





# STUDENT VIEWS ON STARTING HIGH SCHOOL


Forums held with students in Years 6, 7 and 8 in Australia on the topic of starting high school have shed light on what concerns them the most about the transition process, and what has been helpful to them along the way. Here, we share some comments from the students.




'I feel excited going to high school because I am looking forward to being in a different learning environment.'




'When I'm sick, I'll miss out on a class and won't know what to do.'




'Maybe some high school students could visit primary schools and the Year 6 students could ask questions about high school.'




'We really need to learn how to manage our time. That's important also for when you're older.'



'Worrying about what people might think of me.'



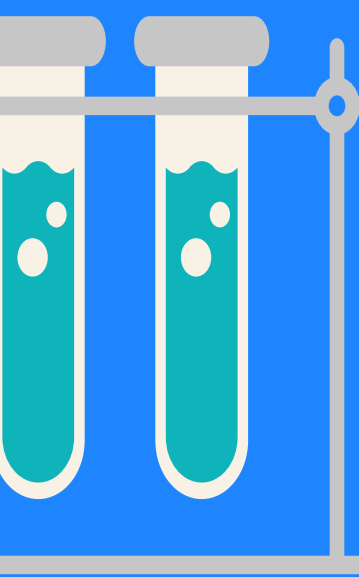
'The Year 8s have helped me a lot. They told me what to do and explained a lot to me.'




'I feel nervous because I know nothing about high school and I don't have any elder siblings to tell me about high school.'




'I think the biggest challenge is meeting new people.'



'Just getting used to all the homework is really hard (especially when you forget to bring your books home).'



'...we have a lot of seating plans and it's hard to remember for every class.'



'I feel excited because I will have an opportunity to fit in and make new friends.'



'School buddies could help.'