



## ELECTIVES FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Year 7 students have a weekly schedule of:

- 3 periods of Religious Education
- 4 periods of English
- 4 periods of Mathematics
- 4 periods of Science
- 4 periods of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 1 period of Health
- 2 periods of Physical Education
- 2 periods of Language (Italian)
- 2 periods of Digital Technology (compulsory semester elective)

In addition, Year 7s will be able to choose 6 Electives for the year. Most electives run for one semester, so students will do three electives per semester. Each elective is timetabled for two periods per week. Please note, some electives run for the whole year. If students choose these whole-year electives, it will reduce the number of electives studied over the duration of the year.

Some students will be enrolled in Literacy and Numeracy Support (in consultation with parents) for 2 periods a week. This will replace two electives as it runs for the entire year. Literacy and Numeracy support is for students who require targeted support to continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills.

To ensure a well-rounded educational experience and compliance with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority requirements, each student will need to choose the following combination of electives:

- One Performing Art
- One Visual Art
- One Design Technology
- One Digital Technology (compulsory – not on the list below)
- Plus, two other choice-based electives from any of the three categories below (unless in whole year electives).

When choosing electives online please consider the following requirements:

- You cannot select the same subject more than once
- You cannot study Music Specialist AND Music General

Performing Arts (choose a minimum of one and a maximum of two)	Visual Arts (choose a minimum of one and a maximum of two)	Design Technology (choose a minimum of one and a maximum of two)
Dance	Media Art	Design Technical Graphics
Drama	Visual Art	Food Science and Technology
Music General		Materials Design
Music Specialist (Whole Year)		Materials Textiles

Below is a description of all electives offered for Year 7 students in 2024. Please note that courses will only run if selected by a sufficient number of students.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Dance (Semester Elective)

Students interested in the Dance elective have the opportunity to participate in fun, physical activities specific to dance and learn to perform in front of an audience. Students will:

- Be introduced to dance warm-up, class dance and group choreography
- Participate in jazz and hip-hop dance classes
- Learn theatre etiquette and performance skills
- Perform to audiences including involvement in the Choreography Nights.

## Drama (Semester Elective)

The Drama elective is designed for students who wish to explore their acting skills and improvisation; developing their confidence in a variety of fun, physical workshops. Students will:

- Develop their own plays and characters for performances
- Perform to audiences and peers
- Study selected drama forms and script excerpts.

## Music General (Semester Elective)

Music General is designed for students who would like to learn more about Music in a fun and interactive way, but don't have the previous experience. Students will:

- Acquire basic skills on Ukulele and Keyboard
- Engage in ensemble playing
- Learn and apply the basic elements of music and apply them to composition activities.

Individual lessons and instrument hire is available through the College (please refer to the College website for further details). Please note: Music Specialist and Music General cannot be studied as a combination.

## Music Specialist (Whole Year Elective)

Music Specialist is designed for students who already have some experience and background in Music. It is recommended that students choosing Music Specialist are accessing instrumental tuition either externally or through the school. Students who elect Music Specialist will study it in both Semester One and Semester Two.

Students will:

- Acquire basic skills on Ukulele and Keyboard
- Engage in ensemble playing
- Perform as a group
- Learn and apply music theory to enhance performance and composition.

Individual lessons and instrument hire is available through the College (please refer to the College website for further details). Please note: Music Specialist and Music General cannot be studied as a combination.

# VISUAL ARTS

## Media Art (Semester Elective)

In Media Art, students gain an understanding of the role of Media Art in our modern world. They explore how media artworks can represent and communicate, making their own media artworks to represent their ideas. Students will:

- Understand the Communication Model
- Engage in the processes of image creation and manipulation
- Discuss issues of ethics in Media
- Create a Media product based upon the requirements of a client or specific audience.

## Visual Art (Semester Elective)

Visual Art students enjoy art-making activities but also gain confidence in structured responses to Art. Artworks may include painting, ceramics, printmaking or sculpture. Students are guided in their thinking, designing and creating of artworks. Students will:

- Learn and apply the design process
- Create art using a variety of forms, styles, techniques, skills and processes
- Develop safe and sustainable visual arts practice
- Appraise artwork past and present.

# DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES

## Design Technical Graphics (Semester Elective)

Design Technical Graphics provides students the opportunity to study the Material and Technologies specialisation context of Design Technologies. This course has been developed for those students who would like to explore their design ideas by technical drawing, designing and creating solutions using specialised computer aided drawing (CAD) software, 3D printing and laser cutting. This course will introduce students to fundamental skills and techniques used to make products through the use of current and developing technologies.

## Food Science and Technology (Semester Elective)

In Food Science and Technology, students learn basic skills to enable them to prepare simple and quick recipes. Setting-up and cleaning the kitchen preparation area is strictly monitored so that students develop good working habits. Emphasis is on students learning to follow recipes with increasing independence and confidence.

## Materials Design (Semester Elective)

Materials Design is an introductory course familiarising students with a workshop environment. This is a practical course where students learn how to use materials and tools safely and responsibly to successfully complete design tasks. Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking and design/planning skills.

## Materials Textiles (Semester Elective)

In Materials Textiles, students learn skills and gain knowledge of how to use equipment and materials to create design solutions. This course will introduce students to increasingly complex sequences and steps involved in design tasks. Students develop plans to manage and successfully complete their design tasks, including safe and responsible use of materials and machines.

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY SUPPORT

### Literacy and Numeracy Support (Whole Year Elective)

These electives provide small group, cross-curricular support for students requiring literacy and/or numeracy intervention. This option may be appropriate for students who have been receiving extra literacy and/or numeracy support at primary school.

There are 3 separate options available:

- Literacy Support
- Numeracy Support
- Both Literacy and Numeracy Support

*Please Note:* Some electives may attract an additional cost due to extra resource requirements.