



Year 8 Overview

Subject	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	
English	Development of writing skills including spelling, sentence construction, punctuation and stylistic technique.	Features and conventions of Non Fiction text. Contemporary Fiction: Introducing stories and characters.	Development of speaking and listening skills to explain ideas clearly and give presentations. Myths and legends from different times and culture.	Non Fiction: features of articles and letters Non Fiction: Use of imagery, metaphors and personification.	
	Writers Tool Box sentences, Hammer and Lawyer paragraphs	Writers Tool Box sentences types	Features of poetry across different types of time and culture.	End of Year Revision End of Year Examination	
	Short story writing using expansion and precision	Hammer, Lawyer, compare-contrast paragraphs	Writer Tool Box sentences types	Film Study: using visual and oral language to express ideas and inform.	
	Development of reading comprehension skills	Mid - Year Revision Mid - Year Examination	Hammer, Lawyer, compare-contrast, slamdunk and multi-purpose paragraph.		
		Novel Study 1: Critically interpret text and engage with literature	Novel Study 2: Critically interpret text and engage with literature		
	Reading Comp strategies including: skimming, scanning, making connections, monitoring understanding, questioning, visualizing, synthesizing and inferring, summarizing, applying vocabulary knowledge				
	ReadTheory: to understand and respond to increasingly complex texts.				
Geography/History	Origins Of World war One and NZ's involvement Skills: Mapping, timeline, paragraphs	Study and mapping of Asia Skills: Mapping, timeline paragraphs	Industrial revolution Skills: Mapping, timeline, paragraphs	Study and mapping of Africa Skills: Mapping, timeline paragraphs	
		Mid - Year Revision Mid - Year Examination		End of Year Revision End of Year Examination	
Mathematics	Number strategies 1 - Integers, square cube roots, Multiples and Factors, Algebra Simplifying and expressing functions, constructing expressions	Algebra Solving linear equations, Substitution into expressions Formulae Fractions and Decimals Ordering decimals, fractions into decimals.	Number Fraction, decimals and % Equivalent fractions decimals and percentage and fraction of quantities Percentage increase and decrease of quantities	Shapes Constructing triangles, circles and arcs. Bisecting lines and angles. Drawing net shapes symmetry	
	Number Strategies 2 - Rounding numbers, ordering decimals, adding, subtraction, multiplying and dividing decimals.	Mid - Year Revision Mid - Year Examination	Sequence graphs The nth term Functions Linear graphs	End of Year Revision End of Year Examination	
	Fractions Ordering, adding, subtraction multiplying and dividing	Geometry All about shapes and angles Collecting data Average and range	Ratio Ratio and proportion Graphing Coordinates Line graphs, histograms, piecharts and frequency tables		
	Area Perimeters Area of rectangle Areas of shape Volume		Area Perimeters Area of rectangle Areas of shape Volume		
Science	Chemistry in Everyday life	Digestion	The Particle Theory	Light	
	Magnetism	Metals and Non-Metals	Elements compounds and Mixtures	Sound	
	Science Fair intro		The Circulatory system		
	Speed	Mid - Year Revision	The Respiratory System	End of Year Revision	
	A Healthy Diet	Mid - Year Examination	How Plants Grow	End of Year Examination	
	Elements and Atoms				
	Reproduction in Humans				
	Diet, Drugs and Disease				
Theology	Belonging	The First Christians	St Paul continued	Mary - Mother of God	
	Christian and Catholic Symbols	Christianity and the Roman Empire	The Sacraments	Our Lady of Fatima	
	The Church		Life After Death		
	Lent	Exam Revision for Terms 1 and 2	Good and Evil	End of Year Exam revision for Terms 3 and 4	
	Jesus - His Life and Parables	Mid Year Examination		End of Year Examination	
		St Paul		Preparation for Mass of the Neophytes	
	Study of a Chosen Martyr				

In Addition to the above subjects - Year 8 students will also be taught: Te Reo Maori, Chinese, Spanish, Music, P.E., Health, Coding, DVC, OMP, Hard Materials and Art