

# A W.O.W. of a time

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STARTING high school is always a daunting experience, but for those students from smaller schools the move can be particularly challenging.

To help ease the nerves, Chatham High School has treated year five and six students from its partner schools to W.O.W. Days, which aim to provide a taste of what can be expected at high school.

Chatham hosted its second W.O.W. Day last week, which saw students spending several hours

at the school participating in min-lessons of the type of subjects taught at the school.

They were able to enjoy shortened sample lessons of mathematics, science, physical education, food technology, music and art, as well as gain some experience at moving around a large school.

Deputy principal Merv Presland said the social aspect was very important to allow students to meet and mingle, particularly for students from small schools who may not know many

other people when they begin year seven.

Chatham High will host the traditional orientation day for year six students on December 5, providing another opportunity for the pupils to familiarise themselves with the running of the school before next year.

It will also host an expo evening on Wednesday, October 26 for parents of students from partner schools to see the school and its facilities, inspect classrooms and laboratories and view a sample of students' work.



Oscar Carey and Jeremy Murphy taste their creation during their food technology sample lesson.



Taylah Hamilton and Jessica Cohen show their creativity during food technology on W.O.W. day.

Left: Teacher Carl Pinson introduces Lucas Carlisle and Michael Cornall to the fascinating world of science.