



STEAMS School is a one-day-a-week programme that aims to involve children in hands-on learning around a topic that integrates the STEAMS subject areas (science, technology, engineering, arts, maths and social sciences). During the past year topics covered were as diverse as: light, energy, birds, and the Earth.

STEAMS School is recommended for students who:

- Have an enquiring mind and a thirst for knowledge-*they are curious*
- Are willing to sustain concentration and effort-*they are in-depth learners*
- Will actively contribute to a positive learning environment-*they share knowledge*

When does it meet, and where?

The school is held during school terms, from 9:00 am to 2:45 pm, at the NMIT Richmond campus located on lower Queen Street.

Little STEAMerS (ages 5-6)-Mondays NMIT Richmond 9-12

STEAMs Jr (ages 7-9) NMIT Richmond on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

STEAMs Sr (ages 10-13) NMIT Richmond on Thursday and Friday.

How much does it cost?

Payment is by term, with a cost of \$60 per day plus GST for Junior and Senior students while Little STEAMerS is \$25 per day plus GST. We have a limited number of partial scholarships available that are awarded on a term by term basis for those with financial need. Parents can also apply to Fifeshire Foundation for funding or for the government's new Gifted and Talented funding scheme at this website <https://gifted.tki.org.nz/further-support/awards/> You do not need to prove your child is gifted and the application is quite easy!

The students come for a three week trial (which you pay and attend in a block) then if both family and teacher feel there is a good fit for the child in the class they continue for the rest of the term and you are billed appropriately.

Will my child's school mind that they miss a day per week?

You will need to inform the child's school that he or she will be at STEAMS School one day per week. To date we have not encountered any issues around accommodating a child's participation in STEAMS School, and many of the region's schools are very supportive of the programme. Once enrolled, you are encouraged to inform the teacher and office staff that your child should be marked present for the day they attend STEAMS School, as they will be attending an academic school as opposed to being absent due to illness or other reasons.