WELCOME TO

JUNIOR SECONDARY

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MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Welcome to Mossman State High School. We look forward to your arrival in 2017 as you begin your secondary school education. Our school is a vibrant and exciting place because of the amazing talent, skills and energy of our staff, parents and community members.

You are leaving a smaller school where you have worked with one teacher most of the time. You have also been one of the oldest students in the school as well as being seen as a leader in your school. You are now moving to a larger school with many more students and teachers.

We will ensure that your transition to Junior Secondary School is well organised. There will be many academic, cultural, social and sporting activities that you will find most enjoyable. Join in and be part of our great school. You will achieve your best when you aim high and participate in all that our school has to offer.

This is now your school and you deserve the very best. Co-operate with your teachers and classmates, be aware of school expectations, attend everyday and be proud of your endeavours and achievements.

This is a new beginning for you and we look forward to supporting you throughout your time at Mossman State High School.

Deborah Kachel
Principal
The Year 7 Core Teachers of 2016

Mrs Guthrie
Mrs Gibson
Mrs Crees
Mrs Hamilton
Mrs Guthrie
Mr Ryan
Miss Clinton
Miss Weyers
**New Teachers**

‘I love having lots of different subjects that I like and that are fun’

‘My favourite subjects are Manual Arts and HPE’

**New Friends**

‘I have the same friends from last year, and I have also made a few more’

‘I have made tons of friends!’

**New School**

‘We have an awesome tuckshop to go to. It has specials everyday with hot and healthy food’
It’s not such a big step.

Year 7 Means...

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 FRIENDS
Subjects You Will Study

**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)
- Dance
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Relationships and sexuality

**Home Economics**
In Home Economics you will develop basic cooking skills by preparing a range of meals.
The focus in grade 7 is on nutrition, creating yummy food that is also healthy.

**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

**Drama**
Students study a broad range of drama through the ages, from ancient times to Shakespeare and into contemporary dramatic expression. Students also practice their own formation and presentation of theatre and drama.

**ART**
In art you will do a lot of practical work painting, drawing, printing and ceramics. You will look at many works from different cultures and artists.
Mathematics
In maths you will keep developing your mathematical skills helping you use those skills to solve real life problems in a variety of contexts.

Humanities
Humanities is a combination of History, Geography and Civics and Citizenship.
In history you will get to study 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 looks at how you can make change by being an active citizen, as well as understand how our government works.

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
An important part of English is reading for fun and watching half an hour of news every day.

Japanese
Students study written and spoken language structures and apply them to a range of social and cultural situations which offer a contrast between Japan and Australia.

Digital Technology
In ICT you will be able to develop your understanding of as well as the basic computer skills required for school.

Manual Arts
Industrial Technology and Design 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 and show off to your family.
People You Should Know

Mrs Kachel  
(Principal)

Mr Guthrie  
(Deputy Principal)

Mrs Seidenkranz  
(Deputy Principal)

Mrs Guthrie  
(HOD Junior School)
Teachers aren't all that scary either....
There is always plenty to do at Mossman High
• Debating and Public Speaking competitions are available throughout the year — Rostrum Youth of the Year, Lion’s Youth of the Year.

• Students can compete in Tournament of the Minds against other schools from this district.

• Students compete annually in Australian and International Competitions in Mathematics, Science, Chemistry and ICT.

• We participate in many school excursions to enhance your understanding of the topics studied. These include excursions to the Habitat, Mossman Gorge, Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures, Herberton Village, Cairns Courthouse, Mossman Police Station, Agricultural Tours, and the list goes on.

• We help you explore your career options by providing you with opportunities for work experience in grade 10.
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Every year we host Mossman 7’s—a competition where students from other schools compete at Mossman in Netball and Rugby.

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

- AFL
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Triathlon

Mossman High students regularly compete in:

- Interschool Equestrian events
- Vicki Wilson Netball
- Cowboy’s Rugby League
- Team Tennis
- ‘NAB’ AFL
- Open Age Cricket Cup
- Year 8/9 Cricket
- NQ All schools
- Townsville Touch
- Surf Life Saving
- Mountain Biking
Mossman High has an excellent Music Program

- We hold a music camp every year
- We perform at many public events including the Mossman Show, Orchid Show, Seniors Luncheon, ANZAC Day, Presentation Night and Remembrance Day
- We compete in the Cairns Eisteddfod each year with small ensembles a Concert Band and Jaz Band.
- Every year we have students selected for State Honours Band in both Cairns and Brisbane
- We have many camps across year levels and curriculum areas, including ‘cow camp’ for aspiring cattle handlers, a tourism camp at the Gold Coast, and a Cooktown camp.
- Mossman High has produced many musicals both on stage and on film as well as holding Artistic Impressions, a showcase of talent within the school in Art, Music, Dance, Drama and Film and Television
- We have interstate tours, with a grade 11 camp to Canberra and tours overseas to Italy and Japan.
We Look Forward To Seeing You In 2017

And can’t wait to show you around!