

YEAR 7 TRANSITIONING INFORMATION

The transition from primary school to middle school is a pivotal moment in a student's academic journey. It can be daunting and scary, but it is also an exciting time where your child will get to experience new adventures and opportunities. At Darwin Middle School, we want to help students feel at ease with the transition process and have support in place to assist this change.

The relationship that we have with the Darwin City Partner Schools ensures that students who attend these schools have the chance to be involved in transitioning events throughout 2025. These transitioning events help students and teachers develop rapport and a connection for our incoming students that will help support emotional and social wellbeing, while building strong foundations for future learning.

Our school offers a diverse environment that prides itself on being inclusive and welcoming. The transitioning opportunities allow students to engage and actively participate in the events which make up the daily life of a Darwin Middle School student.

In order to ensure prompt processing of your child's enrolment for 2026, please complete the enrolment form and return it to your current school's front office by Friday 20 June 2025.

On behalf of Darwin Middle School, we look forward to welcoming your family to our school in 2026.

Kind Regards



Ben McCasker
Principal

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM

Year 7 students must complete four core subjects. In addition to the core subjects, all year 7 students will study a Language and Health and Physical Education. Over the year they will be rotated through different subjects of the Arts and Technologies Learning Areas.

Core Subjects

English
Humanities
Science
Maths

Compulsory Subjects

Health & Physical
Education
Language - Chinese
(Mandarin) or Indonesian

Design, Arts & Technology Subjects

STEM
Multimedia
Food & Nutrition
Dance
Drama
Music
Visual Arts
Textiles



SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Darwin Middle School is proud to offer specialist programs for high achieving and goal driven students in the following fields:

- Students of High Performance (SOHP)
- Concert Band
- Dance Program of Excellence (DPOE)

These programs place like minded students together while developing their skills, talents and academic knowledge.

Students of High Performance (SOHP)

Students in our SOHP classes are students who have been performing at a higher level in the subjects of Maths, Science, English & Humanities.

As part of the SOHP application process, your child will be required to sit the ACER General Achievement Test

Dance Program of Excellence (DPOE)

The Dance Program of Excellence has been designed to provide dancers with the opportunity to further develop their dance technique, whilst completing essential Health and Physical Education. The curriculum is built around ACARA, the Australian Curriculum and focuses on the years 7-10 dance band.

Students will be required to audition for a place in the program.

Register your interest by submitting the Specialist Program Application form that is included in the enrolment pack.
Cut off date Friday 12 September

Concert Band Program

This program has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to further develop their instrumental technique, within the context of a concert band setting. The curriculum is built around ACARA, the Australian Curriculum and focuses on the years 7-10 Music.

Students will be required to audition for a position.



INFORMATION TO KEEP



Key Dates

19 May

Enrolment Packs Delivered to Darwin City Partner Schools

29 May

Parent Information Session 4:30 - 5:30pm

23 June

Expression of Interest applications open for out of Priority Enrolments Area students

12 Sept

Closing date for registration for Students of High Performance, Concert Band & Dance Programs

2 - 3 Oct

Students of High Performance testing

14-17 Oct

Auditions for Concert Band & Dance Program of Excellence

4 Dec

Olympiad / Orientation morning.

The Year 6 Transitioning Program with our Darwin City Partner Schools will take place during 2025. Please keep an eye on your school newsletter and follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Next Steps

- Complete all necessary enrolment form information and return it to your current school's front office or by email to enrol.darwinmiddle@education.nt.gov.au by Friday 20 June 2025 to ensure prompt processing
- Our enrolments team will be in touch once the information is received.

