In Year 8 all students will study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Studies of Society and Environment (SoSE)
- Physical Education and Health
- Language (for either 1 or 2 semesters)

Students must study a Language (either French or Indonesian) during Year 8. Students who have an interest in a language are advised to study that language for 2 semesters (the whole year), this is essential for students who plan to study a language in Year 9 and beyond. Other students must study a language for one semester. Students who do not select a language for the whole year will automatically be placed in a semester long unit.

**Tips for choosing electives. Please consider the following:**

- your interests and talents
- the Vocational skills and life-skills you wish to achieve
- continuing in a course for the whole year for depth of understanding and greater skill development
- choosing courses from different key learning areas for variety and a broader experience
- cost

Students selecting Concert Band make a commitment to continue in that course for the full year. Outdoor Education, Computing Skills Intermediate and Electronics are single semester units that may be studied in either semester but not both. All other electives may be selected for either one or both semesters.

**FIRST STAGE:**

In the first stage of selections, students will rank electives in order of preference. From this we will form a timetable based on the combinations of elective units students wish to study. IT IS VITAL THAT CAREFUL CHOICES ARE MADE AT THIS TIME to develop a timetable from which students have the best possible range of choices.

In the second stage students will be given three groups, one for each possible elective line. The groupings will let the students know which electives will be available on each of these lines. Eventually they will have two electives and one PE class on these three lines.

If students select carefully, this process will provide better options for all students. Preference will be given to students who complete both forms punctually and correctly.

The School Board sets a financial contribution for each elective to cover the costs of consumables. These range from $10 to $70 per semester. Most electives run optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (eg. camps and excursions) and may encourage the purchase of optional items.

**Please note the assessment and cost information in this booklet is only a guide and there may be changes.**
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8 FRENCH

**Full Year Course**

**Pre-requisites:** Year 7 French or equivalent

The full year course in French aims to develop the students’ written and spoken communication skills. The students will consolidate their learning and further enhance their reading and listening skills through film, music, and resources from the Internet. Students will also gain in depth knowledge of French and Francophone culture by studying the cuisine, art, music and sport of the French speaking world. Typically, students will have a major assessment task such as the World Expo, in which they showcase their knowledge about a French-speaking country.

There is the possibility of an overseas study tour every second year.

**ASSESSMENT:**
- Intercultural assignment
- Reading/ writing
- Oral interaction
- Listening
- Classwork, participation, workbook

**COST:** $15 per semester

*Optional Enrichment Activities*
Excursions to venues related to France and French culture are organised during the year. These activities may incur additional costs.

**Recommended Texts**
- *Tapis Volant 1* Workbook (also used in Year 7)
- Collins School French/English Dictionary
- Language Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)

*Texts are not included in the cost per year but are available through the stationery book pack.

8 FRENCH

**Semester course**

This course aims to enhance the students’ intercultural understanding and development of their listening and spoken communication skills. **Language studies are compulsory for at least one semester.**

**ASSESSMENT:**
- Intercultural assignment
- Reading/ writing
- Oral interaction
- Listening
- Classwork, participation, workbook

**COST:** $15 per semester

**Recommended Texts**
- *Tapis Volant 1* Workbook (also used in Year 7)
- Collins School French/English Dictionary
- Language Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)

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8 INDONESIAN

**Full Year Course**

**Pre-requisites: Year 7 Indonesian or equivalent**

In this course students will further develop their communication skills in Indonesian, particularly through the use of technology such as film, music and the Internet. The use of these resources will help to consolidate their learning and further enhance their understanding. Students will also further their intercultural understanding through in depth studies of aspects of Indonesian culture. Typically, students will have a major assessment task such as the World Expo, in which they showcase their knowledge about an Indonesian speaking region.

There is the possibility of an overseas study tour every second year.

**ASSESSMENT:**
- Intercultural assignment
- Reading/ writing
- Oral interaction
- Listening
- Classwork, participation, *Dari Kami Ke Kita* Workbook

**COST: $15 per semester**

**Recommended Texts**
- *Dari Kami Ke Kita* 1 Workbook
- Oxford Indonesian/English Dictionary
- Language Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)

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8 INDONESIAN

**Semester Course**

This course aims to enhance the students’ intercultural understanding and development of their listening and spoken communication skills. **Language studies are compulsory for at least one semester.**

**ASSESSMENT:**
- Intercultural assignment
- Reading/ writing
- Oral interaction
- Listening
- Classwork, participation, *Dari Kami Ke Kita* Workbook

**COST: $15 per semester**

**Recommended Texts**
- *Dari Kami Ke Kita* 1 Workbook
- Oxford Indonesian/English Dictionary
- Language Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)

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8 CONCERT BAND

Pre-requisites: Completion of either Year 7 Concert Band or Beginner Concert Band, or successful audition and interview

Students must elect to participate in Band for both semesters. This is a one year course.

Concert Band provides the opportunity for students to develop their practical musical skills on their chosen instrument. The students will discover the advantages of working efficiently and cooperatively as a team, and the excitement of public performance. The repertoire is diverse and challenging and includes a wide variety of serious and entertainment pieces. Students will also study theory, composition and musicianship appropriate to the course of study.

A number of performances will be conducted each year which include:
- Australian National Eisteddfod (Term 2)
- School functions (assemblies, Faculty Concerts, Open Night, Year 10 Graduation)
- Community performances
- ACT School Bands Festival (Term 3)
- Major performance tour: Sydney three days, Term 3

ASSESSMENT:
Performance
Video performance task
Musicanship, including theory and context.

COST:
$140 per year.
$150 per year: Instrument hire (where applicable)
Optional Enrichment Activities
$430 approx.: Sydney performance tour

8 PERFORMANCE MUSIC I & II

The individualised content in Performance Music provides students with opportunities to perform in a variety of small instrumental groups; to sing; to specialise on their principal instrument as a soloist and to play instruments such as strings, guitar, bass guitar, drums and piano. For many students this is an opportunity to perform in a rock band, while others may choose another genre such as jazz or classical. Students in this course prepare for three assessable performances per semester based upon a variety of negotiated contrasting genres. Students who are participating in the course for the second time will be expected to demonstrate an increased understanding of the concepts presented. Specific content is tailored to suit individuals within the class and varies between semesters according to the skills and requirements of the students.

Performance Music provides students with the opportunity to:
- Develop basic vocal, keyboard, guitar, percussion, electronic and computer music skills as a beginner
- Develop existing skills for those with musical experience
- More advanced students may use some of the available time for private practice
- Play a wide variety of musical styles
- Perform individually or in a group
- Perform in a rock band or a classical ensemble setting
- Perform for others
- Learn theory, aural and composition skills
- Explore periods of musical history relevant to the performance repertoire

Keyboards, acoustic, electric and bass guitars, amplifiers, drum kits, iPads and computers with music software will be available for use in these classes. All other instruments and accessories, including guitar leads, straps and picks, and drum sticks must be supplied by the student.

ASSESSMENT:
Practical
Musicanship, including composition and context.

COST: $30 per semester
Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs. (e.g. excursions)
8 VISUAL ARTS
All of the courses offered in Visual Art are designed to build on knowledge and skills gained during the Year 7 Foundation course. These individual semester courses are more exploratory and will allow students greater opportunities to develop their technical skills, increase individual confidence and discover personal enjoyment of various mediums while allowing each student the ability to express themselves creatively. Students are highly encouraged to take these courses regardless of level of artistic abilities and interests. Students with a particular interest in Visual Art are encouraged to participate in both Semester 1 and 2 courses in Year 8.

ASSESSMENT:
Practical projects
Written assignments.

COST: $40 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities, which incur additional costs (eg excursions)

SEMESTER 1:
8 EXPLORING ART

Pre-requisites: None
Semester 1 only

This course provides students with a wide variety of artistic experiences and is for those interested in exploring a range of materials and techniques. These may include drawing, ceramics, lino and collagraph printing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. The course has a practical focus, working through a series of teacher-directed tasks. Importance is placed on developing technical skills in both creative and realistic drawing. Major projects and themes are tailored to suit student interests and needs. Students will learn to creatively select and expand their own ideas to produce individual artworks. Through the use of a visual diary, students will also learn to document the development of ideas, research and investigation of other artist’s work.

Possible Topics– Self-identity, Pop Art, Fantasy Art, Australian Art, Cultural Traditions, self-directed themes

SEMESTER 2:
8 ART EXPERIENCE

Pre-requisites: None
Semester 2 only

Students may elect to participate in this course in semester two. Students who continue from Exploring Art in semester one will explore new art concepts, themes, materials and technical skills through a range of different practical tasks.

This course provides students with a wide variety of artistic experiences and is for those interested in exploring a range of materials and techniques. These may include drawing, ceramics, advanced lino and collograph printing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. The course has a practical focus, working through a series of teacher-directed tasks. Importance is placed on developing technical skills in both creative and realistic drawing. Major projects and themes are tailored to suit student interests and needs. Students will learn to creatively select and expand their own ideas to produce individual artworks. Through the use of a visual diary, students will also learn to document the development of ideas, research and investigation of other artist’s work.

Possible Topics– Street Art, Journeys, Hopes and Dreams, Events, Appropriation, Myths and Rituals, Abstract Art, Australian Art, self-directed themes

Student art works will be celebrated while on display at the Lyneham High School Art Exhibition in Term 4.
8 MEDIA I & II

Students may elect to participate in Media in either or both semesters.

In this course students will have an opportunity to learn basic media concepts and skills. Students will be involved in the creation of media products which will require them to use a range of media skills such as scripting, storyboarding, composition, editing, layout, sound recording and camera skills.

ASSESSMENT:
Practical projects
Written assignment/s

COST: $35 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)

8 DRAMA 1 & 2

Students may elect to participate in Drama in either or both semesters. Drama 1 may be undertaken in either semester, while Drama 2 may only be undertaken in second semester.

This elective offers a good grounding in drama and dramatic form. It involves exploring dramatic form and associated aspects of drama. Students will be encouraged to develop and explore issues through a variety of dramatic forms. Wherever appropriate, students will be encouraged to present their workshop pieces. At all times students will be encouraged to develop, plan and take responsibility for their work.

They will develop confidence in:
• Creative self-expression
• Co-operative interaction
• Effective and appropriate communication
• Physical coordination

ASSESSMENT:
Major Performance/s
Research assignment
Reflection practices

COST: $35 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)
8 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Pre-requisites: None

Either semester, NOT BOTH

Outdoor Education is a challenging and rewarding subject that is designed to give students a safe introduction to outdoor adventure activities in an environment that fosters teamwork, yet still valuing individual achievement. Students are given a sample of a wide variety of outdoor pursuits, with the view to allow students to see if in future years they would like to take on a particular pursuit in greater depth.

Theory related to:
• Bush skills
• Map and compass work
• Survival skills
• Indoor climbing
• Sailing
• Team building activities
• Mountain biking
• Rope activities

Skills & Equipment
Students must comply with occupational health and safety requirements every lesson. They are required to wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the activity and have long hair tied back. Students are required to have a workbook for theory lessons. All other equipment will be available for loan or hire by the school or our supplier

Course Requirements:
Students electing this subject will be expected to maintain a high standard of involvement and participation as well as demonstrate initiative in problem solving situations. There is a great deal of practical work and a number of enrichment activities involved in the course thus it is essential that students are always properly prepared for the appropriate activity. It is assumed students who elect this course will make themselves available for camps to consolidate their learning.

ASSESSMENT:
• Attitude & effort
• Skill development
• Term 1 assessment
• Term 2 assessment

COST: $20 student levy per semester

Approximate additional costs involved in this course: $250

Enrichment Activities
• 2 Day Wee Jasper camp – caving / abseiling & rock climbing overnight camp
• Abseiling and Indoor Rock Climbing
• Sailing and Team Building activities
• Mountain Biking
• Pool / Snorkel
**8 COMPUTING SKILLS**

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Either semester, NOT BOTH**

This course enables students to further their skills in Computing and is an excellent bridge to senior Information Technology units. It aims to build on the skills and knowledge learnt in Year 7 while providing a taster to the senior courses. This includes a further exploration to several components of the Microsoft Office Suite as well as an introduction to computer programming including animation, games and web design.

**ASSESSMENT:**
Assessment is based on practical in class projects, assignment and tests.

- In class work
- Assignments
- Tests/quizzes

**COST:** $30 per semester

*Optional Enrichment Activities*
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. competitions)

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**8 SYSTEMS & DESIGN**

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Either semester, NOT BOTH**

This course is a basic introduction to designing systems including electronics. Students will learn the principles of electronics & system design through the use of working projects. Using electronic components students will be able to understand the use and application of basic electronic components and develop an awareness of basic circuit assembly skills. Students who enjoy the course are encouraged to consider taking up Systems & Design units in Years 9 and 10 to further enhance their skills.

**ASSESSMENT:**
- the completion of electronic circuit work
- a demonstrated understanding of electronic principles and components
- the satisfactory completion of homework
- semester practical & theory tests

**COST:** $45 per semester

*Optional Enrichment Activities*
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)
8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY A
Go Go Gadget

Pre-requisites: None
Semester 1 only

Students may elect to participate in Food Technology for either or both semesters.

Food Technology is an elective course providing students with a broad knowledge and understanding of food properties, preparation and nutritional considerations for assisting in making good food choices. Students will develop practical skills in preparing and presenting food that will enable them to select and use appropriate ingredients, methods and equipment. Students will also understand and apply principles of the design, produce and evaluate process in a range of contexts.

ASSESSMENT:
- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests/quizzes

COST: $50 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)

8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY B
You Are What You Eat

Pre-requisites: None
Semester 2 only

Students may elect to participate in Food Technology for either or both semesters.

Fresh and Feisty is an elective course providing students with a broad knowledge and understanding of food properties, preparation and nutritional considerations for assisting in making good food choices. Students will develop practical skills in preparing and presenting food that will enable them to select and use appropriate fresh ingredients, methods and equipment with an emphasis on home grown ingredients and nutritional requirements throughout the human life cycle. Students will also understand how to apply principles of the design, produce and evaluate process in a range of contexts.

ASSESSMENT:
- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests/quizzes

COST: $50 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)
8 FASHION & DESIGN A
Introduction to textiles

Pre-requisites: None
1 Semester only

Students may elect to participate in Fashion and Design for either or both semesters.

This course introduces students to a wide variety of basic textile, fashion and design skills. Students will use both knitted and woven fabrics to make clothing as well as craft items. Caring for clothing and basic consumer issues related to textiles will also be studied. This is a great unit for students who wish to understand more about the industry and learn skills that can be used later in senior courses. The opportunity to design and construct costumes for the school musical may also be a possibility.

ASSESSMENT:
- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests/quizzes

COST: $20 per semester

PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to provide fabric, thread and elastic for their garments.

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)

8 FASHION & DESIGN B
Cultural Textiles

Pre-requisites: None
1 Semester only

Students may elect to participate in Fashion and Design for either or both semesters.

The students will be able to create textile articles based on cultural studies and influences. Students will use both knitted and woven fabrics to make clothing as well as craft items. Caring for clothing and basic consumer issues related to textiles will also be studied. This is a great unit for students who wish to understand more about the industry and learn skills that can be used later in senior Fashion and Design courses.

ASSESSMENT:
- Practical work
- Assignments
- Tests/quizzes

COST: $20 per semester

PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to provide fabric, thread and elastic for their garments.

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)
8 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY A & B

Pre-requisites: None
Either or both semesters

This course aims to further develop the skills introduced in Year 7 in the areas of Design, Wood Technology, Metal Technology, and Technical Drawing.

Industrial Technology courses are practical and design-oriented. Students will continue to develop the design, produce and evaluate process through design projects, student initiated work and relevant theory.

Study of Design & Technology subjects in Year 8 is not a prerequisite for courses in Years 9 and 10, but forms a sound basis for further units in later years.

ASSESSMENT:
Assessment is based on practical projects, theory and homework, drawing exercises and periodic tests.

ASSESSMENT:
Practical work
Assignment
Tests/quizzes

COST: $50 per semester

Optional Enrichment Activities
This elective may have optional enrichment activities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)

8 AGRICULTURE

Semester 1 – Agriculture in Australia
Semester 2 – Plant & Animal Production

Pre-requisites: None
Either or both semesters

The school’s Agriculture Facility operates as a small farm, where students work within a carefully designed production system to produce fruit and vegetables and develop skills involved with composting, seedling production and garden management. Chickens, goats, sheep and cows are rotated through the school farm throughout the year so students develop an understanding of animals and their husbandry.

Classes are largely practical with a majority of lessons being outdoors. Students learn through experience how to handle and manage the animals—providing proper diet, housing and hygiene. They also recycle food waste from within the school by composting and use this to grow seedlings in the glasshouse. Students use a locally developed planting calendar to experience growing plants in the Canberra climate. Work is done in small groups and individually.

A number of optional enrichment activities are conducted throughout the year, including an excursion to the Royal Canberra Show and the raising of chicks.

COURSE CONTENT:
• Soil fertility and structure
• Nutrient recycling and sustainability
• Crop requirements and management
• Animal anatomy and physiology
• Animal management and handling

ASSESSMENT:
Practical work
Assignments & classwork

COST: $40 per semester

EXCURSIONS include Royal Canberra Show and other excursions.