

CANTERBURY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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A letter for students

Welcome to the Middle School (Years 7-9) at Canterbury Girls' Secondary College.

You will be welcomed into the Middle School where you have a Year Level Co-ordinator to help you. The Year Level Co-ordinator is assisted by the Head of Middle School and as a team, they will support you and help you with any problems you may have.

During your years in the Middle School at Canterbury Girls' Secondary College, your personal journey will include developing a better understanding of yourself as an individual as well as developing your relationships with others both as individuals and as team members in a context of high expectations. It is a time when you take personal responsibility for your learning and the development of a variety of skills in academic, creative, practical and sporting pursuits with the aim, always, of achieving the best outcomes you can in all these areas. In order to do this, you need to ensure that you develop independent, focussed and consistent study habits. You need to work productively in class, you need to seek help from the teacher when you need it, you need to study effectively for tests, and you need to complete all homework by the due date.

At Canterbury Girls' Secondary College we have a strong co-curricular activities program built around our House structure. You will meet other students, make new friends and develop a sense of belonging both to your House and to the College. There will be opportunities for you to undertake leadership programs and develop your leadership and team building skills.

The Middle School at Canterbury Girls' Secondary College offers you many opportunities to succeed and develop your own potential and skills. My best wishes as you take part in that journey.

Dr Mary Cannon
Principal



Information for Parents

Canterbury Girls' Secondary College has built and maintained a reputation for excellence in the development of education for girls. Students learn in an environment that encourages high achievement in all endeavours and which values effort and diligence. The College places great emphasis on students working to achieve their very best, on students challenging themselves and on seizing all opportunities open to them. As a learning community, we set high expectations for staff and students alike and provide a learning environment which facilitates the best possible outcome for all students.

The College offers a broad dynamic curriculum which provides all students with the opportunity to develop academic, practical, creative and sporting skills. In addition, Canterbury Girls' Secondary College offers an extensive co-curricular program which includes instrumental music, associated bands, ensembles and choirs, community service programs, peer support, camps and excursions.

The school has a strong commitment to promoting leadership skills in students based on co-operation, tolerance, self-discipline and concern for others. The well-established House system fosters the development of initiative, leadership skills, teamwork and active participation in sport, dance, music, debating, drama and chorals. Involvement in House activities enables students to develop relationships with students across a variety of year levels and encourages a sense of community. Students are encouraged to be actively involved in decision making. The College Student Leadership team, the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and the House Captains are important participants in this process.

Canterbury Girls' Secondary College facilitates a strong relationship between all members of the College community. The School Council provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, students and community members to participate in whole school decisions and programs. The Parents' Association is an active group within the College, organising social and fund raising activities. The Mangarra Society, the former students' association, contributes to the life of the College by providing tangible links with our past, by keeping and articulating the history of the College, and by providing funds for College programs. It is a focal point for past students who wish to retain a link with the school. Relationships with the broader school community develop a sense of tradition and continuity for students. Such links ensure a strong sense of identity for the College provide a tangible framework through which we can focus on students learning and student outcomes.

One of the State's few government all girls' schools, Canterbury Girls' Secondary College offers an environment where girls can be themselves and can have a strong voice in the classroom and through the College's co-curricular activities.

At Canterbury Girls' Secondary College we invite young women on an educational journey where they can develop their potential in a supportive environment, challenge themselves to do and be the best they can while fostering resilience and social awareness.



Middle School Activities

A team of committed and dedicated staff work to ensure that students are supported and encouraged in their education. A variety of activities and events are held throughout the course of the year to assist students with the changes they experience and to encourage parents/guardians to be involved in their daughter's schooling.

Camps

Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend a camp.

Student Leadership

The College runs many programs to foster leadership skills. Students have the opportunity to apply for and take on many leadership roles such as Middle School captains, Middle School House Leaders, College Ambassadors, College Tour Guides, Home Group Captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) Members, Environmental Representatives and Social Service Representatives.

House Activities

At the start of Year 7, students are placed in one of the four college Houses – Brennan, Cattanach, Flynn or Macdonald. Throughout the year students have the opportunity to participate in many House activities such as Chorals, Debating, Dance Drama, Year Level Sport Competitions in Volleyball, Netball and Basketball and Sport Carnivals such as Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics.

Sporting Activities

Intra and inter school sporting competitions are held. The College competes in the Boroondara Division of the School Sport Victoria competition once a term. This includes major sports such as Volleyball, Tennis, Softball, Badminton, Netball, Soccer, Football, Basketball and Hockey.

Instrumental Music

The opportunity to study a musical instrument, including voice, is provided through the Music Department. Students are further encouraged to perform as part of the Junior Concert Band. They can also audition for vocal groups.

Careers Advice and Preparation

At Canterbury Girls' Secondary College we place an emphasis on preparing students for their life after school and provide advice and support for the decisions they are making.

In Year 7 and Year 8, students undertake careers related education during their studies in Personal Development.

In Year 9, students undertake an urban experience at the end of Term 2. They spend three days in the city, investigating city life, undertaking a research project and becoming confident about finding their way around the city environment. Half the students visit the city while the other students remain at school. The following week, the students swap. The students who remain at school undertake a careers planning program that involves resume writing, guest speakers, career planning and opportunities to meet with the Careers Co-ordinator, and visit tertiary institutions. Year 9 students also undertake one-on-one careers counselling with an external counsellor.

In Year 10 students will undertake one full day of further careers planning a term involving visits to tertiary institutions, VCE information and advice, and subject planning and selection.

Students at all year levels are able to seek advice from the Careers Co-ordinator at any time and parents are encouraged to speak with him if they have any questions particularly in regards to VCE subject selection and tertiary requirements.



2023 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 30 January – Thursday 6 April
Break	Friday 7 April – Sunday 23 April
Term 2	Monday 24 April – Friday 23 June
Break	Saturday 24 June – Sunday 9 July
Term 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
Break	Saturday 16 September – Sunday 1 October
Term 4	Monday 2 October – Wednesday 20 December

Assessment and Reporting

Student achievement is regularly communicated to both students and their parents, in order to encourage progress. The formal aspect of the reporting process includes progress reports, Learning Tasks and Parent/Student/Teacher interviews.

All Middle School students receive progress reports every five weeks including parent teacher interviews. Teachers also provide students with information regarding their progress on Learning Tasks.

Progress reports include a graph and a chart which will show progress in the areas of effort, behaviour and achievement. The graph will show whether progress is well above the expected standard, above the expected standard, below the expected standard or well below the expected standard.

Progress reports and Learning Tasks can be accessed via a student's profile on Compass.

Learning Opportunities at Canterbury Girls' Secondary College

The College provides students with access to a comprehensive curriculum. In the Middle School, at Years 7 and 8, students undertake a common curriculum, with some choice introduced in Years 9 and 10 and with increasing choice in Years 11 and 12. The College runs a two week timetable cycle.

Year 7 Courses of Study	Year 8 Courses of Study	Year 9 Courses of Study
Subjects	Subjects	Subjects
English	English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science	Science
LOTE French or Japanese	LOTE French or Japanese	LOTE French or Japanese
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Sport	Sport	Compulsory Semester-length Units: Health, Australian History & Geography: Biomes
Ancient History Geography	Medieval History Geography	
Music	Drama	Elective Semester-length Units
Food Technology	Art	Students select from a range of elective offerings starting from page 15
Electronics	Textiles	
Personal Development	Personal Development	



Year 9 Unit Descriptions: Core subjects



9EN English

Course Description

This course aims to enable students to speak, listen, read, view and write with purpose, enjoyment and confidence. They become effective communicators through their control of language and understanding of how it varies according to purpose, audience and context. Students gain broad knowledge of a variety of texts; develop a critical appreciation of texts, relating them to their own experience and to society; develop critical thinking skills and become independent and active learners able to work effectively with the whole class, individually and in groups.

Assessment Tasks

Semester 1

1. *Response to Texts.* Students complete a written response to the text studied during the semester.
2. *Speaking and Listening.* Students participate in collaborative tasks, group and class discussion and make a presentation to the whole class.
3. *Analysing Media Texts.* Students analyse media texts and images in essay form.

Semester 2

1. *Reading and Creating.* Students will create a newspaper to publish around the school.
2. *Writing.* Students complete a creative writing folio.
3. *Response to Texts.* Students complete a written response on a selected poet and their work.

9GE Geography: Biomes

Course Description

Topic 1: Biomes and Food Security

This course aims to give knowledge of the world's biomes. They explore the distribution and characteristics of these biomes, common flora and fauna and focus on how humans alter biomes to produce food.

Food Security is a significant topic and the exploration of this through case study and fieldwork investigations allows students to understand food production and distribution practices on local, regional and global scales. Students explore farming practices and management through the application of key skills. Feeding the world, and Melbourne's growing population poses many challenges for the future, how can we ensure we have accessible and available food and the knowledge and recourses to use it sustainably?

Topic 2: Geographies of Interconnections

This course investigates the systems and processes that connect people and places at a global scale. Students will explore case studies such as tourism, trade, transport and technology. Fieldwork will include a visit to the Port of Melbourne.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Coursework.* Students are expected to complete coursework exercises.
2. *Fieldwork.* Students will participate in fieldwork trips and complete written reports.
3. *Research.* Students will investigate an issue relating to the consequences of future food production.
4. *Tests.* Students complete tests based on the work done in the semester.



9HE Health

Course Description

This course acquaints students with issues that will help them clarify their own values, recognise societal values and become familiar with decision-making processes. They are also exposed to a comprehensive body of factual material appropriate to each of the following topics: drug education, contraception, Sexually Transmitted Infections and respectful relationships. Student participation is integral to this unit.

Compulsory Health is studied for ONE semester only.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Drug Education.* Students are required to create a game that rewards good decision making behaviour.
2. *Contraception and STI Test.* Students are tested on their knowledge and understanding of the major methods of contraception.
3. *Sexually Transmitted Infections.* Students create a pamphlet with information about the symptoms, prevention and treatment of STIs.

9HI Australian History

Course Description

This course explores the history to World War One. Topics could include Aborigines before European settlement and the culture clash, the Industrial Revolution and the reasons for settlement at Botany Bay. Students are introduced to the analysis of both graphic and written primary sources as tools for understanding the past. Students present their discoveries in a range of forms from role plays, letters, posters, time lines, reports and speeches.

Compulsory History is studied for ONE semester only.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Coursework.* Students are expected to complete class exercises.
2. *Written/Research Tasks.* Students complete two or three written pieces.
3. *Oral and Graphic Presentations.* Students complete a visual presentation and at least one oral presentation to the class.



Languages Other Than English

It is compulsory for all Year 9 students to study a language.

9FR Language Other Than English: French

Course Description

This course provides students with opportunities to understand and use French within the world of teenage experience on topics such as transport and travel, health, themselves, their likes, their dislikes, friends, school and their daily routine. Students learn about France as a nation with a culture and language which are different to Australia, and some of the reasons for these differences.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Listening.* Students demonstrate comprehension of information, answer questions and draw conclusions.
2. *Speaking.* Students participate in interviews, presentations, role plays and a poetry recitation.
3. *Reading.* Students identify key points of information and answer questions.
4. *Writing.* Students complete at least one guided writing task presented in paragraph form.

9JP Language Other Than English: Japanese

Course Description

This course provides students with the opportunities to understand and use Japanese within the world of teenage experience. Students will learn to talk about and discuss personal experiences and history, languages and nationality, fast food in Japan, shopping and recreational experiences in Japan.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Listening:* Students engage with an array of aural texts to comprehend information in Japanese and expose themselves to different uses of language.
2. *Speaking:* Students engage in informal conversations and give oral presentations
3. *Reading:* Students identify key information from written text comprised of hiragana, katakana and kanji.
4. *Writing:* Students present their learned understanding of the language through different text types to express their opinions and experiences.



9MA Mathematics

Course Description

This course engages in activities from the areas of Algebra, Number, Measurement, Geometry, Probability and Statistics. These activities promote the development of mathematical skills and knowledge, and the ability to communicate using precise mathematical language. Students learn to systematically tackle non-routine problems, to conduct investigations, to develop logical reasoning and to integrate the effective use of technology including calculators and computers. In each topic, students are required to maintain an up-to-date workbook containing neatly arranged notes, worked examples, and completed classwork. They may also be required to submit set homework done to a satisfactory standard. In addition students are required to submit clearly written reports of a number of problem solving/modelling activities. These tasks require the student to use mathematics creatively in unfamiliar situations as well as applying mathematical techniques to real-life situations.

Assessment Tasks

Semester 1

1. *Pythagoras' Theorem* - Test of questions drawn from throughout the topic and an application task.
2. *Measurement* - Class Application Questions and test containing skills and analysis questions.
3. *Indices* - Topic test of questions using Index Laws.
4. *Expansion and Factorisation* - A test comprising algebra questions, including application question(s), drawn from throughout the topic theory.
5. *Proportions and rates- Topic Test*
6. *Examination* - A common examination sat by the Year level which covers all the topics taught to date.

Semester 2

1. *Statistics* - Topic test.
2. *Linear Equations* - Topic test covering skills in equation writing and solving and investigating real life situations.
3. *Linear and Non-linear Graphs* - Test of questions drawn from throughout the topic including application questions.
4. *Probability and Sets* - Hands on tasks and a topic test.
5. *Statistics* - Hands on tasks with analysis of statistics as reported in the media and a topic test.
6. *Trigonometry* - Maths Trail (completed during Urban Week)[TBC], group application activity and a topic test.
7. *Quadratic Functions* - Test assessing graphing, algebra and analysis skills.
8. *Geometry* - Class worksheets and topic test.
9. *Examination* - A common examination sat by the Year level which covers all the topics taught since the Semester 1 examination.

Problem solving and project reports may be associated with topics in addition to those listed above at the discretion of the class teacher.



9PE Physical Education

Course Description

This course works towards further development and refinement of practical and theoretical knowledge through a range of individual and team sports/activities. These include Soft Lacrosse, Netball, Karate, Softball, Minor Games, Volleyball, Latin Dance, Badminton, Fitness, Modern Dance and Create-A-Game. Through active participation, students learn and improve physical skills. They devise and implement strategies to improve game play, demonstrate understanding of the rules and learn to officiate in game situations. They also devise and run a game for their peers, using their practical experience.

Assessment Tasks

Semester 1

1. *Overall Practical Participation – Term 1.* Students are assessed in their performance in all P.E. units by the teacher and by student/peer evaluations, and the completion of rubrics and skills check lists.
2. *Overall Practical Participation – Term 2.* Students are assessed in their performance in all P.E. units by the teacher and by student/peer evaluations, and the completion of rubrics and skills check lists.
3. *Working in a team.* Students are assessed on their ability to support their peers, respect others' opinions and give their best for their team during a collaborative unit.

Semester 2

1. *Overall Practical Participation – Term 3.* Students are assessed in their performance in all P.E. units by the teacher and by student/peer evaluations, and the completion of rubrics and skills check lists.
2. *Overall Practical Participation – Term 4.* Students are assessed in their performance in all P.E. units by the teacher and by student/peer evaluations, and the completion of rubrics and skills check lists.
3. *Working in a team.* Students are assessed on their ability to support their peers, respect others' opinions and give their best for their team during a collaborative unit.

9SC Science

Course Description

This course provides students with the opportunity for progressive development of scientific knowledge and skills, consolidating knowledge acquired in the previous years. The topics investigated allow students to further develop their chemical, physical and biological science skills and knowledge and make connections between areas of study and real-world experiences.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Assignments* - Assignments on a selection of topics studied:
 - Atomic Structure- Matter
 - Chemical Reactions (Chemical Science)
 - Tectonic Plates (Earth Science)
 - Control and Regulation (Biological Science)
 - Ecosystems (Earth Science)
 - Electricity (Physical Sciences)
 - Electromagnetism (Physical Sciences)
2. *Practical Activities* - A number of practical laboratory-based activities involving chemical reactions, energy investigations and biology.
3. *Research projects* – Students complete research projects in groups and/or individually.
4. *Tests* – Students complete tests based on topics studied over the course of the year.



9IM Instrumental Music

This course is co-curricular and not part of the elective program. It is available to all students in the school.

Course Description

This course provides students with the opportunity to gain skills on a musical instrument in order to perform both as a soloist and as a member of an ensemble. The course is performance based and all students are required to participate in at least one major ensemble. Students will study a range of musical styles and work towards establishing a good reading and aural skills set on which to further develop. External examinations may be offered where it is considered appropriate to students' musical development.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Technical Work:* A range of appropriate technical work designed to enhance a student's ability to play with flexibility and fluency will be determined by the instrumental teacher.
2. *Solo Performance.* Students are required to prepare and present a program of solo works. Soirees, lunchtime concerts and in-class performances are available to students regularly throughout the year.
3. *Sight Reading.* Students will develop skills in unprepared performance which will support them in being able to perform more efficiently and at first sight with accuracy and fluency
4. *Aural Perception and Improvisation:* Students will regularly work through a range of aural skills which may include improvisation and 'playing by ear' to support ear training.
5. *General Knowledge.* Students will develop an understanding and working knowledge of musical language as it applies to preparing for performance.
6. *Ensemble Performance:* All Instrumental Music students are required to participate in at least one Major ensemble.

Ensembles include: Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Training Band (beginners), Symphony Orchestra, Encore Strings, Cantabile Strings, Vivace Strings, Cantabella of Canterbury, SuperNovas and Guitar Ensemble.

Each of the above groups rehearses weekly throughout the year and performs both at the College and at outside events.

Participation includes preparation of individual parts and regular attendance at all rehearsals and performances.



Year 9

Elective Process

In order to ensure a balanced curriculum of studies, students in Year 9 will be required to undertake 6 electives comprising:

- 1 compulsory Health elective
- 2 elective subjects from the Visual and Performing Arts
- 1 elective subject from Humanities/English/LOTE
- 1 elective subject from Science/Technology/Maths
- 1 other elective

Elective Studies

The following diagram explains the structure of the Year 9 program.

One compulsory Health elective	2 elective subjects from the Visual and Performing Arts	1 elective subject from Humanities / English / LOTE	1 elective subject from Science / Technology / Maths	1 other elective
1 Compulsory elective	2 units from	1 unit from	1 unit from	1 unit from
1. Health	2. 3.	4.	5.	6.



Year 9 Unit Descriptions: Elective subjects



ART

9AR1 Two Dimensional Art

Course Description

This course aims to explore a range of art forms in 2D art making. Students extend their knowledge of the art elements and principles, and materials. Students start to take charge of their personal ideas and style. Students create a mixed media drawing that demonstrates perspective and movement. Students complete art processes towards a canvas painting in acrylic paint and engage with linocut printmaking along with further small drawing tasks.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Folio*. Students present a folio of completed two-dimensional artworks.
2. *Art Journal*. Students present a visual and written diary of research, idea explorations, trialling and annotation that explains and evaluates techniques, ideas, and aesthetic resolution in the art process.
3. *Responding to Artworks*. Students present an assignment critically analysing the art works from traditional and contemporary contexts.

9AR2 Three Dimensional Art and Sculpture

Course Description

This course aims to explore a range of art forms in 3D art making. Students extend their knowledge of art processes using the art elements and principles, materials, and techniques. Students explore free standing and relief sculptural style using clay, paper, and other materials.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Folio*. Students present a folio of completed three-dimensional artworks.
2. *Art Journal*. Students present a visual and written diary of research, idea explorations, trialling and annotation that explains and evaluates techniques, ideas, and aesthetic resolution in the design process.
3. *Responding to Artworks*. Students present an assignment critically analysing the art works of Melbourne's public sculptures, both traditional and contemporary.



DRAMA

9DR2 Drama – The Show Must Go On

Course Description

This course focuses on the processes involved in staging a production. Students will learn about the production roles (acting, direction, costume design, make-up, props, set, lighting and sound) needed to create a production and how decisions are made in the theatre. Students will have the opportunity to be involved in classroom character and scene workshops and create performances. Students will be involved in a final performance in which they take on responsibility for a production role, as well as acting in the performance.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Production Role:* Students will take on the production role of either costumes, make-up or set, and create designs for a chosen show. They will also provide rationale as to why they made their decisions.
2. *Theatre Review:* Students will watch a theatrical production and review and analyse its use of production roles.
3. *Performance:* Students will create a performance utilising the production role of acting. Students will also incorporate the other production roles they have learned about throughout the course.



ENGLISH

9LI English – Literature

Course Description

This course focuses on the close analysis of text. Literature has long been a part of our culture and the sharing of stories reflects not only our culture and society but also allows us to look into other cultures and societies, both present and past.

In Literature you will have the opportunity to read a range of texts from different genres and periods and through the study of novels, short stories, poems, plays and films you will develop an understanding of the ways language can be used to convey ideas and attitudes imaginatively.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment tasks will include a range of the following:

1. Close textual analysis
2. Text responses
3. Creative writing



FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY

9FT1 Food and Technology – Cake Decorating

Course Description

This course aims to prepare and decorate cakes suitable for various occasions. Students undertake various cake decorating techniques to develop skills in the preparation and use of icings and other materials.

Students are expected to complete a folio containing a record of design and production activities.

The topics covered in the course include: preparation and use of glacé, butter and royal icings, decorating with chocolate, marzipan fruits and floodwork.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Child's Birthday Cake.* Students design and decorate a cake to a design brief specification.
2. *Decorating with Chocolate.* Students complete a cake using chocolate as a decorative feature.
3. *Plaque.* Students complete a floodwork design on a plaque suitable for use on a decorated fruit cake.

9FT2 Food and Technology – World Food Bites

Course Description

This course will explore foods from around the world gaining an understanding of the tastes and textures that are enjoyed by people of other countries and adopted as part of the Australian cuisine. A range of relevant techniques and equipment is used to increase the students' skills.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Research Assignment.* Students investigate bush tucker foods and their assimilation into everyday cuisine
2. *Meal Preparation.* Students plan, prepare and evaluate an international meal and submit a written report.
3. *Practical Test.* Students demonstrate safe and appropriate use of tools and equipment in following a recipe and independently completing a product.



HUMANITIES: Commerce

9C01 Commerce – The Law and You

Course Description

This course consists of an introduction to basic concepts of Law in our Society. Students will investigate the key features of criminal law, how it is enforced and the impacts of crime. Students will be given the opportunity to negotiate and learn about different types of crimes. They will also explore their rights and responsibilities under criminal law and their relationship with the police. In exploring these issues it is intended to provide students with the background to enable them to conduct their own investigation into current issues of legal concern.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Criminal & Civil Media Folio and Report.* Students produce an investigation of current criminal and civil cases being heard in court and examine the differences between Criminal and Civil Law, and analyse the effectiveness of the law.
2. *Legal Dilemma Research Task.* Students produce a report highlighting a legal dilemma and present an oral presentation to the class.
3. *Police Powers.* Students produce a poster, which examines the powers of the police in Victoria and their importance.

9C02 Commerce – Money, Money, Money

Course Description

This course aims to make students aware of the many features of the world of commerce, with a particular focus on developing their consumer and financial literacy skills. Students will explore the role and importance of making responsible and informed decisions about consumer issues and managing money and assets. How these decisions affect the individual's and the community's quality of life, sense of security and awareness of future options and the overall economic wellbeing of society is considered.

This unit covers Economics and Business curriculum which explores the ways in which individuals, families, the community, workers, businesses and governments make decisions in relation to the allocation of resources. In studying this subject, students will then be better placed, now and in their adult lives, to participate in economic and business activities actively and effectively. They learn how current decisions and actions will shape future consequences and are encouraged to think critically about probable and preferred futures. This will enable them to contribute to the development of prosperous, sustainable and equitable Australian and global economies, to secure their own financial wellbeing, and to face the future with optimism and confidence.

The topics covered are an introduction to Economics, financial literacy, consumer literacy, introduction to tax and investing.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Class Activities/Worksheets.* Students will take part and complete a range of class worksheets each lesson as part of their participation in this subject.
2. *Test.* Students will be tested on their understanding of economic concepts as well as the major factors that entails the major concepts to develop their consumer & financial literacy skills.
3. *Budgeting Research Project – Common Assessment Task – “Planning & budgeting for a holiday!”* Students will use an Inquiry Based Approach to research and plan an ideal holiday and create a budget for it.



HUMANITIES: History

9HI1 History - Tyrants, Gods and Monsters

Course Description

This course will explore the myths, buildings, artworks and people central to the following questions. What does it mean to be a good leader? What is the best way to rule a group of people? What happens when leaders fail? Ancient Greeks and Romans were very interested in questions like these and they resonate strongly with us in the 21st century. Students selecting this subject will be honing their analytical, evaluative and critical thinking skills and they will be able to foster their own creativity and historical empathy.

Assessment Tasks

1. Students will complete a multimedia task where they explore a myth that relates to power.
2. Students will maintain a detailed and comprehensive workbook including questions and notes and will complete an infographic that draws on their skills of synthesis and analysis.
3. Students will complete a context analysis of one building of power. Students will first study a building in depth and then they will need to analyse a smaller section in detail.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: Japanese

9JP3 Manga, Miso & Mt Fuji: Culture & Communication

Knowledge of the Japanese language is not required.

Course Description

This course is offered to all students regardless of whether you are learning French or Japanese.

Do you like Japanese anime or manga? Do you like Japanese food or fashion? Do you think you would visit or even live in Japan someday?

So, why is Japanese culture so famously distinctive? Why do Japanese people have such unique traditions and customs? Choose this subject and discover how Japanese history and geography have shaped modern day Japan. Through the study of anime and manga, music, fashion and food cultures, students explore the continuity and change of Japanese society.

This semester-long subject aims to enhance students' cross-cultural and inter-cultural competence, their social skills and empathy, and give them an appreciation of cultural diversity. In future interactions with Japanese people, even if they are in English, using culturally appropriate non-verbal skills will go a long way to ensure positive inter-cultural connections. Studying about Japan is a great gateway to Asia.

Assessment Tasks

1. Working in pairs or small groups, students will choose and research about a Japanese region. They will present to the class information on the climate, places of interest, local cuisine, local culture and customs.
2. Students will watch an anime and complete an analysis task.
3. Students will write an essay about the importance of cultural diversity and understanding.



MATHEMATICS

9MA3 Maths Mysteries

Course Description

This course is for students who enjoy maths and like to solve mysteries. It is designed to develop students' logic, problem solving skills and higher order thinking (as well as general mathematical skills) in an engaging and stimulating environment.

Students will build up their tool box of problem solving techniques then apply them in a variety of situations.

This is a semester length elective. Come and try activities you won't do in your normal class.

Assessment Tasks

1. Folio of problem solving tasks
2. Extended Investigation
3. Project

9MA4 An Introduction to Robotic Programming with ADA

Course Description

This course seeks to introduce or advance your understanding of the world of coding by using different methods of coding, from simple coding to visual basic using excel and python for coding ADA.

It's hard to imagine a life without software usage today. From the time we wake up in the morning with our digital alarm, to using our mobile phones, shopping on-line and downloading media for entertainment, technology plays an important role in our lives. All of these examples of technology are made possible by software developers with a skill in software programming. Programming develops your skills to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically, all skills that are increasingly more warranted for future job prospects.

Assessment tasks

1. *Women in technology Podcast.* Students will research the contribution of a women such as Ada Lovelace to the development of technology and produce a podcast.
2. *Programming in Excel.* Students will design a product using excel such as a calendar, random generator or bingo game.
3. *Programming a robot.* Students will design a program for a robot such as ADA to perform a task.



MEDIA

9ME1 Media – Exploring Real Images

Course Description

The course explores how images are constructed and presented to the viewer. Still life photographic images and Film/Video are reviewed in terms of their content and structure. Students have the opportunity to gain hands on experience with digital photography and are introduced to the photographic process. Students further explore magazines looking at genre.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Effective Images Report.* Students research and write a report on the effectiveness of images used to sell a product to a target audience. They develop an understanding of how media texts are produced in different contexts.
2. *Final Production.* Production of photography folio and either a video or magazine to suit a particular audience.
3. *Production Journal.* Each student records her involvement in the production process, studio and daylight photography, of either a video or a magazine and comments on the success of the final product. Students plan productions to suit a particular audience.

9ME2 Film and Video Development

Course Description

This course explores how films are constructed to engage the audience and convey meaning. To understand how a film works, the codes and conventions used to construct the story need to be isolated and studied. The different elements of a variety of films are studied to give students an insight into the film-making process. Video techniques, planning, scripting, organising a shoot, camera techniques and computer editing are covered in this unit.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Film Analysis.* Students write a report on a specific film and how it uses production conventions to present its message. They develop an understanding of production styles, formats and genres. Students use a range of skills in identifying, analysing and interpreting media texts.
2. *Pre-Production.* Students plan and write a script and produce a storyboard using film codes and conventions.
3. *Video Production.* Students present their final production to the class. They demonstrate skills and techniques appropriate to media production.
4. *Students create independent media tasks* using editing software. They apply their knowledge and skills towards a video production.



MUSIC

9MU1 Music – Cover Band

Course Description

This course focuses on the challenge and delights of ensemble performance. Students work as a class and in groups to rehearse and perform songs and instrumental pieces and use creative techniques to create and arrange songs for the musicians in the class. Through practical activities the student will develop their sight-reading skills and understanding of music theory and ability to analyse music. The semester culminates with a concert for the school community. Singers, instrumentalists and music enthusiasts are all welcome in this class.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Ensemble Performance.* Student will work in small groups and as a class the practice and perform pieces, including improvisations, arrangements, instrumental groups, Duets / Trios / Quartets. This will all be presented in an end of semester concert.
2. *Arrangement.* In small groups, students take an existing piece, add their own creative elements, and orchestrate it for the instruments in their group.
3. *Music Elements Analysis.* Students will work in groups and solo to build their knowledge on how to analyse a wide range of music. This will be completed in a written assessment.

9MU2 Music – Music Theatre

Course Description

This course caters for performers of all levels and experience.

Do you enjoy acting, singing and dancing? Do you have a passion for performing? Do you want to develop confidence in front of an audience? Have you always wanted to perform in a musical production but never had the opportunity? Then this subject is for you!

Students will gain insight into the entire process involved in creating and performing live musical theatre. This includes auditioning, choreography, lighting, costumes, direction, props, stage make-up and sets. An excursion to a live musical theatre production is included in this subject therefore an additional cost will be involved.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Music Performance.* Students will participate in the preparation and performance of a musical production.
2. *Music Report.* Students present a critical review of a musical.
3. *Music Folio.* Students will keep an annotated folio of research tasks, music arrangements and class assignments.



SCIENCE

9SC1 Science – Investigative Science

Course Description

This course provides the opportunity for students with ability and interest in Science to further develop skills in science investigation and explore areas not covered in the Science Core study. Students gain more experience working in the laboratory and participating in group and individual investigations. Areas of study may include chocolate chemistry, forensic science and surface chemistry.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Practical Reports.* Students compile a collection of written reports or PowerPoint presentations from practical investigations completed in class.
2. *Research Project.* Students complete a group or individual research task covering a selected area of study.
3. *Practical Investigation.* Students conduct an investigation to deduce an unknown substance.

TEXTILES

9TX1 Passion for Fashion

Course Description

This course allows students to imagine and create the fashion label of their dreams by using sewing processes to create a ready-to-wear fashion line of garments. Students are encouraged to investigate a variety of construction techniques and design a range of garments from commercial patterns. Students produce a design portfolio of these garments and construct garments. This unit aims to extend the student's sewing skills and be creative in generating their own fashion label.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Processes and Construction Skills.* Students will complete a series of sample techniques and sewing skills to extend their current skill. These skills are directly transferable to students' production garments.
2. *Garment Construction.* The completed garments that have been constructed during class and the accompanying design folio for their fashion label are submitted on display.



VISUAL COMMUNICATION

9VC1 Retail Design

Course Description

This course explores and develops students' creative capacities together with their drawing and design skills. Students use a variety of materials to develop their drawing skills to design their own collection. They investigate product branding through logo development, packaging, labelling and promotion. The importance of design in a retail setting is examined through the development of a store concept, interior design and layout to market the brand.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Visual Diary* written research, inspiration, exploration and evaluation to support the design process and the making of final design and drawings.
2. *Folio* of major designs and drawings.
3. *Research and writing tasks* that analyse traditional and contemporary designs.

9VC2 Drawing & Design

Course Description

This course focuses on the use of drawing to communicate and visualize design concepts in the fields of Communication, Industrial and Environmental design. Students use a variety of manual and digital application methods, media and materials to work within stages of the design process. 2D and 3D technical drawing, creative thinking, typography, imagery and illustration are practiced. The theory and analysis of Visual Communications in graphic, product, interior and architectural designs are examined.

Assessment Tasks

1. *Visual Diary* and written research, inspiration, exploration and evaluation to support the design process and the making of final design and drawings.
2. *Folio* of major designs and drawings.
3. *Research and writing tasks* that analyse each design field.



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