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## Junior Secondary Curriculum Handbook 2018

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From The Principal

The Kenmore State High School Junior Secondary Curriculum offers a rich, challenging and stimulating programme designed to generate a passion for learning and instil the value of learning as a life long process.

The attributes of a life long learner are:
• A knowledgeable person with deep understanding
• A deep thinker
• A creative person
• A confident communicator
• An ethical individual
• A reflective and self-directed learner
• An enterprising worker
• A local leader
• A global citizen
• A resilient individual

At Kenmore High we believe
• Every student can learn and succeed
• Success breeds success and
• Schools control the conditions of success.

These are not simple objectives. Our aim is to challenge our students by offering them an array of learning experiences, by setting high standards and by providing multiple opportunities for students to be responsible and accountable for their learning. When we have our students thinking, articulating and taking initiative we enact the works of Lois E Lebar,

“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives... Education means developing the mind, not stuffing the memory.”

The teaching at Kenmore High encourages the students to produce, not to reproduce. The focus is on student-centred learning and includes guided discovery, problem solving, discussions, group work, meaningful and relevant tasks and independent learning. Positive feedback and reinforcement are features of the teaching employed at this school as are recognising and catering for the diverse needs, abilities, interests and aspirations of the students.

Our Junior Secondary School Curriculum enables students to experience a smooth transition from Primary to the Senior school and beyond in an environment which fosters a sense of belonging, security and happiness. Our curriculum, while challenging, lays solid foundations in the skills students will need for the future as well as the educational practices that have stood the test of time. This is supported with a wide range of extracurricular activities for students. The combination of supportive environment, challenge and foundations allows our students to appreciate and value learning as a life long process.

It is not a mistake that our motto is “Education for Life”.

John Fitzgerald
Principal
Our Junior Secondary Years

During the Junior Secondary years meaningful learning experiences provide the foundation for a successful education. At this time students establish the essential knowledge and skills they will build on in the Senior years and beyond. At Kenmore State High School we have designed a Junior Secondary curriculum that is responsive to the learning needs of young adolescents. It is rigorous but supportive and is designed to assist students in becoming deep, critical, futuristic, ethical and reflective thinkers.

Junior Secondary students complete studies in a wide range of subjects drawn from the core learning areas in Years 7 and 8, with increasing opportunity for specialisation in Years 9 and 10 and beyond. There is a focus on developing core skills in literacy and numeracy, supported by school wide practices that help student make connections between their studies in different subjects. Social, emotional and physical wellbeing is enhanced through our Essentials program, sport and leadership opportunities.

Our Junior Secondary programmes are compliant with the recent developments in the Australian Curriculum and have been designed using our school wide Dimensions of Learning Framework. They have also been informed by Education Queensland’s recent Junior Secondary reform agenda, particularly the “Six Principles of Junior Secondary”. The Junior Secondary years at Kenmore State High School will be a crucial first step in a student’s education for life.

The Six Principles of Junior Secondary

- **Leadership**
  Leadership opportunities for staff and students are delivered through strong school leadership and a focus on support for Junior Secondary students.

- **Distinct identity**
  Junior Secondary students are supported to develop their own group identity within the broader school community, and have a strong sense of belonging and ownership of their school and their learning.

- **Local decision-making**
  Local school communities influence the shape of the Junior Secondary model in each school, reflecting local needs.

- **Parent and community involvement**
  There is a range of avenues to build the active and authentic involvement of Junior Secondary parents and community, and reciprocal partnerships exist between parents and the school.

- **Quality teaching**
  The learning and achievement of Junior Secondary students is supported by highly skilled teachers with pedagogical knowledge and practice appropriate for this age group.

- **Student wellbeing**
  Student wellbeing is positioned as core business, and there is a whole of school commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined environment for all Junior Secondary students as they make the transition to a secondary setting.
## Curriculum Overview Years 7–9

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- SCIENCE
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- GEOGRAPHY/BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
- HPE
- LANGUAGES
- ARTS or TECHNOLOGIES
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| **Music Extension** | Semester 2 Year 7 Semester 1 AND 2 in Year 8 and 9 3 lessons a week | • Students should have a background in instrumental / vocal music through the Primary school system or private lessons. Singers need to have music reading and theory of music skills.  
• Students give a variety of performances; learn aural, singing and composing skills.  
• Applicants will need to submit documentation that outlines their musical ability and may be asked to complete an audition. |
| **GIEP – German Immersion and Extension Program** | Years 7–10 | • The German Immersion and Extension Program (GIEP) challenges able students intellectually, linguistically and culturally. Students achieve a high level of language proficiency and academic achievement and enrich their world view through their personal engagement with Germany.  
• Students study History / Geography and Health and Physical Education in German in alternate semesters and German, Mathematics and Science in German for two semesters. |
| **ICE Program** | Years 7–9 | • Students work in a 1 to 1 tablet laptop environment in core classes with an adapted curriculum.  
• Teachers in the ICE program are proficient at integrating technology to enhance teaching and learning.  
• Students in the program take part in regular excursions and workshops to support the aims of ICE.  
• The task culminates with an extensive, industry quality product (of the student’s choosing) completed in Yr 9’s Semester 2 elective subject.  
• The project combines academic rigour with technology use which promotes the development of ICT skills in students, organisational abilities and highly developed communication skills. |
| **Zenith** | Years 7–9 | • A course for academically gifted students.  
• Students work in the usual mainstream timetable structure and, in addition, complete the “Futures Problem Solving and Theories of Learning” course as an elective in Year 9. |
**Units of Study:**

Immersion German is a full year program that supports students’ German language development. The students will work through four units of work with the following topics:

1. **It’s all about me! Introductory unit**
2. **School and learning**
3. **Leisure time!**
4. **At home**

**Unit Description**

**It’s all about me.** In this unit students acquire basic German language ability in order to communicate about themselves and others. Students will learn to speak and write about themselves, family, home, pets, friends and interests.

**School and learning:** In this unit students learn to talk about school, their subjects, their teachers and how they feel about them. They can describe their school day. They also learn something about the German schools.

**Leisure time:** In this unit students explore their free time. They learn how to describe what they do in their free time, what their friends do, how to arrange to meet their friends. Finally they discover the fascinating world of the German flea market and create their own.

**At home:** In this unit students reflect on their busy home lives, their daily routine, their meals, their chores around the home and their pets. They learn to express past events.

**Learning Experiences**

Included under the strands of **Communicating** and **Understanding** will be opportunities to socialise, inform, create, translate, reflect, analyse the language system and understand the role of language and culture in the target language.

They learn to participate in classroom routines and exchanges in German. They view, listen, read and perform a range of imaginative texts such as poems, songs and stories. Students can translate and interpret these for their peers.

Students learn to recognize and apply key features of German pronunciation, stress and intonation. They will develop knowledge of structures and vocabulary to describe people, objects, actions, events and relationships. They study a variety of text types such as emails, invitations, advertisements and song clips. They will understand that language use is shaped by and reflects the values, ideas and norms of a community.

**Assessment**

Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This will check students’ knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills.

The listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed at regular intervals.

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**

The base textbook to be used is *Planet 1* which is available under the Textbook hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the activity book (*Arbeitsbuch*).

Students will have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, Zoo Days at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and ACER Language proficiency test, food tasting and the Oktoberfest for Teens.
Units of Study:

Immersion German is a full year program that supports students’ German language development. The students will work through four units of work with the following topics:

- Sport und Spass
- So ist es bei uns
- Meine Geschwister und ich
- Feiern und Ferien

Unit Description

- **Sport and Fun.** In this unit students learn to talk about a school camp, sports, hobbies and giving their opinion about each. They also learn about German sports and hobbies.
- **In the Home:** In this unit students learn to talk about their families, their daily routine at home and at school as well as their subjects, their teachers and giving directions. They also learn about German schools.
- **My Siblings and I:** In this unit students talk about relationships in their families, conflicts, describing where they live and fashion. They learn how to describe clothing, their houses and how to give their opinions about people and things around them.
- **Holidays and Celebrations:** In this unit students plan and organise a holiday, and plan and organise a celebration. They also learn about German holiday destinations.

Learning Experiences

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Pathways to Year 9

German is a core curriculum area for German Immersion students. Successful completion will indicate readiness to begin Year 9 Immersion German.

Other relevant considerations and expectations

The base textbook to be used is Planet 2 which is available under the Textbook hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the activity book (Arbeitsbuch). Both the textbook and the activity book will be used throughout the year.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, Zoo Days at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and ACER Language proficiency test, food tasting, Gingerbread Houses and the Oktoberfest for Teens.
Units of Study:

Immersion German is a full year program that supports students’ German language development. The students will work through four units of work based on the book Planet 3.

Unit Description

Immersion German in Year 9 is an intensive full year program of three lessons per week that builds on previous study of the language. The focus will be on the following units:

- **My future** – Where do I see myself in the future
- **Things I like** – Fun things – fashion – healthy lifestyle
- **Modern World** – media yesterday and today,
- **Relationships** – My friends

Learning Experiences

- Students will learn to communicate about their future. They look at various professions and interesting jobs.
- Students look at fun school activities such as planning a school trip and caring for the environment and animals.
- Students compare fashion in Australia to fashion in Germany. What do young people wear, what are their interests? Students learn about healthy food, healthy relationships and healthy friendships.
- Information technology skills are promoted throughout the course. Students will look at traditional and modern types of media.

Assessment

Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This will check students' knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students' productive skills.

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Pathways to Yr 10

Immersion students move through the Junior Secondary curriculum at an accelerated pace. In Year 10, immersion students begin their Senior German program which they complete the following year. In Year 12 students choose German Extension that builds on the Senior German course and which also contributes to the Senior Certificate and the students’ Overall positions (OPs). In Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in an exchange with the Engelsburg Gymnasium in Kassel. Students must meet acceptable academic and behaviour standards to qualify.

Career Pathways

Germany is the powerhouse economy of Europe and the European Community. Australia has significant ties, historically, culturally, economically and politically with Germany. The German language is spoken widely throughout Europe and is second only to English in importance.

Knowledge of one or more languages can be useful in a wide range of careers. For some jobs, such as translating, interpreting and language teaching, language skills are one of the main requirements. For other jobs a combination of languages and other qualifications, knowledge or skills may be needed. For example, people with languages plus technology, law, media and journalism, government, diplomacy and international affairs, sciences and engineering, travel services, humanities and the arts, commerce and finance or sales skills are much sought-after.

*The limits of my language are the limits of my world.* - Ludwig Wittgenstein
### Signature Programs

| Other relevant considerations and expectations | The base textbook to be used is *Planet 3* which is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the activity book (*Arbeitsbuch*). Students sit the Australian Language Certificate test and attend the German Film Festival, the Oktoberfest for Teens and participate in other German language events as they are offered. |
Years 7–9 Music Extension

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Course Description

Music Extension is specifically designed to extend students who have already developed sound music reading and performing skills throughout the Primary years of education. This exciting two and a half year program allows students to develop advanced skills in music, in a challenging environment, with other like-minded musicians. Students will learn through an aural/vocal approach which will develop their ability to think in sound. Students who enrol in the course are required to participate in a school extra-curricular music ensemble.

Learning Experiences

Students will:

• practise and rehearse a variety of music in both individual and ensemble settings;
• develop the ability to compose and arrange music in a variety of styles;
• engage with the language of music to enable them to critically analyse, compare and contrast and respond to music;
• learn to appreciate music by listening to their own and others’ musical works;
• develop the ability to identify different styles of music; and
• learn through singing and listening to music.

Assessment

Making

• Perform music on their instrument in a group or as a soloist.
• Compose a short piece of music using notational software.
• Clap two part rhythms.
• Sing canons in small groups.

Responding

• Provide written responses to questions relating to the units.
• Consider musical scores and the intent of composers.
• Respond to musical examples using the language of music.

Pathways to Year 10

Music Extension Year 7, 8 & 9 leads to:

• 1 or 2 Semesters of Music Extension in Year 10.
• Senior Music in Years 11 and 12.
• Music Extension in Year 12 (in conjunction with Senior Music).

Career Pathways


Other relevant considerations and expectations

Access to a computer with basic music software (Musescore, Garage Band).
Entry is by application and possible audition.
Ability to play an instrument.
Ability to read music fluently.
Guitarists must be able to read music fluently – not just TAB.
Singers must be able to read music fluently.
**Information Communication Education (ICE)**

All students within the ICE Program undertake a modified, ICT-rich curriculum. The same core content is covered, but the combination of specially trained teachers, outstanding technology, technical support and dedicated leadership of the program allows learning to occur in innovative ways.

**Unit Description**

We live in a world that is being transformed by technology. In this new world, 21st Century skills such as innovation, adaptability, collaboration and communication are keys to success. The ICE program aims to foster learners who are uniquely prepared to excel in this environment.

ICE is guided by the International Standards for Technology in Education (ISTE):

- Creativity and innovation
- Communication and Collaboration
- Research and information fluency
- Critical thinking, problem solving and decision making
- Digital Citizenship
- Technology operations and concepts

By modifying the existing curriculum, ICE offers opportunities for students to develop in each of the ISTE standards.

**Learning Experiences and Assessment**

ICE students complete the same curriculum and site the same assessment as the mainstream program. Opportunities to learn with and about technology are embedded into their core subjects (English, Maths, Science, Humanities).

In addition, ICE students:

- Attend regular excursions exposing them to technology use in the real world
- Learn problem solving approaches that leverage technology
- Are given access to a range of digital platforms to support, track and exhibit learning
- Learn strategies to focus their attention and increase efficiency when using technology

**School/Career Pathways**

Students in the ICE program continue their studies in Years 11 and 12 where they have the range of QCAA Authority subjects to select from.

ICE prepares students for the 21st century workplace where self-directed lifelong learning, collaborative innovation, and creative use of technology are key components of success.

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**

Suitability for the program is determined via previous reports cards (academic results, as well as behaviour/effort), enrolment interview, ACER test results and a digital application. The digital application demonstrates the applicant’s capacity to use ICT to communicate creatively. Please see the enrolment handbook for more details.

Parents who enter their child into this program must agree to purchase the ICE laptop computer chosen by the school for that year. The laptop is chosen for its ability to meet the demands of the ICE program. The laptop purchase is organised through the school and formal ownership remains with the school while the student remains in ICE. This arrangement provides consistency for teachers and enables the school to provide exceptional care and support. The computer and first year program usually costs somewhere between $1800 and $2100.

ICE students undertake the Information Communication Extension (ICX) subject as one of their electives in year 9 – more information regarding this subject is contained in the “Year 9 Elective” part of this handbook.
| **Description** | The Zenith program is designed for high performing academic students to support their intellectual development and to help them reach their full potential. The 3 year program (Years 7–9) fosters the academic, social and emotional growth of students in the critical middle phase of learning.

The program allows bright, highly motivated students to be grouped together so that they can be challenged and encouraged by their peers to work hard and continue to excel in their studies. Students in the program are typically self-motivated learners who have a passion for knowledge. Students study the foundation subjects of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography in more depth, and complete a range of extension activities.

In Year 9 students, students study the Zenith subject, which increases their capacity as critical and creative thinkers and self-reflective learners. Students participate in the Future Problem Solving curriculum and competition, which enhances skills in creative thinking, problem solving, communication and team work. Students also complete reflective learning journals, developing skills in metacognition and improving their understanding of theories of learning and their own learning styles. |
| **Learning Experiences & Assessment** | Zenith students complete year level national curriculum and assessment in their core subjects. Extension work occurs in the curriculum through a range of means, including negotiated learning experiences, fast tracking, the selection of more cognitively demanding tasks, increased student-directed learning, community projects and enrichment activities (e.g. STEM, Math Team Challenge). |
| **Future Pathways** | Students in the Zenith program continue their studies in Years 11 and 12, where they can select a range of QCAA Authority subjects. Zenith is a program designed to prepare students for the rigours of Senior Schooling and University. The program is also useful for students who wish to accelerate their learning and study university link subjects such as Uni Chemistry and Uni Mathematics. |
| **Other relevant considerations and expectations** | Entry to program is based on report card marks, ACER test result and enrolment interview. Students are expected to participate in at least one extra-curricular activity with an academic focus per year.

Where available, students may participate in excursions / conferences related to extension work in foundation subjects. |
Essentials

Units of Study:
1. Organisational skills and academic success in Junior Secondary School
2. Belonging and resilience
3. Healthy relationships including bullying and cyber safety

Unit Description
Essentials is a broad education programme that supports students’ academic success and their social and emotional wellbeing. The programme focuses on developing a variety of skills related to human relationships, approaches to study, communication and goal setting. The programme is part of a whole school approach where young people feel safe, valued, engaged purposeful and connected to school. The curriculum units and activities are linked to our school values: excellence, learning, integrity, belonging and partnerships.

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Year 9 Program Overview

- Goal setting and reflecting on academic performance.
- NAPLAN preparation.
- Study Skills and Learning styles.
- Healthy Relationships and Sex Education (single gender lessons).
- At risk behaviours: drug and alcohol education.
- Respecting Diversity.
- Cyber safety.
- Subject Information Talks for Year 10.

Assessment
There is no formal, summative assessment. Students are graded on behaviour, effort and homework for this subject.

Pathways to Year 10
Essentials and Access in Years 10–12
# Year 7 English

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<td>In this unit students will examine how their family, friends, background and experiences have shaped the people they are today. Students will then build upon their writing skills to create an imaginative story in response to a predetermined stimulus. They will employ their knowledge of narrative devices to write an entertaining and engaging story.</td>
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<td>In this unit students will learn the importance of persuasion by undertaking a class project. Building on the work in the first unit, all students will be asked to identify a charity, or cause, close to their hearts. Students will research their causes and present a persuasive speech, with the aim of convincing their class to support each individual cause. The focus of the unit is on effective persuasive techniques and shaping language choices for audience and purpose.</td>
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<td>In this unit students will study a novel. While students will identify components of novels – setting, character and plot – they will also reflect on the author’s purpose and style and on themselves as readers. By engaging with these texts, students will develop skills to interpret, evaluate and discuss the aesthetics of texts.</td>
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| In this unit students will examine how water has been, and is still, a common and powerful motif in poetry and narratives. This unit ties in with studies undertaken in the subject areas of Science, Geography and Maths.  

Additionally, students will continue studies in grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and writing to meet Australian Curriculum requirements. These will be studied as a regular skill building program and in the context of the unit of study. |

## Learning Experiences

In Years 7 and 8, students will be exposed to a variety of text types from various origins, time periods and genres. The range of texts from Foundation to Year 10 includes Australian literature, including the oral narrative traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, contemporary, classic and digital texts. These texts explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Students will listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts.

## Assessment

A variety of strategies are used in Junior Secondary to assess student achievement, progress and understanding in English. In Year 7 this will include:

- Personal narratives.
- Persuasive writing and speaking.
- Folio writing – analytical paragraphs, character profiles.
- Multimodal presentations.
- Reading comprehension, grammar and punctuation exams.

## Pathways to Year 8

All students proceed to study English for two semesters in Year 8.
# Year 8 English

## Units of Study:
1. Teens in Texts
2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives
3. Transformations – Poetry to Prose
4. Persuade Me

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<td>In this unit, students listen to, read and view a wide variety of texts featuring different representations of Australia’s people, histories and cultures. They will discuss common values, attitudes and beliefs of Australians and how these are represented in the texts studied. Additionally, students will continue studies in grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and writing to meet Australian Curriculum requirements. These will be studied as a regular skill building program and in the context of the unit of study.</td>
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- Short stories.
- Persuasive writing and speaking.
- Multimodal presentations.
- Analytical essays.
- Reading comprehension, grammar and punctuation exams.

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<td>2. Measurement &amp; Shape</td>
<td><strong>Measurement and Shape</strong> – Students learn the formulas for areas of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms and use these in problem solving, they learn to calculate volumes of rectangular prisms. They will draw different views of prisms and solids formed from combinations of prisms.</td>
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<td>3. Chance</td>
<td><strong>Chance</strong> – Students construct sample spaces for single-step experiments with equally likely outcomes. They assign probabilities to the outcomes of events and determine probabilities for events.</td>
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<td>4. Money</td>
<td><strong>Money</strong> – Students will calculate unit pricing on a range of products and compare unit prices to make best value purchasing decisions.</td>
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<td>5. Patterns of Algebra</td>
<td><strong>Patterns of Algebra</strong> – Students will be introduced to the concept of variables as a way of representing numbers using letters, create algebraic expressions and evaluate them.</td>
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<td>6. Geometric Reasoning</td>
<td><strong>Geometric Reasoning</strong> – Students identify corresponding, alternate and co-interior angles when two straight lines are crossed by a transversal. They solve simple numerical problems using reasoning. They will demonstrate that the angle sum of a triangle is 180° and use this to find the angle sum of a quadrilateral. They classify triangles according to their side and angle properties and describe quadrilaterals.</td>
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<td>7. Linear Relations and Transformations</td>
<td><strong>Linear Relations and Transformations</strong> – Students will be given coordinates and be expected to plot these points on the Cartesian plane. They will solve simple linear equations and investigate, interpret and analyse graphs.</td>
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<td>8. Data Study</td>
<td><strong>Data Study</strong> – Students will identify and investigate issues involving numerical data collected from primary and secondary sources. They will construct and compare a range of data displays including stem-and-leaf plots and dot plots. They will calculate mean, median, mode and range for sets of data. They will interpret these statistics in the context of data.</td>
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## Learning Experiences
Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:

- Classroom expository learning.
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities.
- Analysis of mathematical methods.
- Independent and group activities.
- Group problem-solving activities and collaborative tasks.
- Practical based activities e.g. data gathering in the field and hands on mathematical activities.

## Assessment
Students will be exposed to a range of assessment tools including exams, diagnostic in-class tests, assignments, group activities and practical activities.

## Pathways to Year 8
Students continue their Mathematics study in Year 8.

## Other relevant considerations and expectations
Resources: Scientific calculators and the text book whether electronic or hard copy are required.
## Year 8 Mathematics

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<td>Students apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. They learn about the concepts of theoretical and experimental probability, and use tables, tree diagrams, Venn diagrams and two-way tables to determine probability, and hence solve problems.</td>
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<td>Students have opportunities to develop understandings of number laws, algebraic expressions and equations, expanding and factorising algebraic expressions, solving simple linear equations algebraically/graphically and connecting patterns.</td>
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<td><strong>Geometry and Measurement</strong></td>
<td>Students will define congruency of plane shapes using transformations, develop the rules and conditions for two triangles to be congruent, understand the angle properties associated with quadrilaterals and know the seven different types of quadrilaterals. Students will also be required to apply a variety of mathematical concepts in Geometric reasoning, Perimeter and Area and the Volume of prisms.</td>
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<td><strong>Data and Graphing</strong></td>
<td>The focus of this unit is to make evidence based conclusions and to be able to communicate the data collection accurately in tables and graphs.</td>
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<td><strong>Algebra 2</strong></td>
<td>Students have opportunities to develop understandings of applying number laws to algebraic expressions and equations, expanding and factorising algebraic expressions, solving simple linear equations algebraically and graphically, connecting patterns, linear functions, tables of values, graphs and worded statements, plotting coordinates on the Cartesian plane and solving realistic problems, and investigating patterns to develop an algebraic expressions.</td>
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<td><strong>Rates and Ratio</strong></td>
<td>Students have opportunities to understand and solve a range of problems relating to rates and ratios.</td>
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### Learning Experiences

Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:

- Classroom expository learning.
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities.
- Analysis of mathematical methods.
- Independent and group activities.
- Group problem-solving activities and collaborative tasks.
- Practical based activities e.g. data gathering in the field and hands on mathematical activities.

### Assessment

Students will be exposed to a range of assessment tool including exams, diagnostic in class tests, assignments, group activities and practical activities.

### Pathways to Year 9

Students continue Year 9 Mathematics study.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: Scientific calculators and the text book, whether electronic or hard copy, are required.
Year 7 History

Units of Study:
1. Introduction to Ancient History
2. Ancient Egypt
3. Ancient China

Unit Description
The Year 7 curriculum provides a study of history from the time of the earliest human communities to the end of the ancient period, approximately 60 000 BC (BCE) – c.650 AD (CE). It was a period defined by the development of cultural practices and organised societies. The study of the ancient world includes the discoveries (the remains of the past and what we know) and the mysteries (what we do not know) about this period of history, in a range of societies including Australia, Egypt and China.

Learning Experiences
Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
- Sequencing historical events, developments and periods.
- Using historical terms and concepts.
- Identifying a range of questions about the past to inform a historical inquiry.
- Identifying and locating relevant sources, using ICT and other methods.
- Identifying the origin and purpose of primary and secondary sources.
- Locating, comparing, selecting and using information from a range of sources as evidence.
- Drawing conclusions about the usefulness of sources.
- Identifying and describing points of view, attitudes and values in primary and secondary sources.
- Developing texts, particularly descriptions and explanations that use evidence from a range of sources that are acknowledged.
- Using a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies.

Assessment
Assessment instruments will be selected from the following categories:
1. Source Evaluation and folio of work
2. Historical paragraph

Pathways to Year 8
History continues to be a compulsory study for one Semester in Years 8, 9 and 10. The discipline of History from Year 7 to 10 is based on a chronological study of the ancient, medieval and modern world.

Other relevant considerations and expectations
Resources: The central text is ‘Pearson History Year 7’.
# Year 8 History

## Units of Study:

1. Shogunate Japan
2. Medieval Europe
3. The Black Death
4. Unit Description

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

## Learning Experiences

- Sequencing historical events, developments and periods
- Using historical terms and concepts.
- Identifying a range of questions about the past to inform a historical inquiry
- Identifying and locating relevant sources, using ICT and other methods
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- Developing texts, particularly descriptions and explanations that use evidence from a range of sources that are acknowledged
- Using a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies

## Assessment

Assessment instruments will selected from the following categories:

1. Historical Paragraph
2. Short Response Test
3. ADAMANT Evaluation
4. Research Assignment

## Pathways to Year 9

History continues to be a compulsory study for one semester in Year 9. The discipline of History from Year 7-10 is based on a chronological study of the ancient, medieval and modern world.

## Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: the central text is ‘Pearson History Year 8’

Excursion requirements: Year 8 students will be required to partake in an in school excursion at a cost of about $15.
Year 7 Civics And Citizenship
‘Rights and Responsibilities of all Australians’

Unit Description
‘Rights and Responsibilities of all Australians’ examines the fundamental values inherent within the Australian culture that to be an active and informed citizen. Students investigate how the Australian constitution influences the rights and responsibilities of all Australians and impacts their role in Australia.

Learning Experiences
Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
• Guided research designed to develop an informed position
• Activities incorporating the targeted use of information technologies
• Peer based learning that broadens and confirms understanding
• Participation in structured debates and forums
• Group based problem-solving strategies

Assessment
Multiple choice and short response test.

Year 8 Civics And Citizenship
‘Australia’s democracy, legal system and national identity’

Unit Description
The Civics and Citizenship unit examines the responsibilities and freedoms of citizens and how Australians can actively participate in their democracy. We will consider how laws are made and the types of laws used in Australia, and identify the reasons for and influences that shape national identity.

Learning Experiences
Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
• Developing a range of questions to investigate Australia’s political and legal systems.
• Investigating democratic processes to reach consensus on a course of action relating to a civics or citizenship issue.
• Presenting evidence-based civics and citizenship arguments using subject-specific language.
• Reflecting on their role as a citizen in Australia’s democracy.

Assessment
The assessment will be a Short Response Test including Part A – Short Answer Test and Part B – Document Study.
## Year 7 Geography

### Units of Study:
1. ‘Place and Liveability’
2. ‘Water in the World’

### Unit Description

**‘Place and Liveability’** explores the Earth’s places, peoples, environments and societies. It helps students understand the relationships between people and the environment. Through an investigation of settlements, students discover the factors that influence where people live and why. Appreciating our connection to places provides us with insights into how the world around us is planned, and how it could be better managed for the future.

**‘Water in the World’** investigates the importance of water for life and for the maintenance of environmental processes. Students will examine its varying availability around the world, and how this has impacts on populations through studies of various countries. In a time where climate change and water disputes are increasingly common, an understanding of water and its careful management is crucial for the survival of humanity.

### Learning Experiences

Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
- Classroom expository learning.
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities n.b. spatial technologies (GIS).
- Critical analysis of media in its various forms.
- Independent research activities.
- Group problem-solving activities and collaborative tasks.
- Connecting and interacting in forums beyond the classroom e.g. via the internet, discussion boards.
- Practical based activities e.g. data gathering in the field, excursions.

### Assessment

Assessment instruments will selected from the following categories:
1. Short response knowledge test
2. Field study report

### Pathways to Year 8

Geography students will continue their studies of human and physical Geography in Year 8, firstly with a study of ‘Landforms and Landscapes’ and in unit 2, ‘Changing Nations’.

These units act as foundations of study for the Year 9 and 10 curriculum wherein Geography becomes an elective subject.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: The central text is *Pearson Geography Year 7*.

Excursion requirements: Year 7 students may be required to partake in external field trips at a cost of about $30.
## Year 8 Geography

### Units of Study:
1. ‘Landforms and Landscapes’
2. ‘Changing Nations’

### Unit Description
- **‘Landforms and Landscapes’** begins with students developing an awareness of their physical world and the earth processes that shape the environment in which they live. Students examine how humans adapt to and modify their surroundings and the consequences of change.
- **‘Changing Nations’** examines the dynamic and ever-changing human world and the interactions between various groups, communities and nations. Students study the extent to which modern day Australia is experiencing changes in what is increasingly referred to as ‘the Asian century’; we will examine the implications these changes have for our nation.

### Learning Experiences
Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
- Classroom expository learning
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities esp. spatial technologies
- Critical analysis of media in its various forms
- Independent research activities
- Group problem-solving activities
- Connect and interact in forums beyond the classroom e.g. via the internet
- Practical based activities e.g. data gathering in the field

### Assessment
Assessment instruments will selected from the following categories:
1. Short response knowledge test
2. Response to Stimulus test
3. Practical – Skills test

### Pathways to Year 9
Geography is an academic pursuit and becomes an elective ‘specialisation’ in the Year 9 and 10 curriculum. It is a perfect accompaniment for the sciences in that the sciences increasingly examine the social implications of research and development. All young Australians need a ‘sense of place’ and are encouraged to continue their studies in Geography.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
- Resources: the central text is ‘Pearson Geography Year 8’
- Excursion requirements: Year 8 students may be required to partake in external field trips at a cost of about $30
### Year 7 Business And Economics
#### Entrepreneurial Creativity

**Units of Study:**
1. Entrepreneur Investigation

**Unit Description**
Students will investigate a particular entrepreneur to develop an understanding of how markets operate in Australia, the interdependence of consumers and producers, work and work futures.

**Learning Experiences**
- **Knowing and Understanding**
  - Brainstorming what it means to be a consumer, a worker and a producer in the market and the relationships between these entities
  - Investigating the importance of financial planning.
  - Investigating what skills and behaviours are important for an entrepreneur.

- **Skills**
  - Conducting an investigation about an entrepreneur and the entrepreneur’s business endeavours.
  - Gathering and interpreting information and data to provide evidence-based response.

**Assessment**
Students will complete a multimodal presentation on a chosen entrepreneur. Within this presentation they will investigate the entrepreneur as an individual and skills that are required to be successful. They will also investigate the successful business, and analyse the consumer needs it is delivering to the market.

**Pathways to Year 8**
“Entrepreneurial Creativity” is the next unit of study in Year 8.

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### Year 8 Business And Economics
#### The Nature of Business

**Units of Study:**
1. The role of business and the influence of key stakeholders in the marketplace.
2. They will also investigate the successful business, and analyse the consumer needs it is delivering to the market.

**Unit Description**
Students learn about how Australian businesses operate in the Asia Pacific region and the relationships between the key stakeholders. In this subject, students will investigate the impact of government on business, the factors influencing employment and the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses.

**Learning Experiences**
- **Knowing and Understanding**
  - Identifying the participants in a range of markets eg: labour markets, financial markets.
  - Identifying examples of government involvement in the market.
  - Investigating the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses.
  - Comparing different forms of business ownership and how businesses exploit opportunities.
  - Investigating the changing nature of work.

- **Skills**
  - Identifying market opportunities and developing proposals to capitalise on these opportunities.
  - Gathering relevant data and presenting information in different formats to identify key relationships and trends.

**Assessment**
Short Response Test: Short answer questions and a written response to a case study.

**Pathways to Year 9**
International Trade.
# Year 7 Science

## Units of Study:
1. Heavenly Bodies and Sensational Seasons
2. Organisms and their Interactions
3. Moving Right Along – Exploring Motion

### Unit Description

**Unit 1**: Students learn about the interrelationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon systems. They explore predictable phenomena such as eclipses, tides, phases of the Moon and solar phenomena. Students examine the seasons and explore how science influences marine and terrestrial resource management.

**Unit 2**: This unit is focussed around the way organisms interact with each other and their environment. Students will develop skills to classify organisms based on their physical characteristics. Students then explore feeding relationships between organisms in an environment using food chains and food webs. This leads on to identifying how human activity can have an impact on food webs in the environment. They appreciate classification and the relationships between organisms as a platform for making predictions about the consequences of human activity.

**Unit 3**: Students will investigate balanced and unbalanced forces and the effect these have on the motion of an object. They explore the effects of gravity and consider the difference between mass and weight. Through a series of experiments, students will investigate the impact of friction on a moving object and the forces involved in simple machines. They consider how the understanding of forces and simple machines has contributed to solving problems in the community and how people use forces and simple machines in their occupations.

**Unit 4**: Students are introduced to the Science laboratory and safety procedures within the context of the water cycle. They will investigate pure substances, mixtures and separation techniques. Students consider everyday applications of separation techniques relate their use to a range of occupations. Students will investigate the application of filtration systems in water treatment and recycling. They compare and contrast artificial treatment processes to the water cycle to understand how humans have affected and mimic natural processes.

### Learning Experiences

Varied approaches to student learning are utilised in order to maximise all students’ potential to achieve. These fall under three main headings: Science Understanding, Science Skills and Science as a Human Endeavour. The learning experiences include:

- Laboratory activities and demonstrations.
- Teacher exposition and questioning.
- Computer simulations and tutorials.
- Extended Experimental Investigations.
- Case studies of previous scientific investigations.
- Self-directed and paced learning.
- Library/computer research and assignment work.
- Guest speakers on aspects of the curriculum.

### Assessment

In year 7 students will experience a range of assessment strategies to assess students’ understanding and skills within Science. These include practical experimental investigations with a written report, collection of work completed over a period of weeks, formal examinations and written assignment tasks.

### Pathways to Year 8

Following Year 7 all students will continue studying Science across both semesters in Year 8.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Students will undergo a laboratory safety induction as part of their studies before using the Science laboratories. Students are expected to wear closed in shoes whenever they are working in a laboratory.
# Year 8 Science

## Units of Study:

1. Particles Matter – Chemistry
2. We Will Rock You – Earth Science
3. Building Blocks of Life – Biology
4. Energise Me – Physics

### Unit Description

**Unit 1:** Students are introduced to the scientific method, how to conduct experiments and they will develop skills needed to write scientifically. Students will understand the five aspects of particle theory and apply them to real word scenarios. Students will become familiar with elements, compounds, mixtures and the arrangement of the Periodic Table.

**Unit 2:** Students explore different types of rocks and the minerals of which they are composed. The dynamic nature of the rock cycle, the interrelationships between rock types and the role of energy and force are examined. Students also consider the incidence of rocks and minerals in the local community and more broadly the uses of minerals extracted from rocks. They evaluate the environmental impact of mineral extraction and how society can address the diminishing availability of mineral resources.

**Unit 3:** Cells are identified as the basic units of living things and are recognised as having specialised structures. Microscopes and digital images are used for the identification of plant and animal cells. The functions of the main structures are represented and identified. The concept of cell division is examined. Students then investigate body systems such as the digestive and respiratory before examining the ethics of organ donation.

**Unit 4:** Students explore and classify different forms of energy. Students investigate different energy transfers and transformations and the efficiency of these processes. The practical uses of energy and the idea of wasting energy are evaluated from a scientific perspective. Students examine energy converters used by the community, and quantitatively examine the comparative efficiency of transformations. A student-designed investigation will allow the analysis of first-hand data related to energy concepts.

### Learning Experiences

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- Laboratory activities and demonstrations.
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- Extended Experimental Investigations.
- Case studies of previous scientific investigations.
- Self-directed and paced learning.
- Library/computer research and assignment work
- Guest speakers on aspects of the curriculum.

### Assessment

In year 8 students will experience a range of assessment strategies to assess students’ understanding and skills within Science. These includes practical investigations with a written report, collection of work completed over a period of weeks, formal examinations, oral presentations, written assignment tasks and extended experimental investigations.

### Pathways to Year 9

Following Year 8 all students will continue studying science across both semesters in Year 9.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Students will undergo a laboratory safety refresher as part of their studies before using the Science laboratories. Students are expected to wear closed in shoes whenever they are working in a laboratory.
Year 7 Health And Physical Education

Units of Study:
1. Personal Safety and Athletics
2. Mental Health, Rhythmic Movement

Unit Description

Unit 1: Students will participate in a Personal Safety unit that links closely with the themes from the “Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum”. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. Students will learn how to take positive action to enhance their own and others’ health, safety and wellbeing and identify a variety of safety networks and reporting strategies.

In the practical setting students will initially engage in team problem solving activities, examining the effects of cooperation and team dynamics. Also, they will participate in athletic events, implementing specific technique cues and safety principles.

Unit 2: Students will examine the impact of Mental Health problems on the community. They will propose positive health practices, behaviours and resources to improve the wellbeing of those suffering from mental illness and reduce the prevalence of these within the community.

In the practical setting they will develop specialised movement skills, the ability to analyse the influence of body coordination on movement composition and performance, and learn about the transferability of movement skills. Specifically, students will learn and engage with rhythmic and expressive movement activities.

Learning Experiences

Students will engage in a range of learning experiences which provide students with many opportunities to demonstrate their investigating skills and performance and practical application ability. These include but are not limited to:

- Participating in class discussions
- Analysing texts
- Examining health-related scenarios and proposing solutions
- Constructing personal health plans
- Investigating and critiquing community health services
- Communicating and collaborating within a team
- Participating, practicing and evaluating rhythmic movement sequences
- Creating movement patterns address criteria or achieve common goals
- Responding to feedback to improve physical performance

Assessment

Unit 1:
- Written exam (analysing a scenario utilising ‘Dimensions of Health’ and decision making matrix with reference to online safety).
- Athletics based assessment (implementing technique, analysing performance).

Unit 2:
- Brochure Assignment (evaluating health services linked with mental health).
- Rhythmic (usually dance) performance and assessment of collaborative skills.

Pathways to Year 8

Year 8 Health and Physical Education

Other relevant considerations and expectations

Student will require the appropriate sports uniform, shoes, hat and water bottle for practical lessons.

All activities are conducted within the CARA and departmental guidelines for safety.
## Year 8 Health and Physical Education

### Units of Study:
1. ‘Eat or Treat’ – Making Healthy Choices, Sport
2. Relationships & Sexuality, Fitness Circuits

### Unit Description

#### Unit 1: ‘Eat or Treat’ – Making Healthy Choices, Using Human Movement Concepts:
Students will learn about the essential nutrients in their diets and the health impacts of over or under consumption. They will analyse their diet and make recommendations for improvement in relation to the ‘Australian Guide to Healthy Eating’.

In the practical setting students will engage in a sport and within that context explore movement concepts such as spatial awareness, timing and communication skills. Students will understand the impact of group dynamics in establishing respectful relationships, fair play and inclusivity in a team environment; and will examine the impact this has on the games.

#### Unit 2: Relationships & Sexuality:
Students will examine the impact that relationships have on their own and others’ wellbeing. They will evaluate strategies to manage personal, physical and social changes that occur as they grow older.

In the practical setting, students will participate in a fitness unit. This requires students to complete fitness testing and engage in a variety of fitness activities with the aim of improving their overall fitness level.

### Learning Experiences

**Personal, Social and Community Health**
- Analysing food diary and making recommendations based on Recommended Daily Intake
- Investigating and applying strategies to manage personal, physical and social changes that occur during adolescence.
- Reflect on the impact of local resources and environments in enhancing health and fitness outcomes within the community.

**Movement and Physical Activity**
- Examining and practicing movement concepts that can be transferred across sports such as creating space, applying technique and responding to feedback.
- Participating in fitness related activities including circuit training, interval training and continuous training.

### Assessment

**Unit One:** In a research task, students analyse their diet and make recommendation to improve their intake of essential nutrients. Students’ demonstration of concepts explored will be assessed throughout the unit such as creating space, applying technique and responding to feedback.

**Unit Two:** Research Assignment responding to questions and situations that require students to apply the skills and strategies learnt throughout the unit. Analysing fitness data collected throughout the term. After identifying strengths and weaknesses, construct a personal fitness plan and identify where in the environment their plan can be implemented.

### Pathways to Year 9

Year 9 Health and Physical Education

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
Student will require the appropriate sports uniform, shoes, hat and water bottle for practical lessons.

All activities are conducted within the CARA and departmental guidelines for safety.
### Year 7 or 8 Media Arts

#### Units of Study:
1. Film review and the techniques of filming
2. Video production – e.g. movie trailers, documentaries, movie genre sequences – e.g. science fiction sequence, action movie sequence
3. Photo shoot
4. Animation
5. Computer games investigation

#### Unit Description
Making films and using a range of communications technologies to tell stories is what Media Arts students do. Students use still and video cameras, sound recording devices, editing software and special effects software to create their own productions.

Students get outside for location filming and use storyboards to understand screen language in action. Technical and creative skills are developed through a series of hands-on media production activities. Students work as individuals, or cooperatively in small production teams.

Specially designed productions kits based around Apple iPads are used for filming, editing and special effects. Students learn to use lighting equipment, tripods and microphones. They also have access to a dedicated green-screen studio.

In an increasingly visual world, the skills of interpreting and communicating information via the media are transferable across many different disciplines.

#### Learning Experiences
- Making short films in production teams.
- Building stories shot by shot.
- Taking still photographs.
- Creating special effects.
- Viewing important or classic films.
- Learning to use location.
- Using film making equipment.
- Learning the language of film.
- Making animations.
- Investigating computer games.
- Analysing media programs such as ads, comedies and dramas.

#### Assessment
**Making**
- Various video productions, including movie trailers, ads, movie genre sequences, comedies
- Storyboards
- Animation

**Responding**
- Review the film techniques used in a film.
- Review a computer game.

#### Pathways to Year 9
- Year 9 Visual Art 1 *At Home.*
- Year 9 Visual Art 2 *Out There.*
- Year 9 Media *Video Games and Machinima (VGM)*

#### Other relevant considerations and expectations
- Risk Assessment: Students will film around the school grounds.
- Resources: Large capacity USB sticks
### Year 7 or 8 Visual Art

#### Units of Study:

1. **Passport to art adventures**

#### Unit Description

Students take a journey through visual art in a variety of times, places and cultures including Australia, Asia, and Europe. From the export of mass produced culture to individual self-expression, we present artworks and artists from a variety of viewpoints. Students create artworks for different chosen audiences.

In Year 7, the first term takes a narrative focus while the second looks at the ideologies and beliefs of some world cultures.

In Year 8, students cover different styles and techniques and produce artworks of a more personal nature.

#### Learning Experiences

- Group Environmental Installation
- Picasso Style Portrait
- Visual diary and design processes explored
- Comparison between European and Indigenous Art
- Class exhibitions and evaluations in the school art gallery

#### Assessment Making

- Japanese Manga Superhero – 2D
- Pop Art Food – 3D
- Chinese Opera Mask – 3D
- Indigenous Art Mural – 2D
- Mandala (Ceramic) – 3D
- Contemporary Indigenous Painting – 2D
- Artist Book/Comic Strip – 2D
- Self Portrait – mixed

#### Responding

- Self Portrait Research Task
- Letter from a Masterpiece

#### Pathways to Year 9

- Year 9 Visual Art – *The Global Art Scene*
- Year 9 Visual Art – *Personal Journey of Art*
- Year 9 Media *Video Games and Machinima (VGM)*

#### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: Visual Diary – for documenting all idea development.

Excursion requirements: Subject to relevant exhibitions.
# Year 7 or 8 Dance

**Units of Study:**
1. Dancing Through the Elements

## Unit Description
*Dance Through the Elements* involves students analysing dances, choreographing and performing dance. Students will explore dance in a range of styles: Hip-hop, Cheerleading, Jazz and Contemporary. They will learn how to choreograph and identify the elements of dance and the impact they have on dance works.

## Learning Experiences
Students will:
- combine elements of dance to choreograph movement.
- develop choreographic intent by applying the elements of dance to select and organise movement.
- practise and refine technical skills in the styles of Hip Hop, Cheerleading, Jazz, Contemporary etc.
- rehearse and perform, focusing on expressive skills appropriate to the style.
- analyse how choreographers use elements of dance and production elements to communicate intent.
- identify features and purposes of dance from current and past times to enrich dance making.

## Assessment

### Making
- Perform a group dance taught by the teacher (assessed individually).
- Choreograph a dance with a specific choreographic intent.

### Responding
- Analyse how a choreographer has used the elements of dance to communicate a choreographic intent.

## Pathways to Year 9
Complete the Year 9 World Dance Unit

## Other relevant considerations and expectations
At times students will be required to undertake rehearsals in their own time to prepare for assessment. Students may participate in workshops with specialist artists which could incur some cost. Students will be encouraged to source their own costumes when required for performance.
# Year 7 or 8 Music

## Units of Study:
1. Making Music
2. Film Music

## Unit Description

“Making Music” involves students listening to composing and performing music. Students will explore music from a range of cultures, times and places. They will learn how music is created through gaining knowledge and understanding of the musical elements.

“Film Music” will draw on the knowledge acquired in the previous unit to develop an understanding of the role of music in film. Students will analyse a range of films and discover how time, place, mood and character are portrayed through sound.

## Learning Experiences

Students will:
- Practise and rehearse a variety of music in both individual and ensemble settings.
- Learn to develop their musical ideas using software.
- Learn the language of music to enable them to critically analyse, compare and contrast and respond to music.
- Learn to appreciate music by listening to their own and others’ musical works.
- Learn to identify different styles of music.

## Assessment

**Making**
- Perform music on their instrument in a group or as a solo.
- Compose a short piece of music using notational software.

**Responding**
- Provide a written response to questions relating to the unit.
- Analyse and respond to clips of film music.

## Pathways to Year 9

Music in Year 7/8 leads to Music in Year 9

## Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: Access to compositional software.
### Year 7 or 8 Drama

**Units of Study:**
1. Twisted Tales
2. Delve into Drama

| Unit Description | Twisted Tales:  
The focus of this unit is to enable students to explore the conventions of drama through the context of twisted Fairy Tales. Students will twist these stories using various forms such as new reports, advertisements and freeze frames. Students will also review a live performance.  

Delve into Drama:  
This unit delves into the elements of drama – the essential ingredients to drama making. Published texts provide a context for character building through a “photo story”. |
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| **Learning Experiences** | Students will:  
- explore published texts to create detailed character profiles.  
- construct, through making a Photo Story of a character whilst remaining faithful to the text.  
- explore the conventions of collage drama.  
- develop scriptwriting skills.  
- further develop their stage and performance skills by exploring blocking, spatial relationships, rehearsal and performance.  
- develop understanding of group dynamics and the importance of working in groups in drama.  
- look at ways actors discover role and relationship through research and exploration of backstories using the facts from script and their imagination.  
- respond through analyses and reflection on live performance. |
| **Assessment** | Making  
- Twisted Tales rehearsed improvisation.  
- Make a “Photo Story” to explore a role from a published script.  
- Perform from a published script.  

**Responding**  
- Written exam focusing on the elements of drama responding to a live performance. |
| **Pathways to Year 9** | “Children’s Theatre/The Devisor or Hero’s Journey” |
| **Other relevant considerations and expectations** | Excursion requirements: Live performance fees around $8. |
Technology

Year 7 or 8 Design Technology

Units of Study:
1. Introducing Design & Technology
2. The Design Process
3. Design Projects

Unit Description
The concepts of design and technology are introduced by asking – What is design & what is technology?
Students will investigate a range of technologies to design and produce solutions to design problems. They will achieve this by investigating how they might develop and implement ideas to improve the way they do things.

Learning Experiences
A variety of independent design projects will be undertaken by students with each having a personal outcome. The design situations cover a range of real world problems with focus areas covering:

Knowledge & Understanding
- Identifying needs and new opportunities for design and enterprise.
- Producing annotated concept sketches and drawings.
- Investigating how developments in technology, materials, and equipment influence modern designed solutions.
- Investigating traditional and contemporary design and technologies, and predicting how they might change in the future in response to factors such as social change and the need for more sustainable patterns of living.

Processes & Production
- Using a variety of critical and creative thinking strategies such as brainstorming, sketching, 3-D modelling and experimenting to generate innovative design ideas.
- Investigating emerging technologies and their potential impact on design decisions.
- Developing criteria for success, to assess the success of designed solutions in terms of aesthetics, functionality and sustainability.
- Developing models, prototypes or samples using a range of materials, tools and equipment including 3D printers, to test the functionality of ideas.

Assessment
Assessment 1: Students will design and produce a T-shirt and accompanying folio. This will explore a range of existing products and solutions based on real world needs. They will then create a range of possibilities to their own design situation and decide which plan from their own solution can be achieved. This will be assessed through the knowledge and understanding of the different components of design and after extension analyses of professional examples. Students need to become familiar with software such as Photoshop, Illustrator and MS Word.

Assessment 2: Students investigate and design a new product. After their initial research into 3D modelling and printing, students will follow the design process to produce a folio; utilising Inventor, a 3D modelling software program. They will use a 3D printer to produce their prototype. Students will be highly reliant in Autodesk Inventor, MS Word and Photoshop for this project, as well as continuing to develop their hand sketching skills.

Assessment 3: Students will research a variety of structures used in engineering to design egg packaging. They will be introduced to basic logotype design and how to integrate their ideas into a professional business logo and egg package. The students need to utilise numeracy skills in the design of their packaging especially using mathematical developments for their packaging patterns. Their research will culminate in a folio and accompanying packaging. Students need to become familiar with Illustrator and Autodesk Inventor.

Pathways to Year 9
Year 9 Design Technology
# Year 7 or 8 Design in Food and Fashion

## Units of Study:
1. Sustainable Fashion  
2. Food for Health

### Unit Description
In Food and Fashion, students study the units Sustainable Fashion and Food for Health. The students engage in the areas of Food and Fibre production. They respond to design briefs through the Design Technology Process.

### Learning Experiences
**Knowledge and Understanding**
- Investigate the concept of sustainability for fashion and food.  
- Recognise the source of textile and clothing items we use.  
- Investigate the production of textile and clothing items.  
- Understand how the fashion trend cycle affects our choices.  
- Predict how to meet their needs by choosing fashion items wisely.  
- Compare the functional and aesthetic needs of clothing items.  
- Identify food safety and hygiene standards.  
- Evaluate nutritional content of food.  
- Analyse foods using the Australian Dietary Guidelines.  
- Assess nutrient and energy dense foods.  
- Understand suitable packaging, labelling and costing requirements for food.

**Processes and Production Skills**
- Complete fabric manipulation and decoration techniques.  
- Technology Practice (the project description, idea development, production and evaluation/reflecting) for food and textiles.  
- Safely use equipment and prepare food safely and hygienically.  
- Develop labels and packaging for both fashion and food products.

### Assessment
- Theory Exam: Knowledge and Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.  
- Process journal and practical task in response to a design brief.  
- Producing weekly practical products.  
- Evaluating and reflecting on weekly practical activities.

### Pathways to Year 9
- Year 9 Teen Cuisine (one semester)  
- Year 9 Teen Fashion (one semester)

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
Risk Assessment: Due to the practical nature of this course of study, students are inducted into health and safety procedures whilst working in the textile and food classroom. This is followed by informed instruction, workshop demonstrations and close supervision of safe working practices within all practical workspaces.

Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Students must have shoes with impervious uppers to participate in food practical workspaces.

Resources:
- Students select and supply Ingredients for weekly cooking.  
- Students select their choice of fabric for the fashion unit (from school supplies).  
- Sewing equipment from school supplies.
# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES – ROBOTICS (Years 7/8)

## Units of Study:
1. Computer Networks and Binary Systems
2. Collecting, Analysing and Representing Data
3. Using Robotics to Solve Problems
4. Evaluating existing Digital Systems

## Unit Description
Students will explore Digital Technologies; from the hardware components that make up a network, to the way data is represented and transmitted within these networks. Students will explore data collection, analysis, and representation, to make meaning of data and turn it into information. They will explore Robotics as an application of Digital Technologies and plan, design, develop and evaluate solutions to robotics-based problems. Students will investigate and evaluate real-world applications of Artificial Intelligence.

## Learning Experiences

### Knowledge and Understanding.

Students will:
- Understand networks and hardware components
- Convert decimal to binary and vice versa
- Refine search skills for acquiring meaningful data
- Analyse and visualise data to produce information and predict trends

### Processes and Production Skills.

Students will:
- Deconstruct problems to fully understand requirements
- Design algorithms and model solutions
- Program Lego Robots to solve problems
- Evaluate their own solutions and existing solutions to more complex problems
- Plan and manage projects
- Collaborate and contribute to online blogs and discussion boards

## Assessment

### Knowledge and Understanding

- Written exam – Computer networks and binary

### Processes and Production Skills

- Digital portfolio demonstrating expertise in collecting, analysing and representing data
- Robotics group project using design, develop, evaluate ideology
- Digital systems online evaluation task

## Pathways to Yr 9
Digital Technologies – Software Development
### Year 7 German

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#### Unit Description
This unit is all about the individual and their world. Students learn to describe their world and learn about the world of young German speakers as well. In making this comparison students discover that they have more in common with young people from other cultures then they initially believe.

#### Learning Experiences

**Communication:** Students use German to interact with each other and adults on the topics to be studied. They learn to participate in classroom routines and exchanges in German. They view, listen, read and perform a range of imaginative texts such as poems, songs and stories. Students can translate and interpret these for their peers.

**Understanding:** Students learn to recognize and apply key features of German pronunciation, stress and intonation. They will develop knowledge of structures and vocabulary to describe people, objects, actions, events and relationships. They study a variety of text types such as emails, invitations, advertisements and song clips. They will understand that language use is shaped by and reflects the values, ideas and norms of a community.

#### Assessment
Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This will check students’ knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills.

The listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed at regular intervals.

#### Other relevant considerations and expectations
The base textbook to be used is Genau! which is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the activity book (Arbeitsbuch). Both the textbook and the activity book will be used again in Year 8.

Students may have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, Zoo Days at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and ACER Language proficiency test, food tasting, Gingerbread Houses and the Oktoberfest for Teens.
# Year 8 German

## “Educating young Queenslanders for a global future”

### Units of Study:
- Thema 8: Eine Einladung
- Thema 9: Die Klassenarbeit
- Thema 10: Die Ratte
- Theman 11: Christians Geburtstag
- Thema 12: Im Harz

### Unit Description
This unit is all about the individual and their world. Students learn to describe their world and learn about the world of young German speakers as well. In making this comparison students discover that they have more in common with young people from other cultures then they initially believe.

### Learning Experiences

#### Communication:
Students use German to interact with each other and adults on the topics to be studied. They learn to participate in classroom routines and exchanges in German. They view, listen, read and perform a range of imaginative texts such as poems, songs and stories. Students can translate and interpret these for their peers.

#### Understanding:
Students learn to recognize and apply key features of German pronunciation, stress and intonation. They will develop knowledge of structures and vocabulary to describe people, objects, actions, events and relationships. They study a variety of text types such as emails, invitations, advertisements and song clips. They will understand that language use is shaped by and reflects the values, ideas and norms of a community.

### Assessment
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Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills.

The listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed at regular intervals.

### Pathways to Yr 9
The unit of work prepares students well for Yr 9 German. They will use Ganz Genau the second part in the series of textbooks and workbooks in Year 9.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
The base textbook to be used is Genau! which is available under the Textbook hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the activity book (Arbeitsbuch).

Students may have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, Zoo Days at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary and ACER Language proficiency test, food tasting, Gingerbread Houses and the Oktoberfest for Teens.
# Year 7 Japanese

## Units of Study:
1. About me
2. All about animals

## Unit Description
Students will learn how to use Japanese to be able to introduce themselves and understand & respond to basic introductions. Students will learn more about family life and relationships in Japanese culture, along with learning about pets and Japanese pet culture. They will also learn about meals and food culture in Japan. They will engage in exchanging factual information both orally and in writing about themselves, pets and likes and dislikes. The key goal of the unit is for students to appreciate that the ability of speaking another language can broaden their world by making new friendships and life experiences.

## Learning Experiences
Included under the strands of *Communicating and Understanding* will be opportunities to socialise, inform, create, translate, reflect, analyse the language system and understand the role of language and culture in the target language as well as English.

## Assessment
The macro-skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed (both formally and informally) at regular intervals.

Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This will check students’ knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills. By the end of Year 7 Japanese, students should be writing completely in Japanese script (hiragana).

## Pathways to Yr 8
Core curriculum area. Pre-requisite for Core Year 8 Japanese.

## Other relevant considerations and expectations
Participation in an excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

The base textbook to be used is *Obento Deluxe* which is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme. Students will be required to purchase the matching Activity Book. Both the textbook and the activity book will be used again in Year 8.

Headphones for computer lessons.
### Year 8 Japanese

#### Units of Study:
1. My Week
2. My Holiday in Japan

#### Unit Description
Students will learn how to use Japanese to be able to build on the knowledge learned in year 7. In this unit, they will develop an understanding of cultural and linguistic similarities and differences between Australia and Japan through the overarching topics of hobbies, past-times, festivals and celebrations. They will focus on the activities of teenagers, both in Australia and Japan, past-times unique to Japan, as well as special national events in Japan. A key goal of the unit is for students to appreciate that the ability to use a language beyond their mother tongue can broaden their world by making new friendships & life experiences.

In term 2, students will focus on travel to Japan. They will be able to ask and respond to questions about travel—where to go, how to get there and with whom they go. They will continue to extend their knowledge of Japanese script and, from early in the term, will be writing completely in hiragana and using some katakana and kanji.

#### Learning Experiences
Included under the strands of Communicating and Understanding will be opportunities to socialise, inform, create, translate, reflect, analyse the language system and understand the role of language and culture in the target language as well as English.

#### Assessment
The macro-skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, are of equal importance and are assessed (both formally and informally) at regular intervals. Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This will check students’ knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. Where applicable, students will also be expected to include structures and vocabulary learned in Year 7. This culminating task can be in the form of a poster, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills.

#### Pathways to Yr 9
Core curriculum area. Pre-requisite for Year 9 Japanese.

#### Other relevant considerations and expectations
The base textbook to be used is *Obento Deluxe* which is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme. Students should have the matching *Obento Workbook* from year 7, but those who don’t, will be required to purchase a copy from the School Book Shop.

Headphones for computer lessons

USB for saving documents
# Year 9 Foundation Subjects

## Year 9 English

### Units of Study:

1. Speculative Fiction
2. Poetry
3. Novel Study
4. Book vs. Film

### Unit Description

**Speculative Fiction**

In this unit students will examine hybrid texts, texts that appropriates other texts, as is commonly seen in Science Fiction. They will write their own original short story that finishes, and answers, the question, “What if…?”

**Poetry**

In this unit students will closely examine poetry and the use of rich language. They will focus not only on the whole message but on the specific use of figurative language. By doing so, students develop the skills of analysis on which subsequent units build.

**Novel Study**

In Year 8 students studied the construction of characters in novels. This unit develops this knowledge further by examining how themes are constructed through language features, plot, setting and characters.

**Book vs Film**

This unit builds directly on the knowledge and skills of the previous unit. Students will narrow their study to a single novel or short story and its film version. The purpose is to evaluate the effectiveness of the story telling and the techniques used in both versions.

*Additionally, students will continue studies in grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and writing to meet Australian Curriculum requirements. These will be studied as a regular skill building program and in the context of the unit of study.*

### Learning Experiences

In Year 9, students will be exposed to a variety of text types, from various origins, time periods and genres. The range of texts from Foundation to Year 10 includes Australian literature, including the oral narrative traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, contemporary, classic and digital texts. These texts explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Students will listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts.

### Assessment

Various of strategies are used in Junior Secondary to assess student achievement, progress and understanding in English. In Year 9 these will include:

- Writing Short stories.
- Constructing an analytical and comparative essay.
- Creating Monologues.
- Creating Visual representations and written justifications.
- Reading comprehension, grammar and punctuation exams.

### Pathways to Year 10

All students proceed to study English for two semesters in Year 10.

The English Extension subject will be offered as an elective Semester course in each Semester of Year 10. English Extension will delve into the Critical Theory of writing as well as creative writing, moving student’s closer to editing and publishing their work with knowledge of the various critical theories behind their writing.
## Year 9 Mathematics

### Units of Study:
1. Number
2. Algebra
3. Ratio and Proportion
4. Pythagoras and Trigonometry
5. Area and Volume
6. Probability
7. Linear and Non-linear Functions
8. Statistics

### Unit Description

**Number** – Students have opportunities to develop understandings of the interaction between fractions, decimals and percentages and how this applies to financial situations. They will be shown how scientific notation relates to very small and very large numbers.

**Algebra** – Students will solve problems involving simple interest, apply the distributive law to the expansion of algebraic expressions, including binomials, and collect like terms where appropriate. They will extend and apply the index laws to variables, using positive integral indices and the zero index.

**Ratio and Proportion** – Students will apply proportional thinking to rates, express rates algebraically and graphically, solve rate and proportion problems including speed. They will use enlargement transformation to explore, develop and apply the conditions of similarity in problems using representations of scale including ratio and scale factors.

**Pythagoras and Trigonometry** – Students have opportunities to develop understandings of solving problems involving right-angled triangles, similarity and trigonometric ratios.

**Area and Volume** – Students calculate the areas of composite shapes, surface area and volume of cylinders and solve related problems.

**Probability** – Students calculate relative frequencies, determine outcomes of two-step chance experiments using tree diagrams and arrays, assign probabilities to outcomes and determine probabilities of events.

**Linear and Non-linear Functions** – Students find the distance between two points located on a Cartesian plane using a range of strategies. They also find the midpoint and gradient of a line segment. Students will also sketch linear graphs using the coordinates of two points.

**Statistics** – Students will investigate how data used in media reports has been obtained to estimate population means/medians, and evaluate the validity of these statistics.

### Learning Experiences

Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:
- Classroom expository learning.
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities.
- Analysis of mathematical methods.
- Independent and group activities.
- Group problem-solving activities and collaborative tasks.
- Practical based activities e.g. data gathering in the field and hands on mathematical activities.

### Assessment

Students will be exposed to a range of assessment tool including exams, diagnostic in-class tests, assignments, group activities and practical activities.
### Year 9 Foundation Subjects

| Pathways to Year 10 | Year 10 Foundation Mathematics leading to Maths A in yr 11/12  
Extension Mathematics leading to Maths B and C in yr 11/12  
Extension Mathematics is preferred for the study of Physics and Chemistry in yr 11/12  
Accelerated Mathematics in semester 1 Year 10 followed by Year 11 Maths B in semester 2. |
| Career Pathways | Mathematics A is a useful subject if students want to continue their Mathematics studies, but not study it at a rigorous, algebraic level. Extension Mathematics is a pathway towards studying Mathematics B and Mathematics C. These lead to university courses needing a mathematics background. Accelerated Mathematics is for gifted mathematicians who wish to undertake a university Maths course while at school. |
| Other relevant considerations and expectations | Resources: Scientific calculators and the text book, whether electronic or hard copy, are required. |
## Year 9 History

### Units of Study:

1. The Industrial Revolution (1750 - 1914)
2. Asia and the world (China and the West)
3. World War I (1914 - 1918)

### Unit Description

Year 9 History provides a study of the making of the modern world from 1750 to 1918. It was a period of industrialisation and rapid change in the ways people lived, worked and thought. It was an era of nationalism and imperialism, with ancient powers such as China coming into conflict with the newly industrialised nations of Europe. The period culminated in World War I 1914–1918, the 'war to end all wars'.

### Learning Experiences

Students will participate in a number of experiences which include:

- Use chronological sequencing to demonstrate the relationship between events and developments in different periods and places
- Use historical terms and concepts
- Identify and select different kinds of questions about the past to inform historical inquiry
- Evaluate and enhance these questions
- Identify and locate relevant sources, using ICT and other methods
- Identify the origin, purpose and context of primary and secondary sources
- Process and synthesise information from a range of sources for use as evidence in an historical argument
- Evaluate the reliability and usefulness of primary and secondary sources
- Identify and analyse the perspectives of people from the past
- Identify and analyse different historical interpretations (including their own)
- Develop texts, particularly descriptions and discussions that use evidence from a range of sources that are referenced
- Select and use a range of communication forms (oral, graphic, written) and digital technologies

### Assessment

Assessment instruments will include:

1. Stimulus Response Test
2. Research Task

### Pathways to Year 10

History is an 'elective' subject for Year 10. Year 10 offers Modern History, Ancient History, Geography and Philosophy as options leading to Senior studies.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Resources: the central text is *Pearson History Year 9*
Year 9 Science

Units of Study:
1. Chemical Reactions
2. Rocking All Over The World – Earth Science
3. A Biological Balancing Act – Ecology and Physiology
4. Energy on the Move – Making Waves

Unit Description

Unit 1: Chemical Reactions: In this unit students will explore and represent a variety of chemical reactions and their applications in daily life. Students will become familiar with the concept of acids and bases and investigate a variety of household chemicals.

Unit 2: In this unit students explore practical applications of natural radiation and investigate the chemistry of geology through scientific dating techniques. Students examine the evidence for tectonic plate movement, and explore the impact on humans of events such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes related to geological activity.

Unit 3: In this unit students first identify human body systems and the ways in which they work together in balance to support life. They outline how essential requirements for life are provided internally through a coordinated approach. Students analyse and predict the effects of the environment on body systems. Students then engage in the exploration of concepts of change and sustainability within an ecosystem. This focuses on engaging students in the understanding that all life is connected through ecosystems and changes to its balance can have an effect on the populations and interrelationships that exist.

Unit 4: In this unit students build on their knowledge of energy and energy transfers to examine the concept of energy as a wave travelling through a medium. Electricity is used as an example of this and then students further explore the idea of energy transfers by studying the behaviour of light, heat and sound.

Learning Experiences
A variety of approaches to student learning are utilised in order to maximise all students potential to achieve. These fall under three main headings: Science Understanding, Science Skills and Science as a Human Endeavour. The learning experiences include

- Laboratory activities and demonstrations
- Teacher exposition and questioning
- Computer simulations and tutorials
- Extended Experimental Investigations
- Case studies of previous scientific investigations
- Self-directed and paced learning
- Library/computer research and assignment work
- Guest speakers on aspects of the curriculum

Assessment
In Year 9 students will experience a range of assessment strategies to assess understanding and skills within science. This includes a collection of work completed over a period of weeks, formal examinations, oral presentations, written assignment tasks and extended experimental investigations.

Pathways to Year 10
Upon completion of Year 9, all students then study science in Year 10 across 2 semesters. High achieving students have the opportunity to enrol in Extension Science in semester 2 Year 10. This subject exposes students to the senior science disciplines of Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Career Pathways
The aim of the Science curriculum is to produce students that are scientifically literate and able to participate in and contribute to our technological society. The skills developed and knowledge obtained in Science will assist students in further study at a tertiary level in any area but particularly in Science, Engineering, Medicine and Allied Health. Students will also be prepared for a variety of careers that involve sciences and the application of science.

Other relevant considerations and expectations
Students will undergo a laboratory safety refresher as part of their studies before using the science laboratories. Students are expected to wear closed in shoes whenever they are working in a laboratory.
Year 9 Health and Physical Education

Units of Study:
1. Health and Society, Sports
2. Mental Health and Wellbeing, Gymnastics

Unit Description
Students will explore how society impacts on participation in sport and how attitudes and perceptions affect health outcomes. In the practical setting students will engage in a sport and within that context will explore movement strategies. Students will examine how rules, game parameters and changing environments effect game play. Students will be providing feedback to others in order to enhance game play and skill development.

Learning Experiences

**Personal, Social and Community Health**
- Identify socio-cultural factors that influence participation in sport.
- Implement and critique strategies to enhance the health and well-being of the community.
- Evaluate factors which influence people’s ability to make healthy and safe choices related to diet and nutrition.

**Movement and Physical Activity**
- Recall rules and knowledge related to games and sport.
- Perform and evaluate specialised gymnastic movements and evaluate their own and others performance.
- Provide feedback to improve gymnastics performance.

Assessment
Exam Essay – choose a topic (gender equity, drugs in sport, and patterns of participation in sport) and discuss implications with regard to access and equity/ cultural factors.
Reflection Task – evaluate performance and make recommendations for improvement in Gymnastics.
Practical Assessment – Team Sports and Performance of Gymnastic Routine.

Pathways to Year 10
Year 10 HPE

Career Pathways
Sport and Health Professional – Physiotherapist, Nurse, Dietician, Doctor, Sports Trainer, Personal Trainer, Coach, Health and Physical Education Teacher.

Other relevant considerations and expectations
Risk Assessment: Safety considerations relevant to touch football/tennis and gymnastics.
Students with injury/illness may have a modified assessment if a medical certificate is supplied.
Students must have the school sports uniform and actively participate in all lessons.
# Year 9 Elective Subjects

## Video Games and Machinima

### Units of Study:
1. Creating a computer game
2. Building game worlds
3. Culture jamming game ads
4. Creating machinima videos
5. Game classification
6. Music video machinima

### Unit Description
The subject Video games and Machinima will introduce students to the study of video games within a creative context. Students will make a basic video game starting from the concept, through the planning stages to completions and gameplay. Students will also be involved in the creation of Machinima videos and the shooting of ‘cut-scenes’. Machinima is a technique of animating using the imagery from video games. Students will learn editing software to make the videos.

Video games are becoming a more common training tool and important economic input for the media industry and the wider culture. The study of video games is also developing into a significant discipline within the creative industries.

### Learning Experiences
Learning experiences include the following:
- Making machinima videos
- Building game worlds
- Making a basic computer games
- Investigating the types of computer games
- Learning about the characteristics of good games
- Learning about game narrative
- Comparing movies and computer games
- Studying the structure of characters in games
- Shooting cut scenes / cinematics
- Investigating the research into positive and negative effects
- Videogame cosplay

### Assessment
**Making**
- A music video using video or machinima technology
- A computer game
- Storyboard
- A machinima Ad

**Responding**
- Exam on the game ratings system

### Pathways to Year 10
- Year 10 Digital Imaging (VID).
- Year 10 Movie Special Effects (VSE)

### Career Pathways
Web-content designers, creative advertisers and marketers, animators, photographers, script writers, game environment creators, screen editors, directors.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
Resources: Large capacity USB stick.
# Visual Art: The Global Art Scene

## Unit Description
Artworks of all forms are shared globally and rapidly in today's ever-changing society. International perspectives and regional design preferences now collide on the world stage.

Fantasy environments, foreign cultures, and alternative ways of seeing the world and representing it provide the context for developing practical skills, spatial awareness, exploring media, and visual problem solving.

Students will examine Asia/Pacific artwork, a range of influential contemporary artists, and a retrospective of selected European movements.

## Learning Experiences
- Design processes.
- Traditional European iconography.
- 20th Century art forms.
- Contemporary art forms.
- Traditional folk-art techniques.
- Assemblage art.
- Print methods.
- Ceramic sculpture.
- Cultural iconography eg. Japan, Bali, Mexico.
- Clay construction methods Design processes.

## Assessment
### Making
- Decorative architectural gargoyle.
- Media installation.
- Graphic and digital design.
- Environmental art.

### Responding
- Written task on the artistic merit of classical versus contemporary movements.
- Research artist to "curate" an on-line exhibition around a given theme.

## Pathways to Year 10
- Year 10 Photographic Imaging and Design (VID)
- Year 10 Art, Imagination and Odyssey
- Year 10 Art, Identity and Home-grown (VPP)

## Career Pathways
Architects, web-content designers, creative advertisers and marketers, interior designers, animators, photographers, commercial artists, set designers, fashion designers, jewellery designers, museum and gallery personnel, fine artist, illustrator, screen printer, mural painters, community artists, art therapists.
### Media Channels Production

**Units of Study:**

1. Productions for media channels such as those on YouTube, or video blog sites
   - Music video
   - Social commentary video
   - Comedy
2. Multi-platform media (transmedia)
   - Stories narratives across platforms

**Unit Description**

The subject Media Channel Production will introduce students to production techniques for twenty-first century media such as YouTube. It will also provide an introduction to the production techniques required for small screen production as used in video for smart phones and tablets.

Students will learn techniques for popular genres on these platforms, such as music video, social commentary and comedy.

Students will also be involved in transmedia productions, or fractured storytelling across multiple platforms.

The subject will also involve the study of modern online media organisations.

Students will learn about cameras and editing software to make the videos, as well as shooting and editing techniques.

**Learning Experiences**

Learning experiences include the following:

- Making a variety of music videos, social commentaries and comedies
- Learning about the characteristics of online media
- Learning about media audiences and how to produce for them
- Making a story that is told across several platforms including video and website presentation, together with live event

**Assessment**

**Making**

- A collection of videos for a Youtube Channel

**Responding**

- A case study investigation of YouTube

**Pathways to Year 10**

- Year 10 Digital Imaging (VID).
- Year 10 Movie Special Effects (VSE)

**Career Pathways**

Web-content designers, creative advertisers and marketers, animators, photographers, script writers, game environment creators, screen editors, directors.

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**

Resources: Large capacity USB stick.
# Visual Art: A Personal Journey of Art

## Unit Description
Our vibrant Australian culture and suburbia has been reflected and celebrated in distinctive ways by many artists.

Cultural identity and activities will be explored drawing on inspiration from family, school, local community and individual sources. Hands on activities provide the context for developing practical skills, visual problem solving processes, knowledge of artists, and enjoyment of the experiment that is art.

Students will examine artists such as Howard Arkley, Sally Morgan, Reg Mombassa, Jeffrey Smart, and street art.

## Learning Experiences
- Social awareness through art.
- Design processes.
- Digital media as art.
- Investigate the Street art “culture”.
- Print methods.
- Assemblage art.
- Altering physical environments.
- Capturing cultural activities via artworks.
- Generating meaning through icons and symbols.
- Defining colour scheme theory.

## Assessment
### Making
- Self-portrait explorations.
- Suburban landscape painting.
- Public art project.
- Social commentary.

### Responding
- Research Australian artwork influenced by Asian/Indigenous design.
- Written task arguing for and against street art.

## Pathways to Year 10
- Year 10 Photographic Imaging and Design (VID)
- Year 10 Art, Imagination and Odyssey
- Year 10 Paper, Paint and Print (VPP)

## Career Pathways
Architects, web-content designers, creative advertisers and marketers, interior designers, animators, photographers, commercial artists, set designers, fashion designers, jewellery designers, museum and gallery personnel, fine artist, illustrator, screen printer, mural painters, community artists, art therapists.
## Dance: World Dance

### Unit Description

*World Dance* will focus on various dance styles that have cultural significance worldwide including Bollywood, Irish Dance, African Dance and Australian Indigenous Dance. Students will learn, practise and perform these dance styles as well as developing their choreographic skills in these styles. Students will also research and analyse the importance of dance in different cultures.

### Learning Experiences

Students will:

- Improvise to explore movement and explore personal style.
- Choreograph dance sequences.
- Manipulate movement to communicate a choreographic intent.
- Practise and refine technical skills in style specific techniques.
- Perform dances using style specific techniques and expressive skills to communicate intent.
- Evaluate their own choreography and performance.
- Analyse a range of dances to explore different viewpoints and enrich their dance making.

### Assessment

**Making**

- Choreograph their own dances individually and in groups.
- Perform movement sequences in different world dance styles.

**Responding**

- Students will research and respond to world dance styles and their cultural significance.

### Pathways to Year 10

- Year 10 – Popular Dance AND/OR Year 10 – Contemporary Dance
- Year 11 and 12 Senior Dance

### Career Pathways

Dancer, Dance Teacher, Fitness instructor, Choreographer, Community Arts Worker, Arts Administrator, Arts Critic, Arts Journalist, Dance Therapist

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

At times students will be required to undertake rehearsals in their own time to prepare for assessment. Students may participate in workshops with specialist artists which could incur some cost. Students will be encouraged to source their own costumes when required for performance.
## Drama: Comedy Unit

**Units of Study:**
1. Comedy

### Unit Description

The aim of this course is to immerse the students in traditional and contemporary forms of comedy ranging from Commedia dell’Arte, Slapstick, Farce, Satire and Contemporary Australian clowning.

This course is designed for students to develop the essential skills in collaborating, devising, presenting and theatre analysis.

### Learning Experiences

**Students learn to:**
- manipulate the elements of drama to develop their skills in theatre making.
- develop their understanding of Archetypal comedic characters through the study of Commedia dell’Arte.
- develop improvisational skills whilst explore farce and satire
- explore the conventions of Contemporary Australian clowning and develop the practical skills to perform clowning techniques including slapstick.
- develop rehearsal and performance skills by exploring blocking, vocal and movement techniques.
- develop an understanding of group dynamics.
- analyse performance and develop an understanding of how artists use dramatic elements to create dramatic action and meaning.

### Assessment

**Making (Forming)**
- Students will devise and perform a clown routine.

**Making (Performing)**
- Performance of scene from a published Commedia dell’Arte play.

**Responding**
- Provide a written response to questions relating to a live performance.

### Pathway to Year 10

Australian Youth Theatre and The Devisor

### Career Pathways

- Actor (stage, film & TV), Arts Administrator, Community Artist, Costumer Designer, Drama Teacher, Director, Drama Therapist, Performance Artist, Lighting Designer, Movement Coach, Writer, Playwright, Producer, Set Designer, Sound Technician, Stage Manager, Television Presenter, Theatre Critic, Theme Park Entertainer, Voice Coach, Youth Arts Worker, Production Manager, Dramaturg.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

**Resources:** Document wallet and exercise book.

**Excursion requirements:** Live performance fees of around $8 to $10.
# Drama: Hero’s Journey

## Units of Study:

1. Hero’s Journey

### Unit Description

This unit enables students to explore the iconic structure and archetypal characters of the Hero’s Journey. Students will create dramatic performances from their own scripts developed from the Hero’s Journey and explore the nature of group dynamics.

### Learning Experiences

Students learn to:

- Manipulate the elements of drama to develop their skills in theatre making.
- Explore the structure of Joseph Campbell’s The Hero’s Journey through published text and film.
- Develop an understanding of narrative structure, storytelling and different drama conventions useful for individual and group performances.
- Develop scriptwriting skills and how to write a script to present an engaging performance.
- Further develop performance skills by exploring blocking, rehearsal and vocal and movement techniques.
- Interpret scripts, rehearse and present polished performances.
- Further develop understanding of group dynamics.
- Students learn to analyse performance and develop an understanding of how artists use dramatic elements to create dramatic action and meaning.

### Assessment

**Making (Forming)**

- Students will write a monologue based on a hero.
- Scriptwriting based on the Hero’s Journey.

**Making (Performing)**

- Performance from student’s own scripts.

**Responding**

- Provide a written response to questions relating to a live performance.

### Pathways to Year 10

- Australian Gothic Theatre, Australian Contemporary Youth Theatre.

### Career Pathways

- Actor, Director, Writer, Play writer, Makeup Artist, Dramaturgy, Drama Teacher, Critic, Producer.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

- Excursion requirements: Live performance fees of around $8 to $10.
## Music

### Units of Study:

1. Music in the Media
2. Popular Music

### Unit Description

*Music in the Media* involves students listening to, composing and performing music. Students will explore music from a range of media sources: advertising; games and promotional music. They will learn how the music is created to influence the listener by exploring the musical elements.

“Popular Music” involves students listening to, composing and performing popular music. Students will discover the character of different styles of music and how to identify them. They will learn how to compose popular music using notational software and music programs.

### Learning Experiences

Students will:

- Practise and rehearse a variety of music in both individual and ensemble settings relating to the media and pop music.
- Learn to develop their musical ideas by composing using software.
- Learn the language of pop music to enable them to critically analyse, compare and contrast and respond to music.
- Learn to appreciate the power of music in the media and understand its impact on audiences.
- Learn skills to critically listen to their own and others’ musical works.
- Learn to identify different styles of pop music.
- Examine real examples of music used in games and commercials.

### Assessment

**Making**

- Perform music on their instrument in a group or as a soloist.
- Compose a short piece of music using notational software.
- Create music to manipulate an audiences' thinking.

**Responding**

- Provide a written response to questions relating to the unit.
- Critically respond to music and its effect on audiences.

### Pathways to Year 10

Year 10 Contemporary Music

Instrumental/Vocal Music Program

### Career Pathways

Music Teacher, Performer, Composer, Recording Industry, Sound Engineering.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Access to a computer with basic music software (Musescore, Garage Band).
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Unit Description: The Design Technology course will further develop the concept of design process used for the solving of practical problems. Students will need to research a given situation, propose solutions before deciding on and justifying their chosen solution. They will then proceed to make their solution.

Learning Experiences: A variety of independent design projects will be undertaken by students with each having a personal outcome. The design situations cover a range of real world problems with focus areas covering:

Knowledge & Understanding:
- Identifying past design solutions and their impact on our current situation.
- Considering how new technologies, time limits, skills, expertise and materials affect design.
- Investigating how a product life cycle influences the design of that product.
- Producing annotated concept sketches and drawings.
- Looking at how material properties influence design considerations.

Processes & Production:
- Looking at how different materials affect and complement each other in the design of a product.
- Identifying tools, processes and safety procedures necessary for the production of a design solution.
- Producing 2D and 3D drawings to explore possible design solutions.
- Working independently to produce quality products with regard to relevant workshop practices and safety requirements.

Assessment:

Assessment 1: Students will produce a folio showing their exploration of a range of existing products or solutions based on real world needs. They will then create a range of possibilities of their own design solution and create a plan from which their own solution can be achieved. Students will then execute that plan and produce a tangible artefact – that is, they will make the objects they design.

Assessment 2: Students will produce a design folio for a prototype.
1. Desk Tidy
2. Movie Prop Design using a combination of wood, 3D Printing, metal or foam.

   After revisiting the 3D modelling and printing process, students will follow the design process to produce a folio; utilising Inventor, a 3D modelling software program. They will use the 3D printer and other materials to produce their prototype. Students will be highly reliant in Autodesk Inventor, CAD, MS Word, Photoshop and other graphic design programs for this project, as well as continuing to develop their hand sketching skills.

Pathways to Year 10: Yr 10 Design Technology

Other relevant considerations and expectations:
In an effort to improve the quality of safety education in the Life Sciences & Design Faculty we have implemented several WH&S procedures that are linked closely to those of Industry practices.

Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – students must have shoes with leather uppers to enter the practical workspaces.
## Design and Technology: Teen Fashion

### Units of Study:
1. Sustainable Fashion
2. Creating Design solutions

### Unit Description
Students study two units titled sustainable fashion and creating design solutions. Students will be critically analysing factors including social, ethical and sustainability considerations, that impact on designed solutions for preferred futures in the context of textiles and fashion.

### Learning Experiences
**Knowledge and Understanding**
- Research sustainable fashion.
- Identify the source of textile and clothing items we use.
- Experiment with production of textile and clothing items.
- Evaluate how the fashion trend cycle affects our choices.
- Determine how to meet their needs by choosing fashion items wisely.
- Understand the functional and aesthetic aspects of fashion items.

**Processes and Production Skills**
- Creating patterns for use in garment production.
- Sewing and fabric decoration techniques.
- Technology Practice (the project description, idea development, production and evaluation/reflecting).

### Assessment
- Theory Exam: Knowledge and Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.
- Process journal in response to a design brief.
- Practical task of refining skills and processes in the design and production of a textile item.

### Pathways to Year 10
- Year 10 Fashion Design
- Year 11 and 12 Fashion Design (Applied)

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
Due to the practical nature of this subject, students are inducted into health and safety procedures whilst working in the textile design classroom. This is followed by informed instruction, workshop demonstrations and supervision of safe working practices within all practical workspaces.

Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) students must have covered shoes to participate in practical workspaces.

- Students choice of fabric must be supplied for this fashion unit
- Fabrics donated to the school will be used for practicing and refining skills
# Design and Technology: Teen Cuisine

**Units of Study:**
1. Healthy food choices for teens
2. Producing Healthy foods

**Unit Description**
Students explore the relationship between food and health. They will identify their nutritional needs for their growth, good health and energy, as well as evaluate the effectiveness of their diet in meeting these needs.

Students will have the opportunity to:
- Critically analyse current food models and nutritional recommendations.
- Investigate social, ethical and sustainability factors that impact their diet.
- Develop strategies to optimise their personal diet with consideration of preferred futures and impact of emerging technologies.
- Prepare different foods each week and develop their cookery techniques to provide healthy alternatives for their diet.

**Learning Experiences**

**Knowledge and Understanding**
- Discover the relationship between food and health.
- Investigate and make judgements on ethical and sustainable production and marketing of food.
- Record and evaluate personal diet recognising need for sustainability.
- Explore influences on food intake and ways to manage these.
- Investigate and implement ways of improving diet and habits – a process of change to include indigenous.
- Evaluate ‘healthy’ and ‘health’ products.
- Challenge media messages impact of media, potential health implication and combating these messages.

**Processes and Production Skills**
- Plan, create and present foods to improve their diet.
- Make judgments on food safety, preservation, presentation and sensory perceptions with solutions for healthy eating.

**Assessment**
- Written Exam: Knowledge and Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation.
- Research assignment.
- Producing weekly practical food activities.
- Evaluating and reflecting weekly practical tasks.
- Process journal and product.

**Pathways to Year 10**
- Year 10 Food and Nutrition
- Year 11 and 12 Senior (General) Food and Nutrition
- Hospitality Certificate II Years 11 and 12

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**
In an effort to maintain the quality of safety education we have implemented several WHS procedures that are linked closely to those of Industry practices. Students are obligated to participate in a WHS “Introduction to Workplace Safety” program, followed by informed instruction, workshop demonstrations and close supervision of safe working practices within all practical workspaces.

It is extremely important for parents to be aware of their students’ obligations to be safe around themselves and others. Failure of students to comply unfortunately means that departmental WHS concerns may exclude them from the practical environment for a time.

Mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) **students must have shoes with leather uppers** to participate in practical workspaces.

Students are to provide their own food for recipes, tea towel and container. The school may provide small amounts of pantry goods, eg herbs and spices as required.
## Business Studies

### Units of Study:
1. Consumer issues
2. Stakeholders
3. Australia’s Financial Environment

### Unit Description
In this subject, students will study the elements of the Australian Financial Environment, consider the rights of the consumer and review the consumer laws that assist in protecting consumers from both financial and physical risk.

### Learning Experiences
**Knowing and Understanding**
- Investment and risk management strategies.
- Decision making processes.
- Budgeting and personal spending.
- Components of the Australian Business Environment.
- Stakeholders within the business environment
- Consumer Laws.

**Skills**
- Following an inquiry process.
- Analysing and interpreting data.
- Making justified recommendations.
- Decision making.

### Assessment
Assessment 1: Students will produce a multimodal response regarding a consumer issue that teaches, creates awareness and clearly communicates the message to others.
Assessment 2: Students will undertake a Short response examination regarding business stakeholders.
Assessment 3: Research Folio in response to a client brief investigating strategies to manage personal finances and accumulate savings.

### Pathways to Year 10
Year 10 Business and Economics elective subject.

### Career Pathways
Senior school (year 11 and 12) Business Management and Economics.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
- Risk Assessment: nil
- Resources: Exercise book, USB.
# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES – SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

## Units of Study:
1. Evaluation of Educational Games
2. Design of Algorithms and User Experiences
3. Software Development and Implementation

## Unit Description
In this unit students will evaluate information systems that support learning and create an educational digital solution.

Students will create an educational game or learning object to educate their peers using an object-oriented programming language.

## Learning Experiences
### Knowledge and Understanding.
Students will:
- Analyse simple compression of data
- Learn how to separate content data (HTML) from presentation (CSS)

### Processes and Production Skills.
Students will:
- Analyse and visualise data to create information and address complex problems
- Define and decompose real world problems, including interviewing stakeholders to identify needs
- Design the user experience of a digital solution (educational game) by evaluating alternative designs, considering functionality, accessibility, usability, and aesthetics
- Design algorithms and validate algorithms and programs through tracing and test cases
- Evaluate student solutions and existing information systems
- Implement programs, applying selected algorithms and data structures, using an object-oriented programming language
- Plan and manage projects using a collaborative approach

## Assessment
Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of data representation and apply skills in defining, designing, implementing and evaluating a digital solution (educational game) using an object-oriented programming language.

## Pathways to Yr 10
Digital Technologies – Web Programming
# Subject Title: German

"Educating young Queenslanders for a global future"

## Units of Study:
1. **Wochenendeausflug** (weekend excursion)
2. **Sport macht Spass** (Sport is fun)
3. **Gesundheit** (health)
4. **Einkaufen bis zum Umfallen** (Shop till you drop)
5. **Dass bisschen Haushalt** (a bit of housework)

## Unit Description
The program builds on students’ previous study of the language, initially focusing on revising content areas that students may have encountered in previous years and combining their knowledge in a realistic communicative setting. The students work towards describing free time activities, a weekend away focusing on sport and shopping. This unit format enables students, who have never had the opportunity to learn German to commence the subject, whilst allowing previous students of German to continue along their language learning pathway.

German offers students the exciting opportunity to develop communication skills which will equip them to better engage the world around them. It takes students out of their comfort zone and challenges them intellectually as well as culturally and linguistically. Students are encouraged to problem solve and to think creatively.

## Learning Experiences
### Communication:
Students initiate and maintain interactions with peers and adults by seeking and offering ideas, thoughts and feelings as well as factual information related to everyday activities as a teenager. They write and present role plays and PowerPoints. In the second half of the semester students may describe fashion in Australia and Germany and enter a makeover show demonstrating the knowledge of clothing and life style.

Students learn about similarities and differences between their own and the German culture, as is relevant to teenagers.

### Understanding:
Students extend knowledge of German structures and explore the use of German grammar through topics such as case, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions and verb tense.

## Assessment
The listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed at regular intervals.

Students will complete a stocktake test midway through the term. This diagnostic testing will check students’ knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of a listening and/or reading comprehension.

Students also complete tasks based on class work e.g. a poster, a powerpoint presentation, a booklet and/or an oral presentation. This task will test students’ productive skills.

## Pathways to Yr 10
The unit of work prepares students well for Year 10 German.

## Career Pathways
Germany is the powerhouse economy of Europe and the European Community. Australia has significant ties, historically, culturally, economically and politically with Germany. The German language is spoken widely throughout Europe and is second only to English in importance.

Knowledge of one or more languages can be useful in a wide range of careers. For some jobs, such as translating, interpreting and language teaching, language skills are one of the main requirements. For other jobs a combination of languages and other qualifications, knowledge or skills may be needed. For example, people with languages plus technology, law, media and journalism, government, diplomacy and international affairs, sciences and engineering, travel services, humanities and the arts, commerce and finance or sales skills are much sought-after.
| Other relevant considerations and expectations | Universities offer bonus tertiary entrance points for students who have successfully completed Senior German.  
The base textbook to be used is *Ganz Genau* which is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme.  
Students will have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, ACER Language proficiency test, Oktoberfest and restaurant visits. |
| Other relevant considerations and expectations | Universities offer bonus tertiary entrance points for students who have successfully completed Senior German.  
There is no set textbook, however students are welcome to use the textbook *Ganz Genau*, as an additional learning tool, it is available under the Textbook Hire Scheme.  
Students will have the opportunity to participate in some of the following activities: Film Fest, ACER Language proficiency test and restaurant visits. |
### Units of Study:

1. Date and Time
2. Japanese Houses
3. Seasons and Weather
4. Describing People

### Unit Description

This one semester unit builds on students' previous study of the Japanese language. Students will focus on dates and time and seasons and weather.

Students will also learn more about Japan's geography, climate, customs and housing. Finally, students will learn how to describe people's physical appearance and personalities.

Not only is improving communication and understanding of the Japanese language a major focus of the course, but the students are also encouraged to further develop the intercultural skills that are crucial for gaining a global perspective.

### Learning Experiences

Included under the strands of **Communicating and Understanding** will be opportunities to socialise, inform, create, translate, reflect, analyse the language system and understand the role of language and culture in the target language as well as English.

### Assessment

Students will complete a stocktake test midway through each term. This will check students' knowledge of the topic and will be in the form of listening and/or reading comprehension.

Each unit is concluded with the main assessment task, usually a bigger task, which incorporates the language and content encountered throughout the unit. This can be in the form of a poster, movie, booklet or a PowerPoint, a role play or an oral presentation. This task will test students' productive skills. By this stage of learning, students will be expected to incorporate the vocabulary and structures they have learned in earlier years of study, and be writing completely in Japanese script (hiragana and katakana and some Kanji).

The macro-skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills are of equal importance and are assessed (both formally and informally) at regular intervals.

### Pathways to Yr 10

Pre-requisite for Year 10 Japanese.

### Other relevant considerations and expectations

Textbooks for this class are available through the Textbook Hire Scheme. *Obento Supreme* is used throughout the course.

ICTs are heavily incorporated in this unit. Students may choose to use movie maker, photo story, or other presentation tools for culminating assessment tasks.

Universities offer bonus tertiary entrance points for students who have successfully completed Senior Japanese.
# Geography

**Units of Study:**

1. ‘Biomes and food security’
2. ‘Geographies of Interconnection’

**Unit Description**

‘**Biomes and food security**’ is about the big question: How can we make sure there is food available now and in the future so that no one goes hungry? We ask students to investigate issues such as how human activities affect the availability of clean water; the way humans use the land; and the influence of growing populations. Our challenge is to develop ideas that can secure our food for future.

‘**Geographies of interconnections**’ is about how people use the places in which they live. These places include our cities, our regions and the interconnected world of other nations. We will look at the impacts of changing trends in tourism, trade, communications and transport.

We will learn and grow from the experiences as we explore the world beyond the classroom.

**Learning Experiences**

Geography uses a ‘futures problem solving’ framework and provides students with a number of learning settings:

- Classroom theory lessons
- Integrated and specific computer-based activities including spatial technologies (GIS)
- Critical analysis of media in its various forms
- Independent research activities
- Group problem-solving activities and collaborative tasks
- Connect and interact in forums beyond the classroom e.g. via the internet, discussion boards
- Practical based activities especially data gathering in the field through participation in excursions

**Assessment**

Assessment will focus on developing and demonstrating understanding through action research:

1. Report – initial team research from secondary sources culminating in an individualised response (Unit 1)
2. Report – Based on data gathered in the field (Unit 2)

**Pathways to Year 10**

Geography as an ‘elective’ subject continues in Year 10 and is an ideal preparation for success in Senior Geography.

The Year 10 topics are:

- ‘Environmental change and management’
- ‘Geographies of human wellbeing’

Geography bridges the pure sciences with social sciences and a study of both is complimentary. Geography will help students understand and interpret data, formulate arguments, and make balanced decisions – creating flexible, well rounded thinkers. All young Australians need a ‘sense of place’ and are encouraged to continue their studies in Geography.

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**

Excursion requirements: All students are required to partake in an assessment focussed field trip to Brisbane Airport and the Port of Brisbane. The cost will be no more than $30.

Overseas study tours: Senior Geography students have priority in joining the school’s trip to Canada in the Spring vacation of 2020.
# Zenith (for Zenith students only)

## Units of Study:
- Future Problem Solving
- Theories of Learning

### Unit Description
Zenith is Kenmore State High School's program of academic excellence. This Zenith subject centres on problem solving, creative and logical thinking, group work and communication skills. These skills are enhanced through learning experiences in the Future Problem Solving curriculum – an international education program and competition designed to build problem solving and creative thinking skills. Students also examine different approaches to learning in order to increase their understanding of their own unique learning styles and needs.

### Learning Experiences
- Creative thinking and problem solving.
- Group problem-solving activities.
- Written and oral communication skills.
- Self-reflective writing.
- Peer feedback strategies.
- Research skills.
- Theories of learning.

### Assessment
- Reflective learning journals.
- Research assignment.
- Future Problem Solving competition booklets (marked externally by Future Problem Solving).

### Other relevant considerations and expectations
This course is studied by all Zenith students.
Where available, students may participate in excursions / conferences.
### Information Communication Extension (ICX)

**Units of Study:**
1. Investigating and measuring the value of natural places with technology
2. Scientific research and community engagement project (research)

**Unit Description**
ICX reinforces the skills students develop in the ICE program. In ICX, students use technology to collaborate, research, solve problems and communicate within a real world context.

ICX uses a model for teaching known as Problem Based Learning. PBL has been shown to increase independent thinking, problem-solving and communication skills.

The project is based around finding solutions to this central problem:

“What is the value of natural places in the community and how can we increase awareness of their value?”

**Learning Experiences**
Students explore their own answers to the central ‘problem’. In groups, students will learn valuable skills in context in order to find their solutions. Collaboration, communication and self-management and innovation are highly valued and prioritized in ICX.

Teachers act as guides and mentors, helping groups and individuals meet their goals. We also enlist the help of local experts who will share their knowledge, advise and support students’ projects.

Excursions are an important part of ICX. Students gather data and interact with the community outside of the school.

**Assessment**
- Term 1: Research report and proposal
- Term 2: Group investigation and digital multimedia product

**Other relevant considerations and expectations**
At the end of the project students present their findings at a community forum.

ICX requires students to be independent, organised and prepared to make and learn from their mistakes.
### Curriculum Progressions

**F** = Foundation Subject – compulsory subject  
**E** = Elective Subject – subject that students elect to study  
**SP** = Signature Program  
**E** = Extra Curricular

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Kenmore State High School has around 30 full fee paying international students at any one time. These students receive English as a second language (EAL/D) support and are entitled to extra time in exams (15 minutes per hour). They are issued with yellow exam cards that they present to their teachers before the examination. Under exam conditions, students may use a paper bi-lingual dictionary (not an electronic dictionary). To support our international students we provide tutors twice a week. This assists in the drafting process and ensures understanding of the content.

To support our international students we encourage our teachers to write notes and instructions clearly on the board and allow them to use their electronic dictionaries to translate difficult vocabulary. In subjects where there is a lot of subject specific vocabulary, a ‘glossary’ is often developed.

In order to assist international students with their reading, we encourage our students to read aloud in order to model cohesion, coherence, tone and phrasing. We also emphasise that learners do not have to understand every word in order to understand the meaning.

We encourage staff to allow students the opportunities to write in different genres, for different purposes and audiences. Students are also given the opportunity to draft, re-draft and edit written pieces.

To assist students with their oral communication we encourage learners to practise orals in front of the mirror, or with their host families.

In order to assist EAL/D learners with their listening skills we encourage them to listen for the main ideas and key points, and to teach the learner to take note of non-verbal cues.

If you have any questions regarding the international students, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Murray on rmurr17@eq.edu.au or on ext. 546.
Curriculum, Homework and Assessment Tutorial

Overview

Kenmore State High School encourages the development of programmes that meet the specific needs of individuals and groups. Educational provision for students experiencing difficulties at school is seen as an extension of a concern for individual differences, quality schooling and inclusivity. These classes are conducted by a Learning Support teacher and are aimed at students requiring extra assistance with their core subjects.

In order to provide students with a high level of assistance it is necessary to keep the classes small (10 – 12 students). Inclusion in this subject is for students who have a recognised learning difficulty.

Course Outline

Students can elect to study CHAT in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for one or both semesters. The CHAT program is an intensive program which aims to reinforce and extend students’ skills so that they can manage the demands of the regular classroom. This is achieved by the students making decisions regarding the setting of goals, the organisation of their work and the management of their time, maintaining a positive attitude to learning and building self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities as learners.

The program spends time ascertaining a student’s current level and bases their revision and comprehension work on these individual levels. The literacy focus is on spelling, writing and comprehension.

The numeracy focus is on revising the basic skills for each particular maths unit. Students also have time to work on assignment tasks and exam revision.

Participation in CHAT is by invitation and on an individual basis at the discretion of the Head of Special Education Services in consultation with parents and/or caregivers.

Learning Experiences

Learning experiences are focussed around Students’ building on their current knowledge.

Scaffolded handouts and step by step booklets are provided to assist students to plan and complete their assignment work for their subjects.

Through this process students develop an increased understanding of the task requirements and the criteria they are being assessed on.
Targeted Assisted Tutorial

Overview

Kenmore State High School encourages the development of programs that meet the specific needs of individuals and groups, so as to ensure quality and inclusive schooling practices.

The Tutorial program can be studied in Years 7, 8 and 9 for one or both semesters. The class is conducted in place of an elective in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The Targeted Assisted Tutorial concentrates on the development of the whole student not just academic learning. The program focuses on addressing, monitoring and/or implementing some of the student’s individual education goals in a small tutorial environment.

Course Outline

The classes are conducted by a teacher from the Special Education Program. The students’ work materials are supplied by students, parents, class teachers and their Case Managers.

Students are provided with an opportunity for small group discussion and interaction with peers. Social skills and organisation strategies are a priority.

The program uses the student’s Assessment Schedule, eDiary, referrals from class teachers and assessment work as the basis of focus content.

Focus areas include:
• research, revision and planning for assignments / assessments
• study skills
• social skills
• day-to-day organisation and time management
• individual goal achievement.

Learning Experiences

Fostering mutual respect and co-operation between students and teachers so that students can share, develop and learn together and from each other.

Actively involving students in their learning, making choices and decisions, setting goals, using initiative and self-evaluation.

Teaching in ways that meet individual needs and interests and encourage flexibility of learning styles.

Developing basic academic and living skills that will enable students to achieve success in their social and school lives.

Building students’ self-esteem and belief in their abilities so that they will interact confidently with others and the world in which they live.

Entry Requirements

The small group environment ensures students have a high level of assistance and therefore an opportunity to develop skills and knowledge at their own pace. In order to provide students with a high level of assistance, it is necessary to minimise class sizes.

These subjects are designed to meet the Individual Educational goals of students that are verified through the Educational Adjustment Program. Participation in these subjects is by invitation and on an individual basis, at the discretion of the Head of Special Education Services in consultation with parents and/or caregivers.
The Greater Brisbane State School sporting program is a Saturday Sporting competition between five High Schools in the Greater Brisbane Area. This one day competition is held at various schools and includes basketball, touch, futsal, netball, volleyball and badminton.

Selection Trials are conducted and each student has the opportunity to trial for any sport.

Games start at 8.30am and are finished by 3pm. All games have official referees and sports medicine personnel are present throughout the day. Students are responsible for their own transport to each of the matches. The coaches consist of teachers, sports personnel and level one coaching accredited university students as well as accredited sports coaches.

All players are loaned a full playing sports strip for the day that must be worn during all games. Teams train approximately twice a week.

Kenmore High School was a founding member of the GBS sporting competition. The school remains committed to this elite competition and looks forward to continued success in the future.

The GBS competition occurs on 7 Saturday’s a year, focusing on a different sport each day. Teams may train at lunch or after school and then participate in one Saturday competition against the other five schools.
Gifted & Talented Education – Provision of Enrichment Framework at Kenmore SHS

At Kenmore SHS, our goal is to engage all of our students and provide them with the skills and opportunities they need to flourish, achieve success and maximise their innate potential. In this respect, we recognise that gifted students have their own particular needs which require catering for. It is our belief that these needs are best addressed through a whole school approach incorporating a range of classroom strategies, co-curricular enrichment and extension opportunities as well as individual support provisions, as outlined in the framework below.

**Co-curriculum activities**
Kenmore SHS offers a broad and diverse range of quality co-curriculum activities. A small selection includes:

**Academic**
- University of NSW Mathematics Science, English and computing competitions
- Westpac Maths Competition
- UQ Robocup Challenge
- Opt-minds Creative Thinking Tournament
- Queensland Debating Union

**Sporting**
- Saturday morning Greater Brisbane Schools (GBS) inter-school sports
- After-school clubs in futsal, fencing & a wide range of other sports

**Arts**
- Established concert bands, ensembles and choirs
- School musicals & concerts

**Cultural & community**
- Leos club
- Amnesty International Group
- Middle School Leadership roles
- World Challenge overseas community service

**Learning Activities**
- Use of the Dimensions of Learning framework
- Emphasis on the development of critical 7 creative thinking skills
- Flexibility in choice of subjects to match students' interests.

**Explanation:**
- Placing an emphasis on expanding the interests of all students through both:
  - An extensive variety of co-curricular activities
  - The use of engaging learning strategies within classes to develop broader interests & higher order thinking skills

**Examples of enrichment & extension opportunities**

**German Immersion and extension program**
- Academically talented students are challenged intellectually, linguistically and culturally by undertaking core learning through the German language.
- The program leads to an exchange in Term 4 of year 10 and onto opportunities to complete advanced German in the senior school and study abroad programs in German speaking countries at university.

**Music Extension Program**
- An enriched music extension program for those with a particular aptitude for musical performance and composition.

**I.C.E. Program**
- Enhanced learning through the integration of technology in the classroom.

**Advanced studies at university**
- Selected students are able to complete subjects and participate in learning program at the University of Queensland & QUT.

**Zenith**
- For academically gifted students who participate in the “Futures problem solving projects”.

**Classroom strategies include**
- The use of Dimensions of Learning and other planning models which emphasize the development of higher order thinking skills
- The use of ‘open-ended’ learning tasks which allows students to engage in learning at a level commensurate to their ability and interest
- Flexible grouping arrangements to allow opportunities to gifted students to be extended through working with advanced learners of similar ability
- The ability for learners to choose learning tasks at a higher level and to negotiate in-depth students in areas of interest
- Compacting curriculum to account for prior learning and/or arrange for the curriculum to be undertaken at an accelerated pace
- The opportunity to participate in a wide variety of competitions and external learning opportunities to augment and enrich classroom learning experiences

**Individual Support provisions**
Individual support is provided to those students who demonstrate performance or achievement at a level significantly beyond what might be expected at a given age. In this respect, fields of talent can be academic, in the arts, sporting or technological, among others. Following identification, such students:
- receive case management and are provide with an **individual learning plan** to take account of their special needs. This process is undertaken by a team comprising student support and administrative staff along with parents/carers. Individual learning plans may include **subject or grade acceleration** where appropriate
- liaise regularly with the school enrichment coordinator who monitors progress, provides support and who maintains communication with parent/carers