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2024 Year 9 Course Handbook



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Introduction

The Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline sets out the knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to acquire and guidelines for the assessment of student achievement.

The Curriculum is taught within eight Learning Areas. These Learning Areas are:

- Arts
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies

All Year 9 students will continue to study courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Health and Physical Education. In order to best meet the needs of students in preparation for education and training beyond Year 9, these classes will be organised according to student ability.

As an independent public secondary school, we offer electives to students, to allow them a range of choice in what they study. This enables students to choose courses from specific learning areas that will be most applicable to their future employment, training and the selection of courses in Year 11 and 12. As students' progress towards Year 11 and 12, it is important to consider what electives will give your child the best understanding of the particular subjects or courses they may wish to choose in Year 11 and 12. As such, we would recommend that any student that wishes to pursue a particular pathway should choose electives in Year 9 that give an insight into that area of study in Year 11 and 12.

Year 9 Elective Process

- To give a variety of experiences in all learning areas, students should aim to select at least one elective from Arts and one elective from Technologies.
- Course charges are per semester except where specified that the elective operates for a full year.

- Students may have the option to change courses at the beginning of the semester, by completing and returning a course change form. Parental consent will be gained and statements to reflect the change in course charges will be issued.
- **All students are required to participate in Physical Education. This can be one of the following: Physical Education or Physical Education Extension – Sport Science**

Not all courses listed on the selection sheet will run and some may not be offered due to lack of student interest. Only courses with sufficient student interest will be offered.

Additional Information

Contributions and Charges

Parents and guardians should note that charges for these elective courses are compulsory and are required to be paid by the end of Term 1. We understand the costs of schooling can be a burden for some, particularly at the beginning of each year. For this reason, we offer a range of payment strategies to assist families in meeting their commitments. We also offer a number of nil-cost elective courses.

Course charges noted are a guide only. Inflation, changing costs and curriculum changes may affect actual course charges. Final charges are included in the Charges and Voluntary Contributions Booklet, which will be published in December.

The collection of these payments enable us to provide valuable resources to ensure the best possible educational opportunities. Parents are strongly encouraged to pay all contributions and charges as this will help support your child with a high-quality learning environment.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Secondary Assistance Scheme is available to secondary students whose parents hold a Centrelink Family Health Care card, Pensioner Concession card, or Veterans' Affairs card (blue card only). The scheme provides \$235.00 towards voluntary contributions, paid directly to the school, and \$115 clothing allowance that can be used to help with the cost of purchasing a uniform.

The Secondary Assistance Scheme is available to students up to and including the year in which they turn 18.

Eligibility for the Secondary Assistance Scheme is based on a parent or guardian being the holder of a prescribed concession card.

Application forms are available at reception or the College website from Term 4.

Attendance Commitment

Your attendance and participation in class is the key to achievement of success. Studies show that students who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed at school.

Aim for 100% attendance. The only acceptable reason for absences is if you are sick or have a school activity such as an excursion.

Work commitments and family holidays are not acceptable reasons for student absenteeism

Course Details

The Arts

AMPt (Advanced Music Performance Training Program)

Full year course

Approximate course charge: \$45.00

Compulsory for students in the AMPt Program and studying an instrument with an IMMS teacher.

Students are required to complete an application and be selected to participate in this elective.

Students will have the opportunity to develop their musical skills by completing group projects covering different styles and decades of music. They will develop their performance, planning and communication skills while learning to work effectively with others. Experiences in class will provide students with a well-developed understanding of the Music Industry both in Australia and world-wide, as well as its historical and cultural significance to our world. This is a highly practical course.

*Reading music notation is NOT a requirement

*Students must be enrolled for the whole year

Art – Applied Arts

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$51.00

In this course, students will experiment with a range of art mediums including ceramics, printmaking, painting and drawing. Students will expand specialist skills and knowledge of the art making process while developing the ability to make judgements of art. Students will develop their own artistic ideas, style and processes through this course.

Art – Crafted Art

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$50.00

Are you a creative, innovative free-thinking artist who loves playing with different mediums? Here is your chance to develop your ideas and skills in the areas that interest you. Students will be able to create individual works in a number of different mediums including clay, paper mache, mosaics and textiles. You will be working in groups and creating projects such as designing sets and props. Come and explore your artistic side in a relaxing, creative environment where your inspirations and fantasies can come alive. This course is a hands-on course which will give students an opportunity to explore and create a range of different projects.

Art – Digital Art

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: NIL

Students will explore digital art and design, developing knowledge and skill of programs such as Procreate. Students will have the opportunity to produce their artistic ideas through portraiture, typography, character design and drawn animations. This course highlights contemporary artists and creative industries that utilise digital illustration. This will generate expertise that can be used in future vocations.

Dance

Full year course

Approximate course charge: \$76.00

Students in the Dance program will be involved in a variety of performances at a school level and professional level. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their work within the school and community. Students in Year 9 participate in dance classes specifically designed to challenge and develop movement techniques. Students will learn techniques in jazz, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, funk, hip hop and cultural dance and will develop choreography skills through creative dancing. They will also learn about the production side of dance and will have experience in critiquing dance work. Through visiting choreographers and participating in weekly dance classes, students will learn to develop creativity, technique, movement, vocabulary, rhythm, coordination and an understanding of arts criticism. There are many employment opportunities for students in the dance field.

Drama

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$40.00

In this course, you will be given opportunities to refine your knowledge and skills to present drama as an event, by safely using processes, techniques and conventions of drama. You will develop drama based on devised processes and appropriate, published script excerpts using selected drama forms and styles. With others, you will work on devised and scripted drama is the focus of reflective and responsive processes using specific terminology and language.

Media

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$ NIL

In the media course, you will be exploring the Hollywood film industry, creating your own movie trailer and poster. You will study different movie genres like horror, action, comedy and adventure, and use the different genre conventions to create a Hollywood quality movie trailer and poster. You will begin to explore the ever-growing video game industry. You will create a campaign for your very own video game, designing the characters, setting and the story you want to tell. Once you have planned your video game you will create a playable level of your game. Then you will begin to explore the ever-growing industry of Online Content Creation. You will use your skills to design your own You Tube channel logo and branding by using Photoshop.

Health and Physical Education

Physical Education

Compulsory for all students (unless enrolled in the Physical Education Extension – Sports Science)

The Physical Education curriculum provides opportunities for students to develop, enhance and exhibit attitudes and values that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Students focus on elements of speed and accuracy in different movement environments, while continuing to develop the efficiency of specialised movement skills. They explore ways to evaluate their own and others' performances through analysis of skills and movement patterns, using basic, biomechanical concepts. They transfer previous knowledge of outcomes in movement situations to inform and refine skills, strategies and tactics to maximise success.

Outdoor Education

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$35.00

In this course, students will be challenged with basic outdoor skills as they prepare for an expedition type camp and a biking day excursion. Students will be introduced orienteering, trangia style camp cooking, mountain biking, camp craft and basic first aid. Students will develop team building, leadership and problem-solving skills throughout the course.

Physical Education Extension – Sports Science (PEX)

Full year course

Approximate course charge: \$25.00

Students are required to complete an application and be selected to participate in this elective.

This course for high performing physical education students will provide the opportunity to develop both physical and theoretical skills that will help prepare them for the senior school ATAR Physical Education Studies course and/or a General Physical Education Studies.

Students will be introduced to practical and written assessment strategies covering topics such as respiratory, skeletal and muscular system identification, response to exercise and SMART goal setting. The course will also develop skills, strategies and tactics through a variety of sports which may include ultimate frisbee, basketball, touch and volleyball.

This elective is recommended to those students who wish to pursue Physical Education Studies in Year 11 and 12.

Aus Sport – AFL/Cricket

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$NIL

Welcome to our new sports elective, where we bring together two of Australia's most beloved sporting traditions - cricket and Australian Rules Football (AFL).

In the first term, students will take to the cricket field, mastering the art of batting, bowling, and fielding.

As the second term rolls in, the focus shifts to the action-packed world of AFL. Embracing the thrill of Aussie Rules, students will learn the essential techniques of handballing, kicking, marking, and tackling. With an emphasis on fair play and sportsmanship, students will participate in exciting drills and team-based activities, building camaraderie and a deeper understanding of the game.

Net Sports

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: Nil

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of net sports which may include volleyball, badminton, pickleball, speedminton and tennis. Various tactics and strategies will be investigated along with umpiring, coaching and the value of sportsmanship. This elective is aimed at students who are interested in keeping active in sports that are mainly individual rather than team sports.

Weights and Fitness

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: NIL

Students who are serious about improving their personal fitness will have the opportunity to pursue various activities. Utilising the school's fitness room, they will learn the correct resistance training techniques, which are vital to minimising injury. Other activities may include; fitness appraisals; yoga; boxing; and they will create individualised fitness and weights programs.

Lifestyle Fitness

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: NIL

Students participate in a range of non-traditional and individual sporting contexts. Students are taught the specifics of creating a personal training session and will also design minor games in small groups, with a focus on lifelong physical activity.

Languages

Chinese or French

Full year course

Approximate course charge: Chinese \$35.00, French Nil

The Year 9 Chinese/French language program is designed to further develop the student's skills (listening, responding, and speaking) in order to communicate effectively in the language. Students will view and read

a variety of texts and respond appropriately. They will also be able to write texts independently in Chinese/French. Students will further develop cultural understandings, recognise pattern and rules when using Chinese/French and rehearse purposeful language for use in real life situations. Students will have access to online resources and work in cooperative learning situations. Students will study a range of topics within this course.

These include:

- The Chinese/French culture
- Ordering food/drinks in a restaurant setting
- Discuss food preferences
- Express opinions, interests, and hobbies
- Leisure time
- Health and fitness
- Describe clothing, personality, and family
- School subjects and jobs

Chinese students will also have the opportunity to communicate with students in China through our sister school's program.

Science

The applied science courses integrate the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through hands-on programs students develop STEM skills such as problem solving, critical analysis, independent thinking and initiative. Students in these courses apply investigation skill to plan, conduct, process, evaluate and communicate their findings in a range of practical activities

Flight

Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$32.00

In Flight, students will explore the physics behind flying objects. They will make and test a range of devices, which could include planes, kites, gliders, helicopters, hot air balloons and rockets.

Forensics

Semester 1

Approximate course charge: \$23.00

In Forensics, students will explore many of the techniques used by forensic scientists for analysing crime scene evidence. Some of the techniques covered by this course are fingerprinting, hairs and fibres, blood spatter, handwriting and forgeries.

Technologies

Caring for Children

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$43.00

This course begins by exploring families and the part they play in a child's life. Students will study their own milestones of infancy and family tree to allow them to discover the importance of development, growth and heritage. They will develop a basic understanding about pregnancy; the signs of, physical changes, care during and the nutrition required. They then follow the journey after childbirth through infancy, looking at; bathing, feeding, and clothing infants along with the physical, emotional and social needs. Students investigate how childhood language develops through music and book reading. The course continues to focus on caring for children through first aid, and babysitting.

The course also has a large practical component in which students use their creative ability to make various items for young children including a box of items suitable for babysitting and a toy from recycled materials. The course is also enriched by the use of guest speakers such as: community nurses, pregnant women and new mothers.

Computer Aided Design

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$45

In this course students will use industry standard software and some basic electronics, to design and construct a range of highly motivating products that could include a LED torch, electronic digital clocks and electronic dice. Students construct their designs using the laser cutter and 3D printers. Students will also be involved in Architectural design and drafting.

Digital Photography

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$25.00

Students will be introduced to digital photography in a course which gives a general overview of the items listed below while also focusing on producing excellent photographic images.

Students will cover:

- Essential introduction to photographic techniques.
- Use of digital cameras
- Portrait photography, still life
- Image manipulation
- Lighting techniques
- Design Knowledge

Fashion and Textiles

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$45

This course focuses on building, developing skills with a sewing machine. They will learn how to create garments for themselves from woven and knit fabrics along with the ability to create accessories to dress up garments.

Students will learn about fibres, how they are converted into fabrics and the different properties they have which make them suitable for a variety of uses. Textile design will be investigated, and students will have the opportunity to create their own fabrics through dyeing and fabric painting.

Food – Naked Ingredients

Semester 1

Approximate course charge: \$70.00

The focus of this unit is on the ingredients we use to produce recipes. What are 'naked ingredients' and how do we dress them up to make them attractive and palatable? Students will investigate the nutritional relevance of naked ingredients and the various ways the ingredients can be used in recipes.

Students will be exposed to recipes that explore traditional and current trends in food combinations. They will create and produce food using the dietary guidelines for teenagers. 50% of this course content is theory and 50% is practical work.

Food – Timeless Classics in Food

Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$70.00

The focus of this unit is culinary history - what it is, how it's done, and why it is relevant. The course also examines the application of culinary history to explore the different processes by which cuisines and culinary traditions develop, reviewing reactions and responses to the introduction of new ingredients. Students will create and produce classic food recipes, be exposed to a wide variety of kitchen equipment developed to enhance the production of food, look at the current trends in food and the historical development of culinary traditions and examine trends with current food issues that affect our lifestyle. 50% of this course content is theory and 50% is practical work.

Metalwork

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$45.00

This practical course provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to metal and associated industries.

Core skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques related to metal are enhanced through the production of several practical projects.

This provides opportunities for students to develop specific knowledge, understanding and skills in the following areas:

- Safety
- Practical applications of ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Sheet metal fabrication

- Jewellery making
- Use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery and
- Oxy/Acetylene braze welding

Woodwork

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Approximate course charge: \$50.00

In this course, Students will design and make a bread board and matching cheese/pate knife, a turned timber ball point pen and a range of other projects. These hands on, practical units, are designed to allow students to work productively in a woodworking environment. Students use a range of hand and power tools as well as fixed machinery to produce a variety of wooden projects. This course is well suited for any student wanting to pursue a career in the construction industry or with an interest in creating wooden artefacts and furniture. Students who can work safely and cooperatively and strive to achieve a high quality of work will find success in this unit.

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