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ELECTIVE COURSE INFORMATION

YEAR 9 2023

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YEAR 9 ELECTIVE COURSES 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Students can select from a number of different elective combinations in Year 9.
- **Note:** Languages are year-long and will be studied over the full year. Selections will be made for both Semester 1 and Semester 2. Please refer to the selection instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTION OF ELECTIVES:

- Students are to select from at least **two** different learning areas over the year.
- Where possible you will be allocated your first choice, however, class numbers and work and safety issues may result in being allocated your second or third choice.
- The College reserves the right to withdraw an elective subject if there is an insufficient number of students.
- Students need to think carefully about their choices as **there will be no opportunity** to change.

You will be notified in Term 4, 2022 of your final allocation of electives. **A description of these electives is included in this booklet.**



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LEARNING AREAS	SEMESTER ONE		SEMESTER TWO	
	3 PERIOD	2 PERIOD	3 PERIOD	2 PERIOD
THE ARTS	Dance 3	Dance 2	Dance 3	Dance 2
	Drama 3	Drama 2	Drama 3	Drama 2
	Media Arts 3	Media Arts 2	Media Arts 3	Media Arts 2
	Music 3	Music 2	Music 3	Music 2
	Visual Art 3	Visual Art 2	Visual Art 3	Visual Art 2
LANGUAGES	Indonesian 3 (Year-Long)		Indonesian 3 (Year-Long)	
	Italian 3 (Year-long)		Italian 3 (Year-long)	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Leadership and Performance 3 (LEAP)	Physical Recreation 2 (course repeated in Semester 2)	Leadership and Performance 3 (LEAP)	Physical Recreation 2 (Semester 1 course repeated)
	Outdoor Education 3 (course repeated in Semester 2)	Racquet Sports 2	Outdoor Education 3 (Semester 1 course repeated)	Racquet Sports 2
DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES	Food Decisions 3	Food Decisions 2	Fast & Tasty Foods 3	Fast & Tasty Foods 2
	CAD 3D Printing 3	Jewellery & Glass Design 2 (Course repeated in Semester 2)	CAD 3D Printing 3	Jewellery & Glass Design 2 (Semester 1 course repeated)
	Metal Design 3	Wood Design 2	Metal Design 3	Wood Design 2
	Systems Engineering Studies 3 (Course repeated Semester 2)	Child Development 2 (repeated Semester 2)	Systems Engineering Studies 3 (Semester 1 course repeated)	Child Development 2 (Repeated Semester 2)
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES		Computers in Business 2 (Course repeated Semester 2)		Computers in Business 2 (Semester 1 course repeated)
		Creative Technology 2 (Course repeated in Semester 2)		Creative Technology 2 (Semester 1 course repeated)
LEARNING ENRICHMENT		Supporting Literacy and Mathematics 2 (SLAM)		Supporting Literacy and Mathematics 2 (SLAM)

You will be allocated **two** electives for Semester 1 and **two** electives for Semester 2.





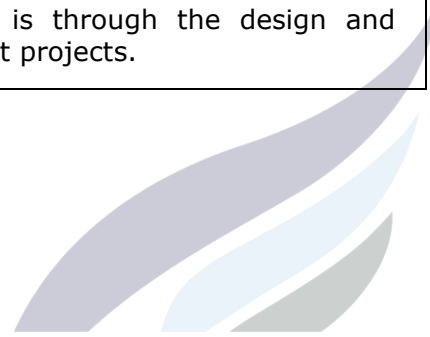
DESCRIPTION OF YEAR 9 ELECTIVES 2022

VISUAL ART	<p>Students will be able to showcase their creativity and imagination through creating unique 2D or 3D artworks based on a set theme and experimenting with a range of different materials, technique and processes. You will plan and document your ideas in a Visual Diary before creating your final artwork. 2D artworks may take the forms of drawing, printmaking, painting, drawing, textiles or mixed media. Whilst 3D projects may include sculpture, ceramics (clay work), and mixed media constructions.</p> <p>These hands-on practical courses will allow you to develop both skills and knowledge for continuation in Visual Arts Year 10, 11 & 12.</p> <p>Students will require an A3 sketchbook and an A3 display folder.</p>
DANCE	<p>Learn Jazz dance skills and a class routine as well as working with your friends to create your own dance. You even get the chance to dance on stage in costumes, performing the routines to an audience of your family and friends.</p>
DRAMA	<p>Grow in confidence and experience the power of voice, movement and improvisation as you rehearse and perform scenes for performance.</p>
MEDIA ARTS	<p>Students will develop skills in photography, film and desktop publishing. The students will learn how to use a range of cameras, lenses and microphones. Students will experiment with studio lighting and editing suites such as Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premiere Pro. Students will have the opportunity to create multiple works within different mediums of media and will be encouraged to enter their work into a range of competitions.</p>
MUSIC	<p>Students who already play an instrument will find this course very useful, but you do not need to be playing an instrument to select this elective.</p> <p>Music courses comprise of theoretical and practical components. This course is designed to give students the opportunity to listen and learn from different styles of music and great artists to better understand the context of music.</p> <p>Students will play music individually, in groups and as a whole class. Instruments including vocals, piano, guitar, bass and drums, as well as some brass and woodwind may be used. Music will be taught and learnt utilizing sheet music, by ear, improvisation and from memory.</p>





PHYSICAL RECREATION	<p>An introduction to community fitness and recreation. You will learn a range of physical activities outside the realm of traditional competitive sports.</p> <p>The course combines an introduction to concepts for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and how to make fitness and physical activity fun and motivating. This is a practical course with some, yet minimal, theoretical components.</p>
LEADERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE (LEAP)	<p>Explore and extend your knowledge and skills in physical activity. Challenge yourself through a range of activities with a focus on training programs, fitness, recovery, and rehabilitation. On selection in this course, you will work on development of a training/fitness regimen toward the elite level and integrate related aspects to sport, such as, nutrition, training methods, time management and psychology.</p>
OUTDOOR EDUCATION	<p>Explore an awareness of the natural environment and learn about the impacts of outdoor recreation. Develop team building initiative skills as well as stud compass, map work and rope-work as the foundation for land-based skills. Snorkeling and bodyboarding provide the basis for learning safe water-based survival skills.</p>
RACQUET SPORTS	<p>This course is an introduction to a range of racquet sports. The focus will be on skill and transfer of skill across a range of sports such as badminton, tennis, pickleball, table tennis and many more. All involve a combination of rapid changes of direction and short sharp movements of upper and lower limbs which work on students' agility, core stability, flexibility and movement control.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to apply strategies and tactics to the whole range of sports and participate in an introduction to skill learning/acquisition and coaching.</p>
FOOD	<p>This Course will continue to focus on nutrition for adolescents and the special dietary requirements of this age group. Food choices during the teenage years will be explored and how these can impact on their long-term health. Students will be encouraged to design & produce healthy delicious recipes, using a wide variety of fresh ingredients, and varied food preparation techniques, utensils & appliances. The impact of advertising, food sustainability, fast foods and processed foods in the marketplace on individual food choices will be explored through practical food preparation design tasks.</p>
WOOD DESIGN	<p>Students are introduced to a range of woodworking equipment, skills and knowledge as well as beginning the development of designing skills following the design process, the basis of all good manufacture. There is a hierarchy of equipment usage, hence students will learn a lot of hand tool usage as well as begin to use a number of power tools making manufacturing quicker and more accurate. All knowledge and skills students learn is through the design and manufacture of interesting and relevant projects.</p>





METAL DESIGN	<p>The course emphasises the safe use and care of machines and hand tools associated with the metalwork industry. Students will develop a specialised knowledge of processes, tools and equipment associated with metalwork. Lathe, sheet metal and fitting work will be undertaken. In conjunction with this, students will use the oxygen-acetylene equipment to heat, forge, bend and weld project parts as well as learning to use the MIG welders to industry standard. The design process will be used as a means of producing and developing design concepts. Students will have the opportunity to use and become familiar with a range of materials in the process of constructing projects and have the chance to individualise some of their work.</p>
COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD)	<p>The rapid expansion of technology in the area of Computer Aided Design (CAD), has helped people to be able take their ideas, and more easily turn them into a final design solution. In Computer Aided Design, students learn how to take design ideas, develop them into realistic final designs which may then be constructed incorporating the use of other technologies such as 3d Printing and Laser Cutting. The course is taught with the latest industry standard software (Autodesk Tinkercode and Fusion) and introduces students to how products are designed in the real world.</p>
JEWELLERY	<p>This course introduces students to basic jewellery techniques, skills and processes such as saw piercing, soldering, filing, attaching findings, buffing, texturing metal, problem solving, and sketching used in the creation and fabrication of wearable jewellery and accessories. In addition to looking at individually designed pieces of Jewellery, the student will learn new techniques for working with both metal and glass. When working with metal they will learn hammering, shaping, soldering and casting techniques. For glasswork they will learn glass slumping and fusing techniques and will produce several items of their own design.</p>
SYSTEMS ENGINEERING STUDIES	<p>This course helps students develop an understanding of Engineering principles with a focus on electronic circuitry and programmable gadgets. Students will create smart objects – capable of being programmed with simple coding exercises and a microcontroller. Engineering principals such as simple mechanisms will also play a part in the construction of practical projects.</p>
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	<p>Child development is a great course for those interested in working with young children. There is a great opportunity to pursue this interest further after this course and students would be well equipped to do this after completing this elective. This elective gives student the opportunity to learn new experiences relating to children and infants which can directly set them up for later in life. Practical skills will be learnt, and projects developed and taken home.</p>



CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY	Creative technology is a STEM course. This elective looks at incorporating coding and design with practical build skills and technology. Electronics equipment and 3D modelling software will be used as well as some hands-on prototyping materials. There is scope to individualise projects and play with different media within this elective. It is open ended and is student driven.
COMPUTERS IN BUSINESS	Explore and learn skills with Microsoft Office 365 using Word and PowerPoint to enhance the design and presentation of professional standard documents. Learn valuable tips and tricks to make more creative and successful PowerPoint Presentations. Find out the tips and tricks you need to know so that you can use Word like a pro. Whether you need to create a cover page, write a letter or create an assignment, Microsoft Word is ready and waiting!
SUPPORTING LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS (SLAM)	Grow to your full potential with personalised support in literacy and mathematics. These two areas are essential to successful learning and future career options. By choosing this elective you will have an incredible opportunity to consolidate your learning from Math's and English classes. This elective will allow you to ask questions and work through answers at a slower pace with the teacher. This elective will focus specifically on preparation for OLNA.





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