

# Curriculum – Junior School (Year 7 – 10)



## YEAR 7 AND 8 PROGRAMME

Year 7 and 8 students are taught in composite classes. The curriculum is taught over a two-year cycle using an integrated approach. Each integrated Homeroom (HMRM) class follows an odd and even year programme to ensure coverage of the New Zealand Curriculum. This also allows for flexibility and opportunities to teach in context for local and national events. Each Homeroom class is taught:

Guided Reading	4 hours per week
Writing	4 hours per week
Social Sciences	3 hours per week
Numeracy	5 hours per week

The following subjects are offered at Year 7 and 8 levels:

### Full Year Courses

English\*  
Social Studies\*  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Science  
(\*Taught as Homeroom)

### Option Classes

Taught 2 in each term  
Te Reo  
Music  
Hard materials  
Design  
Food Technology  
Performance  
Digital Technology  
Art

## YEAR 9 AND 10 PROGRAMME

In Year 9 and 10 five core subjects are compulsory and are taught for the full year. Five optional subjects are selected by the students and are offered for a semester each. Health is compulsory and is the sixth subject which is taken during one trimester.

### Full Year Courses

English  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Science  
Social Studies

### Semester Courses

Creative Industries (Dance/Drama)  
Digital Technology  
Enterprise Studies  
Food Technology  
Health (compulsory)  
Horticulture  
DVC (Design & Visual Communication)  
Multi Media  
Film  
Metal Technology  
Music  
Te Reo Maaori  
Visual Art  
Wood Technology

Our Year 9 classes are based on the various needs of our students at each intake. We have a responsive and inclusive approach to meeting the needs of our ākonga.

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Te Kauwhata College is proud of its successes and enjoys celebrating student achievement through a number of prizegiving ceremonies. Sporting excellence is recognised in our annual Sports Awards Evening which is held in Term 4. An Arts Excellence Awards Evening is held in October which is also an opportunity for students to showcase their artistic talents. A Junior Prizegivings are held at the end of the year for all year levels.

Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to gain a Junior Diploma at an Achieved (Bronze), Merit (Silver) or Excellence (Gold) level. Attainment is based on Academic Achievement throughout the year in Literacy and Numeracy, showing commitment and effort to learning.

Year 9 and 10 students also have the opportunity to gain a Junior Diploma at an Achieved (Bronze), Merit (Silver) or Excellence (Gold) level, based on their attendance, effort and commitment to learning. First in Subject awards are also presented, as well as a Cup for the Top Student in Year 9 and in Year 10.

## HOMEWORK

We believe that regular homework is important to ensure students make the best possible progress.

## REPORTING AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reports giving information about students' progress are issued in mid-year and at the end of the year all Year levels. Engagement reports go out during Terms 1 and 3. We also arrange a parent/teacher interview evening during the year.

Teachers and Deans are happy to meet with parents/caregivers at other times throughout the year to discuss any particular concerns they may have about their students. Please contact the school to request an appointment.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The College offers a wide range of sporting, cultural and outdoor activities. There is a high level of participation in sports teams which are involved in local competitions in the Counties-Manukau and Thames Valley regions.

Te Kauwhata College is now in partnership with our community in providing modern sporting facilities. A heated pool, gymnasium, weight training room and an astro-turf are all available for students in their Health & Physical Education programme. The College is fortunate to have expansive playing fields for our various sporting codes.

The following activities are offered within the school, either through seasonal competitions, one-off tournaments/competitions/sports exchanges or school performances:

<b>Cultural</b>	<b>Summer Sports</b>	<b>Winter Sports</b>
Kapa Haka	Athletics	Basketball
*Pacifica Group	Bowls	Football (Soccer)
Music lessons, e.g. Drums, Strings, Guitar, Brass, Woodwind, Piano	Touch Rugby	Hockey
Concert & Stage Bands	Equestrian	Netball
Vocals/Choir	Golf	Rugby
Librarian	Motocross	Rippa Rugby
	Swimming	Squash
	Volleyball (All Year)	Mountain Biking (All Year)
	Badminton (All Year)	

*\*Dependent on student numbers*