

YEAR 9 OPTION COURSES for 2018

- a) Year 9 students are required to choose **FOUR** half-year option courses, including a language other than English, and two back-up courses.
- b) It may be appropriate for a small number of students who have additional literacy needs to receive literacy support rather than opting for a language other than English.
- c) We encourage students to choose from a broad range of options, and specialising later in their secondary education.
- d) Students who are identified with special abilities will be offered entry into the GATE programme, i.e., the Learning Enrichment Option (09LEO) and / or Sports Performance (09SPX). Each course will be taken in place of another option. Students cannot take Sports Performance (09SPX) and 09 Sports Studies (09SPS) in the same year.

Languages Other Than English:

You must select at least one non-English language.

German – 09GER

Japanese – 09JAP

Spanish – 09SPA

You will learn how to talk about yourself and things that make you who you are in the language that you select. You will learn to use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary through speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Te Reo Maori – 09MAO

You will learn how to speak, read and write Maori as it applies to the following situations: greetings and introductions; Toku Pepeha (family genealogy); classroom objects; marae; Nga Korero-o-Nehera (Maori traditional stories); and Whaikorero (speech making).

Art – 09ART

You will work on a number of different projects to develop skills in drawing, design, printmaking and painting. In each project, you will be shown how to draw out ideas and develop your work through a number of stages before completing final artworks. You will have a Visual Arts workbook and use this to do your drawing, work out rough ideas, and develop work for each project.

Business Studies – 09BUS

You will learn about how the money system works so that you can make well-informed decisions as you grow older. You will learn about consumer rights and responsibilities, ideas associated with the world of finance, and you will have opportunity to produce and market a product.

Dance – 09DAN

You will experience a wide variety of dance types (genres) and styles. You will work in groups and individually to create your own dance sequences as well as learning basic techniques and how different types are related. You will be assessed on your dance performances in front of a camera and classmates, which will enable you to reflect on how well you have performed. In addition, there is one written assignment.

Design and Visual Communication – 09DVC

You will explore how to creatively solve design problems in the areas of building design and product design. You will learn how to communicate your ideas visually, including freehand drawing, instrumental drawing, 3-D printing, model making and computer-aided design. This course will prepare you for taking DVC in Years 10 to 13.

Digital Technologies – 09DIT

This course will provide you with, and help you develop, a wide range of computing knowledge and skills. You will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of projects including, robotics, computer science, design, animation, image/video editing, programming and web design. This course will help prepare you if you are interested in studying digital technologies and/or computing in the senior school.

Drama – 09DRA

You will learn through a variety of drama experiences, including working in pairs and small groups towards performances focusing on improvisation and spontaneity; script work; mime and mask study. All assessments are performance-based and are held in our school auditorium with theatre lighting, sound, and a camera so that you can watch and evaluate your learning.

Food and Nutrition – 09FAN

You will study healthy food habits and develop practical skills in the kitchen. You will work individually, in pairs and in teams. You will learn to use and operate kitchen equipment; prepare food in a safe hygienic manner; use a range of cooking methods to prepare a wide variety of foods; understand basic nutrition and learn to make healthy food choices. You will cook at least once a week.

Forensic Science – 09FOR

You will investigate some modern applications of science. The course runs alongside the Year 9 Core Science course, and is in two parts: applying science for forensic purposes, and investigating how our lifestyle affects our health. You will gain experience of practical science, documenting results, and report writing.

Leadership in Action – 09LIA

You will learn about what makes a good leader, and how you can influence others as a leader in positive ways. You will also look at lifestyle choices such as diet, exercise and activities, and how these choices are echoed in our community. You will undertake a project about community leadership and community services available in your area.

Media Studies – 09MED

You will study how industry works to tell us stories, entertain, inform and persuade. You will learn viewing, writing, research and technical skills around media analysis and production. The concepts and skills you learn in this course will prepare you for future study in the subject, as well as a possible career in one of the many media fields.

Hard Materials Technology – 09HAM

You will learn to solve problems, plan, design and use technological and communication skills. You will have the opportunity to experiment with a wide variety of materials, electronic components and specialised equipment, including 3-D printers to test ideas and make prototypes. You will trial and evaluate your solutions by working cooperatively with others, and focusing on ideas about sustainability and the environment.

Music – 09MUS

You will learn through a variety of musical experiences, including practical work (individually and in groups); creative composition work in groups; listening and responding to music; and a variety of musical knowledge topics. Assessments cover performance, composing (song writing), theory, listening and responding to music, and research tasks.

Sports Studies – 09SPS

You will develop your fitness; develop personal leadership skills through work in small groups; demonstrate fair play in sport; improve skill performance; examine role models; body image and stereotypes; and nutrition in sport. There will also be some theory sessions relating to each topic.

Fashion and Design – 09FDS

You will focus on developing your creativity, design thinking and processes. You will discover techniques to help you effectively design and make products with soft materials. You will develop practical skills, research and design skills, and conceptual thinking. By the end of the course you will have successfully made and completed a laptop case, a hooded sweatshirt, and a product of your choice.

Young Writers – 09WRI

"I was not the world's most secure person. And yet in this one thing in my life, I believed. I can tell a story" J.K.Rowling. Words can shape our world – let's fling the windows open and let your imagination soar! This Young Writers workshop will explore the stories, poems, songs and more waiting to be discovered. It offers the opportunity to stretch yourselves – tell the tales waiting to be told; hear the voices waiting to be heard. If you just love to write, or want to polish those writing skills, or finish your current novel, this course will give you the time and support to develop your ideas.

Students Identified with Special Abilities:**Learning Extension Option – 09LEO**

This course is by invitation to those students who are gifted and/or talented academically. These students will be self-motivated, creative and demonstrate task commitment in areas of interest. The aim of the course is to develop learning and thinking skills that will benefit students throughout their high school years.

Sports Performance – 09SPX

This course is by invitation if you are considered gifted and/or talented in a sport and playing in a regional or top team or grade. The course will operate in the second semester.