



WELCOME TO JUNIOR
SECONDARY @ MOSSMAN
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mossman State High School provides secondary education to the Douglas Shire, welcoming students from nine primary schools. You'll already know students from your primary school but will have a great opportunity to make new friends.

Year 7 is a big step for students. Not only will you be moving to a different school, you will have many new teachers, timetables and subjects to navigate. Also, for many, the size of the school and larger student population can be intimidating for students new to high school. We have experienced teachers and great facilities to support and engage you in your education journey. Our facilities include:

- Indoor Sports Centre
- Dance Studio and Gym
- Hospitality training facilities
- Science laboratories
- Dedicated art rooms and media labs
- Music programs
- Industrial Design workshops
- Resource Centre
- Computer labs
- Sport fields
- And lots of different classrooms.



You will have opportunities to grow through designing, making, cooking, drawing, expressing, problem solving, and working in teams to demonstrate your acquired knowledge and skills.

We expect you to care about each other, be responsible and respectful learners, be proud of your achievements and who you are as individuals and the diversity that you will bring in to the school. You do this by attending every day and being ready to learn in your classes.

You may feel anxious and nervous, but the teachers and staff are here to help you make the transition to high school. Our Head of Engagement & Student Services is your first point of contact, and along with the Year 7 coordinator and your teachers, we will all help you find your way and settle into a great year of learning.

I look forward to seeing you next year.

Katherine Macfarlane
Principal

People you should know...



Ms Macfarlane
Principal



Mrs Zahnow
Deputy Principal



Mrs Seidenkranz
Deputy Principal



Mrs Guthrie
**Head of Senior School and
Engagement**



Mrs Gray
**Head of Partnerships
and Student Support**



It's NOT such a big STEP

Year 7 means...

New Teachers

'I love having lots of different subjects that I like and that are fun.'

'My new favourite subjects are HPE and Industrial Manufacturing.'

New Friends

'I have the same friends from last year, and I have also made heaps more.'

'I have made tons of friends from other schools!'

New School

'We have an awesome tuckshop. It does breakfast and has specials everyday with hot and healthy food.'

'I especially love Red Days!'

New Buildings

'I got a bit lost at first, but I can find my own way around fine now!'

'It was a bit hard the first day of school trying to find all of the classes but now I have the hang of it!!!'

New Routine

'The timetable was a bit hard to follow at first, but we soon got the hang of it.'

'I love that we get to move around every 70 minutes!'

New Opportunities

'There are heaps of wonderful opportunities available to all year levels...we just need to listen to the notices every morning.'

What this year's students said...

What is your favourite thing about high school?

The teachers, making new friends, new subjects, different classes, walking around at lunch times, longer lunch breaks, subjects are way more fun, new classrooms, having different teachers, lunch time, tuckshop!!!!!!

What is the biggest difference between primary school and high school?

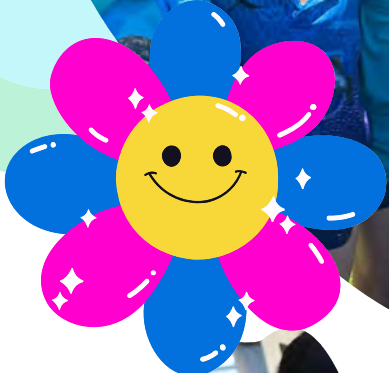
Heaps more people, having to carry heavy bags around, going from being the big kid, to the smallest, no playground, tuckshop everyday...and before school, siblings!!!!!!

What is your favourite subject?

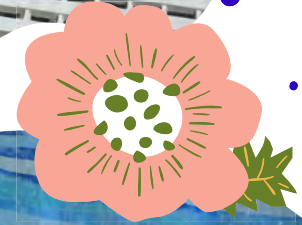
Science, TFD, English, PE, Maths, Digital Tech, Drama, Humanities, Art, TMT, Music.
The list goes on!!!

**There is
something
for everybody!!**





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Subjects you will study...

ENGLISH

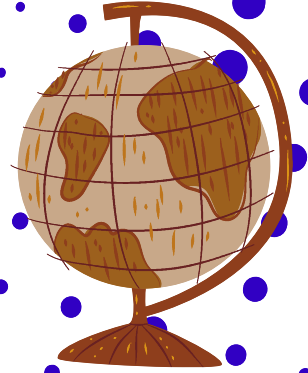
- Learn to appreciate, enjoy and use language
- Read and study literary and non-literary texts
- Investigate how issues are represented in the media
- Improve your speaking and written skills in a range of genres
- Reflect and evaluate your own work



HUMANITIES

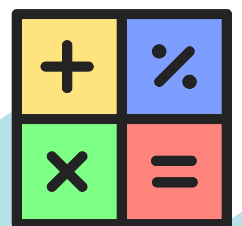
Humanities is a combination of History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, and Economics and Business.

- History examines ancient, medieval and modern history.
- Geography is the study of how the earth works, as well as the impact humans have on the environment.
- Civics and Citizenship investigates how you can make change by being an active citizen, as well how our government works.
- Economics and Business study how there are different business types, what affects business and how our economy functions.



MATHEMATICS

In Maths you will continue to develop your mathematical skills which will assist you to solve real life problems in a variety of contexts.



SCIENCE

In Science you will study how the world works by performing experiments.

You will learn how to:

- Design and perform investigations and experiments
- Collect, present and analyse data, and
- Draw conclusions



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In HPE, you will study both physical sports and healthy lifestyle choices. You will study:

- Challenge and adventure activities (e.g. orienteering)
- Games and sports (e.g. team and individual sports)
- Alcohol and Drug Education
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships and Sexuality



AUSLAN

Students will learn to use sign language to communicate within this exciting new language offering.



MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES SPECIALISATIONS

Industrial Technology will introduce you to many useful new skills working with a variety of materials—wood, metal and plastics. You will be able to make small projects to take home.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

In Digital Design and Technology, you will develop an understanding of robotics as well as the basic computer skills required for school.



MUSIC

In Music you will learn to analyse popular songs using the elements of music, and perform a variety of musical pieces.



VISUAL ART

In Visual Art you will complete a portfolio of practical work including painting, drawing, printing and ceramics. You will study many works from different cultures and artists.



FOOD SPECIALISATIONS

In Food Studies you will learn basic cooking skills by preparing a range of meals. The focus in Year 7 is around nutrition and learning to create delicious food that is also healthy.



ACADEMIC

Students at Mossman High School have a large variety of academic opportunities available to them all year round...

Our students compete annually in **Australian and International Competitions** in a variety of areas such as Mathematics, Science, Chemistry and ICT.

Students are also able to compete in competitions against other schools in areas such as Tournaments of the Minds, Optiminds, Readers Cup and other such battles.

Throughout the year, students are given opportunities to participate in excursions to enhance and compliment their understanding in certain areas. In the past we have participated in trips to the Habitat, the Cairns Aquarium, Mossman Gorge, the Herberton Village, Cairns Courthouse, Mossman Police Station, Agricultural tours and the list goes on.

Our **Work Experience Program** allows our students to explore their career options. This block traditionally occurs in Year 10, but we also offer additional opportunities on a personalised needs basis.



SPORTING

Students at Mossman High School have a large variety of sporting opportunities available to them all year round...

Mossman High students regularly compete in:

- Fowlers' Netball Cup
- Cowboy's Rugby League
- Team Tennis
- Surf :Life Saving
- Trinity Coast North Athletics
- Peninsula Trials
- All Schools' AFL
- Street Smart T20 Cricket
- Touch Football
- Volleyball
- Futsal



We have many students who participate and compete as **Peninsula Representatives for their sport**, these sports include:

- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football
- Futsal
- Golf
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Triathlon

CULTURAL

Students at Mossman High School have a large variety of cultural opportunities available to them all year round...

Mossman High School has an excellent Music Program

- We hold a music camp every year.
- We perform at many public events including the Mossman Show, The Orchid Show, Seniors' Luncheon, ANZAC Day, Presentation Day, and Remembrance Day.
- Each year we compete in the Cairns Eisteddfod with small ensembles, a Concert Band and a Jazz Band.
- Every year we have students selected for State Honours Band in both Cairns and Brisbane.



We have held many camps over the years, across year levels, including the Year 12 Leaders camp at Tinaroo, camps to Cooktown and Mungalli Falls and Biology Camp.



We have also held Interstate and Overseas Tours, with Grade 11 Camps to Canberra and Melbourne and in 2019 we had a group travel to Europe for 3 weeks!



YOUR JOURNEY **HAS BEGUN**

Let's Grow Together @
Mossman State High School