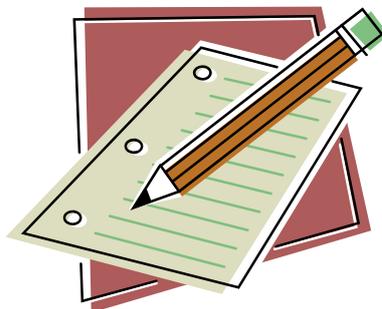




# **BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

## **YEAR 9 CURRICULUM HANDBOOK 2018**



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# YEAR 9 COURSE SELECTION 2018

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Students will develop a course including the following areas:

**English**  
**Mathematics**

**Languages**  
**Physical Education**

**Art(s)**  
**Design, Creativity and**  
**Technology**  
**Health**

**Science**  
**Humanities**

**STRIVE**

Students will have to meet the following rules to develop a program of study in 2017.

| <b>Subject Areas</b>                       | <b>Number of Semester Length Units</b> |
|--|--|
| English                                    | 2                                      |
| Mathematics                                | 2                                      |
| Humanities (Economics, History, Geography) | 3<br>(1 unit each)                     |
| Science                                    | 2                                      |
| Languages                                  | 2                                      |
| Physical Education                         | 2                                      |
| Health                                     | 2                                      |
| STRIVE                                     | 2                                      |
| Art(s) / Technology                        | 5                                      |

A number of options are offered in the areas of Art(s), Technology and ICT. At least one Technology and one Art(s) unit must be studied during the year.

## THE ARTS

**Visual Arts:** Art  
Painting and Drawing  
Visual Communication  
Ceramics

**Performing Arts:** Drama  
Music  
Guitar

**Other:** Barwon Valley Volunteering Program

## TECHNOLOGY

**Technology Subjects:** Fibre  
Metal  
Systems  
Wood  
Food

**Digital Technologies:** Games Programming  
Multimedia

## **YEARS 9 to 10 – DEVELOPING PATHWAYS**

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In these years students develop greater independence of mind and interests. They seek deeper connections between their learning and the world around them and explore how learning might be applied in that world. They need to experience learning in work and community settings as well as the classroom. They are beginning to develop preferred areas for their learning.

Year 9 students focus on the contribution made by personal attributes and effective communication skills to their future life and work roles. They participate in activities that highlight the skills, knowledge and attitudes required for successful transitions to further education, training and employment.

Students should construct a program based on their talents and interests. Students should seek guidance and advice from their family, friends, House Leaders, Pathways Coordinator and teachers.

### **Why Pathways?**

1. To assist students and parents see connections between Years 9 & 10, VCE, tertiary institutions and employment.
2. To provide purpose and direction to a program of studies.

Considerations when making choices:

1. Do I have the ability and interest in the subject I am selecting?
2. Do I think I would enjoy the field of work which these subjects could lead to?
3. Do subjects you enjoy.
4. Do subjects you are interested in.
5. Do subjects you wish to develop your skills in.
6. Use Year 9 to try new subjects.

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| <b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> | MR NICK MASTERS<br>PATHWAYS MANAGER |
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## **ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN YEAR 9**

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In addition to the CORE subjects students will study five half yearly elective units over the year.

The elective choices for Year 9 constitute a very important part of your child's education. It is therefore advised that you assist your child in making the appropriate decisions.

For further information about these elective subjects, please contact the relevant subject coordinators and contact persons listed with the subject descriptions.

## **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)**

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VET is a study option combining VCE or VCAL with vocational training and work placement in industry. VET is recognised as a pathway to a number of careers. A student's VET program may form part of a pathway towards employment or tertiary studies after secondary school. Many employers are recruiting students who have completed VET programs. A VET certificate is a nationally recognised qualification.

After two years study a student can successfully complete the VCE, obtain a VET certificate and a contribution towards the student's ATAR. VCAL students undertake VET or Further Education as

part of that program. A student's VET program in most cases constitutes another subject undertaken off campus.

Parents do need to be aware that VET Courses may incur additional fees.

Parents and students should consider the study options provided by VET as part of the Later Years course planning process.

VET program details and application forms are available from the Student Pathways Centre. Enquiries relating to VET should be directed to Mr Darren Lynch.

### **2018 VET Programs offered include:**

- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Certificate II in Automotive Technology
- Certificate II in Building and Construction
- Certificate III in Beauty
- Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- Certificate II in Applied Fashion
- Certificate II in Dance
- Certificate II in Electrical
- Certificate II in Engineering
- Certificate II in Equine Industry
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)
- Certificate III in Information Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate III in Music Industry
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Other

**Please note: External VET programs on offer may be subject to change.**

**Students can study Certificate III in Music Industry, Certificate III in Information Digital Media and Technology, Certificate II in Outdoor Education, and Certificate III in Sport and Recreation at Belmont High School.**

### **Structured Workplace Learning**

Structured Workplace learning is where a student takes part in a work placement as a "block" of time or ongoing weekly. These work placements form part of a student's VET or VCAL program.

### **Belmont High School RTO Number 22312**

Belmont High School became a Registered Training Organisation for the delivery of VET in 2010. Belmont High School is registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) to deliver Certificate III Music Industry, Certificate III Information Digital Media and Technology, Certificate II Outdoor Recreation and Certificate III Sport and Recreation. Mr Darren Lynch is the Manager.



## **ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

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Assessment for the Victorian Essential Learning Standards requires a mix of summative assessment of learning to determine what the student has achieved, formative assessment to inform the next stage of learning that will occur, and ongoing assessment which focuses on teacher feedback alongside student reflection and self-assessment.

It is a constructive process which looks back as needed to make judgments about progress, but is primarily designed to help the student learn more effectively and the teacher to contribute to student learning. It provides students with an opportunity to display the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes they have developed and motivates them by recognising what they have accomplished. When it then is shared between teachers, assessment also contributes to better understanding of each student's development over time, and how best to ensure they will improve.

Seen in this way, assessment is not an end in itself, but rather a means of educational improvement.

## **RATIONALE BEHIND STRIVE DEVELOPMENT**

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The STRIVE program focuses on providing students with Life Long Skills. It aims to develop independent thinkers who will be able to use formal methods of inquiry and apply their learning to the outside world. Activities such as the camp and community service will be crucial contributors to this growth. STRIVE provides students with the foundation to make a seamless transition through later years whilst promoting a genuine sense of community.

### **Aims**

STRIVE aims to:

- Take learning beyond the classroom.
- Give students the opportunity to develop and explore their own interests and passions.
- Provide students with life-long skills
- Enrich student welfare and self-esteem via enhanced pastoral care.
- Promote students to become better citizens.
- Extend their capacity of thinking skills to be more critical, competent and creative.
- Encourage students towards a greater sense of responsibility and the ability to manage themselves in relating to others.
- Provide a foundation for Years 10, 11 & 12
- Through participation in a Career Education program students will consider where their strengths and abilities lie. The students take part in activities that will assist to make decisions about future pathways to a career, make the transition to Year Ten and gain knowledge about the world of work and employment opportunities. Activities include: excursions to tertiary institutions, guest speakers, and mock interviews with Belmont Rotary. All students will complete a Managed Individual Pathway Plan. Parent participation in the pathway planning process is important. We conduct two parent information evenings in Term Two. Interviews are conducted with House Leaders to discuss Year Ten subject selections and individual interviews are encouraged with the school's careers counselor, Mr. Nick Masters.

## TABLE OF SUBJECT OFFERINGS

|                                  | YEAR 9   | Periods/<br>Fortnight                | Year 9 Accelerated<br>Learning Program<br>(ALP)  | Periods/<br>Fortnight            | Year 9 Enrichment<br>Program                       | Periods/<br>Fortnight                |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CORE SUBJECTS</b>             | English  | 9                                    | English  | 9                                | English  | 14                                   |
|                                  | History (One Semester)                             | 5                                    | Science  | 9                                | Science  | 5                                    |
|                                  | Geography (One Semester)                           | 5                                    | VCE Legal Studies                                | 9                                | Commerce (One Semester)                            | 5                                    |
|                                  | Science  | 5                                    | Physical Education                               | 4                                | Physical Education                                 | 4                                    |
|                                  | Physical Education                                 | 4                                    | LANGUAGES :<br>Italian<br>Indonesian             | 5                                | Health   | 4                                    |
|                                  | Health   | 4                                    |  |                                  |  |                                      |
|                                  | MATHEMATICS :<br>Advanced, General<br>or Practical | 9                                    | MATHEMATICS :<br>(Year 10 )<br>Advanced, General | 9                                | MATHEMATICS :<br>Advanced, General or<br>Practical | 9                                    |
|                                  | LANGUAGES:<br>Italian<br>Indonesian                | 5                                    |  |                                  |  |                                      |
|                                  | Economics (One Semester)                           | 5                                    |  |                                  |  |                                      |
|                                  | STRIVE   | 6                                    |  |                                  | STRIVE   | 6                                    |
| <b>ARTS/TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES</b> | Art  |                                      |  |                                  | Art  |                                      |
|                                  | Visual Communication                               |                                      |  |                                  | Visual Communication                               |                                      |
|                                  | Food Technology                                    |                                      |  |                                  | Food Technology                                    |                                      |
|                                  | Wood Technology                                    |                                      |  |                                  | Wood Technology                                    |                                      |
|                                  | Fibre Technology                                   |                                      |  |                                  | Fibre Technology                                   |                                      |
|                                  | Systems Technology                                 |                                      |  |                                  | Systems Technology                                 |                                      |
|                                  | Metal Technology                                   | 4 or 5<br>periods<br>per<br>semester | A total of 15 periods<br>choice from Year 10     | 15<br>periods<br>per<br>semester | Metal Technology                                   | 4 or 5<br>periods<br>per<br>semester |
|                                  | Drama  |                                      | VCE or VET blocks                                |                                  | Drama  |                                      |
|                                  | Ceramics   |                                      |  |                                  | Ceramics   |                                      |
|                                  | Music  |                                      |  |                                  | Music  |                                      |
|                                  | Painting & Drawing                                 |                                      |  |                                  | Painting & Drawing                                 |                                      |
|                                  | Guitar   |                                      |  |                                  | Guitar   |                                      |
|                                  | Games Programming                                  |                                      |  |                                  | Games Programming                                  |                                      |
|                                  | Multimedia   |                                      |  |                                  | Multimedia   |                                      |
|                                  | Barwon Valley<br>Volunteering Program              |                                      |  |                                  | Barwon Valley<br>Volunteering Program              |                                      |

# ENGLISH

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 9 periods

Students will continue to develop skills in English to produce, study and respond critically to spoken, written, and visual texts created for a wide range of audiences and purposes. They learn to be critical and independent users of texts and language appropriate to situations in school, in their daily lives and in the workplace.

Students read and respond to a range of texts, including literary texts such as novels, short stories, plays, poetry, informative and persuasive texts and visual texts such as the film. They develop a critical understanding of the different media texts, such as current affairs, news articles and reviews. They explore and interpret different perspectives on complex issues and respond to these in written and oral form. They develop their skills in writing appropriately and effectively in a range of text types for a variety of audiences and purposes. They practice writing expressively about thoughts, feelings, opinions and ideas, and constructing considered arguments to persuade others to share a point of view. Students listen to and produce a range of spoken texts in a variety of formal and informal situations characterised by complexity of purpose, and subject matter.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS B DAFF

# SCIENCE

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

At year 9 students will continue to develop the skills and understandings introduced in years 7 and 8.

The four major topic covered are:

- Chemistry (atoms and reactions)
- Responding and control (nervous and hormonal systems)
- Electromagnetism (magnets and electric circuits)
- Ecosystems (flow of energy and matter in the environment)

Assessment tasks will include; practical reports, a student designed practical activity, research assignments and topic tests. Skills and competencies are regularly monitored and reported each semester.

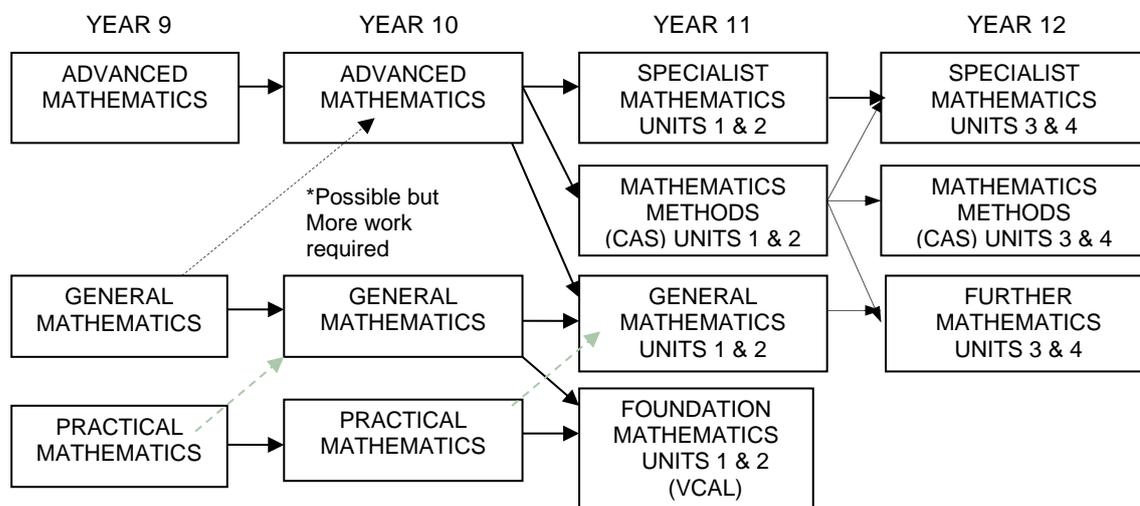
The CATS will cover; designing an investigation into the rate of a chemical reaction. Investigating how our bodies respond to stimuli. Constructing and testing an optical device. Investigating an ecosystem.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR R STOTT

# MATHEMATICS

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 9 periods

## Pathways in Mathematics



This diagram shows the full range of Mathematics studies offered up to Year 12 because in making your Mathematics choice you will need to think broadly beyond Year 12 and work backwards.

Although it is unlikely that students have a definite career path planned in Year 9, and students who do have an intended career in mind may change their ideas in the next 3 years, it is important that you make your subject choice with the aim of keeping your options open.

As shown in the diagram:-There are 6 VCE Mathematics studies provided (3 in each of Year 11 & 12) designed to cater for the needs and aspirations of a wide range of students. VCAL students study Foundation Mathematics.

Leading into these studies, we offer 3 levels of Mathematics at both Year 9 and Year 10. The topics studied are the same in both General and Advanced, however topics in Advanced are studied in more depth and possibly at a faster pace. Practical Mathematics is for students that have not yet developed a solid grounding in the basic Mathematical skills required in General Mathematics. The aim is spend more time developing these skills, especially in relation to life-skills. Students who then feel more confident may progress to topics studied in General Mathematics.

The choice appears complex and what you decide may need to be reviewed at some point. Some students may consider a level of Mathematics higher than they are currently working at, e.g. students currently in Year 9 Practical Mathematics may choose Year 10 General; students currently in Year 9 General may choose Year 10 Advanced, with consultation with Mathematics teachers and Mr Masters.

To make this change you must be achieving consistently high scores on your Mathematics assessment and understand that in choosing a higher level, you will have to work harder to achieve success in the next year.

Moving down a level is generally easier. This is possible at the start of a year and may be possible mid-year depending upon your course selections. It is best of course, if the correct decision is made this year.

It is recommended that to keep options open students should choose the **highest level of Mathematics of which they are realistically capable.** Your Mathematics selection should be decided in consultation with careers teachers, parents and current Mathematics teacher and be based on mathematical ability, needs and aspirations. Try to keep your options open but be realistic.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS S MORSE

# HEALTH

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

All students study Health as a core subject in Year 9. The course is structured using the Australian Curriculum as a guide for learning and assessment activities. Students complete 4 periods a fortnight all year.

The course covers:

1. **Health and well-being** – Students identify the components of health as a framework for the year's work. They explore physical, social, emotional, spiritual and mental dimensions of health.
2. **Nutrition** – Students examine nutrition in relation to their energy and growth needs. They analyse the links between nutrition and dietary related diseases and ways of improving their own health.
3. **Alcohol and Drug Use** – Students examine perceptions of challenge, risk and safety. They contrast risks that promote personal and social growth with those that endanger health; such as alcohol and illegal drug use.
4. **Respectful Relationships** – Students explore relationships. They learn strategies for supporting themselves and other young people experiencing challenges in relationships or with their sexuality, and learn about the community services available.
5. **Building Resilience/Grief and Loss/Mental Health Issues** - Students extend their learning about establishing personal identity. Students explore assertiveness and resilience strategies that could be used in a range of situations. They reflect on aspects of grief and loss. They examine mental health issues relevant to young people and consider the importance of family and friends in supporting their mental health and emotional health needs. They consider the stigma of mental illness as well as the challenges for those with a mental illness and for those caring for them.

Assessment covers a range of activities including: blogs for personal reflection, written tests (including: multiple choice and short answer questions), PowerPoint presentations, brochures and written reports. Students use a range of reputable websites in researching the topics covered in class.

In-class excursions at no cost to students may also be included in the course if time permits, such as a visit to Barwon Health, Belmont. Guest speakers may also be engaged to instruct the students in class time.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS S McDONALD

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

All students study Physical Education as a core subject in Year 9.  
The course is structured using the Australian Curriculum as a guide for learning and assessment activities.

## Course Content

Students will participate in four different Term based Units per semester;

- Term 1. **Personal Trainer** - Students design, implement & evaluate personalised plans for improving or maintaining their own and others' physical activity & fitness levels.
- Term 2. **Pass and move** – Students develop, implement & evaluate movement concepts & strategies involved in invasion sports and game.
- Term 3. **Balance and movement** – Students evaluate their own and others' movement compositions and provide and apply feedback in order to enhance performance situations; Gymnastics/ Dance
- Term 4. **Serve it up** – Students transfer their understanding from previous movement experiences to create solutions to movement challenges within Striking, Fielding and Net Games.

*Some activities will be run in the local Geelong community and will involve a cost for transport and admission to use the facilities, for example, Table Tennis, AeroSport Centre for Gymnastics.*

## Assessment

- **Practical** – Students are required to participate in all practical sessions; strategic planning, coaching cooperation, skills fitness & safety.
- **Theory** – theory classes will be **held regularly** throughout the semester to support the practical sessions. For example some activities may include; PowerPoint presentation, brochures, laboratory reports, and other forms of formative worksheets.

Guest speakers may also be engaged to instruct the students in class time.

**Cost:** \$50 per semester

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS S McDONALD

# GEOGRAPHY

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

## Content

Student's study the relationship and interaction between the natural and human environments, from a spatial perspective. The two units studied are:

1. **Biomes and food security** focuses on investigating the role of the biotic environment and its role in food and fibre production. Students examine the biomes of the world, their alteration and significance as a source of food and fibre, and the environmental challenges and constraints on expanding food production in the future.
2. **Geographies of interconnections** focuses on investigating how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a wide variety of ways, and how these connections help to make and change places and their environments.

These areas of study focus on current issues and events and their effect on the environment, economy and people. A range of scales is considered: local, regional and global.

## Assessment Tasks

- Mapping and practical skills
- Research using a variety of sources
- Bookwork
- Tests of skills, knowledge and understanding
- Class activities and participation

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR R KLINE

# HISTORY

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

## Course Aims

The study of this unit will provide 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 nationalisation 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.'

## Topics

1. Movements of People
  - Study 1: Making a Better World
    - The population explosion
    - Trade, empire and shipping
    - Child Labour
    - Crime and Punishment
    - Migration

### Study 2: Australia and Asia

- Beginnings of conflict
- Blood on the frontiers
- 'White Australia' and the outside world
- Nationalism and Australian identity
- Voting rights for women

### 2. World War 1

- What caused the Great war
- The Western Front
- Gallipoli
- Trench warfare
- The home front

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS S ARMITAGE

## ECONOMICS

**Number of Semesters:** Two

**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

**Economics** is the study of how different societies allocate scarce resources to satisfy the wants and needs of its members. As with any social science, economics is concerned with human social behaviour: the behavior of individuals and the interaction among them. Economics is also concerned with how to best manage resource scarcity and addresses the requirements for human survival and economic sustainability.

### Topics

- Discovering the meaning of Economics
- Needs and wants – What kind of consumer am I?
  - Teenage affluenza
- Supplementary and complementary products – wise buying and purchasing decisions
- An introduction to demand and supply
- An investigation into the issue of poverty from an economics perspective
- Globalisation – the importance of logos in the lives of teenagers

### Assessment Tasks

- Case study
- Poster
- Oral presentation using internet research
- Review questions – on a DVD
- Brochure and news article
- Exam

### Resources

- Teacher reference text – “Money, Markets and Citizenship – VCTA”, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Jules Aldous et al.
- DVDs – Movies and documentaries
- Internet research
- Class sets and handouts

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS J WATSON

# LANGUAGES

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods  
LANGUAGES = Indonesian or Italian

Learning a language offers students the opportunity to:

- Use the language to communicate with its speakers
- Understand how language operates as a system and, through comparison, how other languages, including English, are structured and function
- Gain direct insights into the culture or cultures which give the language its life and meaning
- Consider their own culture, and compare it with the cultures of countries and communities where the language is spoken
- Add to their general knowledge
- Enhance their vocational prospects

## Content

Each semester is based on themes depending on the language.

Topics may include:

- Leisure time
- In the home
- Going into the city
- Clothing and shopping
- Weather
- School
- Transport/Travel
- Markets & restaurants

## Assessment

Assessment is based on reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Assessment may take the following forms:

- Topic tests
- Listening
- Comprehension
- Reading comprehension
- Role plays
- Writing letters, emails, post cards, etc.
- Cultural Assignment

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS F COLOGNI - ITALIAN / MS L PURDY - INDONESIAN

# STRIVE

**Number of Semesters:** Two  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 6 periods  
**STRIVE LEVY:** \$100 (indicative)

Strive is an innovative subject developed specifically to meet the needs of Year 9 students. It focuses on developing independent thinkers and provides them with essential Life Long Skills. Learning themes include: Term 1 – Strive into your future; Term 2 – Strive into Pathways; Term 3 – Strive into the Community; Term 4 – Strive onwards. Ultimately, students engage in various activities, workshops and motivational guest speakers throughout the year to enhance their community engagement, develop career pathways; further develop positive social skills, increase student engagement and mapping of individual pathways.

The subject takes learning beyond the classroom and gives students the opportunity to develop and explore their own interests and passions. Strive provides the foundation for students to become better citizens, to develop a greater sense of responsibility and the ability for greater self management.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR C MCLAUCHLAN

# THE ARTS

**Arts** electives for Year 9 include Art, Ceramics, Painting & Drawing, Visual Communication, Drama, and Music. The Arts program provides the opportunity for students to express themselves through a wide range of creative activities. It also aims to develop perception and self-confidence.

**DURATION:** One Semester Unit  
5 or 4 periods per fortnight

**CONTACT PERSONS:** MS K ZAHRA

Specific contact persons are listed below the description for particular areas of study within the Arts area.

## ART

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

### Course Aims

- Students build on previous skills to acquire valuable new skills and techniques to develop their drawing capability
- This will lead to an intense study of realistic portraiture.
- Students learn the Elements of Art, in particular using tone to create form
- Students develop the ability to annotate, being an integral part of their future art studies

### Course Content

Students will learn the different functions of the brain and which side of the brain is useful in the creation of artworks. They will undertake a variety of activities to prepare them for their final realistic portrait drawing. Students initially create an unassisted self-portrait to later use as a 'before and after' comparison. (see images below) Students develop drawing techniques and the correct use of materials, with a direct focus on mastering graphite.

### Assessment

At the end of this course students should present all activities and works undertaken in their visual diary. An evaluation is made regarding their design process and that of their final artwork. Students evaluate their own success in the form of a detailed self- assessment process.



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**Cost:** \$10 Levy

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS K ZAHRA

# CERAMICS

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

Ceramics is to be offered to Year 9 students as a continuation of the Year 7 and 8 courses. The main objective is to offer students a longer and more concentrated period of time to develop the necessary skills in this area. It is expected that students will experience a range of ceramic techniques.

Students will be encouraged to develop their skills, as well as aesthetic appreciation, personal expression, enjoyment, visual awareness and imagination through continued use of ceramic materials and techniques.

The Year 9 Course consists of two main areas:

## 1. Arts Practice

This is the practical component of the course and involves students in exploring ideas, developing skills and techniques and presenting their art works. This area represents the major part of the course and offers a varied syllabus including working with a broader range of Ceramic materials and techniques.

## 2. Responding to the Arts

Students engage in descriptions, analysis, interpretation and evaluations of their own and others' artworks. They also learn about art history and the relationship between social and cultural issues and art.

**ASSESSMENT:** Both Arts Practice and Responding to the Arts will be separately assessed and reported.

**COST: \$15 LEVY** Students may need to purchase some materials. This cost will be determined by the topic.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS J STEVENS

# PAINTING AND DRAWING

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

The following subject, which is similar to the Year 10 Painting and Drawing course, is offered to all Year 9 students. The main purpose of this course is to give Year 9 students preparation for acceleration into Year 11 Art or Studio Art during Year 10. **Any** Year 9 student may undertake this course. Students who have successfully completed both Year 9 Art and Painting and Drawing will be allowed to accelerate into Year 11 Art or Studio Art.

The Year 9 Art course will continue to be available in both semesters.

## Aim

- Students explore the aesthetic potential of painting and drawing to express their ideas of metaphors as self-portraits.
- Students will further their understanding of art analysis and historical and cultural context through the study of the artworks of others.

## Content

### 1. Arts Practice

Students will produce a folio that consists of developmental work that includes:

- A collection of resource material
- Preliminary sketches
- Refined drawings and exploration of materials and techniques.

This work will lead to the completion of a number of final paintings and drawings.

### 2. Responding to the Arts

Students will complete relevant written work pertaining to art criticism and aesthetics.

**Assessment:** Both Arts Practice and Responding to the Arts will be separately assessed and reported.

**Cost:** \$10 Levy

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS K ZAHRA

# VISUAL COMMUNICATION

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

Visual Communication is a study in communication between people, through visual representation. Students will learn to design and prepare graphic sheets covering a wide range of topics.

Visual Communication explains, directs, shows and measures, using symbols, diagrams and drawings. Students will be taught to produce graphic examples using traditional instruments as well as computer aided drawings.

The Year 9 Course consists of two main areas:

### 1. Arts practice

This is the practical component of the course and involves students in exploring ideas, developing skills and techniques and presenting their work to others. Students will develop manual skills using a wide range of media and equipment. Some computer work will also be required.

### 2. Responding to the arts

Students engage in descriptions, analysis, interpretation and evaluations of their own and others works. The importance of annotations and review of their own work will be stressed. Research and analysis of other work through reading, internet and presentation of examples is a key component of the course.

They also learn about the graphic communication histories and the relationship between social and cultural issues, and graphic communication practices.

**Assessment:** Both Arts practice and responding to the Arts will be assessed and reported.

**Cost:** \$6 Levy

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR A HAMBLING

## DRAMA

**Number of Semesters:** One

**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

The Drama course in **Semester One** involves improvisation, play building and play-writing which allow for the creation of an original theatre piece which will be performed for the TakeOver Program at GPAC. This involves a number of schools within the Geelong area performing a self-devised piece. Work in this course includes production and design aspects involving sets, costumes, makeup, props, promotional materials, stage management and sound and lighting. Increasingly, students use new technologies such as digital FX and multimedia. There are 3 excursions involving workshops to the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.

**Cost:** \$15 levy. There will be an extra \$30 charge for GPAC 'Take Over' Registration.

The Drama course in **Semester Two** also has a strong performance base, complimented with a focus on the 'process' of performance as well as the creation of a polished end product. The creation of a series of shorter dramatic statements, exploring the way humour works and how it operates in drama will be used in the creation of a group devised performance. Students will be involved in a Screen Actors Studio workshop where the focus will be on non-naturalistic performance styles.

**Cost:** \$15

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS K MANN

# MUSIC

**Number of Semesters:** One

**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

## **Aims**

The Year 9 Music course involves students in a variety of activities including listening, performing and composing. This subject is based on music performance (both solo and group), and learning about the Australian Music Industry. Students will need to be able to play a musical instrument, or sing, or be willing to learn an instrument throughout this unit. Students will study all aspects of putting together a performance program, ranging from – song-writing, arranging music, theory, aural training, becoming familiar with sound equipment (P.A. Operation), and rehearsal techniques, as well as learning about the Australian Music Industry and careers.

## **Content**

1. Students will prepare and present a Solo and Group performance program on the instrument (including voice) of their choice
2. Students will keep a record of aural training and theory exercises and undertake tests to develop their skills in these areas
3. Students will undertake a variety of Listening Journal activities to develop their skills and knowledge of the elements of Music
4. Students will undertake written activities investigating a variety of musical styles developing their skills in the use of musical language and observation
5. Information technology skills will be developed through creative and research activities, including the use of Music specific computer programs

## **Assessment**

- Solo and Group Performances
- Aural and Theory tests
- Maintaining a Listening Journal
- Assignment on the Australian Music Industry
- Portfolio of creative work

**Cost:** Resources \$6

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS L MORTON / MS A LINTON

# GUITAR

**Number of Semesters:** One

**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

## **Aims**

The Year 9 Guitar course involves students in a variety of activities including listening, performing and composing. This subject is based on music performance (both solo and group), and learning about the Australian Music Industry. Students will need to be able to play the Guitar, or be willing to learn the Guitar throughout this unit. Students will study all aspects of putting together a performance program, ranging from – song-writing, arranging music, theory, aural training, becoming familiar with sound equipment (P.A. Operation), and rehearsal techniques, as well as learning about the Australian Music Industry and careers.

The school will supply Guitars for students to use in class.

## **Content**

1. Students prepare and present a Solo and Group performance program on the Guitar
2. Students prepare an assignment on a selected Guitarist and their Guitar performance techniques
3. Students will present a song analysis of a track featuring the Guitar using the elements of Music
4. Students will maintain a Listening Journal
5. Students will develop Music theory and reading skills
6. Students will maintain a portfolio of song writing activities

## **Assessment**

- Solo and Group performance on Guitar
- Assignment on a Guitarist and their Guitar performance techniques
- Song analysis of a track featuring the Guitar
- Listening Journal
- Music Theory and Music reading workbook and tests
- Song writing portfolio

**Cost:** \$6 resources

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS L MORTON / MS A LINTON

# DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGIES

**Design and Technologies:** Electives for Year 9 Design and Technologies learning area include Fibre, Food, Metal, Wood and Systems. The Design and Technologies Curriculum provides the opportunity for students to create quality designed solutions. Students consider the economic, environmental and social impacts of technological change, and how the choice and use of technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. Students also take into account the ethical, legal, aesthetic and functional factors that inform the design processes.

Standards in the Design and Technologies Learning Area are organised in three strands:

- **Technologies in Society:** Students explore issues around sustainability and emerging technology.
- **Technology in Contexts:** Students look at characteristics and properties of materials for product development.
- **Creating Designed Solutions:** Students create products within the sub strands of Investigating, Generating, Producing, Evaluating, Planning and Managing.

**DURATION:** One Semester Unit  
4 periods per fortnight.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS B DONALD

## FIBRE

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

**Content** Students design, create and evaluate a series of products including boxer shorts, a pencil case and an upcycled garment for the Op Shop Project. They use tools, equipment, machines, materials and processes to safely and creatively make their products. Students explore materials characteristics and properties including sustainability. They use planning and managing processes to coordinate their designed solution.

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed on their ability to meet Victorian Curriculum Standards by performing learning tasks to demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills.

**Cost:** The students will need to purchase their own fabric for the boxer shorts as well as \$10 to buy a garment at the Op Shops.

**Levy:** \$15

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS B DONALD

# FOOD

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

## Content

**Investigating And Designing:** Students combine practical and design skills with knowledge to generate design options.

**Producing:** Students work in teams, pairs or individually. It includes the safe use of tools and equipment to manage ingredients and processes to produce a quality product.

**Analysing and Evaluating:** This involves students describing, analyzing and reflecting on the value of their product, often in a comparative manner.

**Cost:** Semester cost of approximately \$57.00 to cover the purchase of consumable materials.  
*Semester long subject fee payments are due by week six of Term 1 (Semester 1), or week six of Term 3 (Semester 2)*

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS E CAVE

# METAL

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

## Content

**Investigation and Design:** Students gather information, develop and use design and technology skills, knowledge and processes to create new or improved products.

**Production:** Students use tools, equipment, machines, materials and processes to safely and creatively make quality products.

**Analysis and Evaluation:** Students compare the outcomes of design and production activities and create relevant evaluations.

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed on their ability to meet Victorian Essential Learning Standards by performing tasks demonstrating the application of knowledge and skills.

**Cost:** \$15

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR D HEALEY

# WOOD

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

**Content** Students investigate, design, produce and evaluate a personal storage product. They use planning and managing processes to coordinate their designed solution. Students use tools, equipment, machines, materials and processes to safely and creatively make their product. They explore materials characteristics and properties including sustainability.

**Assessment:** Students will be assessed on their ability to meet Victorian Curriculum Standards by performing learning tasks to demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills.

**Cost:** Students may supply their own wood materials and hardware or reimburse the school for materials used. The cost is determined by the choices made by students.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR P VERNON

# SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

**Content** Students will learn how basic electronic components work and how to identify them. Students will then construct a mechanical/electrical project. Students will learn how to read inputs and control outputs with an 'Arduino'.

**Investigation and Design:** Students will investigate what an 'Arduino' is and what it can be used for, and will design a simple 'Arduino' project.

**Production:** Students will use tools, equipment, materials and components to safely and creatively make quality systems.

**Analysis and Evaluation:** Students complete written evaluations to determine how well the product complies with the design brief.

**Cost:** \$25.00

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR S WEBB

# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

## GAMES PROGRAMMING

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

### **Aim**

In Games Programming students use Game Maker or other software to design and develop their own interactive computer games, such as platform style games, mazes, platform and arcade games. Students investigate gaming elements such as storyline and characters and increase their knowledge of gaming genres. Students undergo a structured problem solving process, acquiring skills in planning, developing, testing and evaluating games.

### **Work Requirements**

- Students will maintain a portfolio showing a progression of skills in Games development.
- Students apply the skills from the portfolio to an integrated game project of their choice.

### **Assessment**

- Game Portfolio
- Common Assessment Task (Development of Game)

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS L KELLY

# MULTIMEDIA

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 5 periods

## **Aim**

In Year 9 Multimedia students will be exposed to a range of software applications such as Fireworks, Flash, and Premiere to design and develop information products such as posters, collages, animations and movies. The subject aims to foster creativity and problem solving skills.

Students develop their knowledge on the characteristics of data by manipulating various data types, such as text, sound, numbers and images (still and moving), to create formatted information products. They plan the design of products according to accepted ICT presentation conventions and develop evaluation criteria for the effectiveness of each presentation style. These include meeting audience/user needs and communicating a message effectively. Students make ongoing modifications to their products to improve their efficiency and effectiveness.

Students become proficient in file handling procedures and maintain an up-to-date bank of digital evidence, and ensure it is easy to navigate, complies with ICT presentation conventions and demonstrates a diversity of ICT skills and knowledge.

Students use Internet technologies (such as search engines, forums, blogs and email) to support their projects. They learn to become responsible users of ICT, such as exploring the distinction between legal and illegal uses of ICT, creating information products that comply with ICT intellectual property law.

## **Work Requirements**

- Students will create a portfolio containing samples from a variety of software applications.
- Students will analyse a particular information problem and develop a solution.

## **Assessment**

- Portfolio of work
- Common Assessment Task (design tasks)

**CONTACT PERSON:** MS L KELLY

# BARWON VALLEY VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

**Number of Semesters:** One  
**Periods/Fortnight:** 4 periods

The Community Volunteer Program (CVP) is a subject that gives students exposure to working with students with special needs at our neighbouring Barwon Valley School and opens their minds to the possibilities of working in this field later in their lives. The students at the Barwon Valley School range for 5 -18 years of age and are of all levels of ability. Participation in this program teaches students life skills that are transferrable in everyday life, like compassion, empathy, patience, persistence and gives them invaluable hands on skills in working with small groups and in a team environment. The Belmont High School students, in small groups, are allocated a supervising teacher and the same classroom/students for the entire semester. This is to ensure continuity with the staff and the students from the Barwon Valley School, in order to enhance the rapport, relationships and trust built over this time.

This program can be at times, challenging, but is very rewarding on a personal level and a powerful experience for those who participate.

**Assessment** – Induction program, including a tour of the Barwon Valley School; weekly Log Book outlining activities undertaking; reflection on personal achievements/self-assessment and teacher observation and feedback at the end of the semester.

**CONTACT PERSON:** MR N MASTERS