

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

ENRICHMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

EXTENSION & ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

'It is extremely rewarding to watch students develop higher order thinking skills and to see their creativity soar. Our students gain an understanding of world issues and the importance of ethical and practical solutions'.

Ms Sarah Watts
Teacher

Nelson College Preparatory School supports students at all academic levels and offers a challenging enrichment education programme. Students are offered the following opportunities:

Intentional planning for extension and enrichment

Extension and enrichment are at the forefront of our thinking when we plan our units of work.

We offer extension opportunities in all subject areas.

Students are taught what is needed to achieve excellence grades. All students are welcome to try and extend themselves as soon as they feel they would like an extra challenge.

Our inquiry topics allow students to explore subjects that interest them, giving them an opportunity to explore deeply and to read and research widely.



"Thinking skills class is a great opportunity to improve your problem solving skills. It really works your brain! It's fun and there is the opportunity to be challenge".



Differentiated curriculum and streaming

Maths

Maths classes offer a range of ability groupings and are designed so that all students are able to work at their own level. The extension group studies a range of challenging maths activities, including Otago Problem Solving and have the opportunity to represent the school at the Nelsomathix competition.

Reading & writing

Our writing programme covers a range of genres and caters for students of all abilities. Our emerging writers are given scaffolded support and extension opportunities are available for students who want a challenge.

In reading class, all students are given wide text choices with extension readers given more challenging pieces to consider.



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Thinking Skills programme

Our students attend weekly thinking skills classes. We teach a range of thinking styles including: philosophical, logical, scientific, ethical, critical and creative problem solving.

The programme also aims to help students to:

- ◆ Increase their communication skills, both verbal and written
- ◆ Develop and improve their research skills
- ◆ Be self-directed, independent learners
- ◆ Collaborate effectively



Further extension programmes include:

Kids Lit Quiz

Prep students participate in the annual Kids Lit Quiz which is designed to test students' knowledge of literature.

Nelsomathix Competition

Top maths students are chosen to represent Prep in the Interschools' Nelsomathix competition.



Chess

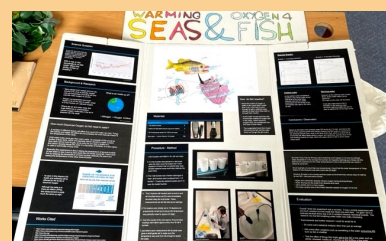
Prep has a thriving chess club and students are given the opportunity to compete in regional chess competitions and if successful, attend nationals. Chess club encourages students to learn strategies, analytical skills and to challenge themselves.

Aquabots and Epro8 Challenge

Participation in the Aquabot and Epro8 Challenge offers a stimulating and creative extension programme for the students.

Student Science Fair (Scitec)

All students are given scaffolding to undertake scientific research on a topic of their choosing and present their findings. The top Prep Scitec projects are entered into the Nelson Cawthron Scitec Expo competition.



There's something for every student!