



Year 9 Subject Option Choice Form 2021

Student First Name

Student Surname

LEARNING AREAS

These core subjects run for the whole year:

- English
- Physical Education and Health
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Te Ao Maaori (one 90 minute block per week)

These two option subjects run twice a week for one term. They are compulsory:

- Health Education
- Digital Technology

OPTION CHOICES

All subjects in the following learning areas run for one term

PREFERRED CHOICES

Students will take 8 options in total

The Arts:

- Art (ARC)
- Drama (DRA)
- Music (MUS)
- Toi Whakairo/Maaori Carving (TOI)

Technology:

- Electronics (ELE)
- Food Technology (FOT)
- Graphics (*GRA)
- Materials Metal (DEM)
- Materials Wood (DEW)
- Textiles Technology (TET)

Languages:

- Mandarin (MAN)

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Programmes

- Passion Project (PPT)
- Junior Foundation Programme (JFP)

Please select 6 other subjects from the Option Choices list. Rank in order of preference.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please refer to back page for further information on Option Choices



JUNIOR OPTION DESCRIPTIONS

Art (ARC)

This is an introductory course over two terms, designed to instil confidence in making art works. Students learn the foundation skills of drawing to support three art disciplines. Painting and printmaking are the main focus, with a choice of photography or sculpture, if time allows. Students will be prepared for art in Year 10 and NCEA Senior courses. Visual diaries are retained by the students.

Drama (DRA)

The junior drama course involves performing drama from a script, improvising and devising. It also involves learning about the drama elements, conventions and techniques. The course is focussed on performance, but some written work is required.

Music (MUS)

A half year course that concentrates on performance as a class on either guitar, keyboard or singing. We cover the basics of these instruments and we try to perform together regularly, once we have learnt a song. We also cover song writing, so that students can know how to write their own song, together with a bit of theory and history of music.

Toi Whakairo/Maaori Carving (TOI)

This is chance for students to explore Maaori patterns and carvings. Looking at mythical origins, Toi Whakairo explores the evolution of different styles and techniques of Maaori art and culture.

Electronics (ELE)

In this course, students will learn to identify and use basic electronic components in circuits and systems. This course has a strong practical focus where students will learn and apply electronic concepts.

Food Technology (FOT)

Food Technology involves students learning to prepare basic food items. Students will investigate, design and make their own scone based product which is a highlight. This subject is an opportunity for all students to develop confidence in the kitchen and learn valuable life skills.

Graphics (GRA)

The focus will be on spatial and product design, incorporating a broad range of drawing and media. Both freehand instrumental and computer drawing skills will be developed. Students will participate in a variety of design and drawing experiences which will be challenging and creative, as well as enjoyable and useful.

Materials Metal (DEM)

This is a chance to look if Engineering or Metal work is something that you may consider to study further at year10 and onwards. We have a full workshop where you will use hand tools and some power tools to make a project. You will be taken through the process of manufacturing and shown career areas that this course will lead to.

Materials Wood (DEW)

This is a chance to look if Wood work is something that you may consider to study further at year10 and onwards. We have a full workshop where you will use hand tools and some power tools to make a project. You will be taken through the process of manufacturing and shown career areas that this course will lead to.

Textiles Technology (TET)

This is a half year course that has a strong focus on learning how to sew, tie dye and screen print. Students will follow the design process through to the completion of constructing the final product. This is a hands on course that will give students the opportunity to learn a broad range of textiles skills that will successfully take them through to the next year. Students who complete this course will walk away with two finished products.

Mandarin (MAN)

The focus of this course is to experience the fun and challenge of learning to communicate in a new language. You will learn how to communicate in simple Chinese, to read simple passages and to write basic Chinese characters. You will also develop an understanding of Chinese culture and a respect for cultural diversity. You will participate in activities such as dialogues, games, songs and role-playing. By the end of Year 9 you will be able to talk and write about yourself, your family, friends and pets, your daily routine, where you live, what facilities our school and Chinese classrooms have, and the weather.

Maaori (MAO)

Year 9 Maaori is aimed at building the students' confidence to use basic sentence structures which will explore kaupapa such as kai, whanau, waiata, marae, te kura and tikanga Maaori. Selected this course gives the students an opportunity to learn more about the Maaori culture and have a better understand of Te Reo Maaori.