

## ***Riverlands School - Realising Potential***

Here at Riverlands School we recognise that children at years 7 and 8 have different learning, social and emotional needs than younger children. Students between the ages of 10 - 14 years old need a supportive learning environment where they can face challenges, have leadership opportunities and explore who they are.

At Riverlands we are lucky to have the the continuity of knowing the educational journey your child has taken through years 1-6. We are able to seamlessly build on this in years 7 and 8 as we help the children with their next learning steps. We teach our children about strategies so that they can become more independent with their learning while gradually meeting increased learning expectations.

To differentiate our senior children we offer our year 7 and 8 students extra diverse experiences as listed below:-

Leadership Training - As our senior children are leaders in the school they participate in the 7 Habits Training Programme which begins with a leadership camp in the first few weeks of Term 1. There may also be an opportunity for some children to attend a leadership conference in Wellington at the beginning of the year.



- School Leadership Opportunities - House Leaders, Librarians, Enviro Group Leaders, Kapahaka Leaders



- Technology - All Marlborough children get the same opportunities at the Technology Centre completing subjects that include Video Production, Food and Biotechnology, Robotics, Soft and Hard Materials.



- Ski Trip in Term 3



- City versus Country camp - One year the classes will do a trip to Wellington to explore the city as a learning environment The alternate year the year 7 and 8's will be able to explore the Marlborough Sounds at Mistletoe Bay, undertaking unique experiences such as tramping, sailing, kayaking and orienteering.



- March Madness Month - Each Friday in March we will be having a challenge for the year 7 and 8s - it may be kayaking, abseiling, mountain climbing, orienteering, rock climbing, life saving skills and sailing - -watch this space!!

- Combined Rural schools senior sports and arts days.

Alongside having these new diverse experiences we also provide a huge range of opportunities for children to be involved in:

Sporting - Students at Riverlands participate in many sports such as:

Hockey	Rugby	Soccer (winter and summer)
Table tennis	Tennis	Water Polo
Swimming	Tae Kwon Do	Cross country
Basketball	Volleyball	Ki o Rahi
Touch rugby	Cricket	Gymnastics
Mountain biking	Underwater hockey	Judo
Rural School Athletics	Rural School Sports Interchange	

Academic:-

Marlborough Lines Science Fair	Otago Maths Challenge
Marlborough Technology Challenge	Great Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition
Great Kiwi Competition - Science/Maths/English	Young NZ Writers Competition
Writing Club	

Arts

Rural Schools Arts Interchange	Choir
Whole School productions	Kapahaka
Lunchtime dance lessons	Jump Jam
Chess Club	
Taiopenga	

Transition to College:

Our year 7 and 8 children have a modern learning space for the students to learn in. We have iPads and Chromebooks available for the students to use within their learning programme. We recognise the importance of future proofing our students to prepare them for the changes in society as technology becomes a greater part of their lives and future employment.

At Riverlands our teaching team for the year 7 and 8 students is very experienced and has a good understanding of the academic and social requirements when they enter secondary education. We have a strong relationship with both the colleges to ensure that each student has a seamless transition to their next step in education.

We are pleased to be able to share the information of all of the exciting opportunities that your child will experience as year 7 and 8 students at Riverlands School.

***Riverlands School***  
***Realising your child's potential in seamless, challenging and personalised***  
***education from year 1-8.***

