



## FORWARD

The intention of this booklet is to provide information which will assist our students and parents/carers to make subject choices for Year 8 in 2023.

Students will still be required to study a Core Curriculum, but in addition there are elective courses which will allow for some freedom of choice. In this way we cater for mandatory study requirements and student interest. Choices made in Year 8 are for one semester only.

We hope this booklet will enable students and parents to better understand the curriculum and to make an informed choice of subjects. If more information is required, parents should not hesitate to contact the relevant Head Teachers.

## INTRODUCTION TO YEAR 8 COURSES

In Year 8, all students will study the mandatory CORE subjects and one ELECTIVE subject for each semester.

Core Subjects	
English	
Mathematics	
Science	
Geography	
Technology (Mandatory)	
PDHPE	
Sport	
Visual Art	
Elective Subjects	
Semester One X Elective	Semester Two X Elective

## ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

All students must participate in one elective subject per semester. During the selection process, students will have the opportunity to indicate a backup subject as a second option. Students should enter the subject choices in order of preference. In the event a course isn't available, a students' second option will be allocated.

Details of all subjects offered are found in this booklet.

All subjects studied in Year 8 provide a basis for the subjects studied in Years 9 and 10.

## WILL ALL ELECTIVES RUN NEXT YEAR?

All elective subjects listed in this booklet are on offer. However, only those electives chosen by a sufficient number of students will run next year. Students decide via their choices which subjects run.

It is very important that students choose carefully. Once all subject selection sheets are in:

- Selections will be tallied
- Decisions will be made on which subjects will and will not run
- Students will be allocated an elective from their choices.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING ELECTIVES

When choosing electives, it is essential to consider a student's:

- Career aspirations
- Interests
- Abilities and talents

This is a very personal choice and students are advised to ignore outside pressure (e.g. peer pressure) when selecting subjects. If you have any questions about specific subjects, please consult the Head Teacher.

**Please note:** Costs given in this booklet are indicative for Year 8 only and subject to change.

# ELECTIVES

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# ABORIGINAL CULTURE: Don't be Shy, Identify!

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**FACULTY:** HSIE

**HEAD TEACHER:** LUCAS WINTER (Rel.)

This subject will allow students to explore Aboriginal Culture, while working collaboratively in a group setting. Students will be able to choose what their whole class project is, deciding how to present it to the wider community. Each student will have input exploring the possibilities of dance, dreamtime stories, bush tucker, bush medicine, cultural excursions, fishing, heritage and history, and art making including emu callers, clap sticks, boomerangs or didgeridoos. This subject is open to students of all cultural backgrounds.

**FEE:** \$10.00

# BAIL ME OUT

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**FACULTY:** HSIE

**HEAD TEACHER:** LUCAS WINTER (Rel.)

Do you want to know how to convict a murderer?

Then this is the subject for you! Bail me out will give students the opportunity to learn all about the key features of the Legal System. Investigate real crimes, listen to fascinating podcasts, put yourself on Trial. Students will apply a range of critical thinking skills and examine how the Australian Legal System operates.

Opportunities will exist to participate in excursions to the Police Station, Court House and Maitland Goal.

**FEE:** Nil upfront – costs will be dependent on excursions running

# BAKEHOUSE DELIGHTS

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**FACULTY:** TAS

**HEAD TEACHER:** JOEL WATSON (Rel.)

Experience the excitement and buzz of running your own bakery! You and your co-chefs will design, create, promote and sell your baked sensations to your peers in the new school bakery/café. You will have firsthand work experience of working in a café and baking delicious delights. As small teams you will decide on what to sell at the bakery each week and cook the goods for your friends. Use your creative thinking and cooking skills to have fun!

Real life situation.....teamwork.....creative thinking.....fun!

**FEE:** \$15.00

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

Creative Industries is a new and exciting subject designed for those who want to learn about what goes on 'behind the scenes' in the modern music world. The course delivers hands on experience in live sound and lighting practices. We will be composing music using computers, loop pedals and a variety of other music software. Contemporary song writing and recording techniques for bands, singer songwriters and small acoustic ensembles will also be covered. You will also learn how to set up and run a live concert.

**FEE:** \$0.00



# DANCE

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

Dance is a fun way to express thoughts and feelings through movement. Performance styles will include Jazz, Lyrical and Contemporary and Musical Theatre. Composition activities and assessment tasks include: use of space, use of stimuli, time and dynamics and developing a dance film. Appreciation or theory in dance includes history of Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and multi cultural dance; a dancer's body and video analysis. Students will have an opportunity to perform at our CAPA Concerts during the term.

You will learn to:

- express ideas creatively as you create and perform dances and analyse dance as works of art
- experience, understand, value and enjoy dance as an artform
- develop your confidence, learn how to problem solve, and further develop your time management skills

**FEE:** \$0.00

# DRAMA: Develop your hidden talent!

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

Drama is an opportunity for students to build confidence in their performance and public speaking skills. Drama also offers students a chance to express their creativity through performance, movement, lighting, sound and set design. Drama is a highly creative and collaborative subject, and requires students to work with dedication and focus on individual, group and whole class performances. Students will explore the elements of Drama through leading and participating in workshops, explore creative movement in theatre, individual performance and a whole class play building activity. Students will have an opportunity to perform at our CAPA Concerts during the term.

You will learn to:

- explore a range of imagined and created situations in a collaborative drama and theatre environment.
- perform devised and scripted drama to engage an audience.
- appreciate how drama and theatre reflects human experience.

**FEE:** \$0.00

# FITNESS AND TRAINING

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**FACULTY:** PDHPE

**HEAD TEACHER:** TRUDY DIXON (Rel.)

Fitness and Training is designed to help students understand the principles of fitness training in a fun, dynamic and kinesthetic environment. Students will be able to learn to exercise and move with sound technique and in turn develop their own functional training programs. At completion of this subject, students will debunk myths and build knowledge around exercise and fitness programs. Students will have a sound base to continue training and be lifelong participants in physical activity. By choosing both Fitness and Training and Competitive Games you will have a yearlong practical experience to support your health and enjoyment of sport.

**FEE:** \$0.00

# MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

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**FACULTY:** TAS

**HEAD TEACHER:** JOEL WATSON (Rel.)

This subject will provide students with opportunities in designing and making small projects using different materials, tools and techniques. These projects range from toy design through to barbecue equipment and various timber projects.

This “hands-on” elective will enable students to develop and appreciate a variety of practical skills used to create quality projects. Theory and portfolio work is directly related to the practical work covered. Students electing this course will develop a wide range of valuable skills. Workshop safety, care and maintenance of equipment, appreciating and economically using a range of natural and renewable resources is an important feature of this course.

This subject will provide a firm foundation for further study in Stage 5 Timber/ Metal technology to Stage 6 Industrial Technology Timber and VET Construction.

**FEE:** \$10.00

# MUSIC: Who wants to be a Rock Star?

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

This course is designed to develop performance skills through playing as a soloist and in an ensemble. Students will learn to play a range of musical instruments including; electric guitar, bass, drums, keyboards as well as developing their singing skills.

Students are provided with opportunities to perform at CAPA concerts and other performance events in the local community. There is a focus on performing current rock songs and learning more about what it takes to be a successful rock star. Who knows, you may be the next 'Rock Star'!!!

**FEE:** \$0.00

# PADDOCK TO PLATE

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**FACULTY: SCIENCE**

**HEAD TEACHER: MATHEW ROBSON**

Paddock to Plate is a one-stop shop to learn where your food comes from and about food and farming in a variety of different industries! This subject brings real-life farming experiences into the classroom using unique "virtual excursions", projects including tractor driving, growing crops and working with farm livestock. At the end of the course we sample what we have grown in delicious and nutritious recipes. Experience the benefits of improved mental health and well-being through social interactions and a sense of community. It also gives you the opportunity to consider careers that you may have never otherwise.

**FEE: \$5.00**

# PHOTOGRAPHY

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

In photography you will learn how to take better photos! This course emphasises 'learning by doing' and is highly practical. Your project will include a portfolio of photographs that use the elements of design and techniques of composition. You will be taught how to use a digital SLR camera and you will have many opportunities to practice your new photographic skills and create great photographs outside the classroom. To further inspire your photography practice, you will learn about professional photographers and how they work. You will be introduced to Photoshop and learn how to edit and manipulate your images. Get ready to take some great photos!

**FEE:** \$10.00

# PROJECT RUNWAY - Textiles and Design

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**FACULTY:** TAS

**HEAD TEACHER:** JOEL WATSON (Rel.)

Interested in Fashion? Design? Develop a label you're proud of including clothes, bags and accessories. Design, create, promote and market your collection through project runway. Take the opportunity to share your talents in Fashion and Design. Throughout this course you will learn to design and draw fashion illustrations, and make textile projects. Australian new Designer of the year – strut your stuff!!

**FEE:** \$10.00



# SIMPLY THE BEST – Competitive Games

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**FACULTY:** PDHPE

**HEAD TEACHER:** TRUDY DIXON (Rel.)

If you like to play competitive games, this is for you. Students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills that promote confidence and success in a range of competitive games. They will investigate movement in selected activities and aspects of team dynamics as they develop competence and positive attitudes towards participation. Students will participate in and create sample structures and formats for the teacher and students to review and refine through practical experiences. By choosing both Fitness and Training and Competitive Games you will have a yearlong practical experience to support your health and enjoyment of sport.

**FEE:** \$0.00

# STREET ART

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**FACULTY:** CAPA

**HEAD TEACHER:** SHANE LLOYD (Rel.)

**TAKE YOUR ART TO THE STREET.** If you are interested in art and want to create projects that are based on skate, street and surf culture, then Street Art is for you. In this course you will learn drawing, painting and design skills using a variety of media and techniques that practicing street artists use. You will get to create a range of artworks, include making stickers, designing your own pair of shoes, and so much more. Let your artistic expression flow!

**FEE:** \$10.00

# YOUNG INVENTORS

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**FACULTY:** TAS

**HEAD TEACHER:** JOEL WATSON (Rel.)

This course is based on learning through building practical electronic circuits. As a young inventor of Electronics, you will work in a specially equipped room using state-of-the-art technology to produce interesting and functional projects. You will have access to advanced manufacturing equipment including the VLA laser cutter and 3D printing. Projects include an electronic game, a multi-purpose timer, a light activated alarm and a high output LED bike light.

You will work in teams and individually develop problem solving skills. There may also be some coding and computer-based activities involved as well.

Students who find this course interesting will enjoy the study of Electronics in Stage 5.

**FEE:** \$10.00

# YOUTH ENTERPRISE

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**FACULTY:** HSIE

**HEAD TEACHER:** LUCAS WINTER (Rel.)

‘Youth Enterprise’ is a project-based learning activity that allows students to gain a feel for running a business focusing on sustainability or community benefits. Students will utilise skills of; communication, problem solving and teamwork to develop a project to support the wider community. Skills students develop throughout the project will enable them to engage with the complex world and navigate challenges that exist.

Would you like to be a change champion – build skills that you could apply one day when running your own business!

**FEE:** \$10.00