick them up anytime from 21:30 (although they are welcome to stay until 22:00). From Friday, 31 August, they will only have to be there at 19:30 for Elevate.

We are very excited for the changes happening in term 3 and trust that you will share in our excitement as we go on the journey of discipleship with your teens as they increase in their love for God and others.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Kelly Scott at the church office on 0215590325 or [Ryan.Warner@edgechurch.co.za](mailto:Ryan.Warner@edgechurch.co.za) or [Kelly.Scott@edgechurch.co.za](mailto:Kelly.Scott@edgechurch.co.za)

Kind Regards

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