



# Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Showcase Evening

## **Year 7, 2026**

Tuesday 26 August 2025



# Masters of Ceremony

## Junior School Leaders



Junior School Captain –  
Excellence



Junior School Captain –  
Learning

# Acknowledgement of Country

Title: *Coral Beds Down Under*

Artist: Josiah Omeenyo

Agent: Lockhart River Arts Indigenous Corporation

Catalogue J020110611, Lockhart River Arts Centre

Josiah Omeenyo is a cultural leader in his community and an accomplished traditional dancer and singer. His artwork expresses his enthusiasm for life. Josiah is represented by major galleries in Australia and overseas.





# Executive Principal's Report



# BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*A unique and high performing public school, with over 100 years of proven success in all areas of school life*

## Unchanged values:

- **Respect**
- **Learning**
- **Excellence**
- **Public school inclusiveness**



# Philosophy



## Our Motto

*Scientia est Potestas*  
Knowledge is Power

**We believe that the pursuit of knowledge equips and enables  
our students to make a powerful difference in the world.**

## Our Values



### Learning

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learning and  
curiosity.

### Excellence

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class standards.



### Respect

We earn respect for  
our integrity, humility  
and altruism.

### Public Education

We celebrate diversity as well  
as the things that bind us  
together.





## The State High 'ingredients of success':

- A thirst for personal best
- Setting the bar very high
- The State High network
- Thinking beyond yourself...
- A rounded education





Rebecca Nicholas  
Associate Principal

# Learning at Brisbane State High School

Visible learning occurs at State High when teachers see learning through the eyes of the students and students see themselves as their own teacher.

## LEARNING:

- Active engagement
- Accessible
- Flexible
- Curious
- Intentional



## EXPERTISE:

- Evidence and research informed
- Knowledge driven
- Responsive
- Reflective



## CULTURE:

- Inclusive
- Continuous
- Collaborative
- High challenge and high support



## Our Practices:

- Dimensions of Learning · Co-constructed and collaborative
- Feedback Pedagogy · Digital Pedagogy · Data-Informed
- The Learning Scientist · Safe and supported environment



## OUR VALUES:

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|  Learning |  Excellence       |
|  Respect  |  Public Education |

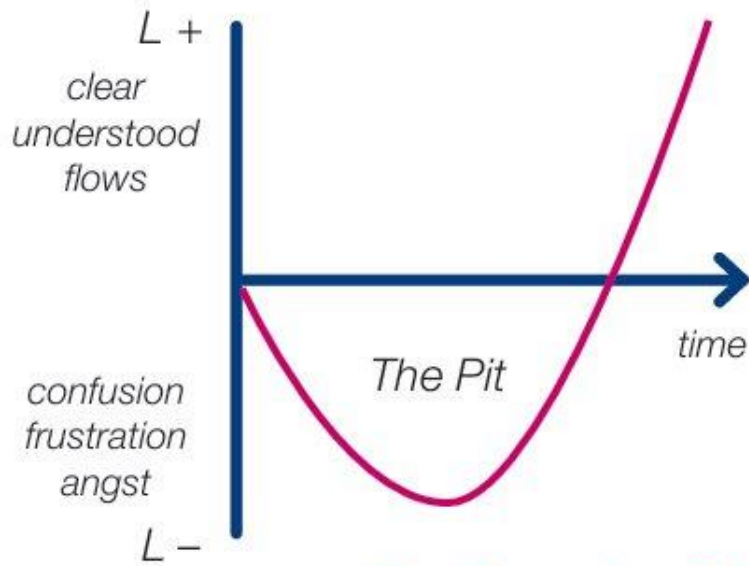
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# The Importance of Effort



*Growth Mindset*



*The Learning Pit*

"All progress takes place outside the comfort zone."

Micheal John Bobak



# THE LEARNING PIT

BY JAMES NOTTINGHAM

## Eureka!

Eureka: you found it! The feeling of enlightenment and discovery you feel at this stage is the ecstasy of learning. This is what makes the learning journey so worthwhile. Congratulations for persevering!



## Concept

Find a concept worth exploring that you know a little bit about.



## Question

Find the problems, the nuances and the exceptions to your concept. You can do this by comparing your concept with another, considering if it always applies, or trying to find a definition that works in all cases.



## Consider

Look back at your learning journey. Which strategies worked best? What would you change next time? How can you apply your new understanding to different contexts?

## Construct

Identify patterns, relationships and meanings between all the ideas you've uncovered. Distinguish between them by sorting, classifying, grouping or ranking. Use your findings to create a more precise understanding of your concept.



## Cognitive Conflict

If you've uncovered lots of examples and exceptions to your concept, and realised how complex your chosen concept is, then you are in The Pit! This is where deep learning really gets going.

Challenging  
**LEARNING**  
@TheLearningPit

# Our Learning Principles



**Visible Progress**



**Visible Expertise**



**Visible Culture**



# Opportunities multiply as they are seized...

## Crystal Tsao – year 12

*Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in STEM Education*



**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**  
Australian Economics Olympiad Winner



**Keeran Subendranathan**  
Year 12

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



**Mayling Ye**

Year 11

## Owen Zhai - year 11

*Silver Medal International Physics Olympiad - Paris*

*Silver Medal Asian Physics Olympiad - Saudi Arabia*

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# Extra-Curricular





# Extra-Curricular Activities 2026





## Extra-Curricular Activities 2026

### Competition Seasons

	Term 1 28 January – 4 April			Term 2 22 April – 27 June			Term 3 14 July – 19 September			Term 4 7 October – 12 December			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
GPS / Boys		Cricket		Football			Basketball						
		Rowing		Tennis			Rugby						
		Swimming		Water Polo				Athletics (Track & Field)					
		Volleyball		Gymnastics									
			Cross Country										
All		Debating (GPS)		Fencing			Chess						
		Debating (QDU)											
QGSSEA / Girls		Cricket					Netball			Badminton			
		Swimming					Tennis						
			Basketball					Volleyball			AFL (Junior)		
			Football & Touch Football					Hockey					
								BSRA Rowing					
			Cross Country						Athletics (Track & Field)				
		AFL (Senior)			Rhythmic Gymnastics								
		Cultural & Other		Instrumental Music • Vocal Ensembles • Dance Troupes • Rock School • Technical Crew									
					Drama Club								
Amnesty International • Creative Writing Club • Duke of Edinburgh Award (over 14 years) • Greenscapes • The Ink Drop Magazine • Monday Masterclasses • Opti-MINDS • Student Digital Leaders • Student Representative Council													

For more information please refer to the Brisbane SHS website [here](#)



# Registration Process

Step 1: Scan the QR code. (This will take you to a Padlet with information about available activities/sports).

Step 2: Complete the sign up survey located in the Padlet. Registration must be completed by a parent/guardian.

***Completion of this process does not guarantee selection in the activity. Students will need to participate in trials for the activity.***







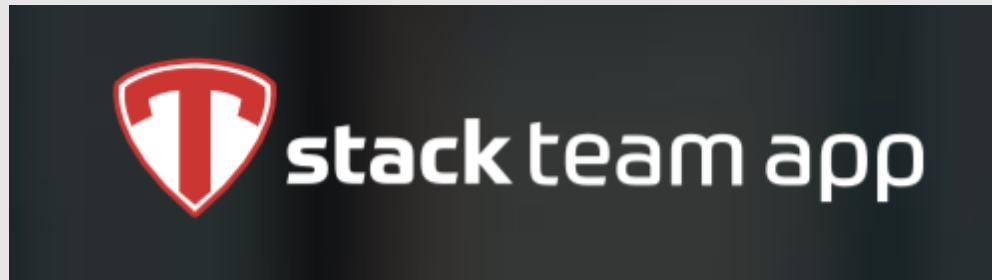
Please scan the QR Code  
to express interest in  
Extra-Curricular activities and  
the Instrumental Music  
Program.

Sign up survey for round 1 activities  
closes **Friday 10 October 2025**

# Communication about trials/activities



**Compass** is used to communicate with all students at BSHS. (Trial/audition times, activities occurring each term will be published here).



**Team App** is used to communicate activity specific information to students, coaches and parents/guardians. Sign-up for Team App to keep up to date with your activity. Eg BSHS Girls Rowing, BSHS Boys Football

# Selection for Activities

- **Performance** at trials, rehearsals, training and competitions.
- **Eligibility** to participate in activity based on rules of activity (age/year level, etc).
- **Financial** levies and school subject fees are up to date.



# Activity Levy

The levy for each activity covers costs associated with:

- administration costs (officials' fees, certificates, programs)
- affiliation levy to organisations (eg. GPS/QGSSSA, QDU, BSRA)
- bus transport to training/games/venue
- catering
- first aid/sports medicine
- purchase and maintenance of equipment
- venue hire/usage
- award trophies and prizes



# BSHS Strength and Conditioning

## What is it?

In addition to in season training, access is available to strength and conditioning programs for students in Years 7-12.

This training is open year round, and is planned and periodised to have students in their best shape leading into their QGSSSA and GPS seasons.

## When is it?

- Years 7-9 have access to 2 outdoor sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 40 minutes. 7:40am – 8:20am on Oval/F Block undercroft (wet weather sessions)
- Years 10-12 have access to 'open gym' sessions which are fully supervised and enable students to a complete professionally prepared program aligned to their sport/s.



# District/Regional Nominations

Brisbane State High School is a member of Metropolitan East region. To be eligible to compete in Queensland School Sport Championships, students need to first trial for selection in the district team and if successful, the regional team.

**Mt Gravatt District:** 12-year-olds

**Composite District:** 13 to 18-year-olds



Trial information will be advised to students via Compass and Team App.

# Our Volunteering Culture







Deputy Principal –  
Junior School (7 & 8)  
Mr Matthew Thornton

# Our Values



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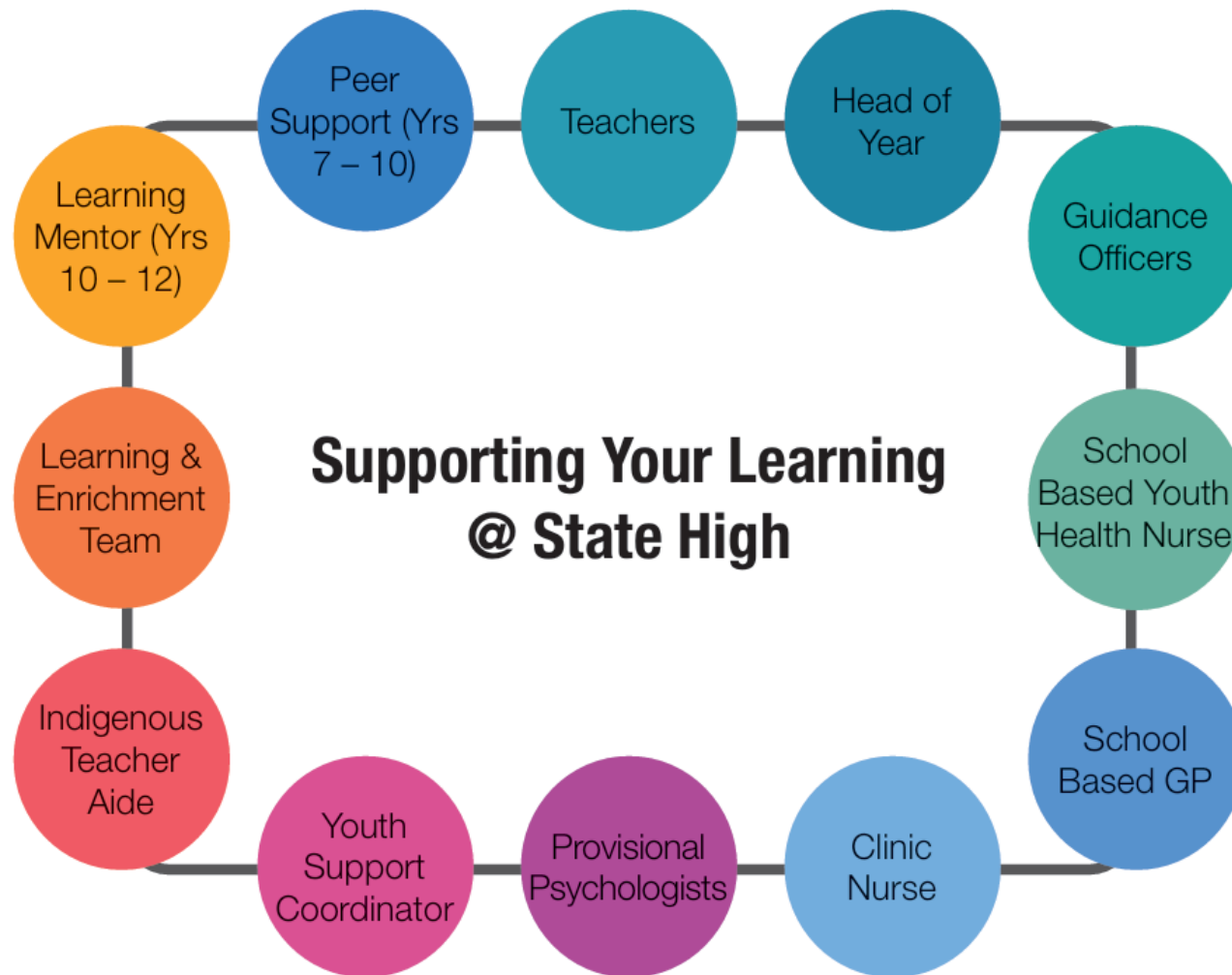


## Public Education

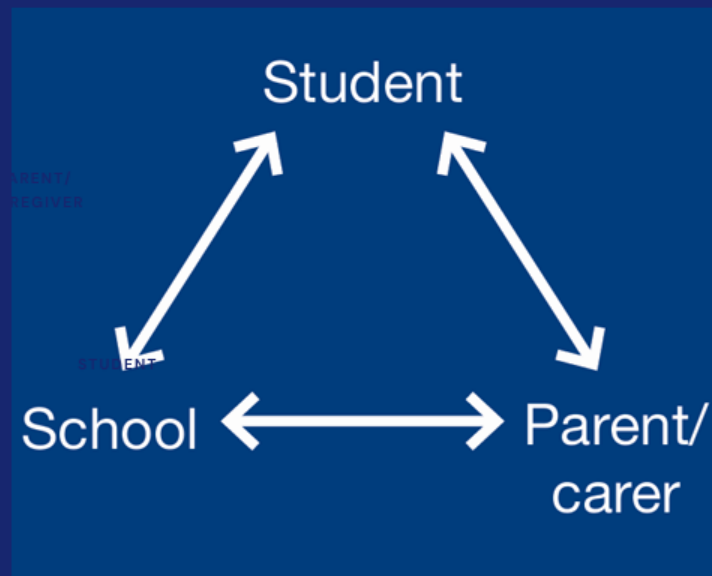
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# WE SEE SCHOOLING AS A PARTNERSHIP





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HighSchool



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## Parent Resources




Support and resources

- Forms and documents
- Student resources
- Parent resources**
  - Administration of medications in schools procedure
  - Learning @ Home
  - Learning Mentor Conversations
  - Parent Information
  - Parents as Partners
  - Parent Teacher Interviews
  - Payment
  - QParents Portal
  - SchoolTV
  - Senior Success Conversations
  - User Pays Scheme
  - Whitelist school email addresses
- Student services and support programs

Parent resources




**Administration of medications in schools procedure**  
Procedure for schools to safely administer medication.




**Learning @ Home**  
Contains information to assist parents/guardians and families during online learning mode.




**Learning Mentor Conversations**  
Information regarding Year 10 Learning Mentor Conversations.




**Parent Information**  
General parent information, including the Parent Information Handbook.




**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
Book a Parent Teacher interview using the PTO Booking System online or through the app.




**Parents as Partners**  
Parents as Partners' resources from our Professional Learning Institute.




**Payment**  
Payment information for our Canteen, Uniform Shop and for printing.




**QParents Portal**  
Access your child's information online or through the mobile app.




**SchoolTV**  
SchoolTV is a wellbeing online resource designed to connect, inform and empower parents.



**Senior Success Conversations**  
Book a Senior Success Conversations appointment.



**User Pays Scheme**  
Information about subject fees and



**Whitelist school email addresses**

# Subjects

## Core subjects

- English or Aspire English
- Humanities or Aspire Humanities
- Mathematics or Aspire Mathematics
- Science or Aspire Science
- Health and Physical Education (one semester)
- Language (one semester)
  - » Chinese
  - » French
  - » German
  - » Italian
  - » Japanese
  - » Spanish

## Semester electives

- The Arts (choose one from the following)
  - » Dance
  - » Drama
  - » Media Arts
  - » Music
  - » Visual Art
- Business, Innovation & Design (choose one from the following)
  - » Design
  - » Digital Solutions
  - » Engineering

# Subject Selection

## Compulsory Subjects

Students **MUST** study for 2 semesters:

- ☐ Maths
- ☐ English
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Humanities

Students **MUST** study for 1 semester:

- ☐ HPE
- ☐ Language  
(Chinese, French, German,  
Italian, Japanese, Spanish)





# Subject Selection

## Elective Subjects – 1 semester/year

### 1 Arts elective

- ☐ Dance
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Media Arts
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Visual Art



### 1 Technology elective

- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Design and Technology
- ☐ Digital Technologies



# Subject Selection

Do you want more information about each subject?

Visit our Website and further resources and information on our Year 7 Transition Padlet.



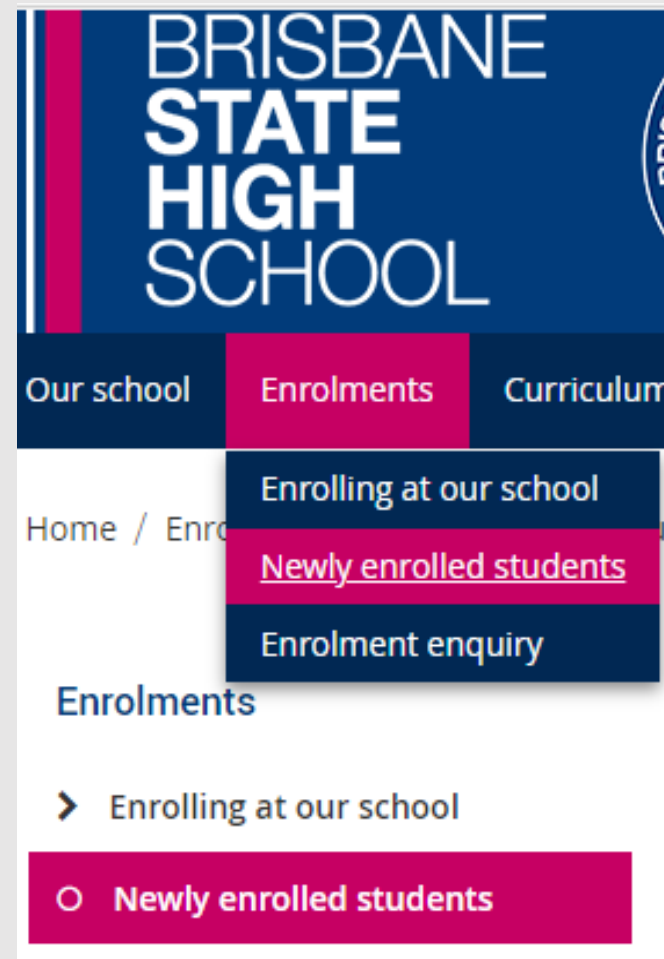
## How to Submit Subject Selections

Email will be sent tomorrow with a link

Due by 4.00pm on **Tuesday 10 September 2025**

# How do I apply for Aspire?

- Email will be sent to parents regarding a Teams presentation that will outline how to apply for Aspire.
- This presentation will include the due dates for applications and how to apply.
- **The process to apply for Aspire has changed in 2025.**
- Application will be submitted via Showbie.
- Information will also be made available on the school website.
- Students do not need to select 'Aspire' when they do their subject selections. The subject selections will be updated for selected students once the process has been completed.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 8:50-10:00am	Lesson 1 8:50-10:00am	Lesson 1 8:50-10:00am	Lesson 1 8:50-10:00am	Lesson 1 8:50-10:00am
Travel 10:00-10:10am	Travel 10:00-10:10am	Travel 10:00-10:10am	Travel 10:00-10:10am	Travel 10:00-10:10am
Lesson 2 10:10-11:00am	Lesson 2 10:10-11:20am	Lesson 2 10:10-11:20am	Lesson 2 10:10-11:20am	Lesson 2 10:10-11:20am
1st Break 11:00-11:35am	1st Break 11:20-11:55am	1st Break 11:20-11:55am	1st Break 11:20-11:55am	1st Break 11:20-11:55am
Lesson 3 11:35-12:45pm	Lesson 3 11:55-13:05pm	Lesson 3 11:55-13:05pm	Lesson 3 11:55-13:05pm	Lesson 3 11:55-13:05pm
2nd Break 12:45-13:20pm	2nd Break 13:05-13:40pm	2nd Break 13:05-13:40pm	2nd Break 13:05-13:40pm	2nd Break 13:05-13:40pm
Lesson 4 13:20-14:30pm	Lesson 4 13:40-14:50pm	Lesson 4 13:40-14:50pm	Lesson 4 13:40-14:50pm	Lesson 4 13:40-14:50pm
Staff Collaboration 14:40-16:00				

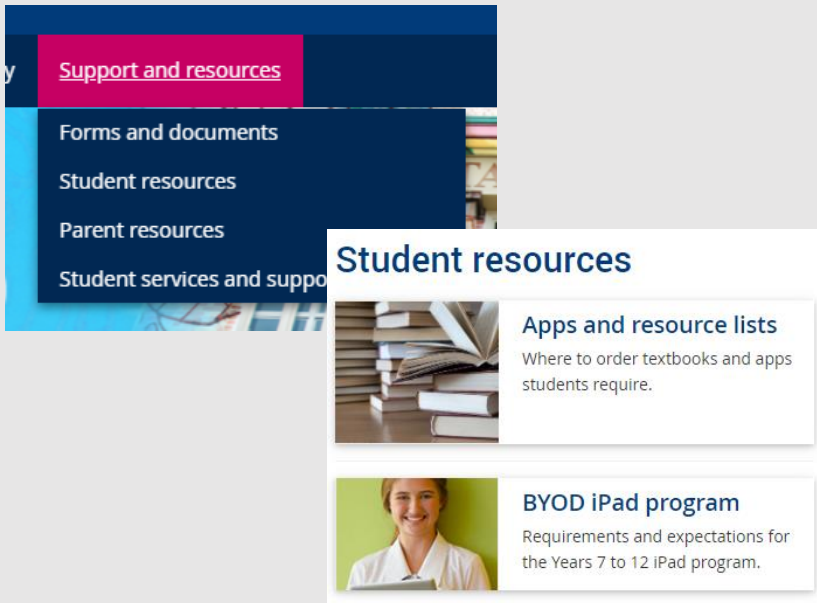
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Enrichment



# Technical Specifications

- iPad or iPad Pro (must be compatible with Apple Pencil)
- Apple Pencil
- See website for more information



The screenshot shows a website interface with a dark blue header and sidebar. The sidebar contains links: "Support and resources", "Forms and documents", "Student resources", "Parent resources", and "Student services and support". The main content area is titled "Student resources" and features two cards. The first card, "Apps and resource lists", includes an image of books and text about ordering textbooks and apps. The second card, "BYOD iPad program", includes an image of a smiling student and text about requirements and expectations for the Years 7 to 12 iPad program.

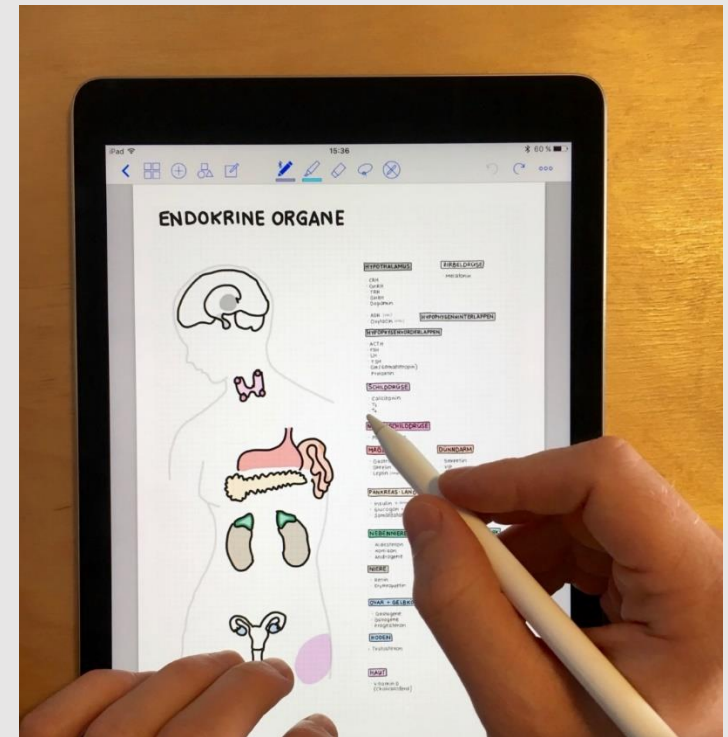
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### Student resources

**Apps and resource lists**  
Where to order textbooks and apps students require.

**BYOD iPad program**  
Requirements and expectations for the Years 7 to 12 iPad program.



# What's Coming



## Orientation Day

**WHEN:** Tuesday 25 November 2025  
Arrive at 8:45am for a 9:00am start  
(Parent & Student Information

**Session:**

**9:30am)**

Finish: 2:45pm

**WHERE:** Indoor Sports Complex  
(F Block – Vulture Street Campus)

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Current Primary School Uniform

**WHAT TO BRING:** Wide brimmed hat, morning tea and lunch, drink/water bottle.

**Curriculum Guide**

**School Website**

↳ **Curriculum**

↳ **Junior School**