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Middle Schooling – 2014

The middle years of schooling span primary and secondary schooling (from Year 5 to Year 8). During these years, some students may experience difficulties and slower educational progress. However evidence shows that appropriate educational programs during the middle years of schooling can prevent these adverse effects and create a strong platform for further secondary and post-secondary learning.

As part of a Middle School Initiative, Yr 6 students will be attending Wade High School every second Thursday (beginning Week 2 Term 1- Thursday 6 February 2014)) from 8.55am to 11.15am. The purpose of this visit is to provide more effective programs for transition between primary and secondary schooling as well as promoting visits and joint activities for students and teachers.

Courses being studied in Term 1 are Mathematics, Languages and Home Economics. Students will complete these in the first period of the day from 9.08 - 10.08 a.m.

During the second period of the day (10.08 – 11.08 a.m.) students will be in their usual Year 6 classes with our Yr 6 teachers and complete their Yr 6 lessons in a classroom at Wade HS. Wade HS staff will be visiting Mr Cook And Mr Noad during these lessons.

Benefits of this initiative include:

- Students being more engaged more of the time while at primary school and high school.
- More effective linking of what is taught and assessed between primary school and high school.
- Improved transition for students between primary school and high school.

The timetable for GEPS Yr 6 students attending Wade High School for Middle Schooling is:

GRIFFITH EAST PS - Yr 6 Middle School visits to Wade HS - 2014

TERM 1

WEEK 2	Thurs 6th February 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 4	Thurs 20th February 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 6	Thurs 6th March 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 8	Thurs 20th March 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 10	Thurs 3rd April 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.

TERM 2

WEEK 2	Thurs 8th May 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 4	Thurs 22nd May 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 6	Thurs 5th June 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 8	Thurs 19th June 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.

TERM 3

WEEK 2	Thurs 24th July 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 4	Thurs 7th August 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 6	Thurs 21st August 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 8	Thurs 4th September 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 10	Thurs 18th September 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.

TERM 4

WEEK 2	Thurs 16th October 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 4	Thurs 30th October 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 6	Thurs 13th November 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 8	Thurs 27th November 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.
WEEK 10	Thurs 11th December 2014	8.55 – 11.15 a.m.

Students need to make their own way to Wade High School in the morning, ready to commence at 8.55 a.m.

They will be met each week, by Mr Cook and Mr Noad, on the front lawn of Wade High School behind the large message board out the front. Students who are arriving on buses can walk from the back lawn, where the bus stop is, to the front lawn.

At the conclusion of the middle school lesson, they will be taken by bus each week (at no cost) back to GEPS by Mr Cook and Mr Noad at 11.08.a.m. and commence recess at GEPS at 11.15 a.m.

An Orientation Day for students who are enrolling in Year 7 at Wade HS in 2015 will be held in late Term 4 and Wade HS will notify parents of the date and time for this day early in Term 4.

Students are to wear their normal GEPS school uniform to all middle schooling sessions.

Please complete the permission note attached and return it by Wednesday 5 February 2014.

If you have any questions about the Middle Schooling initiative please speak to your child's teacher.

This initiative is the starting point for Middle Schooling which enables our public schools to address some of the issues experienced by our students at this important stage of their schooling. We are adopting the middle years of schooling as an important priority and hope we will have your continued support.

Andrew Pryor
Principal
Griffith East PS
31 January 2014