



Semester 1 Year 7/8 Curriculum Overview, 2026

Curriculum Area	Overview
English	This Semester in Year 7/8 English, students will explore the features of newspapers and the language devices used in news reporting, culminating in an assessment where they design a newspaper front cover with a lead article, with a strong focus on spelling, grammar, and punctuation throughout the term. Students will also complete a range of reading comprehension tasks to demonstrate their understanding of the novel <i>Hatchet</i> and will create an imaginative journal entry written from the character's perspective, transforming issues from the novel into a contemporary context.
Mathematics	<p>In Year 7 Mathematics, students develop foundational skills in number, algebra, measurement, and data. They learn to work accurately with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percentages, solve simple algebraic expressions, calculate perimeter and area, and interpret basic graphs and data displays.</p> <p>In Year 8 Mathematics, students build on their number and algebra skills by working with fractions, decimals, percentages and index laws, and by solving linear equations. They develop the ability to calculate area and volume, apply ratio and rates, and interpret graphs and data displays.</p>
Science	In Semester 1, Year 7/8 Science students will explore key ideas in biology and chemistry. They will investigate living organisms and cells, demonstrating both theory and practical learning through a microscope investigation of pond water, followed by a written scientific report. Students will also learn how body systems work together to keep multicellular organisms alive and will show their understanding by creating a visual display on an assigned system. Later in the semester, students will study atoms, elements, and the structure of the periodic table, demonstrating their knowledge by building an atomic model. The semester finishes with an exploration of chemical reactions, identifying signs of chemical change, and a test to assess their understanding.
Humanities and Social Sciences	This semester, students will explore key historical themes and civilisations. They will begin by learning about deep time in Australia, focusing on the enduring connection and cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The program then moves to other Ancient Civilisations, examining its daily life, beliefs, achievements, and continuing impact. In Civics and Citizenship, students will explore the development and significance of Australia's Constitution, understanding how it provides the framework for





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	<p>governing, outlines the roles of Parliament and government, and protects citizens' rights and responsibilities. They will investigate the process of constitutional change, including referendums, and discuss its ongoing importance in Australian democracy.</p>
Health & Physical Education	<p>The Year 7 and 8 Health and Physical Education program for this term develops students' physical skills, game understanding, and awareness of how physical activity supports overall wellbeing. Practical lessons include preparation for Sports Day and the Swimming Carnival, with a focus on improving athletics and swimming techniques and building performance strategies. Students will also participate in units on badminton and netball, where they will explore rules, refine fundamental skills, and develop basic offensive and defensive strategies through modified games. The theory component for this term will introduce the physical, social, and emotional health benefits of regular physical activity, helping students understand how participation in sport and movement positively contributes to fitness, wellbeing, positive relationships, and the development of lifelong healthy habits.</p>
The Arts	<p>The year 7/8 program in the Arts is a term-based subject which will consist of two five-week units. The Art Unit will focus in on the creation of an artwork in response to the research of 3 Artists of differing styles, artistic voice and cultural significance. The Drama/Music based Unit will be determined by student voice and navigated by each student groups to work towards a creative project and performance. Both units will include assessment of ongoing practical contribution, and an evaluation task as well as their finished pieces/performance.</p>
Technologies	<p>Insert curriculum overview here...</p>
	<p>In Year 7/8 Home Economics this semester, students will complete two five-week units. The first unit will introduce students to sewing by learning the basic skills needed to operate a sewing machine, which they will use to design and make a personalised pencil case. The latter part of their learning will introduce students to the school kitchen, where they will learn about kitchen safety, food hygiene, reading and following a recipe and food preparation. Students will make a variety of simple dishes.</p>

