

Year 9 Subject Information

Art

Art involves developing drawing and painting skills, learning about art works and art conventions and applying these to the production of your own work. Your own work will explore and respond to the idea of New Zealand culture, identity and history.

Drama

This is designed as an introduction to key dramatic concepts and techniques and, among other things, will help students improve confidence and public speaking skills. You will learn and participate in Drama at a level appropriate to your experience in this subject area.

Food Technology

Food Technology involves exploring questions such as Do you know how humans came to cook food? Did you know the microwave oven was a result of World War II? Edible experiments will be carried out as we investigate new technologies, Sugar Cookery, the Pie and making & decorating a Christmas cake. Students are required to bring ingredients for the 16 practical sessions.

Electronics/Computing

This course builds a skill base in application software for senior computing and is a mixture of programming, robotics, computer science and digital document creation.

Graphics

Graphics includes the development of freehand and instrumental drawing skills. Students will investigate needs for products and use 2D and 3D techniques to design their own solutions for a range of products.

Horticulture

This is science-based option for students wishing to learn about plant structure and care, and garden design.

Japanese

If you want to learn Japanese, you've come to the right school! In this class you will discover such things as the Japanese alphabet (including Hiragana and Katakana) as well as Kanji, Japanese grammar, sentence structure, and useful Japanese phrases. The Japanese language is actually very simple but so unlike English that it can look and sound difficult. The goal of this course is to teach you the basics of the Japanese language and give you more of an understanding of what life is like in Japan.

Music

You will learn introductory music or work at a level appropriate to your background knowledge. This subject is ideally suited to students that are already learning a musical instrument as the skills learned will complement the work that you have already done.

Technology (Hard Materials)

Hard Materials Technology includes design work and investigation, use, and development of materials to achieve a desired result or product such as a DVD rack or bookcase. Materials used will be a range of natural and processed wood.

Technology (Soft Materials)

Soft Materials Technology is your chance to design your own gear, whether it's a bag for gym, a sweat shirt for winter or even a gun cover for duck shooting! Use the embroidery programme and machine to create your own unique logo.