

Pathways and Transition Policy

Berendale School receives enrolments from students commencing Secondary School from local Primary or Special Schools, students transferring from local Secondary, Catholic, Independent or other Specialist settings.

Aims

- To provide a smooth and efficient transition from primary and/or specialist settings to Berendale or from other secondary schools and/or specialist settings to Berendale.
- To provide students with a sequential and enjoyable transition through the specific Sub Schools.
- To ensure students are provided with support and appropriate post school pathway information.

Implementation

- Transition from primary to secondary school and from other secondary schools to Berendale can be a difficult time for both students and parents.
- Berendale will allocate staff members who will endeavour where possible to personally visit the year 6 transition teacher at each feeder primary school to discuss the transition program and meet the prospective students..
- Berendale will communicate with coordinators of other secondary and primary schools to arrange an Open Day where primary students and their families have the opportunity to visit and experience Berendale's facilities and programs.
- A transition program will be organised with each primary school during term 4, which allows each student the opportunity to attend our school and participate in activities on at least two mornings.
- Parents will be invited along to the first morning where they will be given a detailed an information session.
- All parents will receive information packages about the school and all new students who require bus travel will receive information on pick up/drop off times over the Christmas vacation period.

Transition Through

- Students transitioning through Sub Schools will have the opportunity to trial programs and utilize facilities within that Sub School before they start in that section.
- All parents of transitioning students will be invited to an Information Evening that will detail the curriculum programs and will be given an information package on that Sub School.
- 15 plus aged students will have individual Managed Individual Plans (MIP's)

Transition Out

- Parents and students will be invited to participate in Post School Options and Pathways Planning Information Evenings from Year 11.
- In Year 12 parents and students will participate in a coordinated plan in conjunction with the Department of Human Services Futures for Young Adults Program.
- Berendale will assist parents in coordinating post school option visits.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.