Under the six guiding principles, Junior Secondary will provide challenging educational offerings that engage young adolescents, while giving them a sense of belonging and support through the changes they face.
Six Guiding Principles of Junior Secondary at Heatley Secondary College

**Distinct Identity**
- Designated precinct (classrooms, toilets and play area)
- Core class groups with home rooms for years 7 and 8
- Orientation program commenced in primary school and finalised on first day of high school
- Dedicated Junior Secondary Leadership Positions
- Focussed leadership development, student well-being and resilience activities
- Distinct uniform

**Quality Teaching**
- Minimisation of the number of core class teachers
- Explicit instruction in all classes
- A common framework for lesson delivery including clear learning intent, use of success criteria, high yield teaching strategies and supportive feedback
- Embedded teaching of literacy and numeracy
- ACE program for gifted and talented
- Monitoring of student performance including individual goal setting
- Implementation of the Australian curriculum

**Student Wellbeing**
- WRAP Around Care structure involving Junior Secondary Coordinator and dedicated Year Level Coordinator and Form Class teachers
- Peer support program (student buddy program)
- Consultation with primary teachers on student well-being
- Explicit teaching of health and well-being principals embedded within the HPE curriculum
- Personal Development Program targeting social and emotional well-being
- Student support staff including Guidance Officer, Community Education Counsellor, Nurse, Chaplain,
- Comprehensive transition program
- Range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities including lunch time activity program

**Parent & Community Involvement**
- Begins with the enrolment process
- Meet ‘n’ Greet – term 1
- Parent Teacher nights (1:1 interviews)
- Electronic communication systems
- Fortnightly newsletter with dedicated junior secondary space
- School Calendar including a Junior Secondary Calendar
- Curriculum celebrations
- Leadership and Awards ceremonies

**Leadership**
- Students as Leaders
  - Junior Secondary Student Council
  - Form Class Forum Representatives
  - Student Council Representatives from each year level
  - Partner School Forums
- Staff leaders
  - Junior Secondary Coordinator plus Year level Coordinators for each year level
  - Core class teachers meetings each term
  - Year level teacher meetings each term

**Local Decision Making**
- Genuine opportunities for parent involvement through P&C, EATSIPS Committee and School Council
- Ad HOC committees as required
- Regular cluster partner school meetings involving staff from HSC
- Cluster Chaplaincy Committee