

**TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

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# JUNIOR SECONDARY HANDBOOK

2021

# WELCOME TO TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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It is with great excitement that we welcome our current and future Junior Secondary students and their parents to our school. Toolooa State High School continues to be a regional leader in this very important stage of learning. We are extremely proud of our students and staff for their clear focus on improvement for every child every day in every classroom.

*From the Principal, Mr Justin Harrison*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Graduates from Toolooa State High School will exit as GREAT LEARNERS and GREAT CITIZENS with GREAT FUTURES.

The purpose of Toolooa State High School is to develop people who are recognised as being equipped to contribute positively to society, valuing respect, responsibility and achievement and participating in lifelong learning.

## **OUR SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES:**

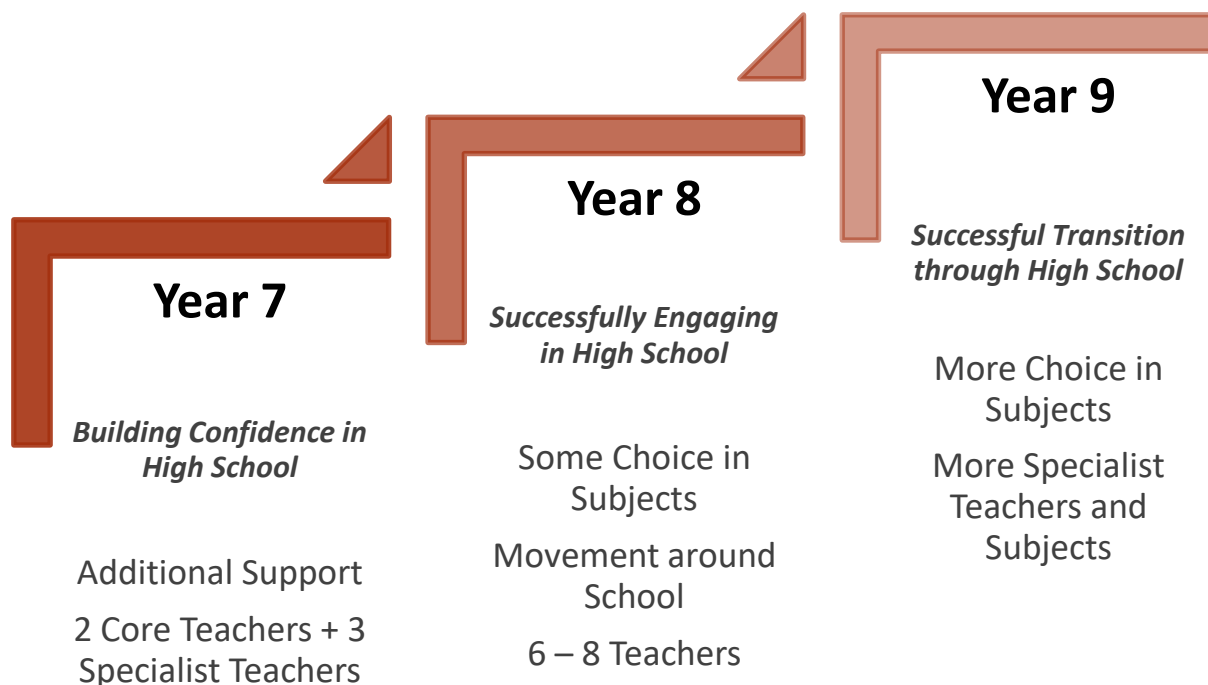
**RESPECT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
RESPONSIBILITY**

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## SCHOOL STAFF CONTACTS

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## JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION MODEL



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Junior Secondary Subjects

	<b>CORE SUBJECTS</b>	<b>ELECTIVE SUBJECTS</b>	
<b>YEAR 7</b>	English Maths Science SOSE (History & Geography) HPE (Health & Physical Education)	Manual Arts Visual Arts Dance Drama Digital Technology LOTE (Japanese)	All electives sampled
<b>YEAR 8</b>	English Maths Science SOSE HPE	Graphics Manual Arts Art Home Economics Dance Drama Business and IT	Choose 1 Elective Per Semester
<b>YEAR 9</b>	English Maths Science SOSE HPE	Graphics Manual Arts Art Home Economics Dance Drama Business and IT	Choose 2 Electives

## Junior Secondary Opportunities at TSHS

### *Academic:*

- Access to extension classes and acceleration programs
- Foundation classes in Maths and English
- Access to a range of competitions, including Opti-MINDS, National Mathematics Competition, ICAS Competitions, First Lego League, Local Maths Competitions, Tech Girls, etc.
- Access to expert staff in all fields of education
- Free maths tutoring available to all students
- STEM Squad. This group meet weekly to sharpen their STEM skills and knowledge, use fun technology to solve real-world problems (robots, spheros, drones, apps, etc.) and compete in local, regional, state and national competitions throughout the year.
- Access to educational technology, including iPads, laptops, interactive whiteboards and computer labs.
- Bring your own device (BYOD) learning supported in class via teacher connectivity.
- Homework Club
- The Toolooa Indigenous Group – Robotics (TIGR)

### *Cultural*

- Instrumental music program
- ‘Toolooa’s Got Talent’
- Access to a range of musical instruments
- Access to combined School Musicals
- Opti-MINDS
- Dungeons & dragons
- Arts Showcase
- Scene project
- Indigenous Dancing

### *Leadership*

- Leadership camps
- Opportunities to become year 7, 8 or 9 leaders in student council. These students work in groups to complete projects such as:
  - Charity and fundraising
  - School beatification
  - Environmental initiatives
  - Wellbeing
  - Social club

### *Sport:*

- Interschool sport including, soccer, touch football, netball, volleyball and rugby league
- Inter-Careport competitions
- Leadership opportunities (Junior Careport Captains)
- Access to expert coaches

**Check out a short video about some of these exciting opportunities [HERE](#)**

## **Expectations of Junior Secondary Students at TSHS**

### ***Attendance***

It is an expectation that students attend school regularly to ensure that they are getting the best out of their education; more specifically, an attendance rate of 95% or greater is required. If a student is absent from school, it is essential that the school is notified of the reason for the absence. This notification can be communicated through a reply to the automated text message, a phone call to the office, or a written letter to the student's form teacher. Extensive unexplained absences will be investigated as per the departmental policy. Parents are asked to advise the school of expected absences by telephoning the Absence Line 49714360 or Text: 0426305 32.

### ***Uniforms***

Students in the Junior Secondary sector of Toolooa State High School are expected to comply with a uniform policy, including the TSHS polo shirt, TSHS shorts, white socks and predominantly black shoes. Alternatively, students are able to choose to wear the formal school uniform, including a button-up top, formal black shorts/skirt and black shoes. During the cooler months, the TSHS jacket or a plain black jumper can be worn, in addition to TSHS or plain black tracksuit pants. Please note that tights, jeans and 'jeggings' are not acceptable pants to wear to school. If a student is out of uniform, they need to bring a note to their form teacher explaining why they are out of uniform. If they fail to do this, they will need to attend a uniform detention. The Uniform Shop opening hours are Tuesdays 8am-12pm. For enquiries, online orders or emergencies please email [uniformshop@toolooashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@toolooashs.eq.edu.au).

### ***Behaviour***

To uphold the outstanding level of engagement and learning, as well as the safe environment at Toolooa State High School, students are expected to behave appropriately in the classroom and the playground. There are strict consequences for students who fail to abide by these expectations.

## ***Assessment***

Toolooa State High School adheres to a strict assessment policy, which sees all students engage in assessment tasks to their full potential. To assist students in successfully completing assessment, all assessment tasks will include a cover sheet detailing the requirements of the task, the draft date and the due date. Teachers will thoroughly explain the task to all students and will make themselves available to assist the students when necessary. If students require assistance, it is important that they make an effort to see their teacher outside of regular class time. All assessment items are outlined in the assessment calendar, which is sent home with the report card each term. If, for some reason, an extension is required, it must be applied for through the Head of Department with a minimum of 48 hours before the due date.

## ***Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices***

At Toolooa, it is understood that mobile phones and other electronic devices make up part of life for most teenagers; however, students need to be aware that these devices are not always appropriate in all settings. Students at Toolooa are not permitted to use their phones, MP3 devices, or smart watches during class time. Students are able to use their electronic devices during break times; however, they must adhere to our ICT Responsible Use Policy.

## ***Period 5***

At Toolooa State High School, we pride ourselves on providing progressive, high-performing, student-cantered learning environments for our students. In order for our school to continue progressing, we adopted a new timetable in 2020. The timetable change included introducing a fifth period on a Friday afternoon running from 1.50-3.00pm that is used primarily as a session to which teaching staff can intentionally collaborate and develop quality learning experiences for all students. The only students who will be required to stay back behind until 3pm are; those who have truanted a lesson in the previous week, those not on track for their QCA or QCIA, those who have outstanding exams to complete or students who have been instructed by a Deputy Principal to stay back as a consequence for breaching the schools behaviour plan.

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## ***BYOD***

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**Check out a short video about our BYOD program [HERE](#)**

## ***Student Support***

A key component of Toolooa's safe and supportive environment is its Student Wellbeing Committee, which exists to facilitate the provision of a supportive school environment for all students emotionally, academically, physically, spiritually and relationally. It meets fortnightly and its members include;

- Chaplain
- School based Youth Health Nurse
- Youth worker/Youth Support Coordinator
- Community Education Counsellor
- Indigenous Support Team
- School based Police Officer
- Guidance Officer
- School based Psychologist

## ***The Junior Secondary Precinct***

Toolooa State High School recognizes that the transition from primary school to high school can be daunting for students. A number of structures and programs have been put into place to ensure our year 7 students feel safe and supported. N-block is regarded as our Year 7 area. In this building, our year 7 students will have the majority of their core classes, access to their form teachers and Head of Junior Secondary, and designated seating areas. Students in other year levels are not permitted in the year 7 area. As our year 7 students become more comfortable, they are welcome to sit and move around the school as they wish. A supported play timetable is also available to our junior students. This timetable offers a variety of supervised activities they can engage with in lunch breaks including; basketball contests, handball competitions, soccer, football, LEGO, Dungeons and Dragons, board games and a quiet reading area.

**Check out a short video about our year 7 area [HERE](#)**



## Enrolling Your Child

To enrol your child into Toolooa State High School, take one of the following options:

- Visit the school's website: [toolooashs.eq.edu.au](http://toolooashs.eq.edu.au) and following the links to 'enrol at TSHS'
- Come into the office and collect and enrolment package from the friendly office staff
- Phone the school office on 49 714 333 for further information

## Enrolment Management - Catchment Area

Our school has an Enrolment Management Plan. This means you cannot automatically enroll if you do not live within the "map" surrounding our school. To check the catchment area you live in, visit the following page:

<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>



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Once again, welcome to Gladstone's premier high school, Toolooa State High School. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child reaches their full potential in a school that promotes and ensures **equity** and **excellence**.

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