



YEAR 6 TRANSITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

BELL TIMES

Warning Siren	9.05am			
Period 1	9.10am	to	10.10am	1 hour
Period 2	10.10am	to	11.10am	1 hour
Recess	11.10am	to	11.30am	20 mins
Period 3	11.30am	to	12.30pm	1 hour
Form	12.30pm	to	12.40pm	10 mins
Lunch	12.40pm	to	1.15pm	35 mins
Period 4	1.15pm	to	2.15pm	1 hour
Period 5	2.15pm	to	3.15pm	1 hour
Students depart	3.15pm			

TIMETABLE - Will tell you what class you have, when and where.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	SCI7 S2 7 Science S2 SC5 Mr Liam Newton	ART7 7 Art ART4 Ms Beth Harcourt	MAT7 S2 7 Mathematics S2 M12 Mrs Michelle Smith	HE 7 S2 7 Health Education S2 H6 Ms Maree Sterrett	HSS7 S2 7 Humanities and SS S2 F4 Mrs Adele Cornelius
P2	MAT7 S2 7 Mathematics S2 M12 Mrs Michelle Smith	ENG7 S2 7 English S2 C4 Ms Joanna Dare	SSW7 S2 7 Special Swimming S2 H6 Mr David Bongiascia	HSS7 S2 7 Humanities and SS S2 F4 Mrs Adele Cornelius	SCI7 S2 7 Science S2 SC5 Mr Liam Newton
P3	FRE7 S2 7 French S2 H7 Ms Chloe White	MAT7 S2 7 Mathematics S2 M12 Mrs Michelle Smith	DT7 7 Design & Technology T10 Mr Dion Brayshaw	SCI7 S2 7 Science S2 SC5 Mr Liam Newton	ENG7 S2 7 English S2 C4 Ms Joanna Dare
FM		BRI 7-4 7-4 Brighton T5 Mr Dion Brayshaw	BRI 7-4 7-4 Brighton T5 Mr Dion Brayshaw	BRI 7-4 7-4 Brighton T5 Mr Dion Brayshaw	BRI 7-4 7-4 Brighton T5 Mr Dion Brayshaw
P4	ENG7 S2 7 English S2 C4 Ms Joanna Dare	SCI7 S2 7 Science S2 SC5 Mr Liam Newton	HSS7 S2 7 Humanities and SS S2 F4 Mrs Adele Cornelius	DT7 7 Design & Technology T10 Mr Dion Brayshaw	MAT7 S2 7 Mathematics S2 M12 Mrs Michelle Smith
P5	HSS7 S2 7 Humanities and SS S2 F4 Mrs Adele Cornelius	SSW7 S2 7 Special Swimming S2 Mr David Bongiascia	FRE7 S2 7 French S2 H7 Ms Chloe White	ENG7 S2 7 English S2 C4 Ms Joanna Dare	ART7 7 Art ART4 Ms Beth Harcourt

1. What activities happen after school?

There are lots of clubs on after school that you can participate in, like the STEM club, dance club and badminton club. Information regarding these activities are in the daily notices that your teachers read out at the start of Period 1. This information is also emailed out a few times each year and can be found on the school website.

2. How much homework do you get?

Not much in Year 7. Although sometimes your teacher may set you a bit of homework, generally the only homework that you get is unfinished work. In Year 7 the homework or study on average will be five hours per week.



3. What are the assignments and tests like at high school?

All the questions asked or tasks that you'll have to do in your assessments would have been covered in class, so long as you pay attention and ask as many questions in class as you need, then you will find the assessments quite easy. If you feel that maybe you're not doing as well in a subject than you would like to or that you don't understand a concept, do some study before a test/assessment. You can also speak or email your teacher for support.



4. When do I get to choose my own subjects and what can I choose?

In Year 7 and Year 8, the school will assign to you electives like computing, home economics, dance and drama. Year 9 onwards you are able to choose your electives. You will still do English, Mathematics, HASS, Science, Health, Language and Physical Education. In Year 10 a Language is no longer compulsory.

5. Where and who do I go to if I need help?

If you need assistance for a specific class, the classroom teacher can help. If it is during a break time, a duty teacher with a fluro vest can assist. You can come to the Junior Secondary Administration for help.

6. What is the canteen like?

The Junior Secondary Canteen is the Satellite Canteen, it is smaller and only for Junior students. The canteen is good, there is a big variety of food available for a reasonable price.

7. Do I need a laptop? Tell me more about laptops.

- You will need a laptop, as it is essential for school. You can buy your laptop from a store or you can buy one through the school, it does not matter. It can serve the same purpose. If you can't afford a laptop you can always loan one from the library.
- **When we get a laptop, can we choose a wallpaper?** Yes, your laptop is yours to customise. As long as it is not anything inappropriate you can pick your wallpaper.
- **Are laptops hard to use?** No, laptops are not that hard to use. If you are feeling nervous you can always ask somebody about how they work (such as your teacher or family member) or maybe watch some videos about your specific laptop. I promise you'll get used to laptops very quickly.
- **Can you play on your laptop in class?** No, playing on your laptop when you are supposed to be doing work is not allowed. Most of the video game websites are blocked when you are connected to the school's internet. However, you can play some games on your laptop during recess and lunch. Not recommended though.
- **What happens if we have problems with our computer?** If you have any problems with your computer you can go to the ICT office, they are open during recess, lunch and before or after school and should help you with any issues you have.

8. What is the Academic Extension Program like?

The Academic Extension Program (AEP) is challenging and rewarding at the same time. There are many extracurricular activities and lots of opportunities to really extend your thinking. Students are selected based on their HAST test results as a Year 6 student. Students Year 7-10 maybe offered places should they become available, based on academic achievement and/or teacher recommendation.

9. What specialist sporting program are there? What are they like?

The school has Swimming and AFL Football Specialist programs. Students are required to complete a trial for these programs held before the beginning of the next school year. These students have a strong ability in their chosen sporting area and are very encouraging of each other.



10. How competitive is the Music Program at the school?

The Music Program is competitive and students come to the school with previous experience in music and in most cases have been enrolled with the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS).

11. If I do not live in the school's area how can I get in?

The only way to be considered for a place at the school if you live outside of the intake area is by being accepted into the GATE Music Program.

12. Do I get a locker? Tell me more about lockers.

All students are given a locker at the beginning of the school year. It is a students' responsibility to look after the locker. Some students frequently use their locker each day others seldom use it. It is a good place for you to store all your books and sports uniform.

13. What is the classwork like?

The class work is usually done on a laptop or in some you can choose to use a paper copy. In most classes they have a class OneNote which is where you can do work and find vocabulary and stuff on what you have been learning in class or you can work on paper. Some classes use a website to do their work on and others only use paper. The class work isn't something to stress about, the teachers teach you what you need to know and then you are tested on it (*not too much*). The work isn't extremely hard; it is at the right level and if you need help you can just ask a teacher.

14. What are the Houses? Tell me more about the House system.

- The houses are Brighton (red), Floreat (blue), Scarborough (yellow) and Trigg (green). Each house has four different Form classes. For example if you were in Scarborough your Form would be 7S and then a number 1,2,3 or 4 the 7 is for Year 7 the S Is for Scarborough and the number is which number form class you're in.



- You can earn house points for your House by doing good things. This is done using SEQTA, your parents also receive an email letting them know what you have been recognised for. There are different House rewards throughout the year for the House with the most points. Key school sporting events you participate dressed in your House colours and support your peers form the same House.

15. What is the uniform and dress standard? Tell me more about school uniform.

- With the uniform, you are required to wear your standard school shirt, pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers and jackets whilst being at school.
- For PE, you are required to wear the schools sport uniform or different 'sporty' clothes that are not your school uniform. This factor of sport wear will depend on your teacher.
- The footwear allowed is practical, flat, enclosed, shoes or ankle boots suitable for practical and active classes.
- The jewellery permitted is watches and modest jewellery, no dog chains, collars and wristbands with spikes and studs are not allowed. Earrings should be confined to small hoops or studs.
- Hair must be one natural colour, no extreme styles such as Mohawk's; rat's tails, shaved patterns and semi shaved patterns. The level of make-up allowed is minimal. If students do not follow this rule, they will be required to remove it.

16. What do you wish you knew about high school before you got there?

- The thing I wish I knew is how to touch type fluently and fast because sometimes we type up our work and takes forever if you have to keep looking up and down. It is also a pain when you have to walk from one side of the school to the other because you have to walk pretty fast. I wish I knew that you can't go to the bathroom during class and the rules before I got here but the teachers let you off for the first week or so, so you won't have to worry about that stuff.
- That it will be ok, I may get lost but there are lots of people to ask for help. There are so many more people, so it is easy to make lots of new friends. The learning is good fun.



17. What happens when you do something wrong?

If you do something wrong the outcome can vary. It depends on what you have done wrong, if you did it intentionally and if you keep doing something wrong. If you made a mistake on your work nothing will come from it. If you kept on making mistakes in your work depending on the teacher, he/she may talk to you about how to improve. If you disrupt the class by talking too loudly or when the teacher is talking, most likely the teacher will respectfully ask for you to lower your voice or to stop talking. If you keep on disrupting the class this way it may lead to detention depending on how many times. If you mess around in class and/or are off task, then it may lead to the teacher having to tell you to focus or if you keep on acting this way it may lead to a detention. If you are behaving rudely or inappropriately then it will certainly lead to a stern talking to and discussion and/or a detention.

18. What happens if you do not get your classwork or homework finished?

Depending on your teacher and the task you may have to complete the classwork for homework instead. If the task is of little importance the teacher may not care if you have only missed a question or 2. If however homework is not completed or the classwork which has become homework is not completed by the time that the teacher has set, it will either have the due date set back or a punishment such as detention.

19. What are the teachers like?

Each teacher is different, some are awesome and some are good. Some teachers will give you a fair bit of homework but the good thing about high school is that you do not just have one teacher for everything.

20. How different is high school to primary school?

High school is a bit different to primary school, yes. There are no set classes, and when I mean that I mean that you will receive a timetable that will be handed to you in Form class Day 1. This timetable will have all your classes on it from HASS to your electives, which are two extra subjects that you can do, there will be 4 electives in a year and 2 a semester.