Seymour is a college that strives for all students to achieve their personal best. At Seymour, I try my best at everything. Seymour identifies every student's qualities and develops these further. It's fun because you learn things that even your parents don't know. The teachers are highly dedicated.
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Curriculum Guide 2014

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* Students may only take Curriculum Support after discussion with the Head of School or Director of Studies.

1 2014 only
2 2014/2015 only
3 only offered to 2016
4 only offered to 2017

Specialist Mathematics
Visual Arts
Physics
Psychology
Research Project
Visual Arts
Society and Culture
Specialist Mathematics
Visual Arts
The Middle School curriculum represents a careful progression from a broad core curriculum in Years 6, 7 and 8 to a more differentiated and in depth course of study in Years 9 and 10. This provides a balance between breadth of curriculum and the specialisation necessary as a preparation for senior secondary study. Under this system, younger students are able to sample most subject areas before being required to make more specific choices from the range of option subjects available.

At **Years 6 and 7**, all subjects form part of the core curriculum. At these levels the core curriculum is mainly delivered by the classroom teacher, with specialist teachers delivering subjects such as Art, Language, Music and Physical Education.

At **Year 8**, one Language subject is chosen to meet the core Language requirement. All other subjects form part of the core curriculum.

At **Year 9**, students choose three whole year option subjects from a range of subjects.

At **Year 10** students can choose up to five option subjects, with all students studying a common core. This provides continuity of curriculum between Year 9 and Year 10, which eases the transition from Middle to Senior School.

Some students may wish to continue with a two year course of study over Year 9 and 10, thereby developing their knowledge and skills in depth. Other students may take the opportunity to explore a different range of options at Year 10 level by choosing semesterised subjects.

Members of staff would be happy to answer questions related to their subject areas.

The names of Heads of Faculty are listed below.

- **Art Coordinator**: Mrs Christine Wheatley-Dawson
- **English**: Mrs Ruth Massie
- **Enterprise Education**: Ms Angeline Panayi-Motus
- **Health and Physical Education**: Ms Robyn Roennfeldt
- **Humanities**: Mr Neil Fletcher
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- **Languages**: Ms Nadège Ottina-Griffin
- **Mathematics**: Mr Aaron Billing
- **Performing Arts**: Mr Graeme Quinn
- **Science**: Mrs Michelle McGrath

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**The Australian Curriculum**

In 2014 the content of the first four Phase 1 subjects of the Australian Curriculum will be taught to Middle School students at Seymour College.

Information regarding the Australian Curriculum and the detailed curriculum for the first four Phase 1 subjects can be accessed by visiting [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)

**Curriculum Support**

**Contact Teacher**: Mrs Jacky Eyre

Curriculum Support is offered to students needing assistance in their learning, principally in literacy and numeracy. In the first instance, support is given in the classroom. The support teacher acts as a resource person for the subject teacher, and may adapt the teaching program to meet the specific needs of the individual student.

Small group support is offered when students:

- have gaps in their knowledge;
- require more individual assistance to maintain the class pace;
- have specific learning difficulties;
- require assistance with learning strategies.

The aim of Curriculum Support is to have, as far as possible, an inclusive program for all students. It helps students to become more aware of how they work and learn in different situations, leading to a greater understanding of factors which can assist or hinder effective study. A range of options is considered according to each student’s needs.

Students are nominated for Curriculum Support after discussion with form and subject teachers, the Head of Middle School, the Director of Studies and parents.
Communication and self expression through arts practice enable students to gain a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them. Through the research and study of cultures, artists and artworks, students are encouraged to utilise a variety of influences in their work and to improve their skill base. Development work and visual research enable students to take risks, experiment and explore different visual solutions. The programs of Art and Design in the Middle School have been designed to be enjoyable, inclusive and enriching. Much of the work is group oriented and so, through active participation in the making process, students are encouraged in positive and dynamic peer interactions.

**YEAR 6 ART**

**Course Length**  
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*

- investigates and responds to the work of other artists;
- develops a range of manipulative skills;
- displays a creative approach to problem solving;
- appropriately manages classroom materials and processes;
- works cooperatively in peer groups.

**Course Outline**

During a year of Art consisting of three single lessons each cycle, students will gain an understanding of and experience in the major disciplines of drawing, painting, design and printmaking. Students will use their personal strengths as the source of inspiration for mixed media printmaking. Students will explore the possibility of symbolism in design, create collages, rubber prints and use their iPad camera in research. A number of iPad Apps will be creatively used in the completion of a linoprint self portrait. Students will learn how to review their work and develop backup. They will create abstracted sculptural forms using mixed media.

**Assessment**

Folio development, idea generation and visual research.  
Finished product and final presentation.  
Criticism and analysis.
**YEAR 7 ART**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**
*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- translates and develops original imagery;
- demonstrates a creative approach to problem solving;
- develops a range of manipulative skills;
- investigates social and cultural traditions in art;
- works cooperatively in peer groups.

**Course Outline**
During a year of Art consisting of two lessons per cycle, students will gain an understanding of and experience in the major disciplines of drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics. The theme for their landscape textural paintings will be linked to their History studies. Students will creatively explore a broad range of painting techniques. They will create a mixed media sculpture based on their personal strengths and further explore the processes involved in backup development. Students will continue to use a variety of iPad Apps as a creative tool.

**Assessment**
Folio development, idea generation and visual research. Finished product and final presentation. Written theoretical assignment work. Criticism and analysis.

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**YEAR 8 ART**

**Course Length**
One semester

**Learning Outcomes**
*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- conceives, develops and makes artworks that convey ideas;
- documents visual research and the development of ideas;
- explores the applications of technical skills, media and materials;
- researches and evaluates her own work and that of other artists;
- investigates visual arts in cultural, social and historical contexts.

**Course Outline**
During a one semester course of four lessons per cycle, students will gain an understanding of and experience in the major disciplines of drawing, painting, design and sculpture. Students explore the sculptural possibilities of the theme of growth through drawing, photography, sculpture and ceramics. The imaginative use of artistic iPad Apps will be an integral part of the creative process. Students will further develop their observational drawing skills and experiment with a range of diverse media.

**Assessment**
Folio development, idea generation and visual research. Finished product and presentation. Written theory assignment work. Criticism and analysis.
Course Length

One year

Learning Outcomes

*In successfully completing this course, each student:

- conceives, develops and makes artworks that reflect personal ideas;
- documents visual research and the development of ideas;
- applies technical skills, media and materials;
- researches and evaluates her own work and that of other artists;
- responds to visual arts in cultural, social and historical contexts.

Course Outline

The course covers practice and theory in art, design and digital technology. Skills such as clay modeling, construction techniques, digital arts and product design will be covered. Art theory will focus on historic and contemporary practice and will parallel work covered in the practical, such as the visit to the Jam Factory Craft and Design Centre. Students will undertake a full year of Art, consisting of 6 lessons per cycle. The course concentrates on giving the girls a basis in and understanding of the major disciplines in Art, including drawing, painting, design and ceramics. Students will explore the uses and application of a broad range of traditional and digital drawing media and experiment with innovative approaches to canvas painting.

Assessment

Writing briefs.
Backup development, idea generation and visual research.
Finished product and final presentation.
Written theory assignment work.
Criticism and analysis.
The study of English affords students the ability to analyse texts critically and to communicate about their world. Foundations laid in the Middle School effectively equip students for the demands of senior English, building a framework of the skills required in SACE English subjects. English at Middle School level is designed to develop effective written and oral analytical and communication skills while encouraging sensitivity to both contemporary and historic concerns. Themes and issues that affect a diverse range of cultures are explored. Students develop an awareness of the importance of context in examining any text. As they progress through the Middle School, students acquire strategies for formal writing, learning to structure analytical responses to shared texts.

Students develop their written and oral language skills through constant practice. Spelling and grammar are studied systematically in the early Middle School years and subsequently monitored closely. Through studying a wide range of text types — prose, film, drama and poetry — and genres such as narrative, recount and exposition, students build an awareness of the elements of each and are able to use this knowledge to construct their own texts.

**Course Length**  
One year

**Year Level Description**

The English curriculum has a focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret and evaluate spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts including newspapers, film and digital texts, junior and early adolescent novels, poetry, non-fiction and dramatic performances. Students develop their understanding of how texts, including media texts, are influenced by context, purpose and audience.

 Literary texts that support and extend students in Year 6 as independent readers describe complex sequences, a range of non-stereotypical characters and elaborated events including flashbacks and shifts in time. These texts explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas within real-world and fantasy settings. Informative texts supply technical and content information about a wide range of topics of interest, as well as topics being studied in other areas of the curriculum. Text structures include chapters, headings and subheadings, tables of contents, indexes and glossaries. Language features include complex sentences, unfamiliar technical vocabulary, figurative language and information presented in various types of graphics.

Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts such as narratives, procedures, performances, reports, reviews, explanations and discussions.

**Content**

Language  
Literature  
Literacy
YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Course Length One year

Year Level Description
The English curriculum has a focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts including newspapers, magazines and digital texts, early adolescent novels, non-fiction, poetry and dramatic performances. Students develop their understanding of how texts, including media texts, are influenced by context, purpose and audience.

Literary texts that support and extend students in Year 7 as independent readers are drawn from a range of realistic, fantasy, speculative fiction and historical genres and involve some challenging and unpredictable plot sequences and a range of non-stereotypical characters. These texts explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Informative texts present technical and content information from various sources about specialised topics. Text structures include chapters, headings and subheadings, tables of contents, indexes and glossaries. Language features include successive complex sentences with embedded clauses, unfamiliar technical vocabulary, figurative and rhetorical language, and information supported by various types of graphics presented in visual form.

Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts, for example narratives, procedures, performances, reports and discussions, and are beginning to create literary analyses and transformations of texts.

Content
Language
Literature
Literacy

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Course Length One year

Year Level Description
The English curriculum has a focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts including newspapers, magazines and digital texts, early adolescent novels, non-fiction, poetry and dramatic performances. Students develop their understanding of how texts, including media texts, are influenced by context, purpose and audience.

Literary texts that support and extend students in Year 8 as independent readers are drawn from a range of realistic, fantasy, speculative fiction and historical genres and involve some challenging and unpredictable plot sequences and a range of non-stereotypical characters. These texts explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Informative texts present technical and content information from various sources about specialised topics. Text structures include chapters, headings and subheadings, tables of contents, indexes and glossaries. Language features include successive complex sentences with embedded clauses, unfamiliar technical vocabulary, figurative and rhetorical language, and information supported by various types of graphics presented in visual form.

Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts, for example narratives, procedures, performances, reports and discussions, and are beginning to create literary analyses and transformations of texts.

Content
Language
Literature
Literacy
**Year 9 English**

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**Year Level Description**

The English curriculum has a focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

Students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They interpret, create, evaluate, discuss and perform a wide range of literary texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts, including newspapers, film and digital texts, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, dramatic performances and multimodal texts, with themes and issues involving levels of abstraction, higher order reasoning and intertextual references. Students develop a critical understanding of the contemporary media, and the differences between media texts.

Literary texts that support and extend students in Year 9 as independent readers are drawn from a range of genres and involve complex, challenging and unpredictable plot sequences and hybrid structures that may serve multiple purposes. These texts explore themes of human experience and cultural significance, interpersonal relationships, and ethical and global dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Informative texts represent a synthesis of technical and abstract information (from credible/verifiable sources) about a wide range of specialised topics. Text structures include chapters, headings and subheadings, tables of contents, indexes and glossaries. Language features include successive complex sentences with embedded clauses, a high proportion of unfamiliar and technical vocabulary, figurative and rhetorical language, and dense information supported by various types of graphics presented in visual form.

Students create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts including narratives, procedures, performances, reports, discussions, literary analyses, transformations of texts and reviews.

**Content**

- Language
- Literature
- Literacy

**Notes**
The Middle School Health and Physical Education program is part of a coordinated developmental program from the early years to Year 12. Each stage in this compulsory subject forms the foundation for the next, and incorporates the practical areas of movement skills, game skills, gymnastics, dance, fitness and aquatics.

Students are provided with opportunities to develop skills, attitudes, knowledge and understanding which promote physical, social and emotional health immediately and in the long term.

The program promotes positive student attitudes towards physical activity. It offers students fun and enjoyment through participation in a wide range of activities. It helps students develop an awareness of their bodies and the need to use their leisure time effectively throughout their life.

The Health course considers the present and future wellbeing of our students. It addresses the knowledge, skills and attitudes which enable them to make decisions about a healthy lifestyle and minimising possible harm to themselves. With growing independence, young people need to be well informed and confident in order to make wise decisions. In this area, topics such as self esteem, personal values, goal setting and assertiveness are covered. A positive approach to lifestyle includes a consideration of nutrition, fitness, stress management, drugs, prevention of disease, etc. Social interactions such as friendships, peer pressure and relationships are studied, together with social responsibility in the community.

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**YEAR 6 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Course Length**  
One year

**Learning Outcomes**  
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- develops and modifies skills to improve performance;
- applies skills in game or competition situations;
- collaborates positively with others;
- undertakes various roles in group situations;
- understands the benefits of a healthy lifestyle;
- participates in class activities and discussions;
- analyses and reflects on health issues.

**Course Outline**  
In Year 6 the course covers topics such as Athletics, Crickids Program, Dance, Gymnastics, Indigenous Games, Large Ball Skills, Netball, Small Ball Skills and Swimming.

**Assessment**  
- Check lists
- Observation of game situations
- Demonstration of practical skills
- Small group and class discussion
- Written tasks
- Role plays

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**YEAR 7 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Course Length**  
One year

**Learning Outcomes**  
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- develops and modifies skills to improve performance;
- applies skills in game or competition situations;
- collaborates positively with others;
- undertakes various roles in group situations;
- understands the benefits of a healthy lifestyle;
- participates in class activities and discussions;
- analyses and reflects on health issues.

**Course Outline**  
In Year 7 the course covers Athletics, Camp Preparation, Creative Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Health, Mini Olympics, Fitness and Healthy Eating, Soccer, Swimming and Volleyball.

**Assessment**  
- Check lists
- Observation of game situations
- Demonstration of practical skills
- Small group and class discussion
- Written tasks
- Role plays
YEAR 8 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• develops and modifies skills to improve performance;
• applies skills in game or competition situations;
• collaborates positively with others;
• undertakes various roles in group situations;
• participates in class activities and discussions;
• analyses and reflects on health issues.

Course Outline
The Year 8 Health course addresses the knowledge, skills and attitudes which enable our students to make decisions about a healthy lifestyle and minimising possible harm to themselves. In this area, topics such as self esteem, personal values, goal setting and assertiveness are covered. A positive approach to lifestyle includes a consideration of nutrition and fitness. Sexual health and alcohol related issues are introduced.

The Year 8 Physical Education course consists of:
Athletics, Badminton, Camp Preparation, Cricket, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Softball, Swimming and Tennis.

Assessment
• Check lists
• Observation of game situations
• Demonstration of practical skills
• Small group and class discussion
• Written tasks
• Role plays

YEAR 9 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• develops and modifies skills to improve performance;
• applies skills in game or competition situations;
• collaborates positively with others;
• undertakes various roles in group situations;
• understands the benefits of a healthy lifestyle;
• participates in class activities and discussions;
• analyses and reflects on health issues.

Course Outline
The Year 9 course includes Australian Rules Football, Basketball, Camp Preparation, Dance, European Handball, Floor Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis and Touch Football.

The Year 9 Health course addresses the knowledge, skills and attitudes which enable our students to make decisions about a healthy lifestyle and minimising possible harm to themselves. In this area, topics such as assessing risks, problem solving, alcohol, sexual health and human relationships are covered. Identification of possible harm and ways of minimising risk in various situations are discussed. A positive approach to lifestyle includes a consideration of healthy eating, exercise and fitness. The course incorporates a variety of information and media studies to encourage discussion of personal values and the development of assertiveness in promoting wise, healthy lifestyle choices.

Assessment
• Check lists
• Observation of game situations
• Demonstration of practical skills
• Small group and class discussion
• Written tasks
• Role plays
Home Economics education has as its central focus the wellbeing of people in everyday living. It enables students to address challenges related to human development and the provision of commodities such as food and clothing. Home Economics education develops in students the ability to think critically and solve problems related to home and family life, as well as the paid workforce. Students manage resources and solve practical problems. In addition, students develop the ability to collect, organise and analyse information; to plan and organise activities; to work with others in teams and to use a range of technologies.

At Year 7 and 8 level students develop foundation practical skills in foods and textiles. This offers a sound basis from which to progress.

Home Economics at Year 9 level builds on these foundation skills as students begin to complete more group work and some individually negotiated practical tasks. Year 9 students hold a children’s party and, later in the year, put on a fashion parade for younger students. These events are highlights of the course for students.

**Course Length**

One semester

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, each student:

- manages equipment, resources and process materials;
- participates appropriately in the given task;
- produces items to the appropriate standard;
- demonstrates cooperative and communicative behaviours;
- evaluates within a practical process;
- implements safety and hygiene principles.

**Course Outline**

The course comprises one term of Food and Nutrition Studies and one term of Clothing and Textiles Studies.

In Food and Nutrition Studies students develop a range of introductory practical food preparation skills, as well as skills in organisation, time management and team work. Students repeat recipes and food skills for homework to consolidate their learning.

In Clothing and Textile Studies students are introduced to basic textiles and sewing machine skills. These skills are applied through the individual planning, construction and evaluation of a cushion cover.

**Assessment**

Assessment procedures to determine students’ understanding and achievement of the objectives will be continuous and use the following approaches:

- practical;
- process and technique recording;
- checklists;
- investigations/research;
- production sheet evaluation;
- note taking.
**YEAR 8 HOME ECONOMICS**

**Course Length**
One semester

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- manages equipment, resources and process materials;
- participates appropriately in the given task;
- demonstrates cooperative and communicative behaviours;
- evaluates within a practical process;
- implements safety and hygiene principles;
- produces products to the appropriate standard.

**Course Outline**

The course comprises one term of Food and Nutrition Studies and one term of Clothing and Textiles Studies.

In Food and Nutrition Studies students develop a range of practical food preparation skills, as well as skills in organisation, time management and team work. Students repeat recipes and food skills for homework to consolidate their learning.

In Clothing and Textile Studies students are introduced to textiles and sewing machine skills. These are applied through the individual planning, construction and evaluation of a bag.

**Assessment**

Assessment procedures to determine students’ understanding and achievement of the objectives will be continuous and use the following approaches:
- practical;
- process and technique recording;
- checklists;
- investigations/research;
- production sheet evaluation;
- note taking.

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**YEAR 9 HOME ECONOMICS**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- manages equipment, resources and process materials;
- implements safety and hygiene principles;
- participates appropriately in the given task;
- interprets recipes and utilises them to a given standard;
- researches and explores food products and their uses;
- applies knowledge and problem solving skills;
- evaluates within a practical process;
- produces items to the appropriate standard;
- interprets patterns and utilises them to a given standard;
- researches and explores textiles and their uses.

**Course Outline**

In Year 9 students can choose to continue with the study of Home Economics as an option subject. This study reinforces the basic skills and introduces more advanced skills in both Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles.

**Food and Nutrition — one semester**

There is a focus on nutrition throughout the semester. In one term students cover basic nutrition and prepare a range of delicious healthy meal options. The focus for the other term is on children’s parties. Students work in groups to plan and prepare a party.

**Clothing and Textiles — one semester**

Topics include stretch sewing and following a commercial pattern. Students construct a stretch dress and a kimono robe/dressing gown. Skills are developed in design, planning, constructions and evaluation.

**Assessment**

Assessment procedures to determine students’ understanding and achievement of the objectives will be continuous and use the following approaches:
- practical;
- process and technique recording;
- checklists;
- investigations/research;
- production sheet evaluation;
- note taking.
The primary focus of ICT throughout the early middle years (Years 6 and 7) is applying ICTs as tools in core subjects, to aid in the development of skills to be used across the curriculum. ICTs are used to enhance learning through managing and presenting information electronically. Students are supported to develop skills in the use of their personal devices and network resources and managing their data.

In Years 8 and 9 more specialised and advanced ICTs are promoted as tools for the documentation, presentation and effective communication of ideas and critical thinking. Throughout these years, the National Certificate 1* in ICT underpins many of the ICT topics. The Certificate is recognised nationally as the preparatory industry and tertiary education ICT qualification, providing students with skills to support further learning or work in any discipline — a qualification normally offered throughout Years 10 and 11. Some students may complete Certificate I by the end of Year 8 where extension work is successfully completed. However, for students who study ICT as an elective in Year 9, it is reasonably expected that Certificate I is completed and resulted toward the end of that year.

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**YEAR 6 ICT**

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**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*

- will be equipped with knowledge and skills in the application of computer systems (both hardware and software), together with the use of personal devices and the College network, that will enable her to incorporate ICT skills across the curriculum;
- develops skills of communication and information management.

**Course Outline**

ICT throughout Year 6 involves applying ICT as a tool in core subjects. In English, for example, desktop publishing is used for the presentation of creative writing. In Mathematics, spreadsheets are used to record and chart data. Through practical application, students develop ICT skills to be used across the curriculum.

Integrated topics (and associated software) studied throughout the year include:

- Data analysis and graphic with spreadsheets (Excel and/or Numbers)
- Information presentation via word processing (Word and/or Pages)
- Creative and informative presentations (PowerPoint and/or Keynote)
- Managing digital devices and data
- Knowledge of personal computers
- Managing network data and peripherals
- Typing accuracy and proficiency (Typequick and online tools)

**Assessment**

- Critiques
- Investigations, reviews and reports
- Skills outcomes checklists
- Worksheets
- Projects
- Tests
YEAR 7 ICT

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:

• will be equipped with knowledge and skills in the application of computer systems (both hardware and software), together with the use of networks that will enable her to incorporate ICT skills across the curriculum, encompassing data, information and digital media;
• develops her ability to use logical processes and critical analysis in problem solving through the use of ICTs;
• develops skills of communication and information management;
• develops her ability to make informed judgments about the uses of computers in society and the implications of their use.

Course Outline
ICT throughout Year 7 continues to build upon the use of ICT tools for the preparation and presentation of information. Students develop skills in the use of personal devices and network resources and managing their data. Students also employ a range of problem solving methods throughout the unit of programming and robotics.

Topics (and associated software) studied throughout the year include:
• Data manipulation and management with spreadsheets (Excel)
• Introduction to website planning and development (Dreamweaver)
• Information processing and publishing (Word)
• Multimedia presentations (Photostory)
• Digitisation of data including scanning and resizing of images
• Knowledge of personal computer systems and networks
• Robotics (Lego Mindstorms)
• Typing proficiency (Typequick and online tools)

Assessment
• Critiques
• Investigations, reviews and reports
• Skills outcomes checklists
• Worksheets
• Projects
• Tests

YEAR 8 ICT

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:

• develops knowledge and skills in the application of computer systems (both hardware and software);
• applies and integrates skills in the construction of digital presentations and products;
• develops her ability to use logical processes and critical analysis in problem solving;
• develops her ability to make informed judgments about the uses of computers in society and the implications of their use.

Information Technology is a tool for the documentation and effective communication of thinking, ideas and proposals. Students continue to develop word processing and typing skills. Use of presentation software, for multimedia and web formats, is revised and advanced techniques introduced. Students create and manipulate images using desktop publishing and animation software.

The National Certificate I in ICT* is commenced: skills are embedded throughout the Year 8 ICT course, based on the nationally recognised qualification framework normally offered explicitly or as embedded modules throughout Years 10 and 11. Some students may complete their Certificate 1 by the end of Year 8 where some extension tasks are undertaken and successfully completed. The opportunity to complete the Certificate is provided again through the elective study of Year 9 ICT.

Applications and associated skills taught include, but are not limited to:
• Word processing with Word 2010 (use of tables, layouts, text boxes, drawing, indents, tabs, textures and styles)
• Multimedia presentations with PowerPoint 2010 (text, imagery, video and sounds integrated through basic and advanced techniques to produce multimedia presentations)
• Graphic design and photo imagery using Photoshop and InDesign (cover designs for CD ROMs, brochures, layers, textures and styles)
• Focus on development of typing skills to facilitate work efficiency
• Effective and efficient use of a personal computer and associated peripherals
• Communication and secure searching on the internet and via email
• Use and management of digital devices

Course length: Two lessons per fortnightly cycle for the full year.

Assessment
• Critiques
• Investigations, reviews and reports
• Skills outcomes checklists
• Worksheets
• Projects and/or presentations
• Tests

* Offered in association with TAFE SA.
Course Length

One year

Learning Outcomes

In successfully completing this course, each student:

• develops knowledge and skills in the application of computer systems (both hardware and software);
• applies and integrates skills in the construction of digital presentations and products;
• develops her ability to use logical processes and critical analysis in problem solving;
• develops her ability to make informed judgments about the uses of computers in society and the implications of their use.

ICT in Year 9 focuses on practical uses of information technology in preparation for concurrent and future studies. Where possible, ICT projects are integrated with other curricular areas, such as Languages or Mathematics, to provide contextual and applied learning. An introductory unit on Computer Hardware explores hardware and software components of personal computers and enables students how to make thoughtful computer purchasing decisions. Students learn advanced word processing and spreadsheet skills. Touch typing proficiency is also improved and maintained. The students are introduced to the use of video editing processes, multimedia animation and web graphics applications.

For students who were unable to complete the National Certificate I in ICT (ICT11) by the end of Year 8, Semester 1 provides another opportunity for this to be finalised and resulted.

Applications, understanding and associated skills taught include, but are not limited to:

• Advanced word processing (Word 2010)
• Graphic design and photo imagery using Photoshop and InDesign
• Data analysis and presentation with spreadsheets (Excel 2010)
• Multimedia products (Flash animation with actionscript)
• Introduction to video editing and sound manipulation (Movie Maker and Audacity)
• Database functions for personal and business applications (Access 2010)
• Operate and understand personal computer systems, hardware, software and peripherals
• Use social media tools for collaboration and engagement
• Practices associated with occupational health and safety pertaining to working within an ICT environment
• Focus on further development of typing skills to facilitate work efficiency in Senior School

Assessment

Assessment consists of the following tasks:

• Practical projects or extended tasks
• Critiques
• Presentations
• Investigations and reports
• Worksheets
• Tests
Acquiring the ability to use language effectively is an essential part of any educational process. The enhancing effect of language learning on the intellectual and social development of students is seen in the potential it gives them to:

- communicate with other users of that language;
- increase their understanding of their first language and culture;
- expand their knowledge and approach tasks with new insights that are gained from the study of another language and culture;
- participate in the life of another culture and, through an understanding of what is specific to another language, gain a sense of the community of human experience;
- develop esteem for self and others through awareness of other languages and social issues related to the culture of that language.

In Years 6 and 7 all students study Chinese for one year. In Year 8, students make a choice of one language from Chinese and French.

YEAR 6 CHINESE

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:

- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends simple spoken Chinese;
- reads and understands selected texts;
- constructs short written texts from given models;
- recalls topic vocabulary;
- understands elementary linguistic structures;
- understands cultural concepts;
- uses a variety of sources/technologies to enhance learning.

Course Outline
Language topics covered include classroom communication, making first contacts, sharing personal information, expressing likes and dislikes, family and pets, daily life.

Cultural aspects covered are Chinese traditions and celebrations; Chinese code of politeness; food, music and cinema.

Structures
Key features of Chinese phonology, syllables and tones (represented in pinyin)
Introduction to the features of the Chinese character system
Action and modal verbs
Possessive and negative clauses
Placement and use of adverbs, connectives, conjunctions and subject pronouns

Activities include:
- listening exercises;
- conversations in small groups or with a partner;
- writing and reading exercises;
- online and cultural quizzes;
- grammar/vocabulary exercises;
- role plays;
- songs and drama activities;
- movie viewing;
- cooking.

Assessment
- role plays, interactions, oral presentations performed in class;
- listening tests;
- vocabulary tests;
- reading and comprehension tasks;
- open-ended written pieces (postcards, emails, letters, PowerPoints, cartoons, articles and books)
- projects on cultural topics;
- grammar tests.
YEAR 7 CHINESE

Course Length  One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends simple spoken Chinese;
- reads and understands selected texts;
- constructs short written texts from given models;
- recalls topic vocabulary;
- understands elementary linguistic structures;
- understands cultural concepts;
- uses a variety of sources/technologies to enhance learning.

Course Outline
Language topics covered include classroom communication, making first contacts, sharing personal information, expressing likes and dislikes, family and pets, daily life.

Cultural aspects covered are Chinese traditions and celebrations; Chinese code of politeness; food, music and cinema.

Structures
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Introduction to the features of the Chinese character system
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- role plays, interactions, oral presentations performed in class;
- listening tests;
- vocabulary tests;
- reading and comprehension tasks;
- open-ended written pieces (postcards, emails, letters, PowerPoints, cartoons, articles and books);
- projects on cultural topics;
- grammar tests.

YEAR 8 CHINESE

Course Length  One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends simple spoken Chinese;
- reads and understands selected texts;
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- songs and drama activities;
- movie viewing;
- cooking.

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- role plays, interactions, oral presentations performed in class;
- listening tests;
- vocabulary tests;
- reading and comprehension tasks;
- open-ended written pieces (postcards, emails, letters, PowerPoints, cartoons, articles and books);
- projects on cultural topics;
- grammar tests.
### YEAR 8 FRENCH

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends simple spoken French;
- reads and understands selected texts;
- constructs short written texts from given models;
- recalls topic vocabulary;
- understands elementary linguistic structures;
- understands cultural concepts;
- uses a variety of sources/technologies to enhance learning.

**Course Outline**

**Course Book:** *Tapis Volant 1* (textbook, workbook, audio CDs).

Language topics covered include:
- Classroom communication, making first contacts, fashion and styles, family and friends,
- Physical descriptions and personality traits, expressing likes and dislikes, school life and leisure activities, meals and housing.

Cultural aspects covered are:
- French speaking countries; French code of politeness; French school and family life, housing, meals, fashion, music and cinema.

Structures covered are:
- Verbs ending in “er”, “ir” and “re”, essential irregular verbs, direct and indirect articles, prepositions, adjectives.

Activities include:
- Listening exercises;
- Conversations in small groups or with a partner;
- Writing and reading exercises;
- Online and cultural quizzes;
- Grammar/vocabulary exercises;
- Role plays.
- Songs and drama activities
- Movie viewing
- Cooking

**Assessment**
- Role plays, interactions performed in class;
- Listening tests;
- Vocabulary tests;
- Reading and comprehension tasks;
- Open-ended written pieces (PowerPoints, emails, letters, play scripts, cartoons, magazines and books);
- Projects on cultural topics;
- Grammar tests.

### YEAR 9 FRENCH

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- Communicates orally within specific contexts;
- Comprehends and responds to simple spoken French;
- Reads and understands selected texts;
- Constructs short written texts;
- Recalls and utilises appropriate vocabulary;
- Understands selected linguistic structures;
- Understands cultural concepts;
- Uses a variety of sources/technologies to enhance learning.

**Course Outline**

**Course Book:** *Tapis Volant 1 and 2* (textbook, workbook, audio CDs).

The Year 9 course builds on topics and structures learned in Year 8. Language structures include:
- The near future, and the past (passé composé), irregular verbs, reflexive verbs, object pronoun, time expressions, negative and interrogative structures.

Language topics covered include:
- Shopping and outings, holidays and travel, work and entertainment;
- Cultural aspects of life in a French city, Paris;
- Shops and restaurants in France;
- French youth, their interests and hobbies;
- French music and cinema.

Structures covered are:
- Verbs ending in “er”, “ir” and “re”, essential irregular verbs, direct and indirect articles, prepositions, adjectives.

Activities include:
- Listening exercises;
- Conversations in small groups or with a partner;
- Writing and reading exercises;
- Online and cultural quizzes;
- Grammar/vocabulary exercises;
- Role plays.
- Songs and drama activities
- Movie viewing
- Cooking

**Assessment**
- Role plays and interactions performed in class;
- Listening tests;
- Vocabulary tests;
- Reading and comprehension tasks;
- Open-ended written pieces (PowerPoints, e-mails, letters, play scripts, cartoons, magazines and books);
- Projects on cultural topics;
- Grammar tests.
**YEAR 9 GERMAN**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends and responds to simple spoken German;
- reads and understands selected texts;
- constructs short written texts;
- recalls and utilises appropriate vocabulary;
- understands selected linguistic structures;
- understands cultural concepts;
- uses a variety of sources/technologies to enhance learning.

**Course Outline**

Course book: *Ganz Genau*, textbook and workbook.

The Year 9 course builds on topics and structures learnt in Year 8. Students develop their oral, comprehension and writing skills and further extend their cultural awareness. Topics include: sports, leisure time, holidays, traveling, earning and spending money, clothes, food and home life. Students learn about other German speaking countries and youth culture in Germany. Structures include the cases, accusative pronouns, dative prepositions and some case endings, irregular verbs and the perfect tense. Authentic resources are used where possible. Multimedia and ICTs are an integral part of the course at this level.

Activities include:
- listening exercises;
- conversation in pairs/small groups;
- reading short articles and stories;
- viewing movies;
- projects;
- writing dialogue and short texts;
- grammar and vocabulary exercises.

**Assessment**
The four major skill areas, i.e. listening, speaking, reading and writing, are reflected in the assessment.

Tasks include:
- conversation, role plays;
- projects;
- letter writing, writing stories, cartoon stories, children's books;
- extracting information, summarising information;
- vocabulary and grammar tests.

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**YEAR 9 JAPANESE**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- communicates orally within specific contexts;
- comprehends and responds to simple spoken Japanese;
- reads and writes hiragana, katakana and some kanji;
- constructs short written texts from given models in Japanese;
- recalls and utilises topic vocabulary;
- understands elementary linguistic structures;
- understands cultural concepts;
- uses a variety of sources and technologies to enhance learning.

**Course Outline**

Course book: *litomo 2*

The course extends Year 8 Japanese conversational skills, introduces the katakana script, more kanji characters and continues to enhance cultural awareness through various cultural activities.

In Year 9 the following topics are covered: daily activities, school, days and dates, hobbies and interests, manga, body parts and birthdays. More complex linguistic structures, including the past tense and the use of adjectives are introduced. Students also explore popular culture and cultural trends and Japanese traditional sports, activities and interests. Upon completion of Year 9, students will be comfortable using the first Japanese script, hiragana, will have a working knowledge of the second Japanese script, katakana, and will have also increased the number of kanji characters that they can read and write.

**Assessment**

Assessment tasks include:
- oral presentations;
- vocabulary and grammar tests;
- reading and writing tests;
- worksheets and projects on cultural topics;
- listening comprehension tasks.
Learning mathematics creates opportunities for and enriches the lives of all Australians. Mathematics provides students with essential mathematical skills and knowledge in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. It develops the numeracy capabilities that all students need in their personal, work and civic life, and provides the fundamentals on which mathematical specialties and professional applications of mathematics are built.

Mathematics aims to instil in students an appreciation of the elegance and power of mathematical reasoning. Mathematical ideas have evolved across all cultures over thousands of years, and are constantly developing. Digital technologies are facilitating this expansion of ideas and providing access to new tools for continuing mathematical exploration and invention. The curriculum focuses on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills. These capabilities enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations by employing mathematical strategies to make informed decisions and solve problems efficiently.

Mathematics in the Middle School aims to ensure that students:

- are confident, creative users and communicators of mathematics, able to investigate, represent and interpret situations in their personal and work lives and as active citizens
- develop an increasingly sophisticated understanding of mathematical concepts and fluency with processes, and are able to pose and solve problems and reason
- recognise connections between the areas of mathematics and other disciplines and appreciate mathematics as an accessible and enjoyable discipline to study.

Middle School Mathematics is organised around the interaction of three Content strands and four Proficiency strands.

The Content strands are Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. They describe what is to be taught and learnt.

**Number and Algebra**

Number and Algebra are developed together, as each enriches the study of the other. Students apply number sense and strategies for counting and representing numbers. They explore the magnitude and properties of numbers. They apply a range of strategies for computation and understand the connections between operations. They recognise patterns and understand the concepts of variable and function. They build on their understanding of the number system to describe relationships and formulate generalisations. They recognise equivalence and solve equations and inequalities. They apply their number and algebra skills to conduct investigations, solve problems and communicate their reasoning.

**Measurement and Geometry**

Measurement and Geometry are presented together to emphasise their relationship to each other, enhancing their practical relevance. Students develop an increasingly sophisticated understanding of size, shape, relative position and movement of two-dimensional figures in the plane and three-dimensional objects in space. They investigate properties and apply their understanding of them to define, compare and construct figures and objects. They learn to develop geometric arguments. They make meaningful measurements of quantities, choosing appropriate metric units of measurement. They build an understanding of the connections between units and calculate derived measures such as area, speed and density.

**Statistics and Probability**

Statistics and Probability initially develop in parallel and the curriculum then progressively builds the links between them. Students recognise and analyse data and draw inferences. They represent, summarise and interpret data and undertake purposeful investigations involving the collection and interpretation of data. They assess likelihood and assign probabilities using experimental and theoretical approaches. They develop an increasingly sophisticated ability to critically evaluate chance and data concepts and make reasoned judgments and decisions, as well as building skills to critically evaluate statistical information and develop intuitions about data.

The Proficiency strands are Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving, and Reasoning. They describe how content is explored or developed, that is, the thinking and doing of mathematics.
Understanding
Students build a robust knowledge of adaptable and transferable mathematical concepts. They make connections between related concepts and progressively apply the familiar to develop new ideas. They develop an understanding of the relationship between the ‘why’ and the ‘how’ of mathematics. Students build understanding when they connect related ideas, when they represent concepts in different ways, when they identify commonalities and differences between aspects of content, when they describe their thinking mathematically and when they interpret mathematical information.

Fluency
Students develop skills in choosing appropriate procedures, carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently and appropriately, and recalling factual knowledge and concepts readily. Students are fluent when they calculate answers efficiently, when they recognise robust ways of answering questions, when they choose appropriate methods and approximations, when they recall definitions and regularly use facts, and when they can manipulate expressions and equations to find solutions.

Problem Solving
Students develop the ability to make choices, interpret, formulate, model and investigate problem situations, and communicate solutions effectively. Students formulate and solve problems when they use mathematics to represent unfamiliar or meaningful situations, when they design investigations and plan their approaches, when they apply their existing strategies to seek solutions, and when they verify that their answers are reasonable.

Reasoning
Students develop an increasingly sophisticated capacity for logical thought and actions, such as analysing, proving, evaluating, explaining, inferring, justifying and generalising. Students are reasoning mathematically when they explain their thinking, when they deduce and justify strategies used and conclusions reached, when they adapt the known to the unknown, when they transfer learning from one context to another, when they prove that something is true or false and when they compare and contrast related ideas and explain their choices.

Course length
One year

Learning Requirements
In this subject, students are expected to demonstrate:
• Understanding
• Fluency
• Problem Solving
• Reasoning

Course Outline
Topics covered, as described by the Australian Curriculum, include:
• Number and Algebra (Number and place value, Fractions and decimals, Money and financial mathematics, Patterns and algebra)
• Measurement and Geometry (Using units of measurement, Shape, Location and transformation, Geometric reasoning)
• Statistics and Probability (Chance, Data representation and interpretation)

Assessment
• Tests
• Investigations

Structure of classes
Students will study Mathematics in their form classes. Depending on the needs of the cohort, some students may be withdrawn in small groups to study a greater number and variety of extension and problem solving activities than those covered within the core Mathematics class.
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**YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS**

Course length  
One year

Learning Requirements
In this subject, students are expected to demonstrate:
• Understanding
• Fluency
• Problem Solving
• Reasoning

Course Outline
Topics covered, as described by the Australian Curriculum, include:
• Number and Algebra (Real numbers, Money and financial mathematics, Patterns and algebra, Linear and non-linear relationships)
• Measurement and Geometry (Using units of measurement, Geometric reasoning, Pythagoras and trigonometry)
• Statistics and Probability (Chance, Data representation and interpretation)

Assessment
• Tests
• Investigations

Structure of classes
Students will study Mathematics in like-ability groups.

**YEAR 9 MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS**

Course length  
One year

Learning Requirements
In this subject, students are expected to demonstrate:
• Understanding
• Fluency
• Problem Solving
• Reasoning

Course Outline
Topics covered, as described by the Australian Curriculum, include:
• Number and Algebra (Number and place value, Real numbers, Money and financial mathematics, Patterns and algebra, Linear and non-linear relationships)
• Measurement and Geometry (Using units of measurement, Shape, Geometric reasoning, Location and transformation, Pythagoras and trigonometry)
• Statistics and Probability (Chance, Data representation and interpretation)

Topics covered will be chosen from Years 6 – 9 Mathematics content in accordance with the needs of the students in the Mathematical Applications class.

Assessment
• Tests
• Investigations

Structure of class
Entry to the Mathematical Applications class is based on teacher recommendation, together with consultation between parents, the Head of Mathematics and the Director of Studies.
**Drama**
Drama allows students to engage with and understand the world around them. It enables them to develop communication skills and the ability to relate to and empathise with a wide range of people. Students explore basic stagecraft, performance and ensemble skills in Year 7. Year 8 students build upon dramatic elements introduced in Year 7, developing their skills in characterisation, technical theatre and play writing. In Year 9 the emphasis shifts to scripted drama. Students learn how to analyse, prepare and rehearse for acting, stage management, technical and design roles. A knowledge of theatrical history and practitioners is developed through research and practical workshops.

**Music**
Music provides a rich source of self-expression, artistic fulfilment and enjoyment for students. Active involvement in music fosters creativity, sensitivity, discipline and commitment. It encourages teamwork and cohesiveness and provides students with skills for life.

The Middle School Music program encourages students to enjoy and value music and develops a broad understanding and appreciation of music through a range of activities in performing, listening and creating. Students develop technical and musical skills as performers, written and oral skills in expressing ideas about music and theoretical and creative skills. In Years 6–8, girls have a variety of backgrounds and experience and we offer enjoyable, experiential courses with an emphasis on performance. Year 9 Music is a choice subject that requires all members of the class to be either starting or continuing with studies on an instrument, and involved in a cocurricular performance group.

**Year 7 Drama**

**Course Length**
One semester

**Learning Outcomes**
In successfully completing this course, each student:
- investigates and discusses a range of subjects relating to direct experience and wider issues;
- works cooperatively and effectively within groups;
- develops an independent approach to problem solving;
- understands and develops non-verbal and verbal communication skills;
- exercises and expands the imagination;
- develops a range of performance and design skills;
- performs for audiences of peers, enhancing personal confidence;
- develops critical faculties;
- gains understanding and enjoyment of theatre as a practitioner and as an informed audience member.

**Course Outline**
The main content areas are:
- a study of basic stagecraft including the areas of the stage, voice production, masking, tableaux and playmaking;
- technical theatre: basic programming and setting lights, sound and music enhancement, props, sets and costumes;
- dance-drama and rehearsed improvisation.

**Assessment**
Assessment tasks include:
- worksheets and written projects;
- participation in discussion and group work;
- workshops;
- public performances.
YEAR 8 DRAMA

Course Length  One semester

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• investigates and discusses a range of subjects relating to direct experience and wider issues;
• works cooperatively and effectively within groups;
• develops an independent approach to problem solving;
• understands and develops non-verbal and verbal communication skills;
• exercises and expands the imagination;
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• performs for audiences of peers, enhancing personal confidence;
• develops critical faculties;
• gains understanding and enjoyment of theatre as a practitioner and as an informed audience member.

Course Outline
The main content areas are:
• a study of intermediate stage craft including blocking, voice production, character development and playmaking;
• technical theatre: intermediate programming and setting lights, sound and music enhancement, props, sets and costumes;
• rehearsed improvisation.

Assessment
Assessment tasks include:
• worksheets and written projects;
• participation in discussion and group work;
• workshops;
• public performances.

YEAR 9 DRAMA

Course Length  One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• undertakes an acting, directing, technical or backstage role;
• explores dance, puppetry and film to enhance performance;
• investigates a non-acting aspect of performance;
• researches physical theatre to devise a performance.

Course Outline
The main content areas are:
• a study of Stanislavsky and the application of his system in character development;
• physical theatre: its development over the years and its current use in contemporary theatre;
• children's theatre: how to devise and perform engaging and educational theatre for young children;
• Greek theatre;
• duologues;
• group productions.

Assessment
Assessment tasks include:
• various forms of written analysis;
• participation in discussion and group work;
• workshops;
• public performances.
**Year 6 Music**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*

- understands basic theoretical concepts in written music;
- demonstrates advancing music reading skills;
- participates effectively in choral singing;
- performs accurately on drum kit, keyboard and tuned percussion instruments;
- shows an understanding of the sounds, styles and structures of varied types of music;
- shows creative skills in organising sounds into compositions or performances.

**Course Outline**

This course has an emphasis on teaching musical skills through a progressive range of enjoyable performance activities. Students who wish to are encouraged to take up private instrumental lessons on an orchestral or band instrument to complement the classroom music program. Areas covered in the course include:

- **Instrumental Performance**
  
  All students develop skills on keyboards, tuned percussion instruments and drums. Those learning an orchestral or band instrument are encouraged to use it in class and to contribute to cocurricular ensembles.

- **Choral Singing**

  A range of enjoyable pieces in popular styles is learned and vocal and performance skills are systematically developed.

- **Music Reading and Writing**

- **Aural Development and Sight Reading**

- **Creative Activities**

- **Music Technology**

  Using computers for building musical skills and composition projects. Students use *Music Ace*, working through enjoyable graded multimedia exercises to build aural and theoretical skills.

- **Listening and Music Appreciation**

  A range of activities and musical styles is covered including classical, jazz, contemporary and music of other cultures.

**Assessment**

- Written and aural tests
- Solo and group performances
- Oral presentations
- Research projects
- Creative projects incorporating the use of computer technology

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**Year 7 Music**

**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*

- understands basic theoretical concepts in written music;
- demonstrates advancing music reading skills;
- performs accurately on drum kit, keyboard and tuned percussion instruments;
- shows an understanding of the sounds, styles and structures of varied types of music;
- shows creative skills in organising sounds into compositions or performances.

**Course Outline**

This course has an emphasis on teaching musical skills through a progressive range of enjoyable performance activities. Students who wish to are encouraged to take up private instrumental lessons on an orchestral or band instrument to complement the classroom music program. Areas covered in the course include:

- **Instrumental Performance**

  All students develop skills on keyboards, tuned percussion instruments and drums. Those learning an orchestral or band instrument are encouraged to use it in class and to contribute to cocurricular ensembles.

- **Music Reading and Writing**

- **Aural Development and Sight Reading**

- **Creative Activities**

- **Music Technology**

  Students cover the more advanced modules of *Music Ace*, to build aural and theoretical skills and use *Acid Music* for creative compositions.

- **Listening and Music Appreciation**

  A range of activities and musical styles is covered including classical, jazz, contemporary and music of other cultures.

**Assessment**

- Written and aural tests
- Solo and group performances
- Oral presentations
- Research projects
- Creative projects incorporating the use of computer technology
YEAR 8 MUSIC

Course Length
One semester

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• understands basic theoretical concepts in written music;
• demonstrates advancing music reading skills;
• performs accurately on drum kit, keyboard and tuned percussion instruments;
• shows an understanding of the sounds, styles and structures of varied types of music;
• shows creative skills in organising sounds into compositions or performances.

Course Outline
This course has an emphasis on teaching musical skills through a progressive range of enjoyable performance activities. Students who wish to are encouraged to take up private instrumental lessons on an orchestral or band instrument to complement the classroom music program. Areas covered in the course include:

• Instrumental Performance
  All students develop skills on keyboards, tuned percussion instruments and drums. Those learning an orchestral or band instrument are encouraged to use it in class and to contribute to curricular ensembles.

• Music Reading and Writing

• Aural Development and Sight Reading

• Creative Activities

• Music Technology
  Using computers for building musical skills and composition projects. Students undertake projects using the music notation program Sibelius to create a contemporary style composition. They learn to use Acid Music, a creative composition tool using prerecorded loops to create professional sounding pieces in a variety of contemporary styles including jazz, hip hop, ambient music and World Music.

• Listening and Music Appreciation
  A range of activities and musical styles is covered including classical, jazz, contemporary and music of other cultures.

Assessment
• Written and aural tests
• Solo and group performances
• Oral presentations
• Research projects
• Creative projects incorporating the use of computer technology

YEAR 9 MUSIC

Course Length
One year

Students must be currently undertaking or prepared to begin weekly lessons on an instrument.

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• has the ability to perform confidently in a variety of musical styles;
• has a good understanding of theory concepts relevant to the music they hear and play;
• demonstrates advancing music reading skills;
• is able to working productively in ensembles;
• shows an understanding of the sounds, styles and structures of varied types of music;
• has an understanding and appreciation of the role of music in our society and other cultures;
• shows developing written and oral skills in expressing ideas about music;
• demonstrates more sophisticated skills in organising sounds into creative compositions and arrangements.

Course Outline
All Year 9 Music students must contribute to one of the school’s ensembles or choirs. Because all girls in this course are developing their musical literacy and performing skills through weekly instrumental lessons, they are able to make more rapid progress and cover a much wider range of enjoyable activities than in previous Middle School years. Practical performing activity is again the central element in all music learning. This course develops further the activities covered in the Year 6 – 8 courses but, in addition, begins to introduce more advanced topics, including:

• Harmony and Music Theory
  With an emphasis on developing skills that will enable students to create their own music and appreciate that of others. Grade 1 and 2 AMEB theory are covered in addition to other concepts more relevant to contemporary music.

• Improvisation, Composition and Arranging
  Including jazz and different styles of popular music.

• Score Reading and Studies of Musical Styles
  Listening, music appreciation and historical studies including a unit on Jazz History.

• Project Work

• Music Technology
  Using computers for composing, arranging for a variety of instruments, and multimedia projects. Software used includes Sibelius, Acid Music and Garage Band.

Assessment
• Written and aural tests
• Contribution to group performances
• Oral presentations
• Research projects
• Performances in front of an audience
• Creative projects incorporating the use of computer technology
The Outdoor Education program aims to use the outdoors to develop in students an understanding and an appreciation of the natural environment and the need for its conservation. Students develop knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for survival in a range of outdoor recreation activities that have minimal impact on the environment. The Outdoor Education program also aims to provide students with a range of opportunities to discover and develop their own potential. Through carefully facilitated wilderness-based activities and guided discovery learning, the program equips students with the attitudes, life skills and inner strength that can lead them to greater achievement and well being back at school. The students are encouraged to work effectively within a small group fostering responsibility, resilience and cooperation.

The program consists of a series of compulsory camps in the Year 6 to 10 curriculum providing a sequential and positive experience through a variety of challenges. The Year 6, 7 and 8 camps are three days’ duration and the Year 9 and 10 camps are five days’ duration. Camp preparation is taught in conjunction with the Physical Education program and in pastoral care sessions.

### Course Length
The Year 6 camp is three days’ duration. There are various preparation times allocated prior to the camps.

### Learning Outcomes
- to provide students with positive experiences and enjoyment through a varied outdoor education program;
- to develop in students a diversity of outdoor education skills, understanding and knowledge, through exposure to different environments;
- to increase opportunities of socialisation amongst students, within form groups, as well as with their form teachers;
- to provide students with opportunities for personal challenge, both physically and mentally, in an outdoor setting;
- to enhance each student’s awareness and appreciation of the beauty of our environment and the need to preserve it;
- to develop skills related to self sufficiency, organisation and responsibility in the outdoors;
- to learn skills related to working in a group, i.e. tolerance, cooperation, understanding, sharing duties and support for individuals and group goals.

### Course Outline
The three day Year 6 Outdoor Education experience, held at Aldinga, focuses on three main themes: Aboriginal Studies, Coastal Ecology and Group Work Skills. Students are given the opportunity to share and participate in a number of traditional skills and to experience unique aspects of Indigenous culture. Activities include wiltja building, dreaming trails, traditional cooking and hunting methods, boomerang painting and discovering medicinal and food plants in the Aldinga Scrub. The coastal ecology focus looks at shallow water marine life and the impact of humans and wind on our fragile coast line. Group work skills, communication and cooperation challenges and initiatives are an important aspect of this experience.

### Assessment
Personal growth activities and group tasks are designed to challenge the students and to complement their classroom studies. Emphasis is placed on students negotiating roles and developing their resilience, confidence, cooperation skills, independence and responsibility for their actions. An informal assessment involving teacher observation and student feedback is used to determine the degree of attainment of the stated aims. The Outdoor Education camps are assessed as part of the overall Physical Education program.
**YEAR 7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

**Course Length**
The Year 7 camp is three days’ duration. There are various preparation times allocated prior to the camps.

**Learning Outcomes**
- to provide students with positive experiences and enjoyment through a varied outdoor education program;
- to develop in students a diversity of outdoor education skills, understanding and knowledge, through exposure to different environments;
- to increase opportunities of socialisation amongst students, within form groups, as well as with their form teachers;
- to provide students with opportunities for personal challenge, both physically and mentally, in an outdoor setting;
- to enhance each student’s awareness and appreciation of the beauty of our environment and the need to preserve it;
- to develop skills related to self sufficiency, organisation and responsibility in the outdoors;
- to learn skills related to working in a group, ie. tolerance, cooperation, understanding, sharing duties and support for individuals and group goals.

At Year 7 the program aims to introduce students to lightweight camping and a range of outdoor recreation activities. Through preparation sessions in Physical Education classes and a three day camp, students are introduced to camping in tents, using a lightweight stove, mountain bike riding, abseiling, surfing, body boarding, kayaking, group living skills, personal and group safety and minimal impact practices. The Year 7 camp is held at Victor Harbor and surrounding areas.

**Assessment**
Personal growth activities and group tasks are designed to challenge the students and to complement their classroom studies. Emphasis is placed on students negotiating roles and developing their resilience, confidence, cooperation skills, independence and responsibility for their actions. An informal assessment involving teacher observation and student feedback is used to determine the degree of attainment of the stated aims. The Outdoor Education camps are assessed as part of the overall Physical Education program.

**YEAR 8 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

**Course Length**
The Year 8 camp is three days’ duration. There are various preparation times allocated prior to the camps.

**Learning Outcomes**
- to provide students with positive experiences and enjoyment through a varied outdoor education program;
- to develop in students a diversity of outdoor education skills, understanding and knowledge, through exposure to different environments;
- to increase opportunities of socialisation amongst students, within form groups, as well as with their form teachers;
- to provide students with opportunities for personal challenge, both physically and mentally, in an outdoor setting;
- to enhance each student’s awareness and appreciation of the beauty of our environment and the need to preserve it;
- to develop skills related to self sufficiency, organisation and responsibility in the outdoors;
- to learn skills related to working in a group, ie. tolerance, cooperation, understanding, sharing duties and support for individuals and group goals.

The Year 8 Aquatics Camp is held at the Murraylands Aquatic and River Study Centre, Murray Bridge. This is a three day program aimed at providing students with opportunities to further develop a range of skills, gain positive experiences and an understanding of water safety knowledge, survival activities and rescue procedures. Activities undertaken include canoeing, water skiing, knee boarding, rowing, kayaking, sailing, sail boarding, small boat handling, and the students cook a meal on a lightweight stove.

**Assessment**
Personal growth activities and group tasks are designed to challenge the students and to complement their classroom studies. Emphasis is placed on students negotiating roles and developing their resilience, confidence, cooperation skills, independence and responsibility for their actions. An informal assessment involving teacher observation and student feedback is used to determine the degree of attainment of the stated aims. The Outdoor Education camps are assessed as part of the overall Physical Education program.
**YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

**Course Length**  
The Year 9 camp is five days’ duration. There are various preparation times allocated prior to the camp.

**Learning Outcomes**
- to provide students with positive experiences and enjoyment through a varied outdoor education program;
- to develop in students a diversity of outdoor education skills, understanding and knowledge, through exposure to different environments;
- to increase opportunities of socialisation amongst students, within form groups, as well as with their form teachers;
- to provide students with opportunities for personal challenge, both physically and mentally, in an outdoor setting;
- to enhance each student’s awareness and appreciation of the beauty of our environment and the need to preserve it;
- to develop skills related to self sufficiency, organisation and responsibility in the outdoors;
- to learn skills related to working in a group, ie. tolerance, cooperation, understanding, sharing duties and support for individuals and group goals.

The Year 9 camp is a week at the Scotts Creek Outdoor Education Centre, Morgan. The two objectives of the camp are to learn:

- paddling techniques, rescue procedures and drills, plus equipment and packing requirements, in order to prepare students for a short canoeing expedition and overnight camping in tents and trangia cooking;
- basic climbing and safety techniques in preparation for their participation in the high ropes course.

The camp also provides students with opportunities to further develop their skills in problem solving, leadership and initiative, through a range of facilitated group dynamic activities.

**Assessment**
Personal growth activities and group tasks are designed to challenge the students and to complement their classroom studies. Emphasis is placed on students negotiating roles and developing their resilience, confidence, cooperation skills, independence and responsibility for their actions. An informal assessment involving teacher observation and student feedback is used to determine the degree of attainment of the stated aims. The Outdoor Education camps are assessed as part of the overall Physical Education program.
Competitive sport at Seymour College operates in the context of the overall curriculum offering of the school. Sport is seen as an extension and enrichment of Physical Education and it is promoted as an important and desirable activity within the total program of the school.

Through the school sports program students learn and consolidate skills, apply skills and knowledge in group situations, develop an understanding of game strategies and rules, evaluate their own performance and learn to appreciate the value of their own involvement. Ability is tested through competition, and the values of good sportsmanship and cooperative learning are encouraged. The inherent rewards for students are considerable in terms of their physical health, social development and emotional wellbeing. In addition to this, effort and excellence are strongly promoted and publicly recognised.

Intraschool Sport is offered to girls from Preparatory to Year 12. The extent of their involvement is determined by their age and interest level. Activities include Swimming Carnivals, Sports Day and Clash of the Clans.

The main objectives of the sport program include:
• enjoyment through active participation;
• consolidation and extension of skills;
• development of team/class/clan loyalty;
• acquisition of good sportsmanship and fair play.

YEARS 6 – YEAR 12 SPORT

Interschool Sport
Students from Years 4 to 12 are eligible to participate in this program. It allows them to select from a wide range of activities, varying from individual sports to team games. Girls of all abilities are catered for through competitive, but supportive, situations.

While achieving success in competition is an important part of sport at Seymour, emphasis is placed on a commitment to the team, and trying one’s best, as we encourage students of all ages and abilities to investigate and try new sports.

The interschool program includes:

Years 6 to 12
- Athletics
- Netball
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Softball
- Cricket
- Swimming
- Cross Country
- Tennis
- Equestrian (all years)
- Triathlon (Years 8 – 12)
- Hockey
- Volleyball
- Lacrosse
- Water Polo (Years 8 – 12)

Additional Programs

Gymnastics Program
Seymour College offers an accredited gymnastics program. Sessions are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for girls in Reception to Year 12 and the requirement is for a year long commitment to one training per week. Girls work towards their levels in gymnastics under the guidelines of Gymnastics Australia with fully qualified instructors. For any further information (including program costs), please contact Ms Glenda Green.

Rowing
Rowing is a cocurricular activity that requires a large commitment by both students and parents. Pre season training begins in third term for interested Year 8 – 11 students. There is a “Come and Try” offered during third term for new rowers. Saturday regattas commence in fourth term and culminate in first term of the following year with Head of the River which is a very exciting event. Girls are expected to attend all regattas and training camps as well as three to five training sessions a week. A levy will be charged per season to cover registration and membership costs. The “Friends of Rowing” are a very active association of parents who help to support rowing activities. For any further information, please contact the school.
The Religious and Values Education program in the Middle School aims to introduce and explore the five strands stipulated by the RAVE (Religious and Values Education) model. The five strands are: World Religions, Ethics and Values, Silence and Stillness, Philosophy of Religion, and Biblical and Christian Tradition. A key assumption underlying the ‘Five Strands’ approach is that ideas or beliefs are not imposed on students. Rather, religious faith is seen as a result of a personal quest where the journey itself is of central importance. Students are encouraged to value the search for truth and meaning, be tolerant of alternative viewpoints and be willing to listen to opinions different from their own. This approach fosters open minded questioning which is essential to personal and spiritual growth. The main focus during Years 6 and 7 is to introduce students to the five strands, as well as to Australian values and our place in a global context. In Year 8, students focus on Hinduism, Buddhism and the Old Testament. The Year 9 course focuses on a comparative study of the Abrahamic religions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

**YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS AND VALUES EDUCATION**

**Course Length**  
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, each student:

- acquires knowledge and understanding of the five strands of the RAVE program;
- develops a connection between the five strands and the concepts taught;
- demonstrates an understanding of the concepts covered;
- contributes to the learning program.

**Course Outline**

- An introduction to the RAVE program including the five strands
- An introduction to the Bible
- Beauty
- An introduction to Asian religions
- Women of the Bible
- Christian festivals

**Assessment**

- Participation in group and class activities
- Written tasks and assignments
- Oral presentations

**YEAR 7 RELIGIOUS AND VALUES EDUCATION**

**Course Length**  
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, each student:

- acquires knowledge and understanding of the five strands of the RAVE program;
- develops a connection between the five strands and the concepts taught;
- demonstrates an understanding of the concepts covered;
- communicates an understanding of values education;
- contributes to the learning program.

**Course Outline**

- An introduction to the RAVE program including the five strands
- Values and beliefs in Australia and elsewhere
- Peace and conflict
- Abrahamic religions
- Christian festivals

**Assessment**

Assessment is based on participation in group and class activities, written tasks and assignments and oral presentations.
**YEAR 8 RELIGIOUS AND VALUES EDUCATION**

Course Length  One year

Learning Outcomes

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- is able to discuss religious matters in an objective fashion;
- gains understanding of the religions of Hinduism and Buddhism;
- acquires knowledge and understanding of key characters and themes of the Old Testament.

Course Outline

- An introductory study of Hinduism and Buddhism.
- An overall view of the events and main characters of the Old Testament.

Assessment

Assessment tasks include short answer responses, charts, comprehension tasks, illustrations, poster making.

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**YEAR 9 RELIGIOUS AND VALUES EDUCATION**

Course Length  One year

Learning Outcomes

*In successfully completing this course, each student:*
- acquires knowledge and understanding of key aspects of Islam, Christianity and Judaism;
- is able to discuss religious matters in an objective fashion;
- understands how people's faith can affect the way they live their lives;
- understands the role of faith, multiculturalism and tolerance in contemporary Australia.

Course Outline

A comparative study of Islam, Christianity and Judaism: students explore beliefs, origins, sacred texts, rituals and symbols and their significance within the daily life of each faith community.

An examination of each of these leads to a deeper understanding of the beliefs and practices studied, which promotes tolerance and peace in the wider community.

Assessment

Assessment tasks include short answer responses, research and an oral presentation.
Our Science curriculum incorporates the Australian Curriculum, with Middle School Science providing students with a foundation for their Senior School studies in Science.

Science provides an empirical way of answering interesting and important questions about the biological, physical and technological world. The knowledge it produces has proved to be a reliable basis for action in our personal, social and economic lives. Science is a dynamic, collaborative and creative human endeavour arising from our desire to make sense of our world through exploring the unknown, investigating universal mysteries, making predictions and solving problems. Science aims to understand a large number of observations in terms of a much smaller number of broad principles. Science knowledge is contestable and is revised, refined and extended as new evidence arises.

Science provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of important science concepts and processes, the practices used to develop scientific knowledge, of science’s contribution to our culture and society, and its applications in our lives. The curriculum supports students to develop the scientific knowledge, understandings and skills to make informed decisions about local, national and global issues and to participate, if they so wish, in science-related careers.

Students are encouraged to engage, explore, explain, elaborate/extend and evaluate themes and concepts during their science lessons. In doing this, students can develop critical and creative thinking skills and challenge themselves to identify questions and draw evidence-based conclusions using scientific methods.
**Strand: Science Understanding**
- Biological sciences
- Chemical sciences
- Earth and space sciences
- Physical sciences

**Strand: Science as a Human Endeavour**
- Nature and development of science
- Use and influence of science

**Strand: Science Inquiry Skills**
- Questioning and predicting
- Planning and conducting
- Processing and analysing data and information
- Evaluating
- Communicating

**Assessment**
- Tests
- Practical Investigations
- Research Assignments

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**Course Length**
One year

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- Describe techniques to separate pure substances from mixtures.
- Represent and predict the effects of unbalanced forces, including Earth’s gravity, on motion.
- Explain how the relative positions of the Earth, sun and moon affect phenomena on Earth.
- Analyse how the sustainable use of resources depends on the way they are formed and cycle through Earth systems.
- Predict the effect of environmental changes on feeding relationships and classify and organise diverse organisms based on observable differences.
- Describe situations where scientific knowledge from different science disciplines has been used to solve a real-world problem.
- Explain how the solution was viewed by, and impacted on, different groups in society.
- Identify questions that can be investigated scientifically.
- Plan fair experimental methods, identifying variables to be changed and measured.
- Select equipment that improves fairness and accuracy and describe how they considered safety.
- Draw on evidence to support their conclusions.
- Summarise data from different sources, describe trends and refer to the quality of their data when suggesting improvements to their methods.
- Communicate their ideas, methods and findings using scientific language and appropriate representations.

**Course Outline**

This science course presents students with the opportunity to:

- Explore the diversity of life on Earth and continue to develop their understanding of the role of classification in ordering and organising information.
- Use and develop models such as food chains, food webs and the water cycle to represent and analyse the flow of energy and matter through ecosystems and explore the impact of changing components within these systems.
- Consider the interaction between multiple forces when explaining changes in an object’s motion.
- Explore the notion of renewable and non-renewable resources and consider how this classification depends on the timescale considered.
- Investigate relationships in the Earth, sun, moon system and use models to predict and explain events.
- Make accurate measurements and control variables to analyse relationships between system components and explore and explain these relationships through increasingly complex representations.
Year 8 Science

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

• Compare physical and chemical changes and use the particle model to explain and predict the properties and behaviours of substances.
• Identify different forms of energy and describe how energy transfers and transformations cause change in simple systems.
• Compare processes of rock formation, including the time scales involved.
• Analyse the relationship between structure and function at cell, organ and body system levels. Students examine the different science knowledge used in occupations.
• Explain how evidence has led to an improved understanding of a scientific idea and describe situations in which scientists collaborated to generate solutions to contemporary problems.
• Identify and construct questions and problems that they can investigate scientifically.
• Consider safety and ethics when planning investigations, including designing field or experimental methods.
• Identify variables to be changed, measured and controlled.
• Construct representations of their data to reveal and analyse patterns and trends, and use these when justifying their conclusions.
• Explain how modifications to methods could improve the quality of their data and apply their own scientific knowledge and investigation findings to evaluate claims made by others.
• Use appropriate language and representations to communicate science ideas, methods and findings in a range of text types.

Course Outline
This science course presents students with the opportunity to:

• To study cells as microscopic structures that explain macroscopic properties of living systems.
• Link form and function at a cellular level and explore the organisation of body systems in terms of flows of matter between interdependent organs.
• Explore changes in matter at a particle level, and distinguish between chemical and physical change.
• Begin to classify different forms of energy, and describe the role of energy in causing change in systems, including the role of heat and kinetic energy in the rock cycle.
• Use experimentation to isolate relationships between components in systems and explain these relationships through increasingly complex representations.
• Make predictions and propose explanations, drawing on evidence to support their views.

Strand: Science Understanding

• Biological sciences
• Chemical sciences
• Earth and space sciences
• Physical sciences
Strand: Science as a Human Endeavour
• Nature and development of science
• Use and influence of science

Strand: Science Inquiry Skills
• Questioning and predicting
• Planning and conducting
• Processing and analysing data and information
• Evaluating
• Communicating

Assessment
• Tests
• Practical Investigations
• Research Assignments

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, students will be able to:
• Explain chemical processes and natural radioactivity in terms of atoms and energy transfers and describe examples of important chemical reactions.
• Describe models of energy transfer and apply these to explain phenomena.
• Explain global features and events in terms of geological processes and timescales.
• Analyse how biological systems function and respond to external changes with reference to interdependencies, energy transfers and flows of matter.
• Describe social and technological factors that have influenced scientific developments and predict how future applications of science and technology may affect people's lives.
• Design questions that can be investigated using a range of inquiry skills.
• Design methods that include the control and accurate measurement of variables and systematic collection of data and describe how they considered ethics and safety.
• Analyse trends in data, identify relationships between variables and reveal inconsistencies in results.
• Analyse their methods and the quality of their data, and explain specific actions to improve the quality of their evidence.
• Evaluate others' methods and explanations from a scientific perspective and use appropriate language and representations when communicating their findings and ideas to specific audiences.

Course Outline
This science course presents students with the opportunity to:
• Consider the operation of systems at a range of scales.
• Explore ways in which the human body as a system responds to its external environment and the interdependencies between biotic and abiotic components of ecosystems.
• Are introduced to the notion of the atom as a system of protons, electrons and neutrons, and how this system can change through nuclear decay.
• Learn that matter can be rearranged through chemical change and that these changes play an important role in many systems.
• Are introduced to the concept of the conservation of matter and begin to develop a more sophisticated view of energy transfer.
• Begin to apply their understanding of energy and forces to global systems such as continental movement.

Strand: Science Understanding
• Biological sciences
• Chemical sciences
• Earth and space sciences
• Physical sciences
Strand: Science as a Human Endeavour
- Nature and development of science
- Use and influence of science

Strand: Science Inquiry Skills
- Questioning and predicting
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- Processing and analysing data and information
- Evaluating
- Communicating

Assessment
- Tests
- Practical Investigations
- Research Assignments
In the Humanities students develop the skills, knowledge and values to enable them to participate in a range of ways as ethical, active and informed citizens in a democratic society within a global community. Specifically, they develop an appreciation of the institutions, ideas, principles and values that have shaped the world. They develop the ability to think logically and critically, and to make informed, ethical judgments about their world and their role in it.

At Years 6 and 7 this is done via an integrated, multidisciplinary approach, under the banner of Studies of Society and Environment, which is informed by the Australian Curriculum History, in conjunction with other fields such as geography, politics, social studies, legal studies and philosophy.

At Years 8 and 9, students focus on the individual subject disciplines of History, which follows the Australian Curriculum; and Geography, which focuses on map reading, studies of various environments tourism and geomorphic hazards.

**YEAR 6 STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT**

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• Locate information related to inquiry questions from a range of sources
• Compare information from a range of sources

Perspectives and interpretations
• Identify points of view in the past and present

Explanation and communication
• Develop texts, particularly narratives and descriptions, which incorporate source materials
• Use a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies

Assessment
• Class exercises
• Assignments (oral, written, investigative)
• Research skills
• Discussion and group work

YEAR 7 STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Course Length
One year

Learning Outcomes
In successfully completing this course, each student:
• demonstrates an understanding of concepts;
• participates in class and group discussions;
• demonstrates the ability to plan and complete set tasks;
• expresses knowledge in a variety of ways;
• locates and interprets information;
• uses a range of sources to review current affairs.

Course Information
SOSE incorporates Geography and Civics and Citizenship, and has a focus on Australian Curriculum History.

Australian Curriculum History Aims
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• interest in, and enjoyment of, historical study for lifelong learning and work, including their capacity and a willingness to be informed and active citizens;
• knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the past and the forces that shape societies, including Australian society;
• understanding and use of historical concepts, such as evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability;
• capacity to undertake historical inquiry, including skills in the analysis and use of sources, and in explanation and communication.

Course Outline
The Year 7 curriculum provides a study of history from the time of the earliest human communities to the end of the ancient period, approximately 60,000 BC (BCE) – c.650 AD (CE). It was a period defined by the development of cultural practices and organised societies. The study of the ancient world includes the discoveries (the remains of the past and what we know) and the mysteries (what we do not know) about this period of history. Students will investigate the following:

Depth Study 1: Investigating the ancient past
• How historians and archaeologists investigate history
• The range of sources that can be used in an historical investigation
• The methods and sources used to investigate at least ONE historical controversy or mystery that has challenged historians or archaeologists
• The nature of the sources for ancient Australia
• The importance of conserving the remains of the ancient past.

Depth Study 2: The Mediterranean World: Egypt OR Greece OR Rome
• The physical features and their influence on societal development
• Roles of key groups in the selected ancient society
• The significant beliefs, values and practices of the selected society
• Contacts and conflicts within and/or with other societies
• The role of a significant individual in the selected society
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- Roles of key groups in the selected ancient society
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- Contacts and conflicts within and/or with other societies
- The role of a significant individual in the selected society

Historical Skills

**Historical questions and research**
- Identify a range of questions about the past to inform a historical inquiry
- Identify and locate relevant sources, using ICT and other methods

**Analysis and use of sources**
- Identify the origin and purpose of primary and secondary sources
- Locate, compare, select and use information from a range of sources as evidence
- Draw conclusions about the usefulness of sources

**Perspectives and interpretations**
- Identify and describe points of view, attitudes and values in primary and secondary sources

**Comprehension and communication**
- Develop texts, particularly descriptions and explanations that use evidence from a range of sources that are acknowledged
- Use a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies

Assessment

- Class exercises
- Assignments (oral, written, investigative)
- Research skills
- Discussion and group work

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY

**Course Length** One semester

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, each student:
- uses the atlas effectively;
- applies mapping theory effectively;
- demonstrates knowledge and understanding;
- explains physical processes;
- evaluates human impact on physical environments;
- communicates effectively in a range of contexts.

**Course Outline**

- Atlas Skills
- Map Reading and Interpretation
- Tropical Rainforest and/or Desert Environments
- Selected units from the Australian Curriculum will be trialled

**Assessment**

Assessment could include:
- topic tests;
- interactive computer programs;
- oral presentations;
- practical exercises;
- research assignments and field work.

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY

**Course Length** One year

**Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, each student:
- applies mapping theory effectively;
- interprets and explains physical processes;
- identifies and evaluates human impact on physical environments;
- communicates effectively in a range of contexts.

**Course Outline**

Topics may include:
- Map Reading and Interpretation
- Coastal or River Systems
- Poverty and Food Supply
- Geomorphic Hazards (Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis)
- Tourism
- Selected units from the Australian Curriculum will be trialled

**Assessment**

Assessment could include:
- topic tests;
- oral presentations;
- practical exercises;
- research assignments;
- field work.
Course Length  One semester

Learning Outcomes
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• capacity to undertake historical inquiry, including skills in the analysis and use of sources, and in explanation and communication.

Course Outline
The Year 8 curriculum provides a study of history from the end of the ancient period to the beginning of the modern period (c.650 – c.1750). This was when major civilisations around the world came into contact with each other. Social, economic, religious and political beliefs were often challenged and significantly changed. It was the period when the modern world began to take shape. Students will investigate the following:

Depth Study 1: The Western and Islamic World: Medieval Europe
• The way of life in Medieval Europe (social, economic and political features) and the roles and relationships of different groups in society
• Significant developments and/or cultural achievements
• Continuity and change in society in ONE of the following areas: crime and punishment; military and defence systems; towns, cities and commerce
• The dominance of the Catholic Church and the role of significant individuals

Depth Study 2: The Asia-Pacific World
• The way of life in the Khmer Empire
• Achievements of the Khmer civilization
• Reason for the decline of the Khmer Empire

Depth Study 3: Expanding Contacts: The Black Death
• The role of expanding trade between Europe and Asia in the Black Death
• The causes and symptoms of the Black Death and the responses of different groups in society to the spread of the disease
• The effects of the Black Death on European populations, including both immediate and long-term effects

Historical Skills
Historical questions and research
• Sequence historical events and periods and use historical terms and concepts
• Identify a range of questions about the past to inform a historical inquiry, using ICT and other methods

Analysis and use of sources
• Identify the origin and purpose of primary and secondary sources
• Locate, select and use information from a range of sources as evidence and draw conclusions about the usefulness of sources

Perspectives and interpretations
• Identify and describe points of view, attitudes and values in primary and secondary sources

Comprehension and communication
• Develop historical descriptions and explanations that use evidence from a range of sources
• Use a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies

Assessment
• Assignments/paragraph/short answer responses
• Extended written responses
• Sources analysis exercises
• Film/documentary review
• Oral responses
• Multimedia/visual presentations
• Timed tests
YEAR 9 HISTORY

Course Length
One year

Information
This course is designed for students who are not considering the study of History at SACE level.

Learning Outcomes
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Course Outline
The Year 9 curriculum provides a study of the history of the making of the modern world from 1750 to 1918. It was a period of industrialisation and rapid change in the ways people lived, worked and thought. It was an era of nationalism and imperialism, and the colonisation of Australia was part of the expansion of European power. The period culminated in World War 1 (1914 – 1918), the ‘war to end all wars’. Students will investigate the following:

**Depth Study 1: The Industrial Revolution (1750 – 1914)**
- The technological innovations that led to the Industrial Revolution, and other conditions that influenced the industrialisation of Britain (the agricultural revolution, access to raw materials, wealthy middle class, cheap labour, transport system and expanding empire) and of Australia.
- The population movements and changing settlement patterns during this period.
- The experiences of men, women and children during the Industrial Revolution, and their changing way of life.
- The short and long-term impacts of the Industrial Revolution, including global changes in landscapes, transport and communication.

**Depth Study 2: Australia and Asia**

**Either:** Asia and the World
- The key features (social, cultural, economic, political) of ONE Asian society (such as China, Japan, India, Dutch East Indies) at the start of the period.
- Change and continuity in the Asian society during this period, including any effects of contact (intended and unintended) with European power(s).
- The position of the Asian society in relation to other nations in the world around the turn of the twentieth century (that is, 1900), including the influence of key ideas such as nationalism.
- The significance of ONE key event that involved the Asian society and European power(s).

**Or:** Making a Nation
- The extension of settlement, including the effects of contact (intended and unintended) between European settlers in Australia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- The experiences of non-Europeans in Australia prior to the 1900s (such as the Japanese, Chinese, South Sea Islander peoples).
- Living and working conditions in Australia around the turn of the twentieth century (that is, 1900).
- Key events and ideas in the development of Australian self-government and democracy, including women’s voting rights.

**Depth Study 3: World War 1**
- An overview of the causes of World War 1 and the reasons why men enlisted to fight.
- The places where Australians fought and the nature of warfare during World War 1.
- The impact of World War 1, with a particular emphasis on Australia (such as the use of propaganda to influence the civilian population, the changing role of women, the conscription debate).
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- Develop historical descriptions and explanations that use evidence from a range of sources.
- Use a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies.

**Assessment**
- Paragraph responses
- Short answer question/quizzes
- Homework exercises
- Multimedia/visual presentations
YEAR 9A HISTORY

Course Length
One year

Information
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