



**MAROOCHYDORE  
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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STRIVE AND SERVE

## FAQ

### **How does MSHS provide a safe and supportive learning environment?**

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- Students at MSHS follow the core values of being a learner, being respectful and being safe.
- The Junior Secondary students will have a new playground in 2021 for their exclusive use.
- Students have an individual locker in the precinct
- The Junior Secondary teachers are based in the same area so the students have easy access to guidance of an academic and pastoral nature.
- The Deputy Principal, Head of Department and Deans of students for Junior Secondary are experienced in settling young people into high school and will do everything they can to ensure new students feel safe and secure at MSHS.
- Dedicated Student Support team with a Head of Department, Guidance officer, School based Nurse, Police Officer, Youth workers and School Chaplain to offer additional targeted support where required.

### **Does Maroochydore SHS offer excellence programs?**

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Yes we do. In addition to a stimulating and comprehensive offering for all students, we also offer the DRIVE Program.

This Program has 3 strands, The Next Gen Program (an Academic Excellence Program), The Music All Stars Program (a Creative Arts Excellence Program) and the Sports Development Program.

These programs are based on Selective Entry where all students will need to complete an application form and then undergo an audition and interview process.

Please visit our Excellence Program area of the MSHS website for more information.

### **Who do I speak to about my child if they have a verified disability?**

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All you need to do is follow the regular enrolment processes and make note of the disability in your enrolment application. Our Head of Department of Diverse Learning will contact you to arrange an interview.

### **Strategies / programs we are offering to help transition students to high school?**

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Transition into Maroochydore SHS starts in year 5 with the Bright Minds Program. The program runs during year 5 with a culminating activity in Term 1 Year 6.

The Transition to high school program continues on from Bright Minds and starts in Term 2 Year 6. This program is open for all students in our catchment zone. Students visit the school for one full day in week 10 Term 2 and one full day in week 10 Term 3.

Term 4 sees the full cluster Orientation day (usually week 9) where students meet their teachers and complete a normal school day. Parent information sessions with the Student Support team are also offered on this cluster day.

Transition is completed in the first two weeks of year 7 where students engage in a targeted stand-alone program that has been developed to give students the skills to become competent and happy high school students. The program is delivered by the Core teachers.

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### Can my child be involved in sport in Year 7?

All students will take part in HPE and also participate in sport on sport afternoons (Wednesday Lesson 4). MSHS offers a comprehensive variety of competitive and non-competitive activities from which to choose.

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### Will year 7 students have a common teacher for several core subjects?

A core feature of junior secondary is a reduction of the number of teachers a student interacts with across a week.

At MSHS we set up our Junior Secondary so that *most* students will have a teacher for Maths/Science and another for English/Humanities. Students will also have the benefit of specialist teachers in a variety of elective taster classes.

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### What leadership opportunities are there for students at MSHS in year 7?

Our school leadership structure follows the financial year so students have an opportunity to hold a leadership position from Term 3 in any given year.

Student leaders are required to participate in whole school Student Council activities and uphold the roles and responsibilities outlined in the leadership handbook.

The positions available for leaders are...

#### White Badge Holders

- Student Council Leader (x2)
- Cultural Leader (x2)
- Sport Leaders (x2)

#### Green Badge Holders

- Student council representatives (1 from each care class)
- Cultural Representative (x4)
- House Representative (x4 - 1 from each sporting house)
- Indigenous Leader
- Year level ambassador

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### What is the length of the school day?

The current school day starts at 8:35am for a 10 min morning Care where each day has a different focus.



There are four 70 minute lessons each day with a break at 9:55am and 1pm. Students Finish at 2:35pm

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### What uniform will students be wearing?

Year 7 students will wear the same MSHS day uniform and sports uniform as our current Junior Secondary students. More information about our uniform requirements is available on our website under Facilities / Uniform Shop.

If you have any further questions please visit our school website or email your question to the address below.