

# 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. 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.

*Will a booklist be provided?*

A booklist will be provided to students via email and 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. On Wednesday, when lessons begin at 10.10am, we offer a Homework Club in Tarni Warra, where students can use this time to complete ongoing tasks and assessments. The Library is also open after school each afternoon.

*When will my child find out their house and homegroup?*

In Year 7, each house has two Home Groups. 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. Families will learn what house their child is in by Friday November 15 to allow time to order House Polo Tops by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your child will meet their class and Home Group teacher on Transition Day. 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 these 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

In line with Department for Education policy, all students are expected to turn off and 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 on our website.

*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.

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## Additional Supports

*What wellbeing supports are available for my child?*

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?*

Between now and the start of Term 1, please call the Middle School office on 8375 8200 or via email at [BSS.Transitions349@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:BSS.Transitions349@schools.sa.edu.au).

## Communication

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

From Term 1, your child's homegroup teacher will be your main point of contact. They will be contactable via phone and email to discuss your young person's transition and progression at school. The Homegroup 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. You will receive log on details in 2025 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 homegroup. 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 2025. If you are eligible for the Governments 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. No payments for students enrolling next year will be accepted until 2025.