

Junior Secondary

➤➤ Bowen State High School



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Community Involvement

Parents can become involved in our forward planning for 2016 and beyond through:

- Attending the community forums held each Semester
- Joining the local Primary or High school P&C association and giving feedback as we progress
- Attendance at Junior Secondary events as advertised through the Bowen Independent or your local school newsletter.
- Email the school any considerations you would like us to have in regard to the 6 Principles.
- Contact the Deputy Principal, Ms Caroline McCarty and make an appointment

Principles of Junior Secondary

Distinct identity of Junior Secondary will focus on embedding the elements of the middle phase years of learning through developing communication, safety and a sense of belonging in an inspiring and challenging environment.

High quality teachers of Junior Secondary will understand middle phase learners and be equipped with consistent effective evident based teaching strategies and are provided with ongoing strategic professional development to ensure high quality individual student outcomes. Teachers will consider a seamless transition that nurtures positive relationships while maintaining rigor in learning.

Student wellbeing in Junior Secondary is about supporting young adolescents to develop their own personality traits and characteristics to enable them to be resilient in order to facilitate a positive sense of self. The school will implement sustainable strategies and practices to encourage their development of life skills.

Parents and Community members are encouraged to actively participate in all aspects of Junior Secondary through involvement in student educational activities in both school and community environments.

Leadership in Junior Secondary ensures all students have the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership through service to school and community.

Local decision making is ensured by all stakeholders having the opportunity to be involved in the development and implementation of Junior Secondary at Bowen State High School.

Junior Secondary—Queensland

From 2013, the Governments 'Flying Start Programme' saw the introduction of Junior Secondary in all state schools for Years 8 and 9. In 2015 Year 7 will join this cohort of students. Year Levels 6 through to Year 9, are known as the Middle Phase of Learning.

Junior Secondary recognises this phase of students' lives as a distinct period of academic growth and change and addresses each through the 6 Guiding Principles of Junior Secondary:

- Distinct Identity
- Quality Teaching
- Student Wellbeing
- Parent and Community Involvement
- Leadership and
- Local Decision Making.



Celebrating Junior Secondary:

What Bowen SHS offers . . .

Prepared for all things—is the motto of Bowen SHS and as with everything educational, Junior Secondary is a vital part of a young persons education as they prepare for senior pathways and post school options.

At BSHS Junior Secondary provides a safe and supportive environment where the philosophies of middle schooling curriculum and student needs are embedded in all aspects of the school curriculum.

Our pastoral care program includes a nurse, police officer, chaplain, guidance officer and year level care coordinators, specifically designed to support students in the middle phase of learning and provides programs that encourage participation and success. Building skills that will enhance student confidence in learning and emotional areas for the rest of their lives.

We have a distinct area for Junior Secondary with a teaching team that is dedicated to the middle phase of learning as they develop and deliver Junior Secondary programs through Year 8 and 9 across the core and elective areas of learning.



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Individuality— curriculum and students

Bowen State High School recognises the individuality of each student and through education plans we develop pathways that are individualized and tailored to each students needs. With a broad range of subjects on offer, students are able to trial multiple aspects of the possibilities for senior schooling as they move through Junior Secondary. With specialist staff and classrooms we offer a broad range of learning environments rich in opportunities and development for the transition from Primary to Junior and Junior to Senior years.

Gifted and talented programs runs across our Primary schools with our current Junior Secondary students in the areas of Science, the Arts and Sports. Bowen State High School provides opportunities for students to participate in extra curricula activities including Drama Festivals, Musicals, Theatre Sports, Concert Band, Sporting Teams, Rostrum speaking, debating and subject specific competitions in the areas of Math, Science and English.

We also increase subject offerings through a highly supportive Independent Learning Centre for students wishing to choose a subject through Distance Education.