

## Middle School

Welcome to Middle School. Our Multi-disciplines subjects (MDS) are compulsory for all students in our Middle School curriculum. Each subject comprises half of the weekly learnings in Year 8 and a third of the learnings in Semester 1 Year 9.

Welcome to Middle School.

Students in Year 8 and Semester 1 Year 9 are in the Middle School at Aspley SHS. Our approach to teaching and learning with these students is very much a student-centred one. In our Middle School we have a deep commitment to:

- Smaller classes (In 2009 our average class size in Year 8 is 24 students in their form class).
- A smooth transition from Primary school to High school.
- Students having less teachers (In 2009, Year 8 students have between 4 or 5 different teachers).
- Building strong relationships (teacher-student, student-student and teacher-parent).
- The "Big Brother / Big Sister Program" in the Middle School.
- A challenging curriculum of Humanities - English & Social Sciences (HUMS) and Applications in Maths and Science (AIMS).
- A strong pastoral care program that not only operates as a subject on its own, but is woven throughout the middle school curriculum.
- A strong focus on literacy and numeracy
- An organised and effective homework program.
- A wide range of extra-curricula activities.

HUMS and AIMS teachers have the time to explore and enrich the learning activities that interest their classes. Class teachers gain a deep understanding of the characteristics of each of the students in their classes. Extension professional development has been afforded to each Middle School teacher in the areas of student learning.

Subjects

### Year 8 - Semester 1

- The Power of One
- The Aspleyville Horror

### Year 8 - Semester 2

- The Fellowship of the Rim
- My Country, My Home

### Year 9 - Semester 1

- The Final Frontier

## Year 9 Literacy Homework Sheets

### Term 1

- Week 2 - due 6th February
- Week 3 - due 13th February
- Week 4 - due 20th February
- Week 5 - due 27th February
- Week 6 - due 6th March
- Week 7 - due 13th March
- Week 8 - due 20th March
- Week 9 - due 27th March

### Term 2

- Week 2 - due 1st May
- Week 3 - due 8th May
- Week 5 - due 22nd May
- Week 6 - due 29th May
- Week 7 - due 5th June
- Week 8 - due 12th June

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### Current Assessment

- Term 3 Yr 8 Aims Assignment - My Country, My Home Powerpoint (pdf 41.6kb)