YEAR 9 ELECTIVES FOR 2017

ARTS

Students choose ONE of the following arts electives

CERAMICS
This elective introduces Ceramics/Pottery as an art form and explores the basics of forming and shaping clay. Students will explore ceramic art by practicing hand-building techniques, such as pinching, slab building, coiling and slip casting, they will also have an opportunity to practice using the potter’s wheel and begin throwing basic forms. They will learn how the glazing and firing process impacts upon the form and aesthetics of a ceramic piece, as well as how to incorporate decorations and embellishments. The design and creation of unique art pieces is emphasized; students learn balance and proportion, wall thickness correction, surface decoration techniques and new firing options. Students will be given the opportunity of making creative sculptural pieces, but also learn how to make ‘functional art’, such as vases, cups and bowls.

DRAMA
This is elective explores various aspects of performing, acting, directing, stage design and the technical aspects of lighting, sound and special effects. In Unit 1, students will examine Theatre through History, beginning with an exploration of Neutral Mask, then looking at Ancient Greek Theatre and Commedia dell’arte to give them a brief overview of theatre from the pre-modern era. In Unit 2, students will study a range of script excerpts from the modern era – from Chekov to Nowra – and explore a range of different theatrical styles. Students will work in groups to perform sections of these scripts and will have the opportunity to try their hand at directing, lighting, costume and stage design as they prepare to perform to a live audience.

MEDIA
Media at Year 9 is divided up into two areas: radio and news. Each area will be covered in a term. Students will study the features of each and will apply what they have learnt to their own radio and news productions. Students will use a variety of computer programs as well as media equipment both individually and in groups to study radio and news. As well as practical productions students will be expected to demonstrate in writing an understanding of how the mediums work, for whom, and the effects of the media on the individual and society.

MUSIC
The Music elective offered will extend the musical skills of all students using a practical, hands on experience. The elective will involve IT Technology with computers, using Acid Pro to create and edit their own music and to create their own mix of songs using Audacity create loops and add music to clips. Students will be play a range of instruments and will form bands within the classroom. In this elective students will be broken into groups with their chosen instruments and will be directed on how to play the songs selected in class.

PRINTMAKING
If you enjoy painting and drawing, are enthusiastic about trying new things and like a challenge why not try printmaking? You will learn linocut relief printing; in which you carve out a design on a piece of linoleum, spread ink over the top and then transfer onto a piece of paper or material – much like a stamp! You will be able to explore printmaking techniques such as; linocut relief printing, etching, and mono-printing. Printmaking will expand your Art skills and will help if you take Studio Arts in VCE.
VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN (VCD)
Visual Communication and Design is broken up into three main sectors, and all of these are covered from years 9 through to 12. Students also learn about working within creative limits, and within a brief that is tailored to a specific task.

**Industrial Design:** Students learn technical drawing conventions in order to develop an understanding of different three-dimensional communications which exist in our visual world. Object design, observational drawing tasks, rendering tasks, and design analysis tasks are undertaken so that students can explore the conceptual and physical generation of objects around them.

**Environmental Design:** Environmental design enables students to understand the concept of space, and how we are able to communicate ideas within a space that we create - whether it be internal or external. Students undertake interior and exterior design activities to tailor specific spaces aligned with particular environmental settings.

**Communication Design:** Students undertake logo, type, image, and slogan design tasks in order to understand what it means to communicate a particular visual idea to a specific target audience.

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**TECHNOLOGY STUDIES**

Students choose ONE of the following Technology electives.

*Please note that any levies must be paid in full before the commencement of electives and students will only be given theory until the full levy is paid.*

**FURNITURE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.**
The main focus of this unit is on development of skills in making a piece of furniture using a range of materials; mainly timber. Students are taken through the realisation of a product from design concept through to production of the final piece of work. They will learn skills in technical drawing and computer aided design, and investigate its relationship with modern product manufacture techniques. In addition to small skills development projects students will be required to complete a major product for assessment. Students will be required to pay for the material for this major project.

*A complete cost analysis of their project will need to be approved by parents before construction can commence; this should be in the range of $10 - $20 depending on the size of the project. Additional costs for practice material, adhesives, paint etc. will be covered.*

**FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY**
Students will become independent thinkers at this stage of their learning. Design briefs will be more complex and challenging. Students will become aware of different cultures and the nutritional value of food. They will utilise their own design briefs and evaluate their outcomes. Students will begin to develop appropriate strategies for specific occasions and the importance of food presentation.

*There will be a cost of $60.00 per semester towards the cost of resources.*

**DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN**
We believe the digital age is rapidly transforming the way we communicate. For this reason, there’s never been a better time to begin a study Digital Communication. This class will vary each year and you could be studying anything from 3D modelling, animation, Digital marketing & advertising, Digital imaging, web and app development. All linked to communication in Digital Media. This class is a possible taste test that could lead to advertising, art direction, journalism, multimedia, production and beyond.

*There is no additional cost for this elective however students will need to ensure that they bring their fully charged laptop to every class.*
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND METAL
The main focus of this unit is on development skill in the use of metals and other related engineering and sheet-metal processes. Students are taken through the realisation of a product from design concept through to production of the final piece of work. They will learn skills in technical drawing and computer aided design, and investigate its relationship with modern product manufacture techniques.
In addition to small skills development projects students will be required to complete a major product for assessment. Students will be required to pay for the material for this major project.

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2017 SELECTION SHEET FOR YEAR 9 ELECTIVES

FULL NAME: .................................................................

HOMEGROUP: ............... 

The program for Mainstream students at Year 9 consists of CORE subjects: English, Maths, Humanities, Science, LOTE, PE, Information Technology (one semester), The Arts (one semester). Students also choose from a list of Community Electives.

ART AND TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES
Please number three electives in each of The Arts and Technology in order of preference
Students have a choice of one elective from The Arts and one elective from Technology.

The Arts
☐ Ceramics
☐ Drama
☐ Media
☐ Music
☐ Printmaking
☐ Visual Communication and Design (VCD)

Technology
☐ Food and Technology ($60)
☐ Engineering Technology and Metal
☐ Furniture Design and Technology
☐ Digital Communication and Design

COMMUNITY ELECTIVES
Please number five electives in order of preference.

☐ Full year Community Volunteering ($10)
☐ Full year Community Conservation Advance ($30)
☐ Semester Community Sport and Rec ($110)
☐ Semester Community Dance ($80)
☐ Semester Community Arts ($15)
☐ Semester Community Music ($10)
☐ Semester Community Media ($10)
☐ Semester Community Craft ($15)
☐ Semester Refugee Literacy Support Program ($10)
☐ Semester Marvelous Melbourne ($25)
☐ Semester Community Entrepreneurs ($50)
☐ Semester Sustainable Communities ($30)

You will complete this form now and return a copy of this signed form to your Home-group teacher by Friday 12th August.

I have read the subject descriptions, including the expectations of all Community Electives and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not, I may have my electives changed.

Student Signature: ..................................................

I have read the subject descriptions, including the expectations of all Community Electives and agree that my child will abide by them. I understand that if my child does not, s/he may have her/his electives changed.

Parent Signature: ..................................................