

Junior secondary

Junior Secondary at Charleville State High School currently encompasses Year 8 and 9; planning for the introduction of Year 7 in 2015 is well underway. We provide high quality education which prepares every student with the skills they need to succeed in life. Education Queensland has identified six principles of Junior Secondary and these underpin all aspects of Junior Secondary at Charleville State High School:

- **Distinct Identity** - Junior Secondary students are supported to develop their own group identity within the school community, and have a strong sense of belonging and ownership of their school and their learning.

Distinct Identity at Charleville State High School:

- O Junior secondary classrooms with breakout rooms.
- O All Year 7/8/9 classrooms located close to each other.
- O Core teachers in a home room for Year 7 and 8.
- O Junior Secondary parade every Wednesday morning.
- O Vertical form groups which are based on sports houses.
- O Family of Friends days held twice yearly.
- O Junior Secondary rewards day each term.
- O Junior Secondary uniform different to Senior School.
- O Junior Secondary information Hub on school website.

- **Quality teaching** - The learning and achievement of Junior Secondary students is supported by highly skilled teachers with pedagogical knowledge and practice appropriate for this age group.

Quality Teaching at Charleville State High School

- O Pedagogy sharing between primary and secondary teachers.
- O Primary and secondary teachers teaching during transition.
- O Explicit teaching lesson structure used in every classroom.
- O A three tier reading program based on data evidence.
- O Pedagogical framework is embedded.
- O SWPBS to start in 2015.
- O Curriculum flows through Years 7/8/9 and into Senior School.

- **Student Wellbeing** - Student wellbeing is positioned as core business, and there is a whole of school commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined environment for all Junior Secondary students as they make the transition to a secondary setting.

Student Wellbeing at Charleville State High School

- O Year 12 students are trained Peer Skill leaders.
- O Fully embedded transition program.
- O Vertical form groups meet three times a week.
- O Data driven student support.

- Centrally located Junior Secondary staffroom in B Block.
- Year 8 and Year 9 camps. Year 7 camp in 2015.
- Junior Secondary lunch play area.
- CEC—Community Education Councilor
- SSC –Student Support Committee meets weekly.
- SWG – Student Welfare Group meets twice termly
- Junior Secondary parade weekly with Student of the Week.
- BOW program – girl’s wellbeing program.
- Who’s the Man – boy’s wellbeing program.

- **Parent and Community Involvement** - We encourage parents to stay connected with their students’ learning when they enter high school. Parent involvement in special events, award ceremonies, leadership presentations and parent partnership meetings are welcomed.

Parent and Community Involvement at Charleville State High School:

- School App for quick and easy information delivery.
- School newsletter.
- Junior Secondary parent information night.
- Primary parent Open Day at CSHS.
- Junior Secondary students involved in the student council.
- Homework club available every Tuesday afternoon.
- Positive postcards.
- Use of SMS to update parents.
- Community Forum.

- **Leadership** - Leadership roles are available for Years 7, 8 and 9 students. Dedicated Head of Department and Year Level Coordinators lead the Junior Secondary supported by the Principal and Junior Secondary Deputy Principal.

Leadership at Charleville State High School:

- Junior Secondary leadership team, Year 8 YLC, Year 9 YLC, JS HOD and JS Deputy. Year 7 YLC in 2015.
- Core teachers in Year 8 2014, Year 7 and 8 2015.
- Junior Secondary rewards days termly.
- Junior Secondary student leadership opportunities.
- Junior Secondary parade is set up and run by Junior Secondary student leaders and representatives.
- Year 7 representatives in 2015 elected during 2014 transition.

- **Local Decision-making** - The needs of our school community have influenced how Junior Secondary is implemented at Charleville State High School.

Local Decision-making at Charleville State High School

- P&C
- Parent information nights

- O Junior Secondary students have a voice in the student council.
- O Parent teacher interview are held twice yearly at the RSL.
- O Local newspaper is invited to school events regularly.
- O Junior Secondary team visit local primary P&C's .
- O Use of primary newsletters to inform primary parents and community.
- O Junior Secondary information Hub on school website.

If you would like to be involved in the Junior Secondary agenda at Charleville State High School please contact Anna Nevell by emailing aneve5@eq.edu.au

Further information on Junior Secondary and the Flying Start agenda can be found by clicking on the link below.

<http://flyingstart.qld.gov.au/getting-ready-high-school/Pages/home.aspx>

[2014 Transition Roadmap](#)