

KOHIMARAMA CONNECT
MEET THE TEACHER
SNELL TEAM 2025

SNELL TEAM TEACHERS

Year 6 Teachers

- ✕ Mrs Keely Wilson - Rm18
- ✕ Miss Ella Folkard/Mrs Louise Alderman - Rm19
- ✕ Mrs Desiree Young - Rm20

Year 7/8 Teachers

- ✕ Mrs Roz Kennedy/Mrs Kate Lawrence - Rm21
- ✕ Miss Hannah McCabe - Rm22
- ✕ Mr Tom Viggo - Rm23

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LEARNING STRUCTURE

Workshops

Like many areas of the school we use workshops to teach new content and skills to students. A workshop in Year 7 and 8 is often an opt in session with the teacher to learn or consolidate skills.

For the majority of our learners they are able to accurately and independently choose the best workshop for them. They learn to be assessment capable and reflective about their strengths and weaknesses or at least spaces for improvements!

This choice and 'booking in' style of learning is a stepping stone for choosing subjects and physically moving around spaces when they get to high school.

SELWYN TECHNOLOGY

Each Tuesday, we walk up to Selwyn College to take part in Technology. Each course runs for 2 terms. Ideally everyone will get to experience each course but sometimes courses change from year to year.

Food Tech, Textiles, Digital Tech and Product design are the 4 courses for 2025.

Spending time at Selwyn College is yet another great stepping stone for these students on their way into college.

TYPICAL WEEK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 1 8:55 am- 11 am	Maths	Maths	Maths	Unplugged	Maths
	10 am- Snack break				
	Rotations	Rotations	Rotations	Unplugged	Finishing Time
Break 1					
Block 2 11:30 am- 1 pm	Code	Code	Code	Languages	Code
	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	William Pike Challenge	Literacy
Break 2					
Block 3 1.50 pm- 3 pm	Mitey	Selwyn	PE	William Pike Challenge	Assembly/Team Sport

This is what a typical Week could look like.

Our timetables are flexible and will look different for every learner as their learning is structured towards their own, unique learning goals and next steps.

HOMework/PERSONALISED LEARNING

Learning in the Year 7 and 8 learning Space is designed to prepare learners for their high school or college years. It requires students to develop independence, resilience, self motivation and to apply their assessment capability.

There are a few "must do" tasks each week but a majority of the work will be incomplete or unfinished work from class time. The main objective with Homework in Snell Team is to teach the students good working habits and how to prioritise their time and learning. If something is unfinished in the given class time, and due soon, it is expected that this will be done at home or in the students' own time. The students learn to take a greater responsibility of their own learning which prepares them well for the future.

The "must do" tasks in each Learning Space will differ slightly. Year 7/8s are expected to complete their Maths Buddy Weekly Revision task, Socrative Quiz and Languagenut activities. Starting Week 4.

ASSESSMENTS

Reading

- PAT testing takes place twice a year (Term 1 and 3)
- Probe Testing for those who need it
- E-Asttle Testing

Writing

- Writing Samples takes place twice a year (Term 1 and 3).
Teachers moderate the samples as a whole staff

Mathematics

- PAT Testing (Term 1 and 3)
- E-Asttle Testing

COMMUNICATION



- ✗ When is a good time to meet? If ever needed, don't hesitate to touch base with us
- ✗ Weekly school newsletter (sent by the office every Wednesday)
- ✗ Snell Team Newsletter, (sent by home room teachers in Weeks 1 and 6 of each term)
- ✗ The school works on a 'no surprises' policy, so parents will be notified early if there are any concerns with behaviour or learning
- ✗ Time of response - We may not always be able to respond with information immediately but we will aim to respond as soon as we can
- ✗ If any of your information has changed, please kindly let us or the office know via email so that we may update your information
- ✗ Sick days - if your child is sick, please let the office know as soon as you can
- ✗ Uniform pass - if needed please just flick your learning space teacher and email or send in a note



WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

The Year 7 and 8's will be participating in the William Pike Challenge again in 2025.

The William Pike Challenge is all about getting young people to step outside of their comfort zones and develop 21st Century skills.

The challenge focuses on completing 5 Outdoor Adventures, 20 hours of Learning new skills and finding a new passion and completing 20 hours of community service. This Challenge runs throughout the year and is major focus for us in odd years.  

THANKS!

Any questions?