

# Y8 Curriculum

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## Subjects

Art  
 English  
 Mathematics  
 Science  
 Social Studies  
 Health  
 Physical Education (Including Junior Sports Academies)  
 Religious Education  
 Technology

## Languages

*All students take a block course on a rotation basis from:*

Chinese  
 French  
 German  
 Spanish  
 Te Reo Māori

## The Arts

*All students take a block course on a rotation basis from:*

Dance  
 Drama  
 Music

In Year 8, students continue to be taught in a homeroom with a dedicated classroom teacher. The focus continues on ensuring an excellent grounding in core areas such as English and Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. To achieve this, the time allocation to these subjects is greater than for other subjects. We cover all the Learning Areas of the New Zealand Curriculum, whilst working closely with the core St Peter's School faculties to ensure students are equipped with skills required to make the seamless transition into Year 9.

Specialist teachers work with the classroom teacher and contribute to the programme in areas where timetable allocations make this possible. At times, integrated thematic approaches will allow a common theme to be the focus of learning across learning areas. Students may also elect to participate in one of the four Sports Academies the School has available:

- Cricket
- Football
- Netball or
- Rugby.

Like Year 7, students will experience rotations of Languages, the Performing Arts and Technology/Art. These courses provide student insight into possible course options in later years.

In Year 8, extension work and learning support is offered to selected students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students may participate in external CEM assessments in English, Mathematics and Science. Selected students may also compete in the Otago University Mathematics Problem Challenge and the regional Waimaths competition. All students continue with their foundational course as part of their Religious Education studies.

Year 8 students are encouraged to explore a wide range of co-curricular activities offered, including sport, service and cultural.

In Year 8, there is a greater focus on personal organisation and independence as students prepare for their transfer from the homeroom environment to the more mobile and demanding day of a Year 9 student.

All Year 8 students participate in an Outdoor Education experience. During the first term, all our Year 8's travel to the Coromandel. The focus of this experience is co-operation and leadership.