

Middle School Questions and Answers

What are the main differences between primary (junior) school and Year 7 at Nambour Christian College?

- *Day structure:* our day is divided into lessons/periods. Students have a seven-lesson day with a variety of core and elective subjects. Generally, students have three lessons before morning tea; two lessons before lunch; and two lessons to finish the day. Students will move to various classes around the school rather than stay in one classroom.
- *Teachers:* most subjects will be taught by a different teacher.
- *Student responsibility:* greater independence is given to students – different homework expectations with assessment completed at home and at school.
- *Relationships:* new connections are made; classes are not allocated via friendships.
- *Lockers:* belongings are kept in lockers during the school day.

How will my student be supported in Year 7?

There are a number of pastoral layers in the NCC Middle School.

Every student in Year 7 will have a “core” teacher for two subjects (either Maths and Science, or English and Humanities) who is able to monitor student progress as they settle into the new school environment. Additionally, within the vertical house structure, each students will be assigned to a mentor teacher and a mentor group. This group will meet regularly and be a forum to nurture and encourage the students as they progress through Middle School.

Where additional support is required, the staff of the Student Wellbeing department are able to meet regularly with students to assist particular needs.

How will my student learn to organise him/herself and manage time in middle school?

Great question! All middle school students receive a student diary. The diary is required in every class. Teachers monitor and teach its use. Each week the diary is signed by parents and checked by teachers.

Core teachers and mentors, especially in semester one, help with organisational matters.

Will the Year 7s have a different teacher for every class?

We identify Year 7 as the transition year between primary (junior) and high school. Generally, Year 7 students will have one core teacher for Maths/Science and one for English/Humanities, reducing the number of teachers, and, therefore, reducing students’ anxiety about too much change.

How can I contact my student's teachers?

- Student diary can be used for handwritten communication.
- Call through to the Student Office, (5451 3333) and leave a message with her for the teacher.
- Email addresses for all teachers are on the parent portal. On the right hand side you will see a yellow box to click on labelled High School Teacher Contact.
- Email info@ncc.qld.edu.au with subject headline being the name of the teacher and this will be forwarded to the correct person.

Are there any information sessions for parents?

- Middle School Information Evening: this takes place in October presented by Head/Deputy of Middle School and Middle School Student Leaders.
- Middle School Orientation Day: students and parents experience a morning in elective classes. This is held the final week of the school year, prior to their start in Year 7.
- Meet the Year 7 Teacher For Dinner: where a light dinner is served in a relaxed setting followed by classroom sessions with core teachers, held within the first few weeks of Term 1.