

Flexible Learning Environments

Flexible learning spaces, also known as modern learning environments or open plan spaces are deliberately designed spaces that facilitate highly effective teaching and learning experiences through purposeful collaboration.

What is it?

At Taumata School we are proud of our flexible spaces, because they are so much more than the physical space built to accommodate teaching. The flexibility of our spaces enable our learning coaches to utilise a range of different pedagogies that suit a variety of teaching and learning needs. Within each learning space you will see small group spaces, large presentation style spaces, intimate independent work spaces and opportunities for creative and innovative learning pedagogy.



What do we believe?

Schools utilise a range of architectures to design and plan for teaching and learning. The physical space is one architecture that supports us to deliver our innovative and creative curriculum. Whilst the physical space is flexible in nature, there is a greater focus on the learning architecture, the social architecture and the future focused architecture of what 'great learning' should and could look like.

As a school we recognise that teaching in a flexible learning environment is not always easy for teachers new to this style. We invest significant support in helping our teachers understand how the spaces enhance our opportunities for teaching and learning.



Links to research.

- OECD (2010): The nature of learning
- ILETC: Teacher Change Project
- Ministry of Education "Innovative Learning Environments"
- Mark Osborne: Innovative Learning Environments

