



FIRBANK  
GRAMMAR

# YEAR 8

## CURRICULUM HANDBOOK 2026

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The Year 8 core curriculum builds upon those foundations laid in Year 7

The delivery of the curriculum acknowledges that there are many different ways in which students learn effectively. Emphasis is placed upon challenging and teaching students to become critical thinkers.

In Year 8, our teachers ensure that the curriculum and the manner of its delivery acknowledge, encourage and value all expectations, strengths and preferences. The wellbeing leader works closely with our teachers to respond to the needs of individuals and the group.

The Year 8 Experiential Education program is designed to develop initiative, self-confidence and positive relationships. Early in the year, all students take part in an environmental-focused Year 8 Earth Program. There, they investigate and gather information in a variety of formats through interconnecting subjects such as Humanities, Science and English.

In Term 3, students will participate in the exciting Alpine Program, designed to promote a sense of adventure and challenge. They will complete a week of cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and an overnight snow camping adventure which will be a major highlight and challenge. Students will build upon skills previously learnt and continue to grow their confidence.

This program encourages students to form a connection to and gain an appreciation for the natural world, in particular the winter alpine environment. It will also help lay the foundations for future expeditions. We expect the students will develop a greater level of responsibility and begin to realise their true potential.

The Year 8 Curriculum is designed to be academically rigorous, challenging students to strive and set effective learning habits for the future.

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## 2026 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### CORE CURRICULUM

- ENGLISH or ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE\*
  - ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES\*
  - MATHEMATICS
  - SCIENCE
  - DRAMA
  - MUSIC
  - VISUAL ARTS
  - DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
  - FOOD TECHNOLOGY
  - HEALTH
  - PHYSICAL EDUCATION
  - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- HUMANITIES**
- GEOGRAPHY
  - HISTORY
  - CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP
- LANGUAGES**
- Continued from Year 7, choice of ONE language from the following:
- FRENCH
  - GERMAN
  - CHINESE

\* By recommendation of the Department of Student Services

### CO-CURRICULAR

- EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
- COMPASS - LEVEL 4



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