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Junior Secondary is a key milestone in a young person's educational journey.

Maroochydore State High School aims to cater to the diverse range of students and families through offering unique pathways to success that appeal to all students in this key transitional period.

Students enrolled in Year 7 will have the opportunity to study one of two pathways – Strive and Shine or Drive.

Transition Program

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be three occasions during their final year of primary school to visit and engage in learning, culminating in a final cluster orientation day during Week 9, Term 4.

These sessions are opportunities to meet other students, teaching and support staff and interact with new and exciting content and learning environments.

There will be parent information and well-being sessions facilitated by the school in the year prior to starting year 7.

Key dates will be available via relevant channels. For students moving to the school in year 8 or 9 please contact the school office for enrolment information.

Student Leadership

Students within Junior Secondary have the opportunity to engage in a range of student leadership roles.

Each year level across 7 - 9 has two student council leaders, two sport leaders and two cultural leaders. These positions are supported by other representatives within the school.

Students can engage as Peer Leaders in year 7 as well as be part of the Chaplaincy Committee from Semester 2, Year 8 and Year 9.

We are excited to partner with you to support our students to achieve their personal best!

Student Well-being

Adolescence can be a challenging time as students navigate changes in their cognitive, emotional and social needs. It is important that every student has access to support during this time to help support positive well-being and allow maximum engagement with the increasing academic demands of high school.

At Maroochydore SHS every student's well-being is monitored and supported by their year team who collaborate with the school's Diverse Learning Centre and Student Services to plan for personalised learning and well-being supports.

Every week, students engage with our Pastoral Care program which has been designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills associated with a range of personal, social, emotional and well-being issues. This program is delivered by a Care teacher and supported by members of our Student Services team such as the Guidance Officer, School-based Youth Health Nurse, Chaplain and School-based Police Officer.

My Personal Best

Each student is supported to achieve excellence in education through individualising learning and setting high expectations.

We focus on regular attendance, active engagement and completion of all assessment tasks.

Stymie

Stymie promotes student well-being and enables students to make anonymous notifications about peers they believe are being bullied or harmed.



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Secondary

The transition from primary to secondary school can be daunting for students and families. Here at Maroochydore State High School we work closely with feeder schools, families and students to plan for a positive transition.

Junior secondary offers a holistic approach to education, producing socially aware students with strength of mind, strength of character and a sound value system.

Students and families are supported throughout the transition by a year team made up of the Dean of Students, Junior Secondary, Diverse Learning and Student Services representatives and Deputy Principal.

This team monitors the personal progress of students and, where appropriate, implements supports for students to help them achieve their personal best.

Junior secondary develops the students across a wide range of disciplines and prepares them to pursue futures suited to their personal skills, attributes and strengths.

We offer a range of personalised pathways for students, ensuring that over the course of 12 months, all students will engage in the Australian Curriculum and will study:

- English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities (History, Geography, Civics and Business) (all year)
- Japanese (1 semester)
- HPE (Health and Physical Education) (1 semester)
- Selection of electives (2-4 subjects studied for one term each across the year, depending on a student’s personalised pathway).

Students will have the opportunity to select from elective options including: Industrial Technology and Design (ITD), STEM, Digital Design, Life Technologies, Aerospace, Music, Drama, Visual Art, and New Media.

STRIVE AND SHINE

Pathway

The Strive and Shine pathway supports every student to engage with the curriculum in an inclusive learning environment

During the transition from primary school, our Junior Year Team works closely with families and feeder school staff to understand every student’s academic, social and emotional needs.

This allows our team to individually plan to support each student to have a positive and successful transition.

This pathway supports students towards their personal best with:

- Year Team monitoring of personal academic, attendance and wellbeing progress
- differentiated curriculum and teaching approach in all classes
- tailored literacy and numeracy support
- tailored support from the Diverse Learner team, our inclusive education leaders
- leadership and personal development opportunities
- learning environments supported by teacher aides.



DRIVE

Pathway

The Drive pathway allows students to personalise their learning experience at MSHS by applying for specialised programs designed to challenge and extend students.

The specialised programs students can apply within this pathway include:

- Arts Academy (Creative Industries)
- Next Gen (Academic)
- Sport Development (Sports).

Please note, there are additional fees for these programs.

This pathway supports students towards their personal best with:

- an adapted curriculum and teaching, enriched with relevant industry-specific learning
- specialist facilities, technology, internal and external learning opportunities
- connection with industry professionals, role models and mentors
- leadership and personal development opportunities
- connection with like-minded students in core curriculum subjects.

Students who apply for this pathway will:

- complete an application form addressing specific selection criteria relevant to their specialisation
- provide a copy of their most recent report card
- provide names and contact information for two referees.

Short-listed students will be invited to participate in an audition challenge followed by an interview to determine suitability for this pathway.



Arts Academy

The Arts Academy is designed for students passionate about the Creative Industries.

This program develops students who have a high-level of focus and determination to succeed in all areas of schooling with a focus on harnessing their creativity.

Students in this program will select from two specialised electives:

- Music All Stars
- Creative+.

Music All Stars fosters students’ passion for the music industry, exploring performance, composition and production aspects.

Creative+ nurtures students’ passion for the performing arts, exploring performance, design and production elements.

Arts Academy students’ schooling experience is enriched by connection with industry experts and facilities.



Next Gen

Next Gen is tailored for students demonstrating exceptional performance across a range of academic areas with high-level social and personal capabilities.

This program develops students to be:

- innovators
- entrepreneurs
- lifelong learners
- responsible global citizens.

Students will experience a variety of enrichment activities that engage them in a deeper understanding and appreciation of the curriculum.

Next Gen students will access specialised teaching and learning resources, including the latest technological tools for learning and engagement while also connecting with professionals and guest speakers.



SPORTS

Development

The Sports Development Program (SDP) is a targeted development program for students passionate about sport.

Students accepted into this program will engage in accelerated theory units aligned with the Health and Physical Education curriculum. These units are designed to develop students as holistic athletes, deepening their understanding of topics such as nutrition, goal setting, growth mindset, injury prevention, healthy living and access and equity to sport.

Students will access local facilities to experience a range of sports including, but not limited to: Biathlon, Rowing, Water aerobics, Circuit and personalised training, Beach volleyball, Spikeball, Surf life saving, Badminton and Wheelchair basketball.

SDP students will connect with specialised development officers and professionals to enrich their learning.