

MULTI AGE CLASSES - SEVEN HILLS SS PERSPECTIVE

What does a Multiage classroom look like?

A multiage classroom contains children who, although of different ages, often work together in various groupings within the class. The teacher plans the environment and learning experiences in such a way that provides opportunity for all students to be appropriately challenged and experience success.

Main benefits identified in Research:

- Younger children actively draw upon the expertise of older children to develop skills and to acquire knowledge.
→ Many "little teachers in the room"
- Mixed-age play offers unique opportunities for creativity and the practise of skills.
- Age mixing provides opportunities for children to find others of similar abilities.
- Older children actively assume leadership roles.
- Students learn how to think, problem solve and cooperate with others.

At Seven Hills SS we are a multiage school by choice, as we believe:

- All students are competent and capable learners. Our job is to ensure that we provide students with appropriate learning experiences which allow them to move onto the next challenge.
- multiage grouping promotes cognitive and social growth.

Multiage at Seven Hills SS:

At Seven Hills SS our Teachers and parents passionately support our multiage philosophy, and are testament to the benefits it provides their children - such as increased opportunities for learning and socialisation, raised self esteem, and learning that recognises student individuality.

Seven Hills SS chooses to create multi-age classrooms as an educational philosophy. For our school, we feel that this is the best way to provide a quality education to the students entrusted to our care.

If you have any questions about our school, multiage teaching and would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me on 3909 8333, or alternatively go to the Multiage Association of Queensland Website [www.maaq.com.au].

Kind Regards,

Michelle Morrissey
Principal - Seven Hills SS

Parent Testaments:

- ✓ "the school has a very family atmosphere and the older children really take the younger ones under their wings and look out for them."
- ✓ "my child loves the challenge of going beyond the confines of what they are expected to learn at year 3."
- ✓ "Learning is fun, with children working on different activities at different levels.....not all sitting at tables doing the same thing like when I went to school."

