



# Elective course summaries

Year 7-10

2024

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YEAR 7 AND 8

ARTS

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DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY

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TRAMPOLINING

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## TEXTILES

The course introduces students to sewing machines, sewing techniques, basic sewing patterns, and cutting skills. Students will design and create textiles products using various techniques, including seams, embellishments, textile paints, and markers. The course aims to develop an understanding of fabric creation and manipulation to produce different products.

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## MUSIC

In Years 9 and 10, the Music curriculum adopts a project-based approach, emphasising group performances. Each project consists of three main phases: preparation, process, and performance. Students receive instruction in music theory, aural identification, terminology, and expressive techniques relevant to the chosen performance.



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## TEXTILES

This course is an engaging and practical exploration of the world of textiles and fashion. Students will develop fundamental skills in sewing, fabric selection, pattern making, and garment construction. Through hands-on projects, they will learn about different textile techniques, while building their understanding of elements of design, colour theory, and fashion trends, allowing students to express their creativity and develop their own unique style. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the textile industry, sustainability in fashion, and the cultural significance of textiles. This course fosters creativity, critical thinking, and an appreciation for the artistry and functionality of textiles.

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## KEYS2LIFE AND VEHICLE BASICS

This course aims to equip students with essential knowledge and skills related to vehicle operation and maintenance, and to promote responsible and safe practices while fostering a deeper understanding of the automotive industry. Students will develop critical skills, such as problem-solving, decision-making, and effective communication in the context of vehicle operation. Additionally, it fosters an awareness of environmental considerations and encourages students to adopt sustainable practices within the automotive field. By completing this course, students will gain a solid foundation in vehicle basics, enabling them to make informed decisions and navigate the world of driving with confidence.

## YEAR 9 ONLY

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## CHINESE

This language elective offers students the opportunity to communicate and connect with diverse cultures. It fosters an appreciation for cultural diversity and develops cognitive skills that benefit students across various subjects. Mandarin Chinese is globally recognised and holds economic, political, and social importance. This course builds upon foundational language skills, focusing on practical interactions and simple conversations in different contexts. The curriculum covers daily routines, sports, leisure, living arrangements, shopping, and contemporary Chinese lifestyle. Homework assignments are an integral part of the course, reinforcing learning and language practice.

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## STEM SCIENCE

STEM Science allows students to apply their scientific understandings outside the classroom. Students create high interest projects that solve real-world problems. The content of this course is dynamic and largely guided by student interests. Students engage in project-based learning to address different scenarios, and design and construct projects aimed at finding solutions. Students are provided with feedback on their design thinking by their teacher, with advice and recommendations, but each project is student-led and designed.

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## CREATIVE WRITING AND DEBATING

The Creative Writing and Debating elective allows budding authors the opportunity to explore different forms of writing and work on developing their creative skills. Students will study the writing of famous authors and work to mimic particular styles and genres, in order to find their own personal voice and writing style. Students will also develop critical thinking, public speaking, and research skills as they explore various topics and engage in lively debates. Through interactive discussions and practice debates, students will build confidence in expressing their opinions and develop an understanding of different perspectives.

## YEAR 10 ONLY

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

Physical Education Studies is an engaging elective that caters to students interested in the sporting field. It is particularly beneficial for those considering ATAR Physical Education Studies in Year 11 and 12. The course focuses on active participation in sports and aims to foster a lifelong engagement in physical activity. It also serves as a pathway toward the Year 11 and 12 Certificate II in Sport Coaching. The elective includes both practical and theory sessions, with an emphasis on improving performance and understanding physical activities. Some off-campus sessions and sports are incorporated, with adjustments made to accommodate travel time during lunch or recess.



