Parents celebrate leap in opportunity

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MOTHER-of-three Andrea Emmerson says her children’s education is extremely important and she’s thrilled her youngest daughter can now start high school one year earlier.

Claudia is in Year 3 at Brisbane’s Ascot State School and will be among the first wave of students to start Year 7 at high school this year.

“Four our family, education is an absolute priority,” Mrs Emmerson said. “We are all different in what we want for our children and what we can do but my feeling is I want the best education we can give them.”

She said her daughter was enrolled to start her secondary school years at Brisbane Girls Grammar School in 2015 and the change to when students could begin high school made no difference to her family.

“In my mind as soon as I can get my youngest daughter there the better – she is going to thrive educationally,” Mrs Emmerson said.

“I don’t know if everyone can afford it in terms of private education, but in regards to the change to when students could begin high school we can afford to. Claudia was enrolled the day she was born but she would have started high school a year later had they not changed the rules.”

Mrs Emmerson has two other children already enrolled at Grammar, her eldest daughter Elise, 14, who is in Year 10 and son George, 12, in Year 7.