



CANTERBURY

TAI TŌRUA - THE CHANGING TIDES
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 8:30AM - 3PM
SELWYN SPORTS CENTRE - ROLLESTON

CANTERBURY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Time	Sessions
8:30	Mix and Mingle
8:45am	Karakia and Welcome Whanaungatanga
9:15	Session 1 He Ao Kori, He Ao Mātauranga: Reclaiming the Educational Value of PE Marisa McKay - PENZ
10:20	Morning Tea
10:40	Session 2 Literacy in the Outdoors - Celia Hogan - EONZ
11:50	Session 3 Navigating the New HPE Curriculum - Marisa McKay - PENZ
1:00pm	Lunch
1:30	Session 4 Supporting Play for Older Children - Celia Hogan - EONZ
2:40	Wrap up and Farewell

Session 1

He Ao Kori, He Ao Mātauranga: Reclaiming the Educational Value of PE

Marisa McKay - Subject Advisor - PENZ

Physical Education is far more than a single context—it is a powerful learning area that enables young people to develop the knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions to thrive in and through movement.

This workshop explores what quality Physical Education looks like and why it matters for every learner. Together, we will unpack the academics and the distinctive educational purpose of Physical Education, examine the principles that underpin high-quality programmes, and consider how meaningful movement experiences can foster identity, belonging, critical thinking, wellbeing, and lifelong participation in physical activity.

Participants will be encouraged to critically reflect on their own contexts and leave with strategies to strengthen curriculum design and teaching practice that place learning—not just activity—at the heart of Physical Education.

Session 2

Literacy in the Outdoors

Celia Hogan - Primary Kaiarahi - EONZ

Join this practical and inspiring workshop exploring how literacy can come alive outdoors. Discover simple, low-prep ways to use school grounds and local spaces to build oral language, vocabulary, observation, creativity, and writing engagement. Through hands-on activities and real school examples, this session will show how literacy doesn't have to stay inside four walls. Perfect for teachers looking to engage diverse learners and bring fresh energy to reading and writing.

Session 3

Navigating the New HPE Curriculum

Marisa McKay - Subject Advisor - PENZ

The new HPE curriculum is here — but what does it mean for teachers and learners? This session provides a clear and practical introduction to the new HPE curriculum, helping teachers understand what is changing, what remains familiar, and what these changes mean for HPE teaching and learning. We'll explore the similarities and continuities with the current curriculum, before unpacking the key changes in curriculum content, structure and expectations. Whether you're beginning to explore the new curriculum or looking to make sense of what it means for your existing practice, this session will provide a starting point for navigating the changes with confidence and clarity.

Session 4

Supporting Play for Older Children

Celia Hogan - Primary Kaiarahi - EONZ

Play is often embedded in the junior years, but as children get older, opportunities for play can begin to narrow or disappear. Yet play does not stop as children grow. It gets bigger, deeper, more social, creative, adventurous and complex.

This interactive workshop explores what play looks like for senior primary and intermediate students, and how schools can create environments that support play across all ages. Drawing on research, practical stories and hands-on experiences, we will consider the importance of autonomy, challenge, connection, time, space and the role of adults.

We will look beyond sports equipment and think differently about how school environments can provide richer play opportunities for older students. Participants will leave with practical ideas they can apply within their own settings. While the focus is on senior primary and intermediate students, there will still be plenty for teachers working in the junior primary space.