

Middle School 2018

Philosophy

Success in the Middle School comes from engagement in learning and building relationships.

The Middle School at PBC is built around a caring, supportive environment enabling students a smooth transition into senior school. Students feel a sense of belonging and in such an environment strong teacher-student relationships are created.

Developing Student *Engagement* in learning

Engagement in the Middle School is enhanced by the following:

- A rigorous curriculum where all students have the opportunity to succeed
- Access to a wide range of subjects and excellence programs
- Informative and specific reporting on students for parents
- Targeted Literacy and Numeracy program aimed at improving student skills and proficiency
- Professional Development for staff to continually focus on the skills required to engage students in their learning.

Building *Relationships*

Relationships in the Middle School are strengthened by:

- A dedicated space for learning known as the Middle School Precinct
- A team of skilled Middle School staff chosen for their abilities to work with young adolescents
- Utilisation of Home Classes and core teachers to promote a safe learning environment
- A highly involved Middle School Student Leadership team
- Effective communication with parents and students
- A comprehensive CARE program developing students as individuals

Fostering *Success*

- Engagement in learning and building relationships
- Expectations of and commitment to high standards for each student
- Celebrations of student achievement through Optima Assemblies, Academic Awards and Student Optima Rewards
- Utilisation of student's self-reported grades using the Optima Plan

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