



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



YEAR 7 - GROWING UP AND GROWING TOGETHER

Our transition into Year 7 begins at the start of Term 3 with a Year 6 retreat day as a step into the Middle School. Familiarisation with the teachers, technologies and expectations all occur within this time.

Student Leadership

- School Parliament Junior Ministers

Integrity Bronze:

- The aim of this badge is for students to develop their study habits and celebrate the personal growth that benefits students as they progress in their learning journey.



Curriculum

Our staff consists of expert specialised practitioners who have had lengthy experience in both Secondary and Middle school environments, all teaching in their areas of expertise.

Students experience a taste of all enrichment subjects.

- We utilise a core teacher model
- Many external excursions/experiences
- Our students undertake many hands-on experiences through the core curriculum, enrichment topics and through various additional experiences such as Fete and Pedal Prix
- Our students use technology across the curriculum including VR, Laser Cutting, 3D printing
- Micro credentials - Animal handling (chicks)

Enrichment lessons:

- Agriculture, Art, Tech, Music



Languages

Across a three-year period, our students will be exposed to local, regional and national Cultural heritage linked to language systems including Ngadjuri and Adnyamathanha. By the end of their Middle School journey, our students will leave with a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

School Concerts

- Year level act devised by teachers

NAPLAN

We have a proud tradition of our students performing extremely well in NAPLAN. With our Year 7 mean score achieving a strong proficiency level in all learning components, and ranking well above national average. Our Year 7 progress from their previous attempt also shows that 85% of our Year 7s have demonstrated growth in the mid to upper growth bands.

Sporting Involvement

- 7/8 Knockout - Football, Basketball, Netball
- Umpiring course, AFL
- Pedal Prix – All students are challenged physically and work together on integrated curriculum while also helping to bring our community together.
- 9-a-side football
- Swimming and athletic carnivals





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Camp Canberra

As a community we undertake 2 community fundraising events to support the Year 7 students to visit Canberra



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We are continuing our long tradition of leading students on a 6 day camp to Canberra

- The camp links in with the curriculum: Civics & Citizenship, Science, Sports, HPE.
- The camp creates an opportunity for the first steps of independence from families.
- The camp is an achievable fundraising goal for students and families to strive for.

Dinner

- Builds Middle School parent community - it encourages/invites families into the school to work together. Allows us as teachers to connect in social settings.
- Allows all families to come together to socialise
- Gives students the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones to show and develop maturity.
- Hospitality - Engage with industry
- Long standing tradition that in the past served as a culminating year, now creates a collective opportunity with the above-mentioned advantages that prepares them for the rigours of Middle School and the confidence to be St Joseph's Students
- Understand the value and effort of the work involved to facilitate this camp opportunity



Wood Chop

- Brings families together with staff for community development and fellowship
- We can meet and connect with families to create positive partnerships
- Allows students to see the volume of money and work required
- Connections with wider community - it gives us an opportunity for our students to meet customers and show pride in their work

