

QCT Newsletter



Year 7 joins secondary school in 2015

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As you may already be aware, in 2015 Year 7 will become the first year of secondary school in Queensland.

The move represents a major reform to education and will benefit students at all Queensland schools. Students entering Year 7 in 2015 will be in their eighth year of schooling and the move follows the successful introduction of a Prep year. Our Year 7 students will also be better positioned to take advantage of the new Australian Curriculum and will have greater access to specialist teachers and resources, such as science labs, in the secondary school environment.

The move also brings Queensland in line with most other states and territories.

In addition to significant planning and investment in secondary school infrastructure to accommodate the additional year level, the move will also create significant new career and employment opportunities for Queensland teachers within the state, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors.

Catholic Schools

Catholic Education offices in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Toowoomba will be recruiting high quality secondary teachers, early in 2014 for the start of the 2015 school year.

In colleges administered by Brisbane Catholic Education for example, an extra 270 secondary teachers will be needed in secondary and P-12 Colleges.

Teachers interested in finding out more about opportunities in Catholic schools should contact their local <u>Catholic Education office</u>.

State Schools

When students enter Year 7 in state schools in 2015, they will be welcomed into <u>Junior</u> <u>Secondary</u>—a phase of education focused on students in Years 7 to 9. At this time, the department will need up to 1,300 additional teachers in state secondary schools to support the students commencing in Junior Secondary.

Teachers interested in finding out more about teaching in Junior Secondary can <u>register their</u> <u>interest</u> or visit the <u>Make a difference. Teach</u> website.

Independent schools

Independent schools around the state are responsible for the recruitment of teachers to their schools. Teachers should contact schools directly for more information about employment opportunities.

Further Information

Information about the transition of Year 7 to secondary school in 2015 and other related reforms is available from the <u>Flying Start for Queensland Children</u> website.

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