

Year 8 Electives Handbook



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Introduction



Introduction to the electives process:

In Year 8 all students will study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS)
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages (for either 1 or 2 semesters)
- One Arts or Technologies elective per semester

NOTE: Students must study a Language (either French or Indonesian) for at least one semester during Year 8. They are to continue in the Language they studied in Year 7 at Lynneham High School. 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. Students who do not select a language for the whole year will automatically be placed in a semester long Language class and will study an additional Arts or Technologies elective.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING ELECTIVES

- Consider your interests and talents
- Consider the vocational skills and life-skills you wish to achieve
- Consider choosing courses from different key learning areas for variety and a broader experience
- Consider the cost*

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

Students selecting Concert Band make a commitment to continue in that course for the full year. Students enrolled in Special Programs (such as BAND & SEAL) might have restricted options for elective courses because these programs are given priority as their primary choice.

SELECTION PROCESS

Students will express their elective preferences by accessing the Web Preferences portal. An email containing instructions, links, and login details will be sent to both students and parents/carers to guide them through the selection process.

Students will need to select **4 priority preferences** and at least **4 reserve preferences** for the year. Students are not selecting the lines they will study their preferences or the semester in which they study it, unless otherwise indicated in the Year 8 Electives Handbook.

While every effort will be made to cater for each students' priority preferences, students will be offered a reserve preference where an elective in their priority list is unavailable due to scheduling, low demand, class size limits reached, or conflicts with another priority preference or special program (e.g. SEAL).

For this elective preferences selection, students will not be selecting their Health & Physical Education course, as this is a core subject, which occurs on the elective lines. Students will be placed in a Health & Physical Education class that best fits amongst their elective preferences. Students enrolled in a specialised HPE class (i.e. SEAL) will have this class allocated prior to the allocation of electives, and may be placed in an alternative elective preference if a priority elective preference clashes with their specialized HPE class.

Should an issue arise that cannot be resolved using the reserve subjects, students will be engaged for consultation.

Students in special programs (i.e. Band) must designate this as their top preference and may encounter limitations in their elective selections.

The School Board sets a financial contribution for each elective to cover the costs of consumables. These range from \$15 to \$150 per semester. In addition, some electives run enrichment opportunities such as camps and excursions and may encourage the purchase of optional items.

Languages



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French

FULL YEAR COURSE

COST: \$15 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: YEAR 7 FRENCH OR EQUIVALENT

CLASS CAPACITY: 30



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, cooking, pétanque competitions, 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.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Excursions to venues related to France and French culture are organised during the year. These activities may incur additional costs.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Education Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)
- Sentence Builders (Online Languages Website)

SEMESTER COURSE

COST: \$15 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: YEAR 7 FRENCH OR EQUIVALENT

CLASS CAPACITY: 30



This course aims to enhance the students' intercultural understanding and development of their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will also gain knowledge of French and Francophone culture by cooking famous Francophone dishes and studying the cuisine, art, music and sport of the French speaking world. Language studies are compulsory for at least one semester.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Education Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)
- Sentence Builders (Online Languages Website)



Indonesian

FULL YEAR COURSE

COST: \$15 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: YEAR 7 INDONESIAN OR EQUIVALENT

CLASS CAPACITY: 30



In this course students will further develop their Indonesian communication skills and intercultural understanding. Students will advance their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through targeted activities using culturally relevant and authentic resources. Students will explore major Indonesian celebrations and ceremonies, investigate traditional houses and clothing, and play popular schoolyard games and sports.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have optional enrichment activities, which incur additional costs.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Education Perfect Subscription (Online Language Website)
- Sentence Builders (Online Languages Website)

SEMESTER COURSE

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The Arts



Concert Band



FULL YEAR COURSE – STUDENTS MUST ELECT BAND FOR BOTH SEMESTERS

COST: \$140 PER YEAR: \$150 INSTRUMENT HIRE (WHERE APPLICABLE)

PREREQUISITES: COMPLETION OF EITHER YEAR 7 CONCERT BAND OR BEGINNER CONCERT BAND, OR SUCCESSFUL AUDITION AND INTERVIEW

CLASS CAPACITY: 150

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: Kiama and Wollongong, three days, term 3



Performance Music

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

SEMESTERS COST: \$30 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 30

The individualised content in Performance Music provides students with opportunities to perform in a variety of small instrumental groups or as soloists. They may choose to sing, specialise on their principal instrument, or learn 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. 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 in a rock band or a classical ensemble
- Perform for others in class, at school assemblies and at lunchtime
- 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 and iPads 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.



Drama

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$35 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 30



This elective offers an opportunity for students to be physical, creative, and expressive through the medium of drama. It involves exploring dramatic performance traditions through various cultures and times. Students will be taken practically through the performance making process, becoming familiar with the elements of drama on the way. At all times students will be encouraged to develop, plan, and take responsibility for their work. This elective is physical and explorational, with emphasis on group and individual based activities.

They will develop confidence in:

- Creative self-expression
- Co-operative interaction
- Effective and appropriate communication

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have enrichment opportunities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)

Media

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$35 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 28



This course provides an in-depth exploration of various forms of media, and may include print, digital, audio, and/or visual media. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and critical analysis, students will have the opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of different media types and their production processes. With a focus on various digital tools and techniques, students will develop the foundation of both artistic principles and technology skills in multimedia production.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have enrichment opportunities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)



Visual Arts

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$40 PER SEMESTER; plus Materials Kit \$27

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 30

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 will use a visual diary to document the creative process through the development and selection of ideas, design and presentation of their own works. Course content will allow students to explore a range of different materials and techniques to create a series of major artworks and emphasis is placed on students presenting their work for an audience. These may include drawing, ceramics, lino and collagraph printing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. Importance is also placed on developing technical skills in both creative and realistic drawing. Students will be required to have a fully equipped pencil case with basic art equipment to participate in everyday class tasks. An art kit is available for purchase from the front office and only needs to be purchased once as it can be used for all art courses and other subject areas.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have enrichment opportunities which incur additional costs (e.g. day excursions to local and/or interstate galleries and/or art camp)

SEMESTER 1 EXPLORING ART

This engaging and exploratory course has a practical focus for students who are open and excited about exploring their own creativity, thinking about art in new ways and finding inspiration and joy in a low-stress atmosphere. Artistic exploration is also about connection to oneself, peers, community and culture and students will use their artworks as a platform for self-expression and discovery.

Major projects and themes are tailored to suit student interests and needs. Possible Topics – Fantasy Art, Australian Art, Appropriation, Cubism, Fauvism, Cultural Traditions, Self-directed themes.



SEMESTER 2 ART EXPERIENCE

This exciting and creative course has a practical focus and allows students to participate in a wide variety of artistic experiences that they may have not encountered before. Students will engage in art works that draw reflections from past experiences as well as observing and interpreting new experiences. 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.

Major projects and themes are tailored to suit student interests and needs. Possible Topics – Impressionism, Post Impressionism, Journeys, Hopes and Dreams, Events, Appropriation, Myths and Rituals, Australian Art.



Technologies



Agriculture

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$40 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 24



SEMESTER 1 - Poultry, Aquaculture and Fibre

Students will care for chickens, chick hatchlings, fish and sheep, gaining hands-on experience in animal husbandry while exploring the role of these animals in Australian agriculture. They will also grow a variety of crops and develop skills in harvesting and marketing produce.

SEMESTER 2 - Dairy and Livestock

Students will care for and manage calves through the Cows Create Careers program, developing practical animal husbandry skills and evaluating the role of the dairy industry in Australia. They will also grow a variety of crops, managing them from planting to harvest, while exploring and comparing plant-based and animal-based production systems.

Food Technology

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$50 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 24



Food Trends is an exciting and engaging unit where students explore the influences of current food trends and how these have changed over time. Students are given the opportunity to experiment with styling, plating and food photography, investigating how this can impact food choices and the role it plays in the media. 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 be given the opportunity to explore how the properties of ingredients change depending on the preparation and cooking techniques. Throughout the semester students will use the design process to create a finished product.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have enrichment opportunities which incur additional costs (e.g. excursions)



Textiles

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$40 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 24

Semester 1 Commercial Patterns

Students will explore the use of commercial patterns. The course will begin with a group project including a double zipper pencil case and a jumper with either a hood or a crew neck. These projects will introduce students to the concepts of how to read patterns and follow instructions, use the sewing machine in a safe and appropriate way, use specialised sewing techniques including zippers and button holes, and evaluating works. Students will then move onto an individual project where they will select their own project to create using a commercial pattern.



Semester 2 Garment Construction

Students will explore the use of commercial patterns. The course will begin with a group project including a bucket hat and a backpack with two pockets. These projects will introduce students to the concepts of how to read patterns and follow instructions, use the sewing machine in a safe and appropriate way, use specialised sewing techniques including zippers and button holes, and evaluate works. Students will then move onto an individual project where they will select their own project to create using a commercial pattern.

Note: Students are required to provide their own fabric for their garments.

Timber Technology

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$50 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 24



Timber Technology courses are practical and design oriented. This course will safely introduce students into the workshops. As a class we will design and build a range of projects with scope for students to adjust elements of their projects with teacher support. Included in the practical aspect of the unit is a strong theory component during which students will be introduced to 3D design and modeling.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES: This elective may have enrichment opportunities which incur additional cost.



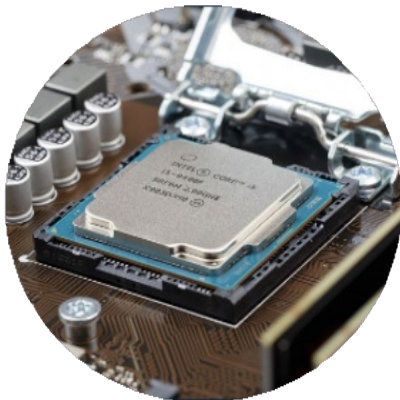
Computing

ONE SEMESTER ONLY

COST: \$30 PER SEMESTER

PREREQUISITES: NONE

CLASS CAPACITY: 28



In this semester course, students will gain a deeper understanding of how computer systems work, and how data is shared across networks. They will engage in practical projects that cover a wide range of computing topics, such as block coding, Python programming, web development and game design. These topics can be explored further in year 9/10 computing electives.

