

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Middle School at Orroroo Area School bridges the divide between primary and secondary education by extending students across Years 7 to 9, equipping them with the skills to become independent learners and successful citizens in this new and ever-changing world. Our approach in pastoral care and student well-being encompasses all aspects of students' lives both inside and outside the classroom. With an emphasis on high expectations and high support we encourage students' physical and social-emotional development through building strong relationships between students, between students and their teachers and between teachers and families.

In these years students study the following subjects, with some weighted more heavily time-wise than others.

YEAR 7/ 8 Multi-year class	Year 9
English Mathematics Science Studies of Society and Environment Wellbeing (Health) Design & Technology Art Physical Education Home Economics (Food and nutrition including vegetable growing, Clothing and Textiles)	English Mathematics Science Studies of Society and Environment Wellbeing (Health) Design & Technology Art Physical Education Home Economics

The 7/8 classroom is equipped with a data projector and wireless Internet access. All year 9 students have access to their own lap top, current software and a wireless network.

Students take part in a range of other activities including:

- The Amazing Race- a week long Middle School activity where students are in multi-age teams of four are set cross curriculum challenges both at school and in the community. They present their learning a panel of judges at the end of the week.
- Sports days and swimming carnivals
- State-wide Knockout Cup competitions in cricket and football
- Year 7 students have opportunity to participate in the ' East of the Ranges Choir' and SAPSASA sports
- Aquatics camps
- Middle School Gym lunchtime competitions organised by students.
- Performing Arts assemblies/school productions
- Student Representative Council