

# Frequently Asked Questions

Year 7 at Brighton Secondary School



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## Teaching and Learning

*How much homework can my child expect at High School?*

Middle School students' homework will be predominantly used for practice towards mastery of skills and rehearsal. This is often best achieved with short (~10 minutes) but frequent practice and should not require the assistance of a teacher or adult. Students who demonstrate good habits of practice will be demonstrating our school's ASPIRE values, particularly Ambition, Success and Perseverance. In some circumstances, students in the Middle School will work on assignments at home after being given clear instructions and exemplars of what is expected. Further information regarding our Homework Policy is available on the school website.

## Timetable

*Is there an OSHC service at Brighton Secondary School?*

We do not have an OSHC service at Brighton Secondary School. Students start lessons at 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, students have a later start when staff engage in professional development. For students who arrive at school before 10am on Wednesday, we offer a Homework Club in Tarni Warra, where students use this time to complete ongoing tasks and assessments.

*When will my child find out their house and home group?*

In Year 7, each house has two classes. To create the classes, we use the information gathered from Primary Schools and the feedback provided at the Learner Profile Conversations to set learners up for success.

Your child will meet their class on Transition Day and, therefore, will also know their house. It is important to note that some minor changes could occur after this date if there are concerns during the transition visit. However, we anticipate this will be minimal.

## School Culture

*What leadership opportunities are available at Brighton Secondary School?*

Students have a range of leadership opportunities at school. These vary from House Captains, Peer Leaders, sport, and wellbeing captains. We have included an overview of these positions in this pack for your reference.

## Technology

*Can my child bring a mobile phone to school?*

At Brighton Secondary School, we recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. These may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours
- to manage health and wellbeing through personalised apps
- a prearranged learning opportunity as designed by the teacher.

We value the role that technology plays in connecting, publishing and producing a range of innovative content, as well as managing aspects of our daily lives. We have committed and designed our learning to incorporate a range of opportunities for students to use technology in authentic and meaningful ways.

All students are expected to leave their mobile phones and other personal digital devices that are not part of the Digital Learning Policy or device arrangement in their lockers. For further information, please refer to our Mobile Phone and Device Policy available on our school website.

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*Will my child need a laptop device?*

Yes, at Brighton Secondary School, students use the laptop device purchased through the school to engage authentically in their learning by accessing and using appropriate and relevant technology and online tools. Further information regarding digital learning is available on the school website.

## **Additional Supports**

Wellbeing Support - Peer Leadership / Wellbeing / Youth Worker

At Brighton Secondary School, our Middle School and Senior School teams are equipped with Youth Workers and a Wellbeing for Learning Leader who work in small groups and 1-1 with learners to support their Wellbeing needs. Students and teachers have a referral system that they can access online, offering a discrete way to seek assistance. Additionally, we have a team of Peer Leaders that support students transitioning into our school and offer support with questions and queries while adjusting to high school.

*I have information or concerns I want to share; who should I contact?*

Carly Brooks, our Year 7 leader, will work closely with all students during the transition and through the first year at Brighton Secondary School, and can be reached by email: [carly.brooks611@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:carly.brooks611@schools.sa.edu.au)

## **Communication**

*Who is the main point of contact at high school?*

If you have any questions or concerns between now and Term 1, please contact the school at (08) 8375 8200.

From Term 1, your child's home group teacher will be your main point of contact. They will be contactable via phone and email to discuss their transition and progression at school. The Home group Teacher will be able to connect families with other teachers and leaders where necessary.

*How do I remain up to date about what is happening at school?*

We have a range of platforms used for different purposes, which we encourage all families to engage with actively.

- Follow Brighton Secondary School on Instagram and Facebook account, where we celebrate student achievements and showcase school culture.
- Email will be used by teachers and communications team, who will share what is happening each term.
- Daymap is used for attendance and reporting processes. At the start of the year, you will receive log on details which will enable you to access the information about your child(ren).

*What do I do when my child is unwell?*

Brighton's Absences Hotline allows parents and caregivers to report student absences via a 24-hour recording service – simply by leaving the child's name and home group. Absences can also be reported by email.

- Student Reception: 8375 8200
- Absences Hotline: 8375 8231
- Email Address: [dl.0803.bssabsences@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0803.bssabsences@schools.sa.edu.au)

## **Finance**

Materials & Service fees and device invoices will be sent out in January. If you are eligible for the Government's School Card scheme, please ensure you apply in term 1. If families need assistance with payments, they are encouraged to email the Brighton Secondary School Finance Officers: [dl.0803.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0803.finance@schools.sa.edu.au) to discuss an instalment plan. Families are encouraged to download the QKR! App for easy school and canteen payments.