



CAIRNS

State High

The best we can be.

Year 7 2019 Overview

Welcome to the 2018 Year 6 Parent meeting

- Start the transition process to High school
- Make students and families more comfortable with the changes ahead.
- We will try and tell you everything about our school
- Tell us about yourself.



Connect class

- Every morning this group of students meets with their Connect class. The same group of students also attend an extended Connect class together on Wednesdays.
- Connect class is a “check in” time, where we take attendance and go through important information about what is happening around the school. We also check that the students are ready to learn each day.
- The Connect group will stay together until the end of Year 12, and hopefully their teacher will also stay with them.



Connect class

- On a Wednesday school doesn't start until 9.20am, with a warning bell given at 9.15am.
- The Wednesday Connect class, encompasses RAW, which stands for Resilience, Academia and Wellbeing. It occurs one lesson a week and is based around building students awareness of themselves and others. The school diary is used as a valuable resource during these lessons.
- At this point in the year Connect is focussed on Resilience and Wellbeing, but at other points students may be involved in targeted literacy/numeracy support; school sport opportunities; guest speakers on a range of topics; other student events and activities.



Connect with RAW class

- Connect with RAW, is focussed on improving the students skills in dealing with all of life's challenges, and also building a stronger school community where all students support each other and engage in respectful relationships. Wellbeing is one of Cairns State High Schools values.
- Connect uses the school Learning Curve diaries as its base resource. This excellent resource has activities for parents also, to assist you to engage with your child.



Arts electives

- All students study the Arts in 2019 for 2 lessons a week.
- A set rotation means there are no subject changes in Year 7; however, all students are able to select their Visual and/or Performing Arts preferences for Year 8 (2020), during term 4.
- Students in MSX071A and MSX071B are studying Music Excellence for the whole year.

Other students are on rotations see below;

- Students in ART071A will study Drama in 2nd semester.
- Students in DRA071B will study Art in 2nd semester.
- Students in ART071B will study Dance in 2nd semester.
- Students in DAN071B will study Art in 2nd semester.
- Students in ART071D will study Music in 2nd semester.
- Students in MUS071C will study Art in 2nd semester.
- Students in ART071F will study Drama in 2nd semester.
- Students in DRA071E will study Art in 2nd semester.



Technology subjects

- All students study Technology in 2019 for 2 lessons a week.
- All students will study a semester each of 4 Technology subjects over next 2 years.
- There are no subject changes for Technology.

Technology subjects are:

- Design and Technology (DAT)
- Digital Technologies (DIG)
- Economics and Business (ECB)
- Home Economics (HEC)
- In Year 9, students can choose Technology subjects as their electives.



Languages

- All students study a language in year 7 and 8, with some exceptions for student who attend extra literacy and numeracy support. Contact Ms Roestenburg for more details of literacy support.
- All students study Language in 2019 & 2020 for 2 lessons a week.
- Students study the same language for 2 years as it is extremely difficult to change after 1 year.

Languages offered include:

- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Italian
- Japanese

Staff and who to contact

- Cairns High School is really big, we have over 150 staff. It's important to know who to contact.
- Students in Year 7 have between 8 and 12 teachers. Contact your teacher first.
- Each subject has a Head of Department, contact the Maths head of department about Maths issues.
- We have a big support staff



Support Staff

- Principal Mr Zilm
- 4 Deputy Principals, one of them works with Year 7s.
- Guidance Officer - Mrs Catherine Garrone
- CEC - Ms Staci Trindle-Price
- School Based Youth Health Nurse – Marysia Skret
- Chaplain – TBC
- Learning Support – Ms Debbie Boon
- Head of Learning Resources incl eLearning and BYOx - Mrs Sellars
- Clontarf - David Welch
- Diamond Spirit - Amanda Black
- Head of Special Education – Ms Michelle Bordonaro



BYOx

- All students require a laptop for classroom use every day
- Student laptops need to meet minimum requirements to be able to operate within the school's network
- 4Gb RAM, 128Gb storage, Windows, 5Ghz WiFi
- More information is available on the Cairns High Web Page [eLearning\(BYOx\)](#)
- Students will access their digital textbooks, virtual classrooms, digital video library, online learning for English and LOTE
- Most assessment across the curriculum requires a laptop and online resources