



JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 8 Expression of Interest Form - 2018 Ver 1.0

3/11/2017

In Year 8 students will undertake studies in ten (10) subjects. This will involve five (5) whole year Core subjects as well as three (3) other optional subjects (in 3 x 13 week blocks), plus Literacy/Numeracy and German programs (see below). Further information regarding the school's curriculum program may be found in the Year 8 Subject handbook available electronically via the school website (Curriculum Tab – Junior School) and in booklet form from the main administration office upon request.

CORE SUBJECTS:

Year 8 students will continue their study of English, Mathematics, Science, History & Geography, plus Health & Physical Education. These subjects will be continued in Year 9 and represent the core of the Junior school curriculum.

Special Class Groupings

We offer some special class groupings in the Core subjects so that our Junior school students may be involved in an educational program which best suits their individual needs. This approach is based on the belief that making an appropriate match between students and their curriculum allows them to do as well as they possibly can. Class grouping decisions revolve around several factors including this parent/ student expression of interest form, student diligence and prior results or performance.

EXTENSION PLUS Students with a *demonstrated capacity for educational excellence* involving accelerated learning and *self directed study*, will experience opportunities for high level skill development, including enhanced thinking skills.

EXTENSION STEM This class will offer a very deliberate STEM Problem Solving approach to learning. This class will target students who have a passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.

EXTENSION Students with an *aptitude for intellectually challenging subject matter* and a *disposition for high level cooperation* in learning, will experience learning opportunities that routinely are beyond the core learnings. Those students who intend to study higher level Mathematics courses in Senior (Year 11 & 12) need to be successful at the extension or extension **plus** level.

ESSENTIALS classes are designed for the majority of students where essential National curriculum classwork is closely matched to student ability, being neither too easy nor too demanding.

LEARNING SUPPORT - Students with serious learning difficulties and a genuine desire to work at their learning and improve results.

STRUCTURED LEARNING Small group classes for students with a diagnosed disability. Students will engage in learning at their peer age level with in class support strategies utilised to promote success in learning.

Expressions of interest for special groupings within selected core study areas should be made by ticking ONE (1) of the selection below. Should students not submit an expression of interest form, they will be placed into Essential classes.

Selection Please tick one	Grouping
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXTENSION PLUS *
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXTENSION STEM *
<input type="checkbox"/>	EXTENSION *
<input type="checkbox"/>	ESSENTIALS *
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEARNING SUPPORT
<input type="checkbox"/>	STRUCTURED LEARNING

*German is studied as a compulsory LOTE program during Year 8 and is integrated into these class groupings. Students in Learning Support or Structured Learning programs will be required to complete a LOTE exemption form.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS: Students will continue to experience a program of additional subjects from The Arts and Technology curriculum areas across Years 7 and 8.

N.B. Students are advised that enrolment in choices offered by the school is conditional upon student profiles, school class sizes and staffing limits. Completion of this subject selection proforma does not guarantee entry to the groupings chosen.

NAME _____

Signature of Student _____ Signature of Parent _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO STUDENT SERVICES BY FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017.