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Resource	Author	Date of Publication	Audience	Description
<p>Going to a Public School – High school</p> 	NSW Department of Education and Communities	ongoing	Parents	<p>These webpages provide information for parents about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting high school • Preparing for the transition to high school • Starting Year 7 <p>There are related links to information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework • Balancing commitments • Setting priorities and time management • Stress and exams • Ten tips – exam techniques • Ten tips – studying • Understanding the timetable
<p>Moving into Year 7</p> <p>Translated documents</p> 	NSW Department of Education and Communities	ongoing	Parents wishing to send their child to a NSW Department of Education and Communities high school	<p>This guide gives parents information about the different types of government secondary schools to help them decide which school would suit their child.</p> <p>Included is an Expression of Interest form for placement of their child in Year 7 at a government school.</p>




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<p>Learning Links Information Sheet 7 Surviving the Transition to High School</p> 	Learning Links	No date	Parents	<p>Provides practical advice for parents in preparing their child for high school.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical preparation – colour coding, stationery supplies • Preparing for the first day • Sleep routine • Providing information to the high school about your child • Fears about high school <p>There are some practical scenarios based questions to help a parent prepare a child for high school and tips for teachers and high schools.</p>




Information for schools


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Resource	Author	Date of Publication	Audience	Description
<p>Student Wellbeing Research Document 6 – Transition and Engagement</p> 	<p>Catholic Education Office Archdiocese of Melbourne (CEOM)</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Schools</p>	<p>This research document has been developed by the CEOM Student Wellbeing Unit to support schools in their explorations of the multiple transitions that children and young people experience over the course of their educational careers K-12 and beyond.</p> <p>The document discusses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day is transition day • The importance of transition • Frameworks for transition and engagement • School approaches to transition: phases, bridges and themes • Some stories of transition • An audit for school action on transition • Further reading list and resources




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<p>Start: School Transition and Resilience Training</p> 	<p>Department of Education and Training State Government Victoria</p>	<p>No date</p>	<p>Schools</p>	<p>The START program has been designed to assist schools to plan and implement crucial primary prevention strategies to build belonging and promote wellbeing in all students as they make the transition from Year 6 to Year 7.</p> <p>The START program materials support schools to address the needs of students at this point in their development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making connections between curriculum and student welfare agendas • encouraging the use of local primary and secondary school networks to jointly develop approaches to student transition • promoting strategies for whole school and classroom organisation that contribute to a safe and supportive school environment • providing curriculum materials to strengthen student resilience • exploring approaches to improve family and local community involvement • enabling teacher team work, mutual support and ongoing professional development across primary and secondary schools



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<p>Step Up: A Resource targeting transition from Primary to Secondary</p>  <p>Passport for Students</p> <p>Note to Teachers</p>	<p>Latrobe University</p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>Students in Year 6</p>	<p>Developed by speech pathology students at Latrobe University. This is an individual or small group program to prepare primary students for high school.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making new friends • Important people at school • Asking for help • Organising yourself • Organising your homework time • What to do if I get lost

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<p>Primary-secondary transition: support materials</p> 	<p>NSW Department of Education and Communities</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>Primary and secondary schools</p>	<p>These webpages contain resources to assist schools in developing successful primary to secondary school transition programs.</p> <p>These materials comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research information about primary to secondary transition • a possible process for developing and reviewing a transition program • a suggested approach to auditing current activities, needs and opportunities for transition • factors that could be considered when implementing and evaluating a transition program • case studies of transition activities and programs in NSW government schools

Middle years literacy teaching strategies and resources

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Resource	Author	Date of Publication	Audience	Description
<p>Effective Instruction for Middle School Students with Reading Difficulties: The Reading Teacher's Sourcebook</p> 	University of Texas	2007	Schools and teachers	<p>This document focuses on promoting a whole school approach to reading instruction for students with reading difficulties.</p> <p>The contents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing struggling readers at the secondary level • Effective instruction for struggling readers • Research-supported instructional practices • Appendix - resources
<p>Effective Instruction for Adolescent Struggling Readers</p> 	Center on Instruction	2008	Schools and Teachers	<p>This document reviews the “Big 5” in adolescent literacy (word study, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and motivation), contrasting proficient and struggling readers and offering instructional recommendations in each area.</p>



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<p>Doing What Works</p> 	US Department of Education	No date	Schools and teachers	A United States website that offers resources on research-based instructional practices, including adolescent literacy practices. Resources include multimedia presentations, planning tools and case study examples. Subscription to be notified by email when updates are posted is available.
<p>Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers</p> 	Texas Education Agency	2004	Schools and teachers	This document contains a comprehensive range of sample lessons and literacy strategies for high school students.

