

Responsibility

Respect

Resilience

Teamwork



DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE

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DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE

COLLEGE PURPOSE & VALUES

At Doncaster Secondary College, all students are active participants in a learning culture which promotes academic excellence and personal development through a diversity of challenging experiences.

Working together, learning together

Working together to enable all students to achieve their potential and become confident, effective learners who contribute productively to society.

The core purpose is reflected in the College motto 'Working Together, Learning Together' and is underpinned by the following values;

- **Respect** for ourselves, each other and the environment
- **Responsibility** for our own actions
- **Resilience** to embrace challenges with optimism and perseverance
- **Teamwork** working co-operatively and constructively with others



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CURRICULUM PROFILE

Periods in the Timetable each week (75 min periods)

Year	Sem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7	1	DISCOVERY	English / English as an Additional Language (EAL)		Mathematics			Science			History		Languages		PE, Health & Sport			Art/Tech			
	2										Geography							Art/Tech			
8	1		English / EAL		Mathematics			Science		History		Languages		PE, Health & Sport		Art/Tech					
	2									Geography						Art/Tech					
9	1		English / EAL		Mathematics			Science		History	Languages		PE/Health		Art/Tech		MYSELF				
	2									Geography					Art/Tech		MYSELF				
10	1		English / EAL		Mathematics			Science			Humanities		Languages		PE/Health		ISP				
	2										Humanities										
			English / EAL & Maths compulsory in Year 10							Four other studies must then be selected											
			Students in Year 10 may be recommended to select a VCE subject in their program																		
Victorian Certificate of Education - VCE																					
11		VCE English/EAL		VCE Subject			VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		ISP		
12		VCE English/EAL		VCE Subject			VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		VCE Subject		ISP				
Combined Senior Certificate: School Based Apprentice/Trainee & VCAL Certificate - SBAT																					
11		Inter Literacy		PDS		Numeracy		WRS	VET Certificate Studies				Apprenticeship/Traineeship								
12		Senior Literacy		PDS		Numeracy		WRS	VET Certificate Studies				Apprenticeship/Traineeship								



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YEAR 9 CURRICULUM PROFILE

CORE

DiSCovery
English / English as an Additional Language
Mathematics / Mathematics (Advanced)
Science
Health and Physical Education
Geography
History
LANGUAGES – Chinese, French OR Italian

ELECTIVES

(2 electives, 1 EACH semester)

ART / TECHNOLOGY

Art Metal Technology
Ceramics Media Arts
Music Woodwork
Electronics Food Technology
Drama
Surface Design
Visual Communication

MYSELF PROGRAM

(MY Future + 3 other choices) – (My Duke of Edinburgh
= 2 choices)

CORE PROGRAM

MY Future + any three of....

MY Advance	MY Animal
MY Bakery	MY Basketball
MY Book Club	MY City
MY CSI	MY Dance
MY Duke of Edinburgh	MY Fitness
MY Harmony	MY Kitchen Garden
MY Magazine	MY Outdoors
MY Peer Leader	MY Photo
MY Print Workshop	MY Rock Band
MY STEAM	MY Urban Art



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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

Educational Enhancement

Australasian Schools English Competition
Australasian Schools Writing Competition
Australian Schools Mathematics Competition (Westpac)
Mathematical Olympiad
Year 7 – 10 Maths Games Day
UNSW Science Competition
Science Talent Search
LANGUAGES Competition e.g. Italian Poetry Competition
Biology, Chemistry & Physics Olympiad
National Chemistry Quiz
Interschool Debating Competition
Rotary Public Speaking Competition
Hospitality catering
Subject specific weeks e.g. Geography awareness week
AMEB Music Examinations
Sustainability Action Program

Camps and Excursion

Year 7 Orientation camp
Year 9 Outdoor Recreation camp
MY Advance & MY Outdoors camps
Year 11 Central Australia Camp
Year 10 Work Experience
Instrumental Music Camp
Year 10, 11 & 12 University Visits
Subject based excursions e.g. Royal Melbourne Zoo
International Study Tours e.g. Italian, Cambodia, French and Chinese

NASA Space Camp

Clubs

Art Club
Debating / Public Speaking
Breakfast Club
Vocal Ensemble
Student Focus (Year 7 – 8)
VCE Lounge
Chess Club
Games Room
ESL Homework Club

Sports

Inter-College sports
Whole-school College sporting carnivals – swimming, cross-country, athletics
Sports include badminton, baseball, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball

Fun-Sports

Potential Leaders

Arts, including Performance Arts

College Production
House Drama
Instrumental music and musical bands and ensembles including Rock Band
Musical soirees
VCE Drama and Theatre performances
Student Art Gallery
College Magazine 'Cornucopia'
Student Technicians
Presentation Ball Arts Week
Languages Week – Chinese, French and Italian

Leadership

Student Representative Council
Middle and Senior School Captains
Form Group Leaders
Sports teams captains; student coaching of sporting teams
Year 7 Peer Support Program (Year 9 Leaders)
Art Captains
MYSELF Showcase Events
Student led level assemblies, house meetings, drama activities
College Council Student Representatives
Year 12 Sport, Drama, Magazine Committees
ALPINE School (Year 9)
Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYLC) Program – 6 weeks
Fund raising activities for causes e.g. State Schools' Relief fund, World Vision
World's Greatest Shave
Social Events e.g. Valentine's Day
Talent Quest



Year 9 is a time of transition and consolidation. Therefore, the Year 9 curriculum at Doncaster Secondary College emphasises the successful acquisition of broad general knowledge, skills and attitudes, and it is designed to be interactive, accessible and flexible. There is an increasing necessity for self-reliance, as more emphasis is placed on students' ability to work progressively and within deadlines.

In Year 9, there is greater emphasis on the effective use of ICT, incorporating 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD). This allows students to:

- i. access numerous learning resources, including eBooks and
- ii. build their ICT capabilities in the areas of visualising thinking, creating and communicating

Specific programs targeted at leadership, resilience and connectedness are provided for selected groups at appropriate times throughout the year. These programs include Peer Leaders and the Alpine School.

Year 9 students are also given the opportunity to be involved in a range of Authentic and Integrated Learning experiences over the year. The program entitled "MY SELF" (Middle Years Selected Essential Learnings for the Future) has been specifically designed to engage Year 9 Students, involve them in authentic and integrated programs which extensively incorporate information technology. Students will be invited to select four units over the year; each unit will run for one term.

During Year 9 teacher recommendations for VCE subjects in Year 10 are gathered. Aptitude and maturity are two key factors which are extensively used in this selection process. Students who have an interest and ability in one or more curriculum areas need to be aware that this selection process is ongoing, with offers to students being made at the end of Term 3 for VCE units.

To facilitate the selection of electives and MYSELF units, this booklet provides descriptions of subjects offered. Students are asked to consider their selections carefully, and, if necessary, seek assistance from family, teachers, Careers Coordinator and the Year Level Co-ordinators.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff listed on the cover of this document.



DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE

CORE SUBJECTS

DiSCoverY

English / English as an Additional Language

Mathematics / Mathematics (Advanced)

Science

Health and Physical Education

Geography

History

Languages – Chinese, French OR Italian

DISCOVERY

The DiSCoverY program focuses on enhancing student learning, promoting student connectedness with the College community and the monitoring of student progress through personalised learning. It explores the relationship between students as learners, their interpersonal (social) and personal (emotional) development with the aim to prepare them to become productive members of society - the 21st century.

Each year level has a particular focus ranging from belonging at Year 7 to self-awareness and preparing for life beyond school at Year 12.



Each student will be required to develop an individual learning plan which consists of three goals – personal, literacy & numeracy. DiSCoverY and classroom teachers will provide strategies to support them in their achievement of these goals. Students will also be encouraged to showcase their learning and growth.

A levy for DiSCoverY provides for DiSCoverY resources, materials and guest speakers that support the program. The College purchased an online study program that can be accessed at home and all students are encouraged to further their learning by completing study modules that are relevant to their learning.

ENGLISH

Students in Year 9 can choose from three different English themes. Each of the three English options will support learners to achieve the key concepts and skills of Year 9 English. Students are encouraged to select the option that most appeals to their interest. Please view the video linked on this page under “additional information” for further details about your options.

All Year 9 English subjects explore the world of language and ideas, providing students with the knowledge and skills to interact and engage with a range of multi-modal texts. Students employ increasingly complex language and structures to analyse concepts and texts, and to create their own forms of discourse. They also learn terminology to describe and discuss particular structures and features of language produced in a variety of contexts.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 English, the students will:

- analyse the ways that text structures can be manipulated for effect, and analyse and explain how images, vocabulary choices and language features distinguish the work of individual authors.
- evaluate and integrate ideas and information from texts to form their own interpretations, selecting evidence from the texts to analyse and explain how language choices and conventions are used to influence an audience.
- create a variety of texts in response to issues, interpreting and integrating ideas from other texts.
- understand how to use a variety of language features to create different levels of meaning.
- create presentations that respond to issues, interpreting and integrating ideas from texts and contribute actively to class and group discussion.

Assessment

- Analytical tasks and essays
- Creative writing
- Comparative writing
- Oral presentations
- End of year examination

Note: The SEAL class will remain together. Students in SEAL will be asked about their preferred English themes and elements of these will be included into the SEAL course.

Additional Information: Please [click here](#) to view the Year 9 English video.

ENGLISH OPTION 1: FUTURE WORLDS

As people change, the world changes too. Humans are always trying to be better and do better. We want to make life easier, fairer, longer and happier. The innate curiosity and creativity of the human spirit means that we simply cannot stop exploring, inventing and expanding upon what we know and what we can already do. We are always searching to discover new possibilities, invent new technology and improve the quality of our lives.

But are our lives truly getting better? And, even if they are, what is the cost?
What will our world look like in the future?
What will future humans look like, believe, and need?
And what 'wrongs' might a future world attempt to right?

The world is impossible to predict but literature, art and science often attempt to guess; from the hover-car to artificial intelligence and from space travel to an Earth without water, students will have an opportunity to examine and wonder about these realms of future possibilities.

In this option, students will examine present day issues that are likely to impact on the future, such as the environment and current political ideologies. They will explore the way the world has changed in recent times, with advancements in technology and science and will ponder their future world - whether utopian or dystopian - and consider their place within it.

ENGLISH OPTION 2: THE POWER OF ONE

We're typically told that for change to occur, a group of people who share the same values must come together in order to initiate it. However, throughout history, astonishing advances have been sparked by the passion, as well as the drive, of a single person. Individuals have acted to save lives, change minds and stop social inequalities and injustices that have been tolerated or accepted by the group for too long.

So where do these individuals find the courage and resilience to overcome vast obstacles and beat seemingly unbeatable odds?

What motivates these individuals to invest so much in social and personal change?

And how much difference can one person make on their own?

Throughout this course, students will learn about the transformative power of individual action, including the life-threatening risks that some individuals have undertaken to stand up for what they believe in. They will explore how the power of one person can change the world for the better, but will also consider how some powerful personalities have led to the downfall of society.

ENGLISH OPTION 3: WHOSE REALITY?

What makes something real?

Can there be more than one version of the truth?

And if so, how do we know what to believe and who we can trust?

What makes one person's reality different from another's?

And what are the effects of conflicting realities?

There are many factors that can influence an individual's view of reality; their memory and past experiences, as well as the groups they belong to, such as their peers, family, school and local community. Students will explore how the brain is a melting pot of intersecting ingredients that forges a reality that seems the same for each individual but is often very different.

Students are invited to question what is real, what is not, and what it means for something to be real. They will investigate how reality is shaped by the individuals who experience it and consider who controls our reality. Students will come to understand the notion of subjectivity and how it can affect an individual's understanding of reality.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

English as an Additional Language (EAL) is structured to meet the specific language needs of students of non-English speaking background and for whom English is an additional language. *Acceptance into the course will be based on teacher recommendation and/or testing by the EAL Co-ordinator.* EAL provides students with opportunities to develop their oral, aural and written English communication skills, to enable them to interact purposefully in school-based and interpersonal contexts.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 English as an Additional Language (EAL), the students will:

- explore grammatical structures; develop vocabulary, spelling and sentence construction
- read, interpret and analyse a range of texts and respond to them both orally and in writing
- develop their listening and speaking skills
- read, interpret and analyse current media issues, and the persuasive intention of writers
- participate in writing activities to produce a variety of styles of writing; through editing, to clarify ideas and correct punctuation, grammar and spelling

Assessment

- Oral Presentations
- Creative Writing Folio
- Analysis of Text
- End of Year Examination

Additional Information: Please [click here](#) to view the EAL video.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics provides students with essential skills and knowledge across a number of areas such as Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Students are required to practise and apply skills in exercises and undertake tasks that develop skills needed for logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving. It is aimed to develop 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.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Mathematics, the students will:

- explore various branches of mathematics including Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability
- apply the index laws using integer indices to variables and numbers
- express numbers in scientific notation, solve problems involving very small and very large numbers, and check the order of magnitude of calculations
- solve problems involving simple interest
- use the distributive law to expand algebraic expressions, including binomial expressions, and simplify a range of algebraic expressions
- find the distance between two points on the Cartesian plane and the gradient and midpoint of a line segment using a range of strategies
- sketch and draw linear and non-linear relations, solve simple related equations and explain the relationship between the graphical and symbolic forms
- solve measurement problems involving perimeter and area of composite shapes, surface area and volume of rectangular prisms and cylinders
- relate three-dimensional objects to two-dimensional representations
- explain similarity of triangles, interpret ratios and scale factors in similar figures
- apply Pythagoras's theorem and trigonometry to solve problems involving angles and lengths in right-angled triangles.
- compare techniques for collecting data from primary and secondary sources
- construct histograms and back-to-back stem-and-leaf plots
- identify mean and median in skewed, symmetric and bi-modal displays
- calculate relative frequencies to estimate probabilities
- list outcomes for two-step experiments and assign probabilities for those

Assessment

In addition to maintaining an organised exercise book with all skill exercises and homework tasks, students may be given the following tasks:

- Topic Tests and Semester Examination
- Application and Analysis Tasks
- Problem solving
- Investigations, incorporating the use of ICT

MATHEMATICS (EXTENSION)

In the Year 9 Mathematics (Extension) course, the mainstream topics are covered in greater detail, depth and at an enhanced pace. Hence, additional topics are also studied. Students in this course will be challenged with varied and more difficult problem solving, application and analysis tasks. The advanced work will be assessed and recorded in the students report, in addition to the students' assessment at the mainstream level.

SCIENCE

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.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Science, the students will:

- safely handle scientific equipment and chemicals
- pose different types of questions that can be investigated using a range of inquiry skills
- plan experiments which include the accurate control and measurement of variables
- explain how complex organisms respond to external changes, through the control of the central nervous system
- investigate different aspects of body physiology through dissections of brains, kidneys and eyeballs
- describe a range of chemical reactions, including acid-base reactions
- explore the reflection and refraction properties of light as they apply to mirrors and lenses
- investigate atomic structure and the mechanisms of radioactive decay
- experiment with different electric circuits in series and parallel configurations

Assessment

In addition to maintaining an organised exercise book with all questions, activities and homework, students may be given the following tasks:

- Topic Tests
- Practical Investigations and Scientific Reports
- Research Assignments

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education (HPE) provides students with knowledge, skills and behaviours to develop and maintain their physical, mental, social and emotional health. It focuses on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and physical activity in the lives of individuals and groups in our society. It also promotes the potential for lifelong participation in physical activity through the development of motor skills and movement competence, health-related physical fitness and sport education. Students of HPE participate in one practical session, and one theory session per week.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Health and Physical Education, students will:

- have an involvement in a variety of activities to improve or maintain regular participation in moderate to vigorous physical activity
- understand the responsibilities required to undertake a variety of leadership roles in a sporting environment
- select appropriate training methods for improving fitness for specific activities
- form knowledge on the nature of independence in regards to adolescent development, including in sexual relationships
- identify factors contributing to current trends in nutritional status of Australians
- explore a variety of social and cultural factors that shape individual personal identity and values

Assessment

- Practical Activities - athletics, badminton, ballroom dancing, gymnastics, handball, basketball, netball, fitness, SEPEP, soccer, hockey and volleyball.
- Group assignments
- Role Plays
- Assignments, including internet tasks, worksheets
- Topic Tests

GEOGRAPHY

By the end of Year 9, students explain how natural geographical processes create and change the places such as latitude and climate. Students apply this knowledge to predict future changes and the possible implications of these changes on people, our economic systems such as trade and our natural environment such as resource use. Students analyse these interconnections by applying real life case studies such as Fast Fashion and Chocolate.

Students propose explanations for why these interconnections take place by applying the geographic thinking tool of SEE (social, economic and environmental) to support investigations into possible solutions.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Geography, the students will:

- Practise representing and interpreting data from graphs and maps
- Use GIS to support understanding of how natural environments influence places
- Distinguish between biomes and explain factors impacting on their location
- Examine the dilemma of world population increase, reduction in our natural biomes and world food production
- Suggest strategies for the sustainable use of biomes and food production
- Examination of how issues interconnect for a deeper understanding of world issues

Assessment

- Investigation into a trade issue such as Fast Fashion or Chocolate
- Food Security Investigation
- Various mapping and practical tasks using a variety of visual representations
- Knowledge and Skill Tests

HISTORY

History provides students with knowledge, skills and behaviours to understand themselves and their world, to apply their understanding in their present lives and consider futures they desire by investigating the past from ancient civilisations to today's news. Students develop skills in research and critical inquiry: analysing, framing questions, organising inquiries, identifying the origins of sources, identifying values and beliefs underpinning them and using the language of history.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 History, the students will:

- develop historical understanding through key concepts including continuity and change, cause and effect, evidence, perspectives, empathy and significance
- place some of the main events, people and societies they have studied within a chronological framework, with specific reference to the locations affected and periods of time
- identify and locate both primary and secondary sources using ICT and other methods
- examine sources to identify and describe different points of view, values, attitudes and perspectives

Assessment

- Primary Source Analysis
- Historical Skill – Cause and Effect
- Research Assignment
- Knowledge and Skill Tests

LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ITALIAN & MANDARIN

Language (French, Italian & Mandarin) provides students with communication skills and knowledge to come to understand social, historical, familial relationships and other aspects of the language and culture. Students are provided with the tools, through comparison and reflection, to understand language, culture and humanity in a broad sense. In this way, language learning contributes to the development of intercultural awareness.

Learning languages broadens students' horizons about the personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities that are available in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Languages, the students will:

- extend and develop the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and viewing
- comprehend factual information drawn from themes studied by comparing, analysing and selecting correct information in order to respond appropriately.
- interact socially and obtain information based on themes presented in class
- read and understand an authentic text in order to select information and demonstrate comprehension
- creating and discussing personal, imaginative and factual information of the target language
- broaden their knowledge and understanding of the linguistic concepts of the target language

Assessment

- Work covered in the prescribed textbook and workbook.
- Class Work
- Learning Tasks
- Topic Tests
- Common Assessment Tasks
- Learning Technology Tasks (e.g Education Perfect)
- Film Studies
- Oral Activities



ART / TECHNOLOGY (ELECTIVES)

Art

Ceramics

Drama

Electronics

Food Technology

Media Arts

Metal Technology

Music

Surface Design

Woodwork

Visual Communication

ART

The learning program for Art provides opportunities for students to continue sequential development of learning in the discipline (from Year 7/8).

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Art, the students will:

- study and work in the practical areas of painting, drawing, printing & three-dimensional activities
- be given a general introduction to arts appreciation through class discussion, observation and assignments
- view and appreciate the work of artists in galleries, whenever possible
- explore various techniques and apply them towards satisfying personal outcomes
- develop from the simple to the complex (emphasis)

Assessment

- Folio of practical work, accompanied by appropriate written material

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

CERAMICS

The learning program for Ceramics provides opportunities for students to continue sequential development of learning in the discipline (from Year 7/8).

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Ceramics, the students will:

- explore and utilise clay as an expressive medium
- reinforce and refine the development of basic hand building techniques - pinch, slab coil
- design ceramics - more complicated designs and more emphasis on this area of work
- develop advanced decoration techniques - texture and colour - use of under glazes
- appreciate the need for safety in the ceramics studio
- develop an appreciation and response to the clay work of other artists

Assessment

- Practical Work
- Workbook
- Research Assignments
- Classroom Responses

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

DRAMA

The Drama course is designed to introduce students to various styles of drama and performance work. Students will develop their performance skills and acting technique by making rehearsing and presenting group based performance pieces. Please view the video linked at the bottom of this page.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Drama, the students will:

- study the elements and Drama
- compare historic and modern theatre styles
- engage in the playmaking process, creating performances based on scripted works and their own ideas
- develop their stage design skills by experimenting with light, sound, costume, sets and props

Assessment:

- Group Performance Work
- Participation in Activities
- Research and Reflective Tasks

Subject Levy Cost: \$15.00

Additional Information: [Click here](#) to view Drama course video.

ELECTRONICS

The Electronics course is designed to focus students who are interested in design and engineering. The focus is on design and construction. We start the course by building some analogue models using traditional methods (soldering) and then compare this to creating more models using 21st century technology. The main aim for students is to be exposed to the design process and practical skills using new technologies. The course includes the opportunity for students to use CNC machining (programmable cutter), CAD designing, laser cutting and 3D printing. We use these technologies to produce a model 'speedster' car. If you like to build and design this is the course for you! The year 9 course is the first exciting step on DSC's technology pathway towards Systems Engineering Units 1-4. A Year 10 Electronics course is also offered at DSC. Please view the Electronics course video linked on this page.

Key Concepts & Skills

In the year 9 Electronics course students will be able to:

- Build models using traditional and contemporary technologies
- Have access to using innovative technology (CNC, Laser cutter, 3D printer)
- Be able to develop key skills of design.

Assessment

- Analogue models, design briefs and safety (Eg. Flashing circuit board)
- Digital models – Arduino, coding and how this works with electronics. (Temperature sensors)
- CNC/Laser cut CAD designed **speedster car** plus a student race.

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

Additional Information: Please [click here](#) to view Year 9 Electronics course video.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The Food Technology course provides students the opportunity to explore 3 distinct units of work: planning healthy meals, methods of food preparation and multicultural food.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Food Technology, the students will:

- identify materials and devise recipe options
- produce a range of food items and evaluate their product
- examine the relationship between nutrition and health
- analyse factors that influence food choice

Assessment

- Production Work
- Coursework
- Assignments

Subject Levy Cost: \$150.00

MEDIA ARTS

This course provides an opportunity for students to refine and extend their understanding and use of structure, intent, character, settings, viewpoints and genre conventions in Media productions. As they use media technologies they extend the use of media elements such as time, space, sound, movement and lighting. They analyse the way in which audiences make meaning and how audiences interact with and share media artworks. Please ensure you view the Media Arts course video linked on this page.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Media Arts, students will:

- experiment with ideas and stories that manipulate media elements, and genre conventions to construct new and alternative viewpoints in images, sounds and text
- plan, structure and design media artworks for a range of purposes that challenge the expectations of specific audiences by particular use of media elements, technologies and production processes
- plan, produce and distribute media artworks for a range of community, institutional contexts and different audiences, and consider social, ethical and regulatory issues
- analyse and evaluate how technical and symbolic elements are manipulated in media artworks to challenge representations framed by social beliefs and values in different community and institutional contexts

Assessment

- Representation Unit
- Film study Unit
- Creating Narrative Unit
- Genre Unit
- End of Semester Exam

Subject Levy Cost: No cost for this subject

Additional Information: Please [click here](#) to view Media Arts course video.

METAL TECHNOLOGY

The learning program for Metal Work provides opportunities for students to continue sequential development of skills in the discipline (from Year 8 Design Technology). Metals such as brass, copper and silver may be used in combination with other materials to create skill building projects with an emphasis on individual design. Please view the Metal Technology course video linked on this page.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Metal Technology the students will:

- Develop appropriate and safe work habits when handling equipment and machinery
- Develop skills in design
- Master techniques required for working with nonferrous metals.
- Understand and practice correct and safe procedures and processes involved with the use of nonferrous metals
- Understand occupational health and safety in a metal workshop
- Develop techniques such as soldering, fabrication and manipulation of metals

Assessment

- Fully Annotated Diary Design
- Practical pieces, accompanied by appropriate theoretical material

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

Additional Information: [Click here](#) to view Metal Technology video.

MUSIC

In Music, students are involved in the following areas of practice: creating, practising, presenting, discriminating and reviewing. The focus will be on musical styles from 1950's until the present time. It is recommended that students planning to take music performance as a subject at V.C.E level also take music as a subject in the middle school to ensure that they continue their musical development.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Music, the students will:

- create, practice, improvise, present and review music
- reinforce the theoretical concepts through practical activities
- explore simple compositions and arrangements
- perform as either a group and/or in a solo context
- develop greater aural awareness

Assessment

- Participation in Activities
- Performances (group and solo)
- Devising Musical Ideas
- Written Tasks

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

SURFACE DESIGN

The Surface Design course allows students to be involved in the following areas of Surface Design practice: creating, practical applications, presentations, and analysis of finished work. Teaching emphasises the importance of appropriate and necessary skills and techniques in the completion of high quality finished work. Students consolidate their understanding of the role of Surface Design in their culture and its relevance to their lives beyond the College.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Surface Design, the students will:

- reinforce & refine the development of basic sewing and cutting techniques
- develop their own designs, which will be completed using the appropriate practical techniques and necessary skills
- understand how fabrics may be printed embroidered, spun, felt, dyed, quilted, knitted and machined
- develop appropriate and safe techniques when handling equipment

Assessment

- A Visual Diary containing all the processes used, design work and set class work
- A Practical Folio consisting of 3 finished pieces

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS & DESIGN

Visual Communications is clear-thinking drawing; it uses a variety of drawing techniques to communicate to others. Topics are wide ranging, often preparing and reinforcing students' skills in other subjects, via graphs, mapping, processes and procedures.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Visual Communication, student will:

- develop a basic comprehension of the 'Design Process'
- master free drawing skills
- explore a range of graphic drawing techniques
- develop an appreciation of clear, clean, neat and concise finishes
- explore the application of computer graphics

Assessment:

- A Folio of completed work.
 - Emphasis will be placed on the development of personal ideas documented in the visual diary and matched to fully completed pieces of work.

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

WOODWORK

The Woodwork course at this level requires a background of skills commensurate with the type of model the student wishes to make. It is not unusual for students with no previous background to elect the subject at this level. In such cases they are limited to models not requiring difficult joints, or potentially dangerous procedures. Please view the Woodwork course video linked on this page.

Key Concepts & Skills

In Year 9 Woodwork, students will (with previous experience):

- undertake one or two major models for the year - chairs, cabinets, cupboards, bookshelves, tables, etc.
- combine other materials such as glass, leather and steel in their design
- study joints, tools, furniture and its history of development, and of materials in general use
- develop appropriate and safe techniques when handling equipment and pieces of machinery
- appreciate the need for safety in the Woodwork room

Assessment

- Practical Assignments
- Theoretical Assignments
- Visual Diary containing theoretical notes and assignments

Subject Levy Cost: \$40.00

Additional Information: Please [click here](#) to view Woodwork course video.



MYSELF

MIDDLE YEARS SELECTED ESSENTIAL LEARNINGS FOR THE FUTURE

The MYSELF (Middle Years Selected Essential Learning for the Future) Program involves all Year 9 students undertaking a range of authentic and integrated programs for one whole day per week over the year.

Authentic learning involves alignment of student learning experiences with the world for which they are being prepared. The learning situations, environments, skills, content and tasks are relevant, realistic and authentic and represent the natural complexities of the 'real world'.

Integrated learning is the process of answering a question, solving a problem, or addressing a topic that is too broad or complex to be dealt with adequately by a single discipline or profession. Integrated learning units are designed to encourage students to draw on disciplinary perspectives and integrate their insights through construction of a more comprehensive perspective.

Students must choose **three** learning units. The fourth unit, **MyFuture** is a **compulsory unit** for all students as it offers invaluable careers guidance and builds a firm foundation of career management skills, including job interview experience. It also looks at building resilience to manage change more effectively and promotes learning and work decision-making skills.

As part of the MYSELF program students are expected to complete an on-going learning portfolio which include:

- a range of pieces that focus on supporting an individuals learning styles
- evidence to show the personal, social and emotional growth of individuals
- activities that develop their literacy skills e.g. speaking, reading and writing
- goals and reflection (assessment for learning)
- where ICT has been utilised to communicate, visualise one's thinking and creativity avenue

The key skills that will be developed across all MYSELF units include:

- Leadership
- Communicating
- Planning activities
- Self-reflection
- Evaluating own and others' responsibilities
- Decision making
- Organising and managing resources
- Problem solving
- Thinking creatively
- Cooperative learning
- Team building
- Networking
- Independent learning

The development and implementation of Units in this innovative Year 9 Program will be driven by both student choice and staffing allocations. Assessment and reporting will form part of the program and appear in student reports each semester.

Additional Information: [Myself Program](#)

MYSELF PROGRAM CORE UNIT

MY FUTURE

Not everyone can become a millionaire but everyone would like to be successful when they complete their education and have the best opportunity to gain employment and enjoy life as an adult.

This unit is based on 'The Be Real Game' which is a careers and life skills program which is aimed for students to have fun while helping them to make important connections between school and their future life.

During the game, students will role play an allocated occupation which may come from a range of careers such as aerospace, biotechnology, logistics, tourism, transport, health care, environmental protection etc. They will share their experiences with others living in their community. By role playing, playing games and participating in various other activities students will learn important life skills that will help them make informed choices about their career and transition pathways.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of key terms and concepts relating to work and career building
- Working in teams to create a neighbourhood community and form a town.
- Preparing for work by practising resume writing and portfolio building skills
- Understanding how to seek work
- Exploring the link between income, lifestyle, choices and necessities
- Learning to deal with typical real life situations that may challenge decision making skills
- Learning how to respond to an emergency in a neighbourhood community.
- Experiencing the consequences of job loss and job change
- Using resume worksheets to seek and find new work
- Sharing stories of real life experiences in the world of work based on interviews with adults.
- Self-assessment to give an insight into interests, skills and learning styles.
- Evaluation of what has been learnt to enable goals to be established
- Celebration accomplishment of participating in 'The Be Real Game'.

Assessment

Students will be required to keep an electronic portfolio of work on a wiki. They will also keep a reflective journal to record and reflect on their learning.

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.

MYSELF PROGRAM ELECTIVE UNITS

MY ADVANCE

Advance is a school-based program for young people, aimed at developing leadership and communication skills. It is run as partnership between the Office for Youth, Victorian Government Secondary Schools and community organisations. During their time in MY Advance, students will participate in a community service module within the local Doncaster Community. They will also have the opportunity to complete training and they will plan and manage an overnight camp.

Through Advance, young people, schools and community organisations develop networks of relationships while achieving shared goals. The program also encourages communities to support and recognise young people's participation and positive role in society.

Advance gives young people a chance to do something great in their community based on their choice. Young people are able to plan projects, meet new people, build skills and make a difference in their community.

Learning Outcomes

- Goal setting and Evaluation/Reflection
- Experience planning week to week activities to implement in their community.
- CPR Qualification
- Event organisation
- Basic camping skills (packing, meal planning, activity organisation)

Assessment

- Participation in organised lesson activities.
- Reflection journal
- Participation in all activities; includes peer and self-assessment
- Celebration presentation

Subject Levy Cost: \$90.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card. The Advance Program is partially funded by the Victorian Government.

Note: It is not advisable for students to complete by My Advance and My Duke of Edinburgh.

MY ANIMAL

Animals play many important roles in our lives. In the Myself Program, students will investigate the role of animals in society, animal welfare and animal rights issues, the importance of animals as pets, issues in animal industries and careers with animals. They will have the opportunity to research local and global issues relating to fauna in a range of settings. They will have the opportunity to participate in activities (excursions) after they have researched and sourced the information with experts.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be exposed to a range of academic and authentic resources in this unit and will then translate their understanding through the production of various assessment formats such as posters, essays, presentations and role plays.
- Students will demonstrate their critical thinking process
- Students will inquire
- Students will be encouraged to diversify their ICT skills in the assessment tasks.
- Regular reflections will be used in the course in addition to Multiple Intelligences investigation and application.
- Students design and create a presentation of their findings for a suitable audience such as the end of term showcase

Assessment

Students will keep a learning portfolio recording their experiences and completing a variety of assessment tasks. They will also complete a more detailed research project into an area of interest. Students will be required to make contact with a variety of animal service providers, developing their organisation and communication skills.

Resources

Students will be required to use their netbook or other electronic devices to research and complete assignments.

Subject Levy Cost: \$85.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY Animal](#)

MY BOOK CLUB

Love reading? Wish you had more time to talk about texts with other people who love reading? My Book Club aims to provide students with opportunities for sustained reading and engaged discussion about texts. Students will organise and engage in a traditional book club format where they read independently, consider deep-thinking questions and then discuss their responses to the text. In addition to interacting with peers, students will explore opportunities to interact with other readers in a range of face-to-face and online environments, including publishing book reviews and creative responses. They will also be given the opportunity to interact with professional authors in different forums, such as through online discussion, author visits or excursions.

Learning Outcomes

During this course students will participate in a traditional book club format and learn how to:

- Evaluate ideas and themes from texts to form their own interpretations
- Make presentations and contribute actively to group discussions
- Compare responses to ideas and themes from peers
- Work collaboratively to construct meaning and arrive at an interpretation through participating in structured, intellectual discussion
- Manage collaboration by considering factors such as time, resources, and the learning preferences of others
- Create texts such as book reviews and creative responses

Assessment

Each student will produce a reading journal demonstrating their thinking and reflections across the course of the term. They will also produce several book reviews. Their teacher will assess their participation in formal book club discussions.

Resources

Students will work in groups to determine which books they will read and will need to purchase or borrow copies of these books. They will be using their laptop to engage with online forums such as the State Library website and to reflect and create responses to the books they are reading.

Most students will choose to borrow books or select publicly available literature, but some students may choose to purchase a novel that they are interested in.

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.

MY CITY

My City aims to equip students with skills related to exploring, studying and working in the city of Melbourne. As motivated and reliable individuals they will design visits to the city, in all areas including the north, south, east and west. They will also be responsible for organising all aspects of the day. They will develop an appreciation for the location of many different sites of interest whilst enhancing their abilities and confidence in using public transport. Students design and implement the planning for the city visits using team work and organisational abilities to ensure the trips run smoothly.

Learning Outcomes

- Map interpretation to identify Melbourne sites of interest
- Historical and geographical investigation of the development of Melbourne
- Establish roles and work in teams to determine locations for focus
- Research options for locations to visit and the public transport required to get there
- Establish budgeting and equipment expectations for each trip
- Discuss behavioural expectations and public transport etiquette
- Implement planning on the day and reflect on the experience

Assessment

Students will be assessed both by the teachers, their peers and themselves in regard to their ability to work in teams and be leaders as appropriate. Weekly reflections based on their experience will be written and reviewed.

They will also produce an itinerary on their chosen theme for investigation. This production will be delivered to other students in the college to enhance their understanding and appreciation for a particular component of city life. Students will complete an Inquiry task on an issue in the City of Melbourne.

Subject Levy Cost: \$75.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY City](#)

MY PRINTWORKSHOP

My Printworkshop will provide students the opportunity to develop their creative and expressive capacities by learning about the different practices, materials and techniques within the printmaking discipline. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of practical skills required within the method/s of printmaking through the trialling and testing of multiple techniques, use of hand tools, industry equipment and found materials.

Students will engage in the significant role and contribution of the artist in society through the observation of studio exhibitions, gallery spaces and community art projects. My Printworkshop will provide students with a framework for building positive relationships and working effectively in teams through the creation of a collaborative artwork.

Learning Outcomes

Students will work both independently and collaboratively to create a visual folio that will address the following aspects. Students will develop:

- conceptual and perceptual ideas and expressions through design and inquiry processes
- printmaking techniques, materials, processes and technologies
- critical and creative thinking, using visual arts languages
- respect for and acknowledgement of the diverse roles, innovations, traditions, histories and cultures of artists within the community
- confidence, curiosity, imagination and enjoyment and a personal aesthetic through engagement with visual arts making, viewing, discussing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating
- work effectively in teams and develop strategies to manage challenging situations constructively.

Assessment

- Visual Folio
- Collaborative Printmaking Artwork

Throughout My Printworkshop students will be working independently to build a visual folio that illustrates the trial and testing of a variety of printing techniques, concept development and final artworks. Students will also be working collaboratively on a large final artwork. This artwork will be framed and displayed in the Student Gallery. Printing techniques covered during the unit:

- Intaglio Printing
- Relief Printing
- Etching
- Screen Printing

Resources

Students will provide their own A4 Visual Diary.

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.

MY OUTDOORS

My Outdoors aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge required for safe participation in Outdoor Recreation activities. Students will examine a variety of different Outdoor Recreation activities and the venues in which these activities can be conducted. Activities may be conducted in the urban environment where appropriate and an overnight expedition will be planned by the student group.

Learning Outcomes

- Knowledge of Outdoor environments
- Research places of interest and find a suitable venue to carry out an activity of interest
- Reading and comparing landscapes to topographic maps.
- Compass navigation skills
- Risk assessment and safe practise.
- Establish individual and group roles. Focusing on leadership and teamwork.
- Use a variety of communication mediums amongst peers, staff members and the broader community
- Discuss expectations of group members and determine their own group code of conduct
- Development of a personal Environmental Ethos
- Implement their chosen expedition activity
- Goal setting
- Reflect upon and evaluate their experiences

Assessment

Students will undergo on-going, peer, self, and staff assessment in regard to their ability to work effectively as part of a team and individually when required. Students will keep a learning portfolio recording their thoughts and feelings as well as keeping track of their own individual learning and planning progress. At the conclusion of the unit students will prepare a presentation of their choice detailing their own view of the experience.

Resources

Students will be required to find their own maps for planning purposes. This will mostly be done using the internet and library but depending on the location students choose, some maps may need to be purchased or outsourced. Students will be able to use school photocopiers and laminators to provide maps for the whole group as well as using school phones and fax machines to arrange transport and accommodation bookings. Students will need a folio book for class work and for lessons that are out in the field.

Subject Levy Cost: \$120

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Note: If students select this unit it is expected that they attend a camp.

MY PHOTO

My Photo aims to equip students with skills related to taking, editing and publishing digital photos that are relevant to them both now and in the future. Photographic techniques and styles will be taught and practiced during photography field trips. To personalise the learning, students will determine the photography subjects and styles of interest to them. As responsible photographers they will investigate the benefits and dangers of publishing photos on the Internet. Students design and create a presentation of their photos suitable for a student, parent or teacher audience.

Learning Outcomes

During this course students will create a photography portfolio which covers the following:

- How can an image tell a story?
- What makes a powerful image?
- Can an image depict a particular emotion?
- How do you show movement in a still image?
- Is it ethical to change an image?

Students will work individually or in groups to design and create their electronic photography portfolios. Students will also be attending external excursions and field trips.

Assessment

Each student will produce an electronic or hard copy photography portfolio. The group will create a showcase presentation for either a student, parent or teacher audience which will be delivered at the end of the term. The showcase will have a number of elements that the class will deliver as a group. These elements include a static display, an electronic presentation and a verbal presentation.

Resources

Students will provide their own digital camera, computer lead and download software. They will be using their NSSCF funded Laptop to download, edit and display their images. As photo file sizes may be large, students will also be required to provide their own external hard drive or USB stick for file storage.

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.



MY BAKERY

Food is frequently the focal point of our social life as we share food with family and friends. In this unit students will learn how to plan and execute a range of foods for different events and occasions.

They will design, investigate, plan the event, cost and order ingredients, take orders, prepare the food, deliver it to clients and evaluate the overall success.

Students will have the opportunity to research current food trends and learn about large scale catering and food safety and hygiene.

Learning outcomes

- Students will have to pass an online food safety OH&S test to gain a certificate of food safety.
- Use of IT to research and plan the events they will take on
- Students to plan for 3 to 4 events per term e.g. staff coffee shop/café, Valentine's day, Pizza lunch, Anzac Day, Mother's day, Father's day etc.. They will select a food item to prepare and take orders from interested staff (or perhaps other year 9 MYSELF students)

Assessment

- Portfolio of planning, food preparation, recipes etc.
- Research task into current food trends

Subject Levy Cost: \$100

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card

Additional Information: [MY Bakery](#)

MY BASKETBALL

My Basketball aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge required for the safe participation in the sport of basketball, and other sporting and athletic areas. Students will explore the range individual and team, offensive and defensive skills to assist with the progression of their skill level, whether it is for a recreational purpose or a desire to pursue junior basketball pathways. Activities will include both practical basketball and an investigation into the sport, rules, hierarchy, personalities, nutrition, and history both nationally and internationally.

Learning outcomes

- Knowledge of the sport of basketball, including rules and regulations
- Research the origins of the sport and how it has evolved into the modern game
- Identification and discussion of personalities that have impacted the game
- Investigation of basketball hierarchy and athlete pathways both nationally and internationally
- Review of nutrition requirements for athletes
- Establish individual and team skills
- Use a variety of communication mediums to communicate with fellow students, staff members and the broader community
- Discuss expectations of group members and determine their own group code of conduct
- Creation and implementation of a personal skill development plan
- Reflect upon and evaluate their experiences

Assessment

Students will undergo on-going, peer, self, and staff assessment with regard to their ability to work effectively as part of a team and individually when required. Students will keep a learning portfolio recording their thoughts and feelings as well as keeping track of their own individual learning, planning progress and skill development. At the conclusion of the unit students will prepare a presentation of their choice detailing their own view of the experience, demonstrating their new found or improved knowledge and skills.

Resources

Students will be required to attend classes in full school PE uniform, with appropriate supportive shoes. Each student will use their own Netbook for use of the internet and creative software for classroom learning purposes. The College will provide suitable sporting equipment in the practical component of this unit.

Subject Levy Cost: \$40.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY Basketball](#)

MY CSI

My CSI explores a range of concepts in crime investigation both in the field and laboratory. Students discover a variety of scientific techniques and analyse subsequent data to support hypotheses in fictional criminal circumstances. Insight into roles of various forensic experts is offered. Areas of focus include fingerprinting, chromatography, handwriting and DNA. Analysis and critique of CSI topical television is provided with such a profound array of current programs portraying CSI themes. There is a major focus on developing teamwork skills whilst students conduct practical, problem solving, ICT and theory activities. Students are engaged with film analysis, discussion and role play of situations that are not easily replicated in the classroom. All students play a part in selection of topics to ensure interests are explored.

Learning Outcomes

During this course students will:

- review an episode of CSI and examine the key features of such programs e.g. climax, resolution
- gain an insight into the roles and responsibilities of forensic scientists, police detectives and members of the investigation squads (police)
- undertake practical investigations and follow scientific methodology
- develop skills related to making observations and accurate measurements, hypothesising, drawing inferences and conclusions and apply logic to various situations
- research current forensic techniques
- explore the connection of mathematics and forensic science
- apply the techniques learnt in class to solve hypothetical crime cases
- use various computer software packages such as Photostory and Word to creatively present and summarise their findings

Assessment

Students will be required to maintain a portfolio for this unit. The portfolio will incorporate a collection of the students work including their learning journal, episode review and practical reports. The students will also be assessed by themselves and others in their ability to work collaboratively, safely and efficiently.

Resources

While undertaking the MY CSI unit, students will be given activities and worksheets, which will assist and support their learning. They will be required to keep these all together in a folder. In addition, the internet (as a source of information) and many software programs will be utilised.

Subject Levy Cost: \$100

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY CSI](#)

MY DANCE

My Dance aims to provide students with the opportunity to engage in a variety of experiences related to the dance and performing arts world. Students will learn the importance of understanding the functionality of their bodies in relation to dance and how it differs from other forms of physical activity. Dance related skills to be developed will include: appropriate warm ups, basic technique, postural strength and support, working with music of different tempos/genres and some basic choreographic processes. Students will also be able to make a selection of dance styles they would like to explore (eg. Jazz, Hip Hop, Latin, Ballroom, Classical Ballet, Broadway Jazz, Soft-shoe Tap, Contemporary etc) and will develop an appreciation of how these styles are learned and utilised to present engaging dance performances.

Learning Outcomes

During this course students will develop a skill set in relation to dance and performing arts. Students will engage in range of dance styles and will endeavour to:

- Understand how to appropriately warm up their bodies
- Develop an understanding of basic dance technique
- Consider how music is used to develop the setting and purpose of a dance performance
- Analyse how space and movement within space is used to enhance a dance performance
- Explore and participate in a range of dance styles
- Utilise basic choreographic processes

Students will work in groups to research and analyse a dance performance of their choice, utilising some of the skills listed above and presenting their analysis in a multimedia mode. Students may also choose to further develop dance styles learned in class for taped or live performance.

Assessment

Students will be assessed both by the teachers, their peers and themselves in regards to their ability to work in teams and participate fully in the experiences provided. Students will conduct individual and group reflections to determine whether they would like to produce a taped or live dance performance.

In small groups, students will analyse a dance performance of their choice and construct a review based on their understanding and opinion of the style, setting, purpose and use of space. Students may present their review as a written or video blog, wiki-page, iMovie or other multimedia mode of their choice.

Resources

Students will be provided with cameras, microphones and video cameras as necessary and will most likely need to make use of the internet to source video of dance performances. Students will have the opportunity to develop their subject specific vocabulary as a regular part of class activities and will subsequently develop a set of appropriate notes/informational material.

Subject Levy Cost \$ 30.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

MY DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Duke of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. They will experience a range of activities and work in a team to complete tasks. Students will complete the Bronze Award. The Award equips young people for life and work, whether it is through unique activities, meeting new people or exploring an unfamiliar environment. Students are responsible for their development and setting their Award goals. Students will be required to complete the following components:

- **Service:** Volunteering time to assist others or their community.
- **Physical Recreation:** Improving fitness and discovering new sports or active recreational activity.
- **Skills:** Undertake a new interest or hobby or extending on a current one.
- **Adventurous Journey:** This is the only section of The Award required to be undertaken in a group. Undertaking a journey in an unfamiliar environment is about creating opportunities for team building through shared planning, role allocation, problem solving and accommodating physical and personality differences.

Through the Duke of Edinburgh, young people, schools and community organisations develop networks of relationships while achieving shared goals. Students must be responsible for their own learning in parts of the award. Duke of Edinburgh gives young people a chance to do something great in their community based on modules of their choice. Young people are able to plan projects, meet new people, build skills and make a difference in their community.

Learning Outcomes

- Goal setting and Evaluation/Reflection
- Experience planning week to week activities to implement in their community.
- Event organisation
- Basic camping skills (packing, meal planning, activity organisation)
- Learning a new physical recreation activity
- Learning a new skill e.g. CPR/ First Aid Qualification
- Volunteering in the local community

Assessment

- Reflection journal via an online record book.
- Participation in all activities; including peer and self-assessment.
- Completion of service, physical recreation, skill and adventurous journey modules.
- Celebration presentation

Subject Levy Cost: \$200

The program is partially funded by the Victorian Government. This levy includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Note: It is not advisable for students to complete both My Duke of Edinburgh and My Advance.

MY FITNESS

This unit enables students to gain specific knowledge and skills in improving personal health and fitness for sport, including nutrition, training methods and principles and sport psychology. Students will research and plan several field trips which explore resources and activities available in the community. Through this they will develop high level of teamwork, leadership, organisation skills and personal fitness. Students will be required to organise training sessions at a local facility, professional advice, consider nutritional requirements from food, effective choice, use and care of equipment. They will spend a substantial amount of time participating in physical activity in both individual and team activities

Learning Outcomes

- Goal setting
- Knowledge of fitness testing and components
- Knowledge of nutritional requirements of an athlete
- Knowledge of training methods and principles
- Improvement in personal fitness
- Event organisation

Assessment

As part of the assessment for MY Fitness, students will undertake the following assessment practices:

- Exercise journal
- Writing up of training program/preparation of diet
- Photographic/video folio detailing the experience
- Evaluation of results (fitness, attitudes)
- Participation (peer assessment)
- Final presentation

Subject Levy Cost: \$50.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY Fitness](#)

MY HARMONY

Around our world there are a variety of approaches to the pursuit of happiness, good health, nutrition and general wellbeing. In this MYSELF program, students will investigate the history, geography, science and sociology of a range of diverse approaches to these topics. They will have an opportunity to research current practice across local and global approaches to medicine, health, psychology and the maintenance and development of individuals and communities. They will also have a chance to participate in a range of these activities after they have researched and sourced the information and experts. Below is a list of topics that will shape the course:

Meditation Practices
Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi
Creating harmonious relationships
Dealing with conflict and anxiety
Nutrition – balance, vegetarianism, veganism
Allergies and their prevalence in society
Inner and outer beauty
Using natural products for skin care

Massage
Aromatherapy
Naturopathy
Acupuncture
Herbs and their use in medicine
Chinese Medicine and other alternative medicines
Spirituality, religions around the world
Organic food

Motivational speakers and leaders in the community
The Dalai Lama and others seeking harmony in the community
Multicultural approaches to happiness around the globe
An exploration of what makes people happy
Life stages
Sustainability
The effects of natural spaces on our state of wellbeing.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be exposed to a range of texts and media in this unit and will then translate their understanding through the production of a report for a different audience.
- They will be encouraged to diversify their IT skills in the production and maintenance of a class office 365 shared document, and they will use this as a base to present to their peers and the wider community on their findings.
- Regular reflections will be used in the course in addition to Multiple Intelligences investigation and application.

Assessment

Students will keep a learning portfolio recording their experiences and completing a variety of tasks as determined by the teacher. They will also complete a more detailed research project into an area of interest. Student will be required to make contact with a variety of health providers, developing their communication and organisational skills.

Resources

Students will be required to use a range of resources from the library and Internet to facilitate their research. They will also use school phones to arrange visits to and from various health care providers.

In this unit students will organise the activities. They will contact and organise visits from a range of providers (e.g. invite a yoga teacher for a session) and have at least two excursions to destinations determined by the group.

Subject Levy Cost: \$40

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

MY KITCHEN GARDEN

My Kitchen Garden will introduce pleasurable food education to year 9 students in order to form positive food habits for life. Emphasis will be on flavours as well as the health benefits of fresh, seasonal, delicious food. Dishes will be prepared by students using the seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruits grown at the school. Students will learn about organic produce and will study the Australian Dietary Guidelines. An emphasis on balance and moderation in relation to food, and identification of “sometimes only” foods.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be expected to learn about:

- Sustainable practice
- The links between horticulture and the food industry
- Management skills – viability of the industry
- Teamwork skills – working together to achieve common goals
- Food and cooking skills
- Planning skills
- Delegation skills
- Horticultural Knowledge and skills for the beginner and beyond
 - Propagation, pruning, plant selection, pests & diseases...
- Types/styles of gardens
 - Native, cottage, container, vertical, bush food, Chinese medicine, bonsai, produce...
- The garden industry
 - Media influence, apprenticeships, workplaces, business opportunities

Assessment

- Students will also work individually or in groups to design and create their electronic portfolios.
- Self-assessment and peer assessment

Resources

- College Vegetable, Herb and Fruit Garden
- Kitchen facilities
- Horticulture tools

Subject Levy Cost: \$70.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

MY MAGAZINE

Ever wondered what it takes to put a magazine together? And what it would be like to be a published writer? How do you arrange interviews and photo shoots? How do you design the layout of the magazine? Here is your chance to work in a team to design, plan, produce and publish a publication for a specific audience. You will be able to write and report on areas such as sports, fashion, arts, literature and entertainment, as well as investigate current local and global issues. You will also have the opportunity to organise excursions. A key component of the unit is the ability to work effectively and cooperatively as part of a team and confidently work to a deadline, to produce a magazine with a specific audience in mind. *My Magazine* will suit those who like creative writing and journalism, photography, graphic design, media, sales and marketing.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the inner workings of magazine publication
- Analyse and research current magazines with regards to journalism, photography, layout, design and advertising
- Be able to develop ideas for writing through surveys, interviews, discussion and experiences
- Communicate ideas, information, opinions and values to a specific audience
- Produce a full colour lifestyle magazine with a specific audience in mind
- Develop skills in marketing, promotions and advertising
- Work to deadlines to ultimately produce a magazine

Assessment

- Collaboration/team work
- Time management
- Current magazine analysis
- Student- produced publication
- Self-assessment and peer assessment

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.

MY PEER LEADER

My Peer Leader provides an opportunity for Year 9 students to train as a leader at Doncaster Secondary College. The program will be offered to chosen Peer Leaders and provides time for the students to work together to create programs and activities that facilitate the smooth transition of Year 7 students into the College.

My Peer Leaders is a 10 week program that will run for first term only and will provide opportunities for students to learn about planning, organising and implementing programs to support others. Students will participate in excursions and incursions and will spend their time setting up their leadership program so it runs smoothly for the remainder of the year. They will also experience planning week to week activities to implement in the college community and event organisation such as student led assemblies, lunchtime activities and visiting Year 7 classes.

Learning Outcomes

- Goal setting and Evaluation/Reflection
- Facilitation of the transition of year 7 students.
- Event organisation

Assessment

- Reflection journal via an online record book.
- Participation in all activities; including peer and self-assessment.
- Completion of Year 7 programs
- Celebration presentation

Subject Levy Cost: \$20.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

MY ROCK BAND

My Rock Band provides opportunities for students who want to pursue their passion for music and performance. My Rock Band caters for students with an interest in the music industry or event management. They will be given the opportunity to either perform at, produce or plan and run a Rock concert showcase. It is perfect for anyone keen to develop skills in performing, sound engineering, lighting, event management and promotions. Think Jack Black and School of Rock. If you're not "In the band" you will still have a major role to play in this practical elective.

Learning Outcomes

The main objective of My Rock Band is to participate in the preparation for a Rock Music showcase at the end of term 3. Students will work in small music groups, developing their reading and writing, listening, instrumental and ensemble playing skills, to ultimately be able to perform pieces of music as a Rock Band. Students will rehearse and perform both covers of existing songs and create new works of their own. Any students who don't already play an instrument will be encouraged to choose one and develop their music skills during the sessions and in a home practice routine. All students will be given basic sound engineering and lighting skills and will help provide the sound and lighting production for the showcase. Event management and ways of promoting the event will be explored and developed, culminating in the final event.

At its core is the focus on students developing their metacognition abilities. Students will gain valuable experience in learning to work as a team, gaining further music skills and confidence when performing in a group. They will also need to brainstorm ideas for event promotion and production of an engaging showcase.

Assessment

Students will receive feedback on their:

- Organisational skills
- Listening skills
- Performance skills
- Collaboration/team work
- Time management
- Self-assessment and peer assessment
- Development of ideas

Subject Levy Cost: \$50.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY Rockband](#)

MY STEAM

In this unit, students will undertake inquiry-based activities where they collaborate in teams to follow the design process to solve a real world problem. They will have access to EV-3 Lego Mindstorm Robots, Spheros and 3D- printing to aide them in solving these problems. Examples could involve (but not be bounded by):

- a device that moves a soccer ball around a pitch.
- a drone that is used to collect data on temperatures at different heights.
- A robot that assembles lego to a program.
- A robot to solve a Rubiks cube.
- Artificial limbs

The structure of the subject will be as follows:

- Students will attend a workshop on robotics provided by the LaTrobe Outreach program on uses of robots in the world, as well making their own robot from set instructions. (Cost - \$15 per student)
- Students will need to identify a problem that can be solved through the application of technology, or select one of the suggested options if they are unable to identify their own.

Learning Outcomes

The following unit objectives for this course include;

- Students will learn collaborative techniques relating to working in a group and using modern technology tools for managing and documenting projects such as wikis, forums, and shared notebooks.
- Students will then follow the design process to **analyse** the functional and non-functional requirements of the problem, **design** the hardware and software required, **develop** the solution to completion, then **evaluate** the effectiveness and efficiency of their solution against the original requirements identified in the analysis.

Assessment

Assessment in this subject will take the form of a number of methods, including;

- Log book of practical work
- Design brief and evaluation of models
- Practical assessment of developed models
- Group assessment tasks

Subject Cost

Students will be required to have a topped-up MYKI card to cover the cost of public transport to excursions.

MY URBAN ART

My Urban art will provide students with the opportunity to develop their creative and expressive capacities by learning about the different practices, materials and techniques within the Urban Art world. Students will create visual art works to communicate, challenge and express their own and others' ideas. By drawing on the world, specifically the Melbourne urban art culture, as a source of inspiration. Students will develop conceptual understanding and engage in Critical and creative thinking throughout the unit. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of practical skills required within the method/s of Street Art through the trialling and testing of a variety of professional techniques and materials.

Learning Outcomes

Students will work both independently and collaboratively to create a visual folio that will address the following aspects. Students will develop:

- conceptual and perceptual ideas and expressions through design and inquiry processes
- visual arts techniques, materials, processes and technologies
- critical and creative thinking, using visual arts languages, theories and practices to apply aesthetic judgment
- respect for and acknowledgement of the diverse roles, innovations, traditions, histories and cultures of artists, craftspeople, designers, critics and commentators
- respect for visual arts as social and cultural practices, including industry practices
- confidence, curiosity, imagination and enjoyment and a personal aesthetic through engagement with visual arts making, viewing, discussing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating
- understand how relationships are developed and use interpersonal skills to establish and maintain respectful relationships. (Personal & Social Capabilities)
- work effectively in teams and develop strategies to manage challenging situations constructively. (Personal & Social Capabilities)

Assessment

Throughout My Urban Art students will be working independently to build a visual folio that illustrates the trial and testing of a variety of Street Art techniques, concept development and final artworks. Students will also be working collaboratively on a large final artwork. This artwork will be framed and displayed at DSC. Street Art techniques covered during the unit include Paste ups, Stencils, Spray paint, Acrylic painting.

Resources

Students will need their own A4 visual diary, MYKI, School printing credit. This unit relies on the support of the Arts and Technology equipment and materials to supplement materials bought with the subject cost.

Subject Levy Cost: \$30.00

This includes all costs associated with this unit with the exception of a valid MYKI card.

Additional Information: [MY Urban Art](#)