



Fact Sheet

A Flying Start for Queensland Children Year 7 Pilot Program

Pilot schools

Murrumba State Secondary College is the first state high school to pilot Year 7. Murrumba, a new school in the North Coast region, opened for Year 7 and 8 students in January 2012.

From 2013, a further 19 schools from across the state will join Murrumba in piloting Year 7 in high school before 2015. They range from large metropolitan schools to small rural and remote schools, as well as schools that currently cater for Prep to Year 10, Years 8 to 12 and Prep to Year 12.

These schools were selected following an extensive consultation and expression of interest process. For a full list of pilot schools, visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart.

Outcomes

The experiences of Year 7 pilot schools will inform best practice models and shape individual school approaches to including Year 7 in high school.

Pilot schools will provide advice about how to prepare and support students as they move from primary to high school to ensure continuous learning and smooth transitions.

Smooth transitions

Strengthening partnerships with local primary schools will be an important focus for pilot schools. They will work closely with their feeder primary schools to develop pastoral care programs that support Year 7 students through their transition to high school.

Junior Secondary

In 2013, Junior Secondary will be introduced at all state high schools for students in Years 8 and 9. Junior Secondary will also include Year 7 students at pilot schools. Other schools will welcome Year 7 to Junior Secondary in 2015. To read more about Junior Secondary, visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart.

School leadership

Teachers and school leaders in pilot schools will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work with young adolescents. Pilot schools will use the six principles of Junior Secondary to guide their practice, processes and organisation to provide the optimum learning environment for Junior Secondary students.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart to find out more.