MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
WELCOME
Ms Owens
Head of Middle School

Transition between Junior/Primary school model to Senior School
Building Relationships
Focus on individual strengths, developing self-belief, confidence
High Expectations: Manners, effort, behaviour
Curriculum and Pedagogy that reflects needs and interests of young adolescents
Belief that every child can show growth over time in their learning and character development
Middle School Teachers

Ms Owens
Head of Middle School

Ms Holm – Year 5H
Middle School Activities and Acting Academic Performance Co-ordinator

Mrs Dansie
Year 5D
Miss Doherty  
Year 7D

Mrs McHugh  
Year 7M
Mrs Maria McIvor
PRINCIPAL

Rev Janet Story
Mr Jamie Novosel
Head of Staff and Student Development

Mrs Jenny Grant
Head of Curriculum
Senior Middle School Leaders

Bridget Sprott

Jonas Drijver
Mrs Christine Grobler

Students report to Middle School Office if late/leaving early to sign in or out

Notice of absent children:
attendance@was.qld.edu.au

Admin 49692000

MS Office 49692061
“Six Pillars of Character”

CHARACTER COUNTS

Responsibility

Respect

Fairness

Caring

Citizenship

Trustworthiness

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Character Counts Service Program

* Character Counts Council Year 5-8
  (Committee Groups: Fundraising, Activities, Chapel and Assembly, Grounds and Environment, Media)
* Presidents & Vice-Presidents Year 8
* House Leaders Year 8
* Committee Leaders Year 7/8
* Tutor Group Leaders Year 5-8
* Year 5-8 Buddies
* Year 5-8 JS Playground Helpers
* Radio Station DJ’s and trainers
* Friends of the Library
* WASMart assistance
* Whitsunday Voices volunteers
* MS Service Club
Student Recognition

- Diary: Friendly reminders (p4)
- Character Counts Certificates
- Cum Laude Awards
- Service Awards
- Letters of Commendation
- Colours/Half-colours
- Major academic, sporting and cultural awards presented during formal celebrations
- Daily affirmation, in class and playground
Flexible Learning Groups

Year 5-7 Reading and Comprehension program: CARS and STARS
Year 5-8 Mathematics

“Flexible Learning Groups” are groups of students that are organised based on their individual learning needs at a point in time.

These groups have the following key characteristics:

• The pace of the course varies in each Flexible Learning Group within a subject to optimise the learning potential of each individual.
• Flexible Learning Groups allow for student movement between groups depending on their needs at a given time.
• The groups are not organised by Tutor, class or House groups.
Homework

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<td>45-60 min per night</td>
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Note in diary if unable to complete
Students are expected to catch up incomplete homework
Teachers check, feedback provided, work is marked
Some homework may be due the next day.

Parents/guardians please sign student diaries once a week
Channels of Communication

Year 5-8 Pastoral concerns/queries to Tutor teacher

Year 7-8 Follow up queries to Head of Faculty

Follow up to Ms Karen Owens Head of Middle School

Year 5-6 Follow up queries to Angela Holm Acting Academic Performance Coordinator

Year 7-8 Academic concerns/queries to classroom teacher

Year 5 - 6 Academic concerns/queries to classroom teacher
MOBILE PHONES

Student Responsibilities:

• Mobile phones must be turned off and handed in to Mrs Grobler (signed in and out)

• No phone calls to parents during school hours, inform tutor teacher or Mrs Grobler if contact needs to be made

• If not needed for collection arrangements etc. leave at home
Email Julie Edwards jed@was.qld.edu.au for logon and password

Update medical information

Tours and excursions
After School Arrangements

- HATS – T8 3:15pm to 4:15pm Tuesday to Friday
- Roll taken
- Students will be signed in and out with a signature in the diary from supervising teacher
- Students remaining in pick-up zones from 3:25 will be directed to HATS
- Students who commence a training session at 4pm or later go to HATS first
- Sporting co-curricular activities require sports uniform
- Library closes at 5pm Mon-Thurs and 4pm Fri