



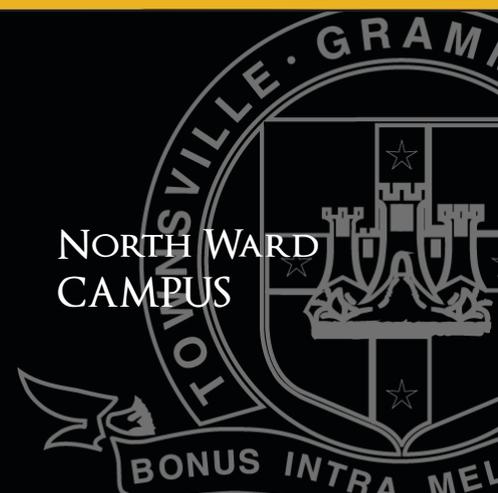
TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

YEAR 7



YEAR 7
PROGRAM

NORTH WARD
CAMPUS





MISS KELSIE PRESTON
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR

Townsville Grammar School's Year 7 Program is a tailored curriculum that bridges the gap between upper primary and lower secondary, equipping students to become independent learners.

The Year 7 Program is an educational approach which caters for the academic, physical, social and emotional needs of students.

Students will have a **Core Teacher** for each of the Key Learning Areas listed below. Core Teachers are also **Form Teachers**, enhancing the link between curriculum and pastoral care.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities

Students will see **Specialist Teachers** for the subjects listed below. This ensures that students are exposed to a variety of Teachers and are provided an introduction to the Senior School concept of moving through the School for different lessons.

- Visual Art
- Health and Physical Education
- Design and Technology
- Performing Arts
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Food Technology / Agribusiness

As the **Year 7 Level Co-ordinator**, it is my role to look after the Pastoral Care Program, supported by our Core/Form Teachers. At Townsville Grammar School, our Pastoral Care Program is centred on the Positive Education model, and is supported by a range of activities such as the Buddy Program, camps and tours, community service opportunities and co-curricular offerings. Townsville Grammar School's Pastoral Care Program is also supported by our **Psychologist and Co-ordinator of Student Well-being & Development**.

I welcome you to our Year 7 Program and invite you to become familiar with our Year Level Co-ordinators' Offices in the Middle School Precinct. Contact details are available on the back page of this brochure, or on our website.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Townsville Grammar School is committed to best-practice middle schooling through an approach to teaching and learning that is student-centred, authentic, collaborative, developmental and challenging.

Townsville Grammar School's Middle School Precinct is home base for our students in Years 7-9.

Townsville Grammar School's Year 7 Program is an educational approach which caters for the academic, physical, social and emotional needs of students, preparing them for successful transition to secondary schooling.

A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION – POSITIVE EDUCATION

As Year 7 students move into Secondary School and gain a higher level of independence with specialised subjects, it is important that more emphasis is placed on pastoral care and support.

- Positive Education is the framework that supports our Pre-Prep to Year 12 Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Program.
- Positive Education focuses on providing students and staff with the skills needed to manage and cope with everyday opportunities and challenges, and to thrive in all aspects of life.
- Positive Education is a whole of school initiative that promotes Positive Relationships, Emotion, Health, Engagement, Accomplishment and Purpose.
- Positive Education enhances students' awareness of their own character strengths and teaches them how to apply them in life, so they have the opportunity to thrive as adults.



The Middle School is a purpose-designed centre where our students gather, socialise, eat and play, with on-site offices for our Head of School, Year Level Co-ordinators and Core Teachers.

TECHNOLOGY AND BYOD

Townsville Grammar School supports a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) platform for students.

BYOD enables students to use personal devices including laptops, tablets, notebooks and smart phones with browsing capabilities to connect to the School's network, access resources and connect to the School's internet. Laptops and desktop computers are available for use in the Middle School. Each classroom is equipped with a data projector and wireless internet access with the support of a specialist IT Aide.

Our Middle School teachers integrate technology into curriculum planning and pedagogy.

STEM

Townsville Grammar School has an exceptional STEM Program, supported by a range of co-curricular STEM activities, events and opportunities.

In our teaching of STEM, we give students the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge in a range of curriculum areas, and use an inquiry-based or active learning approach with challenges linked to real-world problems.

LANGUAGES

Learning a second language assists in developing communication skills, as well as enhancing sociocultural understanding.

Students in Year 7 will study a semester of Japanese and one semester of French.

BOARDING

As our youngest residents, our Year 7 Boarders are provided with additional care to ease the transition of being away from home and family.

Boarding Heads of House are in regular contact with parents and Year 7 Boarders are provided with a dedicated tutor to assist with study.

BUDDY PROGRAM

At the beginning of the School year, every Year 7 student is assigned a Year 9 student as their "Buddy".

The Year 7/9 Buddy is officially announced at a special Buddy Assembly in the Middle School. Students participate in team building and "getting to know you" activities.

The Buddy Program eases the transition into a new school, improves social skills and also provides students with a support person to go to who has been through it all before.

YEAR 7 CAMP AND MELBOURNE TOUR

The Year 7 Camp is held at the end of Term 1 and is a great opportunity for students to develop friendships and bond as a cohort, by participating in various outdoor activities and team challenges.

Year 7 students are also given the opportunity to attend the Canberra Tour in the September holidays.



YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

FOR PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS 2021 & 2022

Thursday, 23 July
PA Space at North Ward
Campus
6:00 – 7:30pm

YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND PARENTS' FAMILIARISATION & INDUCTION

Our Year 7 students are invited to a full day Induction Program in Term 4 of the Year prior to their enrolment. Enrolled Year 7 Boarders are invited to an extra day of Orientation in Boarding. In 2020, these dates are:

Year 7 Boarding Orientation: Sunday, 22 November

Year 7 Day and Boarding Induction: Monday 23 November.

We hold a number of events to provide our new Year 7 students and their families with the opportunity to familiarize with the North Ward Campus, meet Teachers, staff and other students:

Principal's Welcome Function
Parents
Tuesday, 28 January, 5:00pm

Year 7 Activities Day & Family BBQ
Sunday, 2 February
2:00-5:00pm (students)
5:00pm (parents)

Middle School Parent Function
Thursday, 13 February, 6:00pm

**Literacy in the Middle Years
Parent Information Session**
Wednesday, 26 February, 6:00pm

**Positive Education Parent
Information Session**
Thursday, 27 February, 6:00pm

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM

The Year 7 Curriculum Co-ordinator leads a team of Core Teachers, assisting students in transitioning to secondary school.

Curriculum is designed to develop literacy and numeracy programs with connections across subject disciplines. A balance of technology and handwriting, as well as individual and teamwork is planned to allow for a deeper level of learning.

This structure allows for increased flexibility and collaboration featuring authentic learning experiences which support a student-centred approach to curriculum and pedagogical practices.

LEADERS IN LEARNING

Townsville Grammar School has earned an enduring reputation for academic excellence, evident in annual NAPLAN results and Year 12 outcomes. The School is focused on providing the optimal learning environment with consistent, sequential and focused programs, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

In 2019, Townsville Grammar School ranked in the top 4% of schools in Queensland for NAPLAN results, the highest outside of South-East Queensland for both primary and secondary.

Townsville Grammar School is the only school in North Queensland to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma program (IB) for Years 11 and 12 students, with scores consistently above the national and international averages.

The Grammar experience centres on the commitment to delivering a balanced offering of exceptional academic instruction, co-curricular opportunities, community engagement and school spirit in a values-based environment.

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Timothy Kelly - Principal

CO-CURRICULAR

The Co-curricular Program is a vibrant component of life at Townsville Grammar School. Students are provided with every opportunity to develop their skills and interests across a broad range of activities:

- Art
- Chess
- Choirs
- Community Service
- Dance
- Debating
- Drama
- Leadership
- Music
- Public Speaking
- Sport
- STEM

TOURS & CAMPS

Townsville Grammar School offers students a variety of optional School Tours throughout their secondary schooling, including:

- Drama Tour: UK & Europe
- Japan Tour
- Music Tour
- Netball Tour: New Zealand
- Rugby Tour: Canberra
- Senior Literature Tour: Melbourne
- Ski Tour: New Zealand
- STEM Tour: Singapore
- World Challenge: Nepal
- Year 7 City Tour: Melbourne

Camps and Activities (Retreats and Work Experience Programs) are a compulsory part of School life and take place throughout the year. Camps focus on outdoor education, teamwork, personal and social development, confidence and leadership skill.



EVERY
OPPORTUNITY.

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EEC + PREP - YEAR 12

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