**Emerald State High School: *An innovative approach to positive transitions to junior secondary***

Transcript

Emerald State High School approaches the transition to junior secondary in an exciting and innovative way.

A thoughtful, inclusive and strategic transition program recognises and supports the changing needs of students in junior secondary across years 7, 8 and 9.

Emerald State High School builds partnerships with their feeder primary schools. Principal’s, and teachers visit each other’s classrooms, observe practices and use team-teaching to deepen an understanding of teaching approaches and to strengthen relationships with their students.

Students are provided with strong transition programs into high school which has increased engagement in classes and the students have reported that they are less anxious in starting at their new school. The program has provided opportunities for teachers within the community to learn from each other.

Emerald State High School’s collaborative approach to positive transitions to junior secondary, has significantly increased academic achievement across Years 7, 8 and 9.