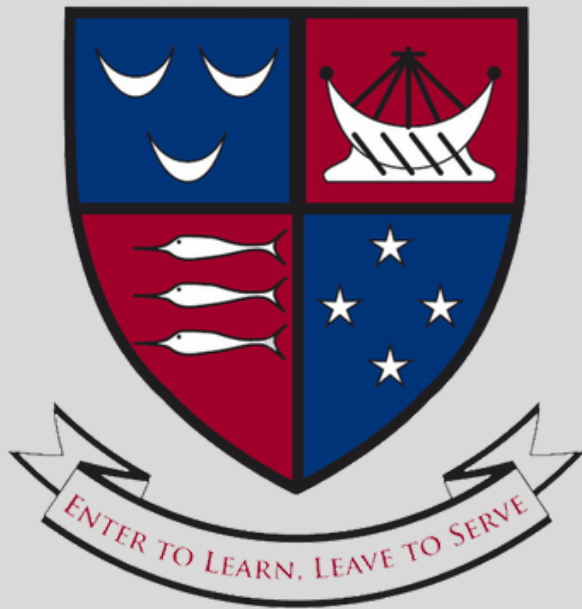


Kohimarama School

SNELL TEAM

INTERMEDIATE YEAR 7 AND 8



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Education Outside the Classroom

Year 7 and 8's work on a biennial programme that covers learning both in and outside of the classroom. Students experience targeted trips that support their learning within the classroom, but also support their skills outside! We run a biennial programme to ensure that each year students are experience new things - but also so that we can give each challenge the importance and attention it deserves.

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE

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 a big focus for that time.

The William Pike Challenge changed me as it helped me to push my boundaries across multiple areas. It helped to grow my confidence in trying new things and was an exciting and encouraging experience, as we experienced adventures outside of the usual school curriculum alongside my peers.

Izzie, 2023 Yr 8



CAMP

Students are fortunate to be able to take part in a 4 night 5 day camp! This camp supports students to develop friendships, leadership and independence skills, pushes them outside their comfort zone and for many - allows them to be away from home and take part in some completely new activities.

Camp wasn't just 5 days of fun, it was an amazing opportunity for team building and group bonding. We would cheer each other on and help our friends to push their limits to accomplish their goal.

Emma, 2022 Yr 8.



Technology Opportunities

Technological Practice, Technological Knowledge and the Nature of Technology, are important aspects of the curriculum at the Year 7 and 8 levels. We have partnered with Selwyn College (our local college) to deliver components such Food Technology, sewing skills, wood working skills, Digital Design and more. These classes are taught by the specialist teachers in their purpose built learning spaces.

SELWYN COLLEGE CLASSES

Going to Selwyn is a great opportunity to experience new learning that we wouldn't easily learn otherwise. I like being able to go in to the College and see what it is like to be a College student!

Fletcher, 2025 Yr 8



THURSDAY'S UNPLUGGED

These sessions are designed to be highly interactive and engaging and give the students an opportunity to learn from an 'expert'. Students choose from a range of Curriculum based options that are designed to expand their interest and capabilities.

A weekly highlight - Thursdays Unplugged was an opportunity to go outside, do something physical with your hands, and make new friends who enjoy doing the same things as you. From options for sports fans, like Ki o Rahi, to activities for people who prefer the arts, like Toi Wearable Arts, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Lucas, 2023 Yr 8





Leadership Opportunities

As seniors of the School our Year 7 and 8's have a unique privilege of taking part in roles and responsibilities for the school.

At the beginning of the school year, students fill in a written application for the roles they feel suit them. Their submitted application goes through a rigorous decision process not unlike some High Schools or Colleges. Students pride themselves in being chosen for one of these roles!

Some of these leaders take part in the GRIP Leadership Conference, and are also trained to complete their specific job effectively.

Roles students can take part in

- House Captain
- Student Councillor
- Peer Mediator Coach/Peer Mediator
- Lead Librarian/Librarian
- Lead Sports Councillor/Sports Councillor

Leadership in Year 7 and 8 is one of the most important aspects. If you take all of the opportunities you can, (and do them well), everyone will trust you, which will ensure that you make the most of Year 7 and 8.

Alexa 2024 Yr 8

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.

WORKSHOP LEARNING

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 an opt in session with the teacher to learn or to 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.

The way Mathematics workshops ran was great as we were able to choose what we wanted to learn. There was always a range of levels so we could push ourselves and maximise our learning time.

Hamish, 2024 Yr 8.

DICE MODEL

Students and teachers use the DICE Model of learning (linked to the Kohimarama Way, Dream, Inspire, Create and Empower) to explore interests, skills, strengths and new ideas.

Students will apply this to most areas of the curriculum, but most notably when taking part in:

- Impact Projects
- STEAM Fair Projects (alternative years)
- Speech writing and planning
- Thursday Unplugged options

The projects I took part in were a real highlight of my time at Kohimarama. From Video Making, to STEAM Fair Testing, to creating a successful business (3D printing phone stands) I found I was able to think outside the box and really push my creativity and learning.

Felix, 2024 Yr 8.

Why Year 7 and 8 is so special at Kohimarama School



The Year 8 Formal was a huge and unforgettable night filled with excitement and fun. The teachers go above and beyond to create a special and unique experience for us.

Juliette, 2024 Yr 8.

Learning from 3 teachers is really fun as you can never get bored! They each teach with their own style and it is good to learn from a range of teachers before high school when we will have lots every day.

Sam L, 2025 Yr 8.



I love being in a flexible learning space as I can work with different teachers and in different physical spaces. If I am not in a workshop I can also choose to work independently or with peers. This really helps me be productive across the day.

Estella, 2025 Yr 8.



I was really excited to start in the Year 7 and 8 learning space as I was keen to experience the extra responsibility and the rewards that come with this. The teachers are kind and supportive and help us to learn the right skills to be successful for our time here.

Dash, 2025 Yr 7.



These two years are crucial for our students. We provide them with a familiar and supportive environment where they can grow and learn as they prepare for their transition to college. Our goal in the Year 7 and 8 programme is to develop 'Great People'—and that is exactly what we do.

Mr Tom Viggo, Snell (Yr 6/7/8) Team Leader

