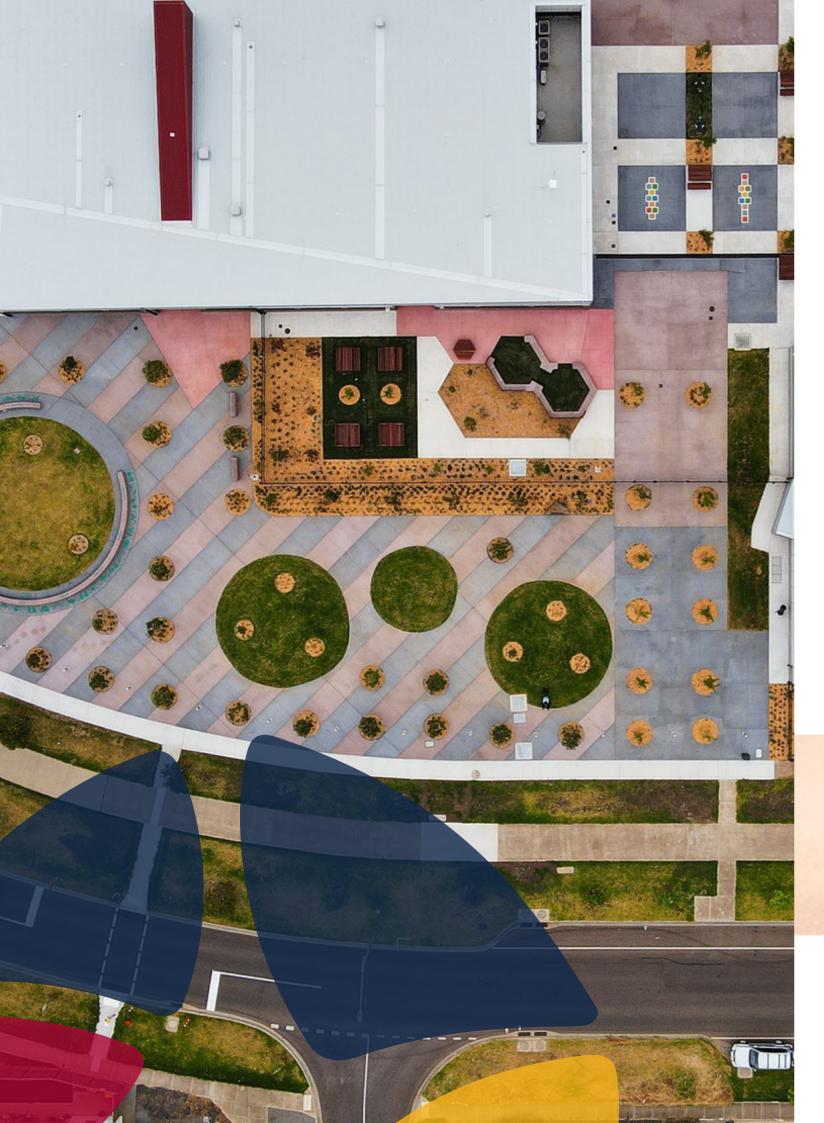


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YEAR 9 SUBJECT GUIDE





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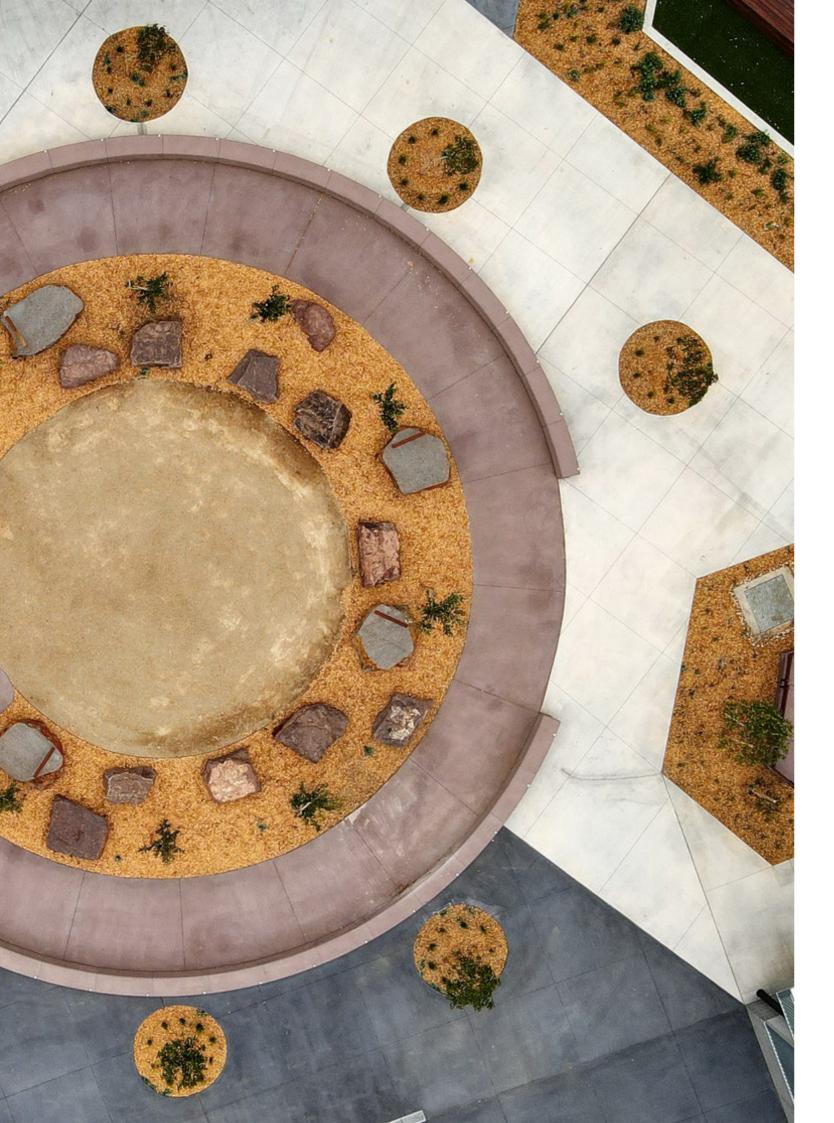
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Acknowledgement of Country

Bemin Secondary College respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Bemin Secondary College is located in Melbourne's west, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.







WELCOME TO YEAR 9



Joanne CamozzatoCollege Principal

The Bemin Secondary College Year 9 Program allows students to further explore their key areas of interests. It is designed to both supplement and extend our students so that they are challenged to develop a further understanding of their strengths and learning areas they wish to know more about. It is important that students maintain an element of curiosity and take the opportunity to try something new. The elective program at Year 9 aims to enthuse students and maintain their love of learning as they enter further into adolescence. A key time for students, Year 9 is marked by significant social, emotional and cognitive development. As they navigate changes in decisionmaking, motivation and engagement as a College we believe it is crucial to provide programs that support to help them thrive.

At Bemin Secondary College, the Year 9 Program recognises these unique needs by providing students with agency in their learning, offering choice and control through the electives program.



Elyshia Sheldon Assistant Principal Junior School

Year 9 is an important milestone for students in secondary school as they begin considering their future pathways in senior secondary and post-secondary life.

Acknowledging this, Bemin Secondary College's Year 9 Program has been created with the theme of action in mind. It is designed for students to engage and interact with various curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, and to choose tailored electives that reflect their own interests and goals.

The program builds on the strong foundations established in Years 7 and 8, calling on students to take ownership of their learning as they begin preparing and planning for their future. It calls on them to think individually, locally and globally as they continue developing as students and citizens.

YEAR 9 PROGRAM

Year 9 at Bemin Secondary College is a time for growth, challenge and discovery.

Our program is designed to support students in building positive relationships, engaging in social justice initiatives, and developing personal responsibility. Students will continue to strengthen their academic skills in core subjects while also having the opportunity to explore their interests through a wide range of elective choices. Importantly, the Year 9 experience extends beyond the classroom, providing opportunities for leadership, resilience and self-discovery.

Core Structure

All Year 9 students will study the following core subjects across the year:

- English
- Mathematics
- Humanities
- Science
- Health & Physical Education
- Careers and Pathways

In addition, all students participate in Challenge Experiences, which include the Wyndham Tech School partnership and the Year 9 City Experience program. These provide valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, develop independence, and embrace new challenges.

Electives

Alongside their core studies, students will select **three elective**s each semester.

- Students must choose at least one Arts elective and one Technology elective during the year.
- The remaining elective choices may be drawn from any of the available subject areas, allowing students to personalise their learning pathway and explore their interests.

Electives cover a diverse range of curriculum areas such as Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Food Technology, Digital Technologies, Design, Sport and

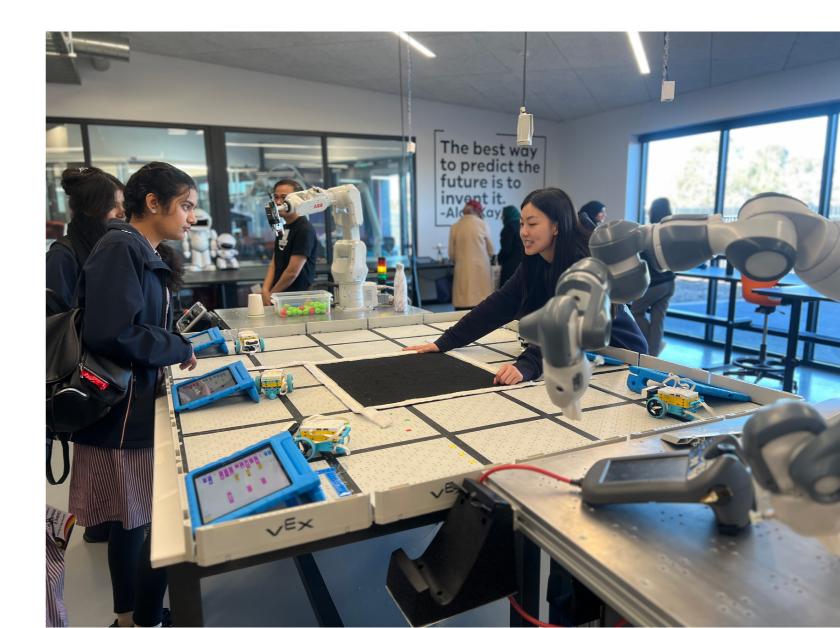
Advanced Mathematics

In Year 9, students demonstrating high aptitude and interest in Mathematics may nominate to take part in the Advanced Mathematics program as part of their Year 9 elective program. This is in addition to their core Mathematics class.

This course provides additional depth, challenge and extension opportunities, preparing students for senior pathways including Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics. Entry into Advanced Mathematics is based on teacher recommendation, assessment results, and demonstrated commitment to learning.

EXAMPLE: A typical Year 9 learning program at Bemin Secondary College

	Core Subjects							Specialisations At least 1 must be Art-based and 1 must be Techbased over the year		
Semester 1	English	Maths	Humanities	Science	Health	Physical Education	Careers and Pathways	Elective 5 periods per fortnight	Elective 5 periods per fortnight	Elective 5 periods per fortnight
Semester 2	9 periods per fortnight	9 periods per fortnight	5 periods per fortnight	5 periods per fortnight	2 periods per fortnight	3periods per fortnight	2 periods per fortnight	Elective 5 periods per fortnight	Elective 5 periods per fortnight	Elective 5 periods per fortnight



ELECTIVES

Year 9 students at Bemin Secondary College select from a wide range of elective subjects, allowing them to explore their interests, develop new skills and apply their learning in practical and engaging contexts.

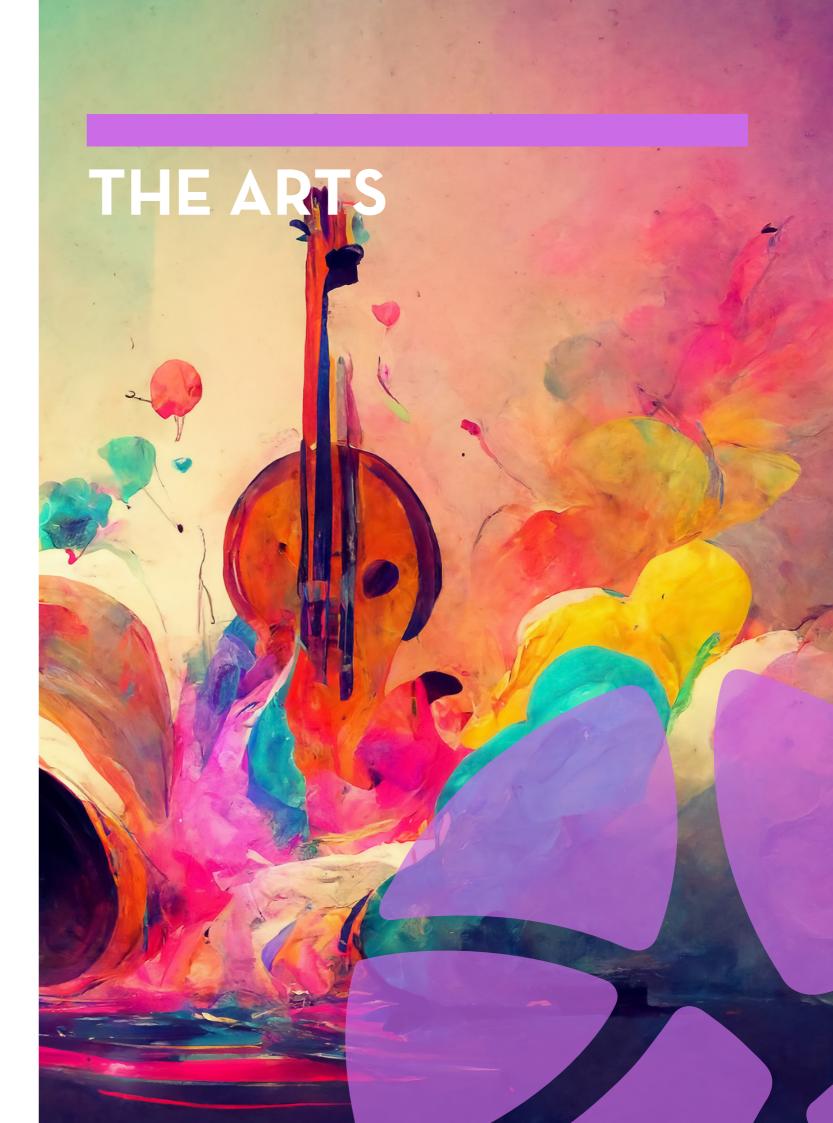
Students are strongly encouraged to make subject selections in consultation with their teachers, their family and the Junior School team, balancing challenge and accessibility for students across all ability levels.

Students need to choose six elective subjects
across the year (three each semester). Students
must complete at least one arts-based and one
technology-based subject as part of their selection.



Click on the subject name in the Contents below to access an overview as well as subject and career pathways options for the subject.

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From Studio to Gallery

ARTS









OVERVIEW

In this Visual Arts elective, students take their creative ideas from the sketchbook to the exhibition wall. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy exploring artistic styles, experimenting with materials, and expressing themselves through visual art.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will build skills in painting and drawing while studying art movements such as Impressionism and Expressionism. They will also create a whimsical clay house inspired by Antonio Gaudí, working through the studio process from concept development to final artwork.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, Media, Art Creative Practice
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with an arts focus
- VET Studies: Visual Arts, Screen and Media,
 Design Fundamentals

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Visual arts and design
- Architecture and interior design
- Media and communication
- Creative industries and cultural enterprises

Creative Communications

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OVERVIEW

In this Visual Communication Design elective, students are introduced to the creative world of design through hands-on, project-based learning. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy drawing, problemsolving, and expressing ideas visually.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will follow the design process to create projects such as a stamp design, a music poster, and a food truck branding concept. They will learn technical drawing, use both manual and digital methods, and explore typography and layout to present creative solutions.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Visual Communication Design, Media, Studio Arts
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a design focus
- VET Studies: Creative Industries, Screen and Media, Design Fundamentals

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Graphic and digital design
- Advertising and marketing
- Architecture and product design
- Media and communication

Draft, Cut, Release

ARTS











OVERVIEW

In this Media elective, students become creators, critics, and storytellers in the world of film, television, social media, and digital content. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy working with media, technology, and creative storytelling.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will analyse popular media and uncover hidden messages in ads and films. They will also create their own projects such as short films, podcasts, trailers, and photo stories - building real-world skills in scriptwriting, production, and editing.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Media, Visual Communication Design, English, Literature
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a media focus
- VET Studies: Creative Industries, Screen and Media, Sound Production

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Film and television production
- Journalism and digital media
- Advertising and marketing
- Content creation and communication industries

Page to Stage

ARTS











OVERVIEW

In this Drama elective, students explore how to transform scripts into engaging performances. The subject is ideal for those who enjoy acting, teamwork, and creative self-expression, whether they are experienced performers or just starting out.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will work in groups to interpret scripts, develop characters, and apply acting techniques to bring scenes to life. They will also prepare and perform a monologue, drawing on both classical and contemporary texts, including creative takes on Shakespeare.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Drama, Theatre Studies, Literature, English
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a performance focus
- VET Studies: Acting, Music Industry, Creative Industries

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Performing arts and theatre
- Film, television, and media
- Communication and public speaking
- Education and community arts

Make Your Move

ARTS











OVERVIEW

In this Dance elective, students build their skills in movement, technique, and performance while exploring dance as a form of creativity and cultural expression. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy performing, working in teams, and expressing themselves through movement.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will experience a variety of dance styles, investigate the cultural significance of dance, and learn safe dance practices. The elective culminates in a choreographic project where students work together to create and perform their own routine.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Physical Education
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a performance focus
- VET Studies: Dance, Music Industry, Community Services (Health & Wellbeing focus)

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Performing arts and choreography
- Health, fitness, and wellbeing industries
- Education and community arts
- Event and entertainment industries

Sound Explorations

ARTS











OVERVIEW

In this Instrumental Music elective, students develop their skills as both performers and musicians. The subject is ideal for students who are passionate about music, enjoy learning an instrument, and want to explore creativity through sound.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will choose an instrument such as guitar, ukulele, or keyboard and receive guided instruction to improve their technique. They will also build knowledge of music theory, develop critical listening skills, and perform individually and in ensembles.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

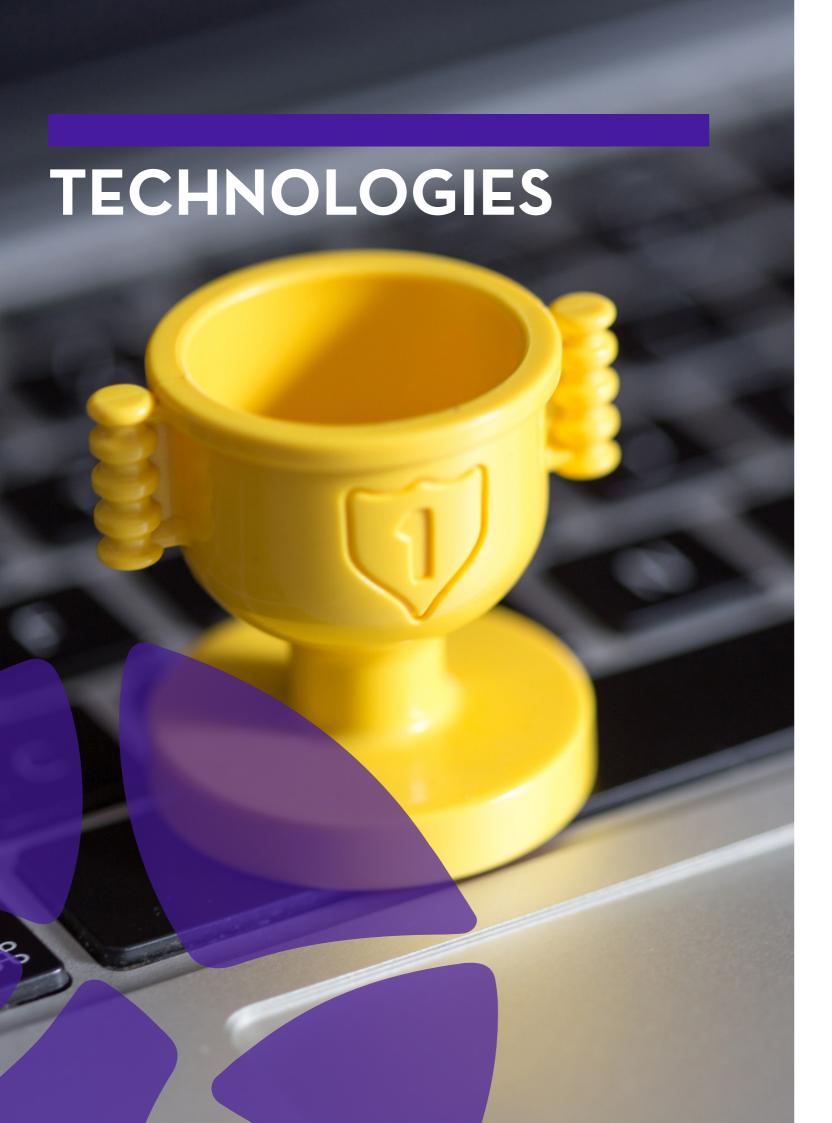
This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Music, VCE Music (Contemporary Performance, Music Inquiry, Composition & Sound Production)
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a music focus
- VET Studies: Music Industry, Sound Production

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Music performance and composition
- Sound engineering and production
- Creative industries and entertainment
- Education and community arts



Stitch and Style TECHNOLOGY











OVERVIEW

In this Textiles elective, students explore the creative and practical world of fabric design. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy hands-on making, problem-solving, and expressing themselves through design.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will experiment with techniques such as hand sewing, embroidery, and machine sewing. They will respond to design briefs, plan creative projects, and develop technical skills to produce their own textile products.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Product Design and Technology (Textiles),
 Visual Communication Design, Studio Arts
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied
 Learning projects with a design or enterprise focus
- VET Studies: Applied Fashion Design and Technology, Design Fundamentals

Career Pathways

- Fashion and textile design
- Costume and theatre production
- Interior design and soft furnishings
- Creative industries and entrepreneurship

Crafted in Timber

TECHNOLOGY











OVERVIEW

In this Design Technology elective, students explore the design and construction of timber products. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy working with their hands, solving problems, and bringing creative ideas to life.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will learn safe use of tools, machines, and equipment while applying the design process to create functional and decorative projects. They will develop practical woodworking skills, from measuring and cutting to finishing, as they design and produce their own timber products.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Product Design and Technology (Wood/ Materials), Visual Communication Design
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a design or construction
- VET Studies: Furnishing, Building and Construction, Carpentry

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Furniture and cabinet making
- Building and construction trades
- Industrial design and product development
- Creative industries and entrepreneurship

Food, Glorious Food TECHNOLOGY











OVERVIEW

In this Food Technology elective, students explore the art of food design, presentation, and styling. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy cooking, being creative, and experimenting with how food can impress an audience.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will learn industry techniques for creating visually appealing dishes while completing two major projects: an Afternoon Tea and a Fine Dining experience. They will choose recipes, plate meals creatively, photograph their work, and research Australian chefs and food innovators.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Food Studies, Health and Human Development, Business Management
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied Learning projects with a hospitality or enterprise
- VET Studies: Hospitality, Kitchen Operations, Cookery

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Hospitality and catering
- Food styling and photography
- Nutrition and health industries
- Culinary arts and entrepreneurship

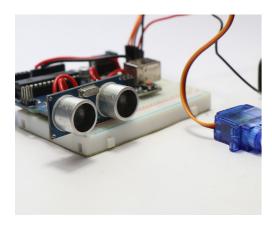
Next Gen Creators

TECHNOLOGY











OVERVIEW

In this Digital Technologies elective, students step into the world of digital innovation, design, and creativity. The subject is perfect for those who enjoy experimenting with technology, problem-solving, and creating interactive digital experiences.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will design and develop projects such as custom game worlds, digital artworks, smart robotics challenges, and interactive concepts. They will use tools like Godot, Unreal Engine, and programmable robotics to create, test, and showcase their own ideas.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Applied Computing, Media, Visual Communication Design
- Vocational Major (VM): Creative and Applied
 Learning projects with a digital or enterprise focus
- VET Studies: Creative Industries, Information and Communications Technology, Screen and Media

Career Pathways

- Game and app development
- Digital design and animation
- Robotics and engineering
- Creative industries and technology entrepreneurship



Lit Lab ENGLISH

SLISH











In this English extension elective, students explore how writers shape meaning and influence readers through character, theme, setting, and language. The subject is perfect for students who love to read and want to extend their analytical and creative skills.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will study a novel and a play through close reading, creative reimagining, and analytical writing. They will build the tools of literary analysis while developing confidence in interpreting and responding to texts.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: English, Literature, English Language
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a literacy and communication focus
- VET Studies: Creative Industries, Screen and Media, Professional Writing and Editing

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Writing, publishing, and journalism
- Media and communication
- Education and research
- Creative industries

War of Words

ENGLISH











OVERVIEW

In this English elective, students sharpen their debating and public speaking skills while mastering the art of persuasion. The subject is perfect for students who enjoy discussing big ideas, presenting their views, and learning how to win an argument with confidence.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will build persuasive arguments, practice public speaking, and engage in debates on a range of current and topical issues. Along the way, they will develop critical thinking, improve research techniques, and learn how to rebut opposing views effectively.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: English, Literature, English Language, Legal
 Studies
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a literacy and communication focus
- VET Studies: Creative Industries, Screen and Media, Business

Career Pathways

- Law, politics, and public service
- Journalism and media
- Business, leadership, and marketing
- Education and communication



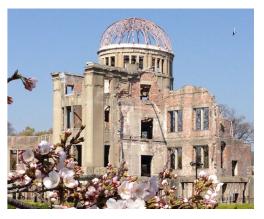
Defining Moments HUMANITIES











OVERVIEW

In this History elective, students explore key events that have profoundly shaped the modern world. The subject is ideal for students who are fascinated by the past and want to understand how social, political, and technological changes impact humanity.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will investigate major historical events such as the bombing of Hiroshima and the COVID-19 pandemic. Through discussions and activities, they will analyse causes and consequences, debate positive and negative outcomes, and reflect on how these defining moments continue to shape our lives today.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: History, Global Politics, Sociology, Legal Studies
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a humanities or community focus
- VET Studies: Community Services, Business, Screen and Media

Career Pathways

- Law, politics, and international relations
- Research and education
- Journalism and media
- Community and cultural organisations

People, Power and Process

HUMANITIES











OVERVIEW

In this Civics and Citizenship elective, students examine how political and legal systems shape Australia's democracy. The subject is perfect for students who are curious about politics, law, justice, and the processes that influence decision-making in society.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will explore how governments are formed, how laws are made, and how citizens can influence change. They will investigate current political and legal issues, debate different perspectives, and take part in practical activities that bring democracy and justice to life.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Legal Studies, Global Politics, History, Sociology
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a humanities or community focus
- VET Studies: Business (Legal or Leadership focus),
 Community Services, Screen and Media

Career Pathways

It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Law, politics, and public service
- Business and leadership
- Journalism and media
- Community and advocacy organisations

Boss Moves HUMANITIES











OVERVIEW

In this Economics and Business elective, students learn how money works, how businesses make decisions, and how consumers and entrepreneurs shape the economy. The subject is ideal for students who are curious about business, finance, and real-world problem-solving.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will explore how people and companies buy, sell, and trade, while also developing their own business ideas. Through hands-on activities and case studies, they will build skills in budgeting, teamwork, and decision-making, with a focus on being smart consumers and future entrepreneurs.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Business Management, Economics, Accounting, Legal Studies
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with an enterprise or commerce focus
- VET Studies: Business, Community Services

Career Pathways

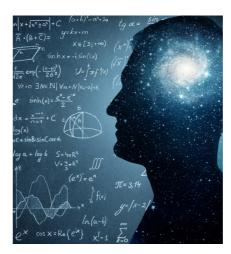
It also develops transferable skills valuable for future career pathways in areas such as:

- Business and entrepreneurship
- Finance, accounting, and economics
- Marketing and management
- Community and enterprise organisations



Forensics Toolkit

SCIENCE











OVERVIEW

In this Science elective, students explore how biology, chemistry, and physics come together to solve mysteries. The subject is perfect for students who are curious about crime-solving, evidence, and the role of science in the courtroom.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will investigate the history and modern applications of forensics while learning practical techniques used by real forensic scientists. They will gather and analyse evidence, interpret data, and apply scientific thinking to crack cases like a true detective.

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Legal Studies
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a science or community focus
- VET Studies: Laboratory Skills, Health Services Assistance, Community Services

Career Pathways

- Forensic science and criminology
- Medicine, nursing, and health sciences
- Laboratory and research fields
- Law enforcement and legal careers



Peak Performance HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION











OVERVIEW

In this Health and Physical Education elective, students uncover how the body moves, learns, and performs through the lens of sports science. The subject is ideal for students interested in fitness, strategy, and improving their own performance in sport and physical activity.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will study biomechanical principles, practice fundamental movement skills, and explore strategies through game planning and performance analysis. They will also investigate the body's energy systems and take part in fitness testing labs to see science in action

PATHWAYS

Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Physical Education, Health and Human Development, Biology
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a health, wellbeing, or sport focus
- VET Studies: Sport and Recreation, Fitness, Health Services Assistance

Career Pathways

- Sports science and exercise physiology
- Coaching and personal training
- Health and allied health professions
- Education and recreation industries

Health for Humanity

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION









OVERVIEW

In this Health and Humanities elective, students explore the biggest global health challenges of our time through the lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The subject is perfect for students passionate about making a difference, solving problems, and becoming active global citizens.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will investigate how factors like education, income, gender, and the environment impact health worldwide. They will design their own health campaigns, analyse case studies, and explore what it means to advocate for equity and change on a global scale.

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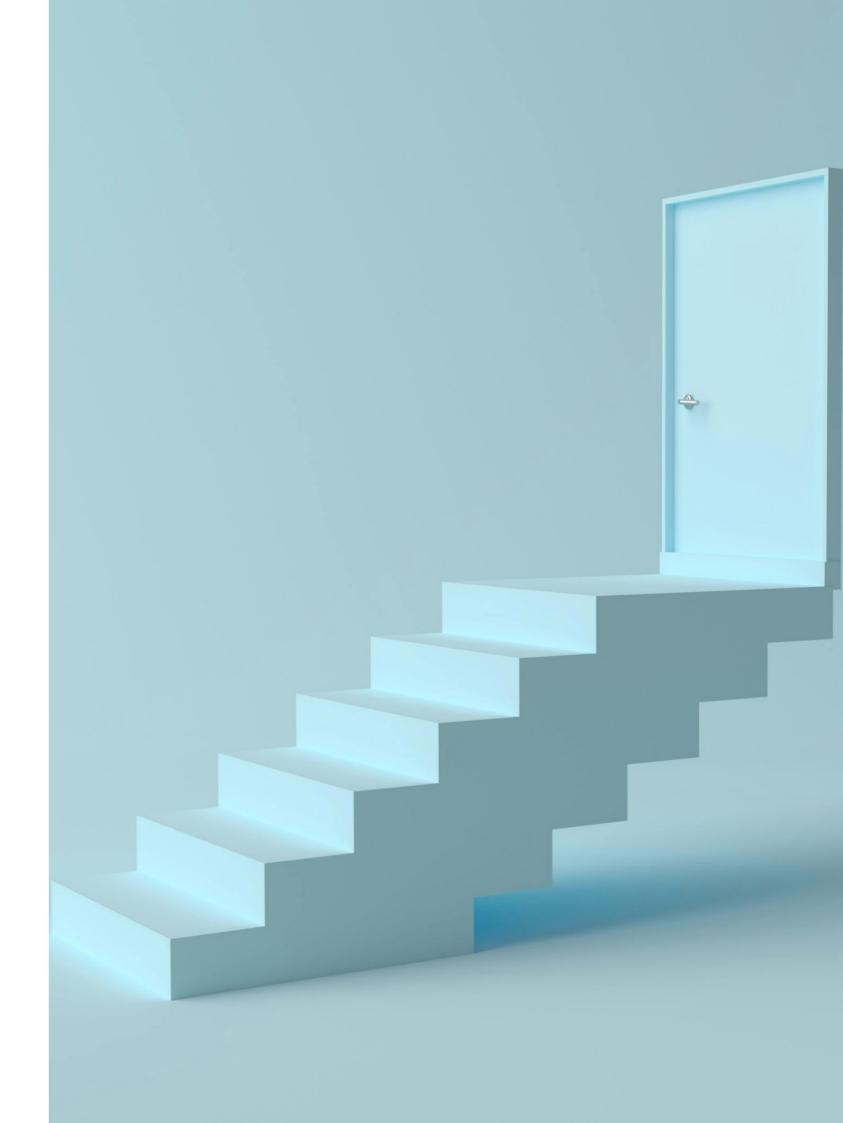
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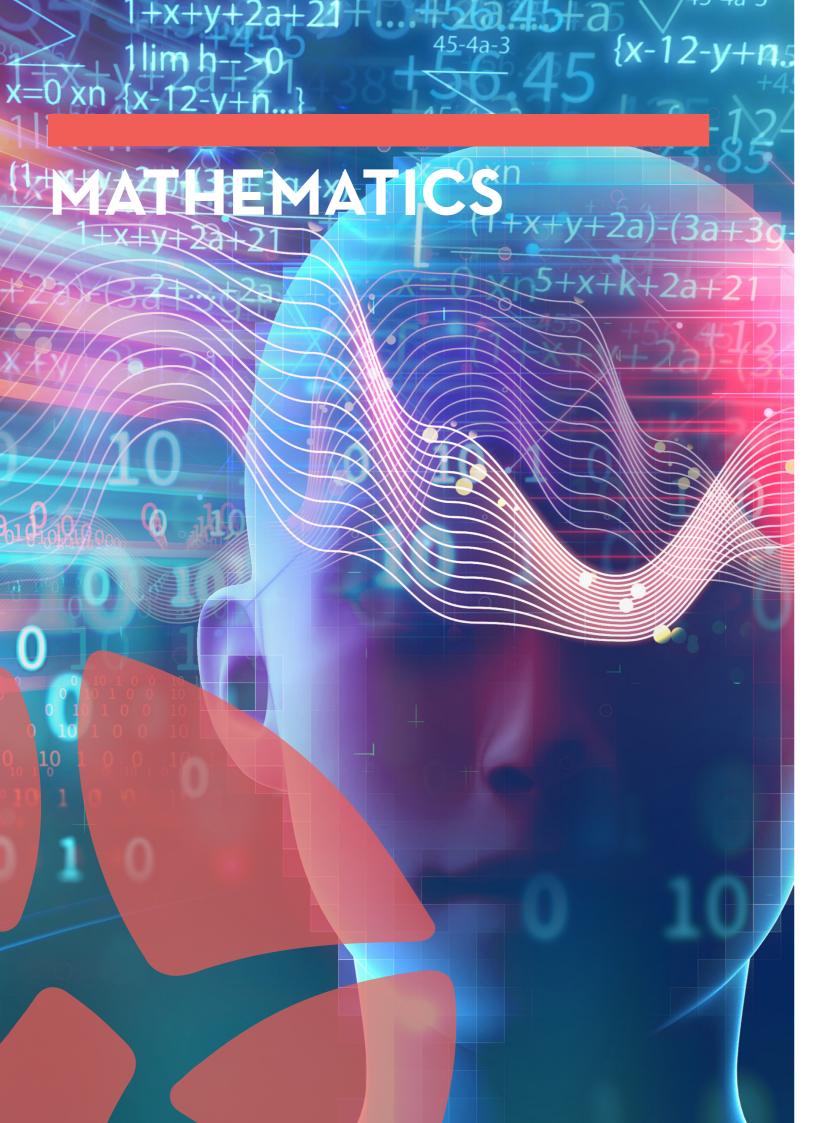
This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Health and Human Development, Global Politics, Sociology, Geography
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a health, community, or social justice focus
- VET Studies: Community Services, Health Services Assistance, Business (Social Enterprise)

Career Pathways

- Global health and international development
- Community services and social work
- Health promotion and advocacy
- Education and policy-making





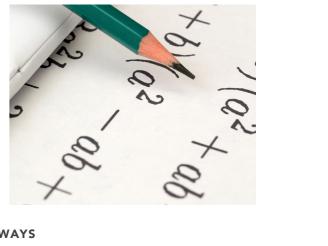
Advanced Mathematics

MATHEMATICS









Please note that this subject will only run in Semester 2, 2026.

OVERVIEW

In this extension elective, students take their mathematical skills to the next level by tackling challenging concepts and advanced problemsolving. The subject is ideal for students who excel in Mathematics, enjoy analytical thinking, and want to prepare for higher-level pathways.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Students will deepen their understanding of key mathematical concepts, extend into advanced topics, and apply reasoning to complex problems. They will develop resilience, critical thinking, and the ability to communicate solutions clearly.

PATHWAYS

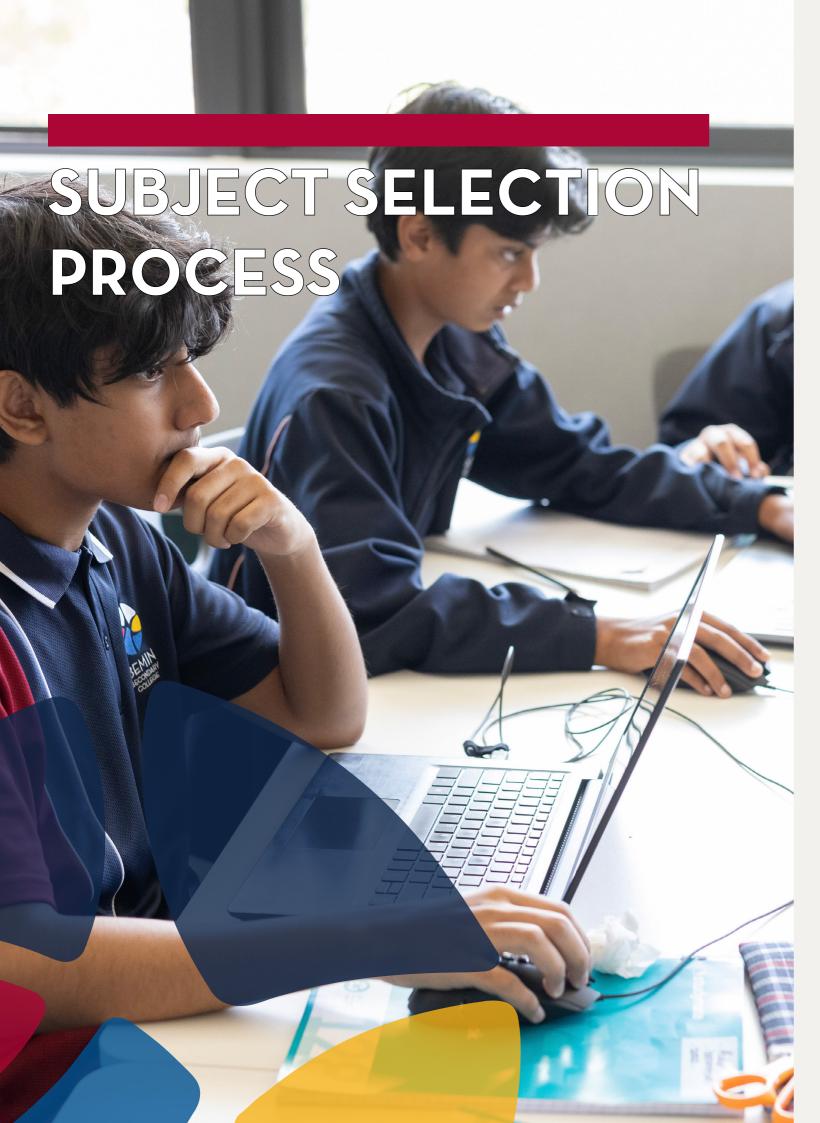
Senior School Pathways

This subject provides a strong foundation for senior school studies in:

- VCE: Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, General Mathematics
- Vocational Major (VM): Applied Learning projects with a numeracy or enterprise focus
- VET Studies: Information and Communications Technology, Engineering Studies, Business

Career Pathways

- Engineering and data science
- Finance, accounting, and economics
- Architecture and design
- Research, technology, and innovation industries



APPLYING FOR SUBJECTS

Subject selections for Year 9 will be entered online through Timetable Choice at:

https://my.edval.education/

Step 1: Get your WebCode

- Your WebCode is unique to you.
- It will be provided by your current school's Leadership Team.
- Keep it safe you'll need it to log in.

Step 2: Log in to Timetable Choice

- Go to https://my.edval.education/
- Enter your WebCode to access your subject selection page.

Step 3: Select your electives

- You must select ONE (1) Arts-based elective (e.g. Visual Arts, Media, Drama, Music).
- You **must select ONE (1) Technology-based elective** (e.g. Wood, Food, Textiles, Digital Technology).
- You can then select **FOUR (4) further electives** from any subject area.

Step 4: Check and submit

- Review your selections carefully before submitting
- Once submitted, your choices will be sent to the school for processing.

Important: Late or incomplete selections may mean you miss out on your preferred electives, so make sure you complete your selections before the due date.



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