

# High school's WOW factor revealed

ALMOST 300 years five and six students from around the area were 'WOWed' by Chatham High School recently, as part of the school's extensive transition program with their partner primary schools.

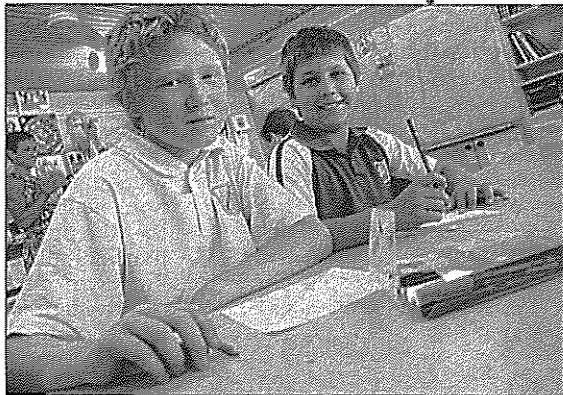
For the past three years the high school has been opening its doors to prospective students for two half days of fun, learning and a first-hand experience of what high school is like.

"It's about showing the students the WOW factor of high school," explained deputy principal Merv Presland.

"We've had a great response from the students and their parents to the 'wow' program and by all accounts it's a great confidence booster that they know what to expect before they start with us."

There are eight partner primary schools that attended the days with students sitting through mock lessons in art, woodwork, science, music, IT and more.

It's also the first chance students have to meet their year nine peer support leaders who helped to show them around the school and will be there to assist the students when they begin year seven.



**Brandon Ellison and Logan Sunderland enjoying a high school art lesson.**

Chatham High's transition program now includes a parent information and meet the staff night, the wow days and the official orientation day, "to make the jump as smooth as possible," added Mr Presland.



**Imogen-Lee Barnes testing out the drill in the woodwork class.**



**Katelyn Tyas finishing off her woodwork piece.**



**Renai Woodward and Marie Sheather during the art class.**



**Imogen-Lee Barnes and Shannon James.**