

Years 7–9

Curriculum handbook

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TATACHILLA
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Believe | Become | Belong

Tatachilla Lutheran College acknowledges that our school is built on the traditional Country of the Kaurna peoples.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

The land remains, as always, a place of education, peace, care and nurture.



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Introduction



Tatachilla Lutheran College is a place where our young people can believe, become and belong.

The middle years of schooling are a crucial bridge between the more structured environment of the junior years and the increased independence of the senior years.

These years represent a critical period of transition for our students as they move from childhood towards adolescence and prepare for the more complex demands of secondary schooling.

At Tatachilla, the emphasis in the middle years is on moving beyond surface-level knowledge to a deeper, more constructed understanding of the world. Students are supported to become more self-directed in their learning and leverage their personal learning style for success.

The college follows the Australian Curriculum in Years 7 to 9, with electives being offered from Year 8 onwards.

The Australian Curriculum is designed to equip young people with the essential knowledge, understanding and skills they will need to successfully navigate their future beyond school and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

Tatachilla encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to teaching the Australian Curriculum, allowing students to consider concepts through the lens of multiple and complementary disciplines wherever possible, and helping them to develop three-dimensional thinking.

Students in the middle years are also offered numerous experiential learning opportunities in order to “learn by doing” and apply their new-found knowledge to the real world.

Teaching is delivered in a supportive, academically rigorous environment underpinned by collaboration, active participation, goal setting, reflection and a high level of student agency.

The range of electives offered from Year 8 onwards is designed to engage students and cater to their diverse needs and interests.

This handbook provides our learners with the information they need to understand the Australian Curriculum in the middle years and begin to make informed decisions about the learning pathways that will support their aspirations.

It is my hope that this handbook not only facilitates important conversations about the learning journey, but that it also ignites excitement about the range of growth opportunities ahead.

Dr Michael Smith
Director of Teaching and Learning (R-12)

Our mission

Our mission is to enrich hearts and minds by teaching the love of Christ.

As part of our commitment to being the school of choice in southern Adelaide, the college strives at all times to deliver academic excellence, exceptional teaching quality, transformative educational leadership and a vibrant and compassionate learning environment underpinned by deep faith.

The college exists to help every student become the best version of themselves and achieve personal excellence, no matter where they find themselves in life.

This means supporting each child to develop as a whole human being – socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically and spiritually – and grow in self-belief, personal agency and self-awareness.

We consistently endeavour to uphold the college motto – believe, become, belong – by embedding our six core values in all aspects of college life. These values include faith, ambition, courage, growth, kinship and compassion.

These core values underpin every decision made at the college and are central to who we are.

Our values

Become

Courage

We live with a spirit of daring and adventure and a readiness to embrace challenges, take educated risks, show initiative and break new ground.

Growth

We continually learn from our experiences, develop our abilities over time, accept setbacks as opportunities for growth and persist in the achievement of our goals and dreams.

Believe

Faith

We live with deep faith in God and ourselves and believe that all things are possible and that we each have a sacred role to play in the universe.

Ambition

We aim high in all areas of human endeavour, nurture a strong desire to achieve personal excellence and use our talents and passions to make a positive difference in the world.

Belong

Kinship

We forge lasting and authentic relationships with each other through shared experiences, mutual support and a collective sense of acceptance, closeness and belonging.

Compassion

We demonstrate the power of trust, empathy, boundaries, grace and forgiveness and support each other to uphold these qualities in our current and future lives.

Key contacts

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Approach to the middle years

The middle years comprise Year 7 to Year 9.

During the middle years, students are further equipped with the tools they need to problem-solve, fail, try new approaches and rethink.

The emphasis is on encouraging – not rescuing – students on their learning journey.

There is an ongoing focus on the development and application of executive functioning skills: organisation, task initiation, perseverance, self-control, self-regulation and sustained attention.

The middle years are an optimal time to reinforce these skills in the developing adolescent mind. This is because research tells us that the ability of the teenage brain to make neural connections, process information, develop insight and foresight, plan ahead and make decisions is significantly strengthened at this time.

Refining executive functioning skills during the middle years sets students up with the lifelong ability to take on difficult tasks, operate successfully in team-oriented and individual settings, go the extra mile and achieve set goals.

Crucially, there is an emphasis on the ongoing development of metacognition in the middle years. This involves awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes and personal learning style and how this can be improved or leveraged for success.

Students are exposed to educational experiences that nurture metacognition and encouraged to take incremental steps towards taking greater ownership of their learning.

Students in Years 7-9 are also equipped with age-appropriate tools to keep themselves safe in the modern world, both online and offline. They begin undertaking units from The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (which they continue until Year 12), which helps them maintain a strong sense of self-awareness and wellbeing and understand what respectful relationships look like.

The middle years are a time for students to start contemplating their future selves beyond school. To that end, Year 8 represents a milestone year for students as they are given the freedom to choose elective subjects that align with their interests.

Electives are offered in a wide range of fields, including Digital Technologies, Food Technology, Materials Technology, Agricultural Science, Ecological Science, Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Modern Media and Japanese.

From Year 9 onwards, eligible students can also apply to join the Advanced Athlete Development Program, which is a tailored extension program for those with demonstrable athletic talent and commitment to sport.

The middle years are a time to reinforce students' ability to take on difficult tasks, leverage their personal learning style, go the extra mile and achieve set goals.



Program of learning

Tatachilla Lutheran College follows the Australian Curriculum from Reception to Year 10 and delivers the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) in Years 11 and 12.*

The Australian Curriculum sets the expectations for what all young Australians should be taught (from Reception to Year 10), regardless of where they live in Australia or their background.

The Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum comprises a series of learning areas (below) that are adopted fully by the college and brought to life through a broad and enriching range of lived experiences:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Music
- Drama
- Visual Arts
- Design and Technologies
- Digital Technologies
- Languages (the language taught at Tatachilla is Japanese, which is compulsory from Reception to Year 8, inclusive).

The college encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to teaching the Australian Curriculum, allowing students to consider concepts through the lens of multiple and complementary disciplines wherever possible, and helping them to develop three-dimensional thinking.

The South Australian Certificate of Education

The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is an internationally recognised qualification awarded to students who complete their senior secondary education.

The certificate is based on two stages of achievement: Stage 1 (usually completed in Year 11) and Stage 2 (usually completed in Year 12).

Christian Studies

All Tatachilla students undertake Christian Studies from Reception to Year 10 as a core and ongoing aspect of their learning.

In Year 11, students undertake Spirituality, Religion and Meaning as either a Stage 1 subject (one semester) or a Stage 2 subject (full year subject). When students reach Year 12, Christian Studies is not taught as a formal subject but rather explored through a series of spiritual seminars and retreats.

This is part of the college's commitment to helping students develop a strong spiritual foundation for their future lives, uphold Christian values and understand that they have a unique and sacred role to play in the world.

Subject availability

All electives in this handbook are offered on the basis of student interest.

This allows the college to shape its programs to support the majority of students' passions and learning goals. It also means that some electives may not run in a particular academic year.

However, the college endeavours at all times to offer as much subject choice as possible to ensure that students have the greatest opportunity to pursue meaningful and personally relevant pathways.

Full-year subjects vs two-semester subjects

In this handbook, you'll see that some subjects run for a full year, while others are offered over the course of two semesters.

- Full-year subjects must be studied for the entire year. Students need to complete both semesters to be assessed and get credit for the subject.
- Two-semester subjects are made up of two independent halves. Students are assessed at the end of each semester. Students may enrol in one or two semesters of a two-semester subject. However, the second semester of a two-semester subject will only run if there is sufficient student interest.

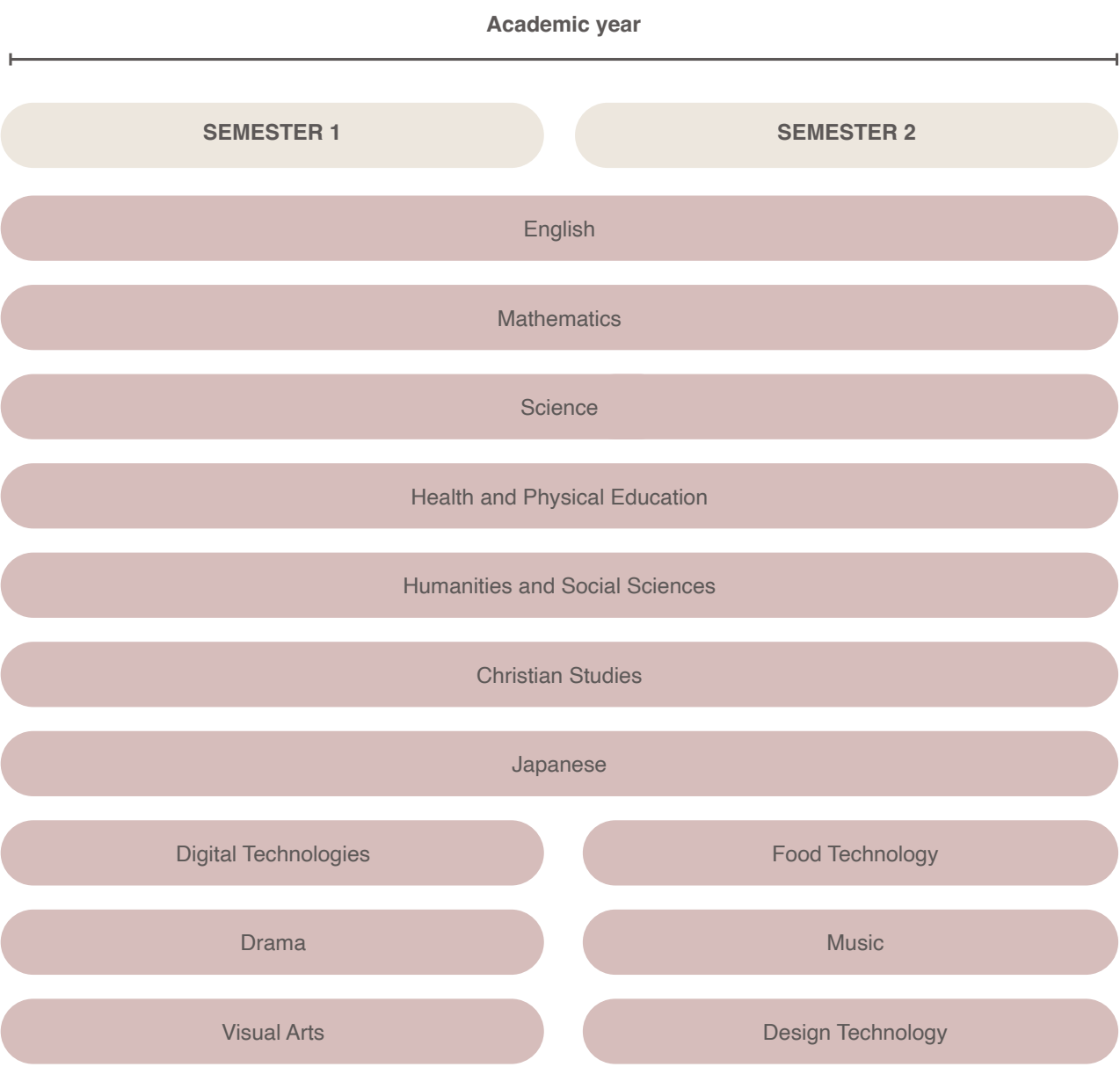
* Select SACE subjects are also offered in Year 10 and can be undertaken alongside the Australian Curriculum.



Year 7

Year 7 at a glance

Students undertake 13 subjects



Key

Compulsory

Note: The one-semester subjects above may be taught in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. The diagram above is for illustrative purposes only.

Year 7 English

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 English?

In Year 7 English, you will learn to think deeply about stories, ideas and language.

You'll explore a range of texts and develop your skills as both a creative and critical communicator.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- analyse characters, themes and techniques in films, novels and poems
- write for different audiences and purposes using effective language choices
- use literary devices and features of voice to strengthen your writing
- express ideas clearly with evidence to support your views
- respond to texts creatively and analytically in written and spoken forms.

You will become more confident in reading, writing, speaking and thinking—essential skills for learning and life.

Why do I study Year 7 English?

Year 7 English helps you become a confident and skilled communicator.

This subject will teach you how to understand and analyse different types of texts by exploring language, structure and images.

You will learn to express your ideas clearly and creatively, both in writing and through other media.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- analysing the literary devices used by others to inform, persuade, entertain and shape meaning
- producing your own written or spoken texts that use a range of language features tailored for different audiences.

Further information: English Learning Leader

Year 7 Mathematics

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Mathematics?

In Year 7 Mathematics, you will learn to apply mathematical thinking to real-world problems and everyday situations.

You'll build confidence in working with numbers, patterns, shapes and data.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- solve problems using fractions, decimals and percentages with fluency
- use algebra to represent relationships, create tables and solve equations
- measure and analyse angles and shapes
- collect, represent and interpret data using graphs and statistical tools
- investigate chance and probability through experiments and simulations.

This subject will help you strengthen your logical thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills.

Why do I study Year 7 Mathematics?

Year 7 Mathematics helps you make sense of the world through numbers, patterns and logical thinking.

This subject will teach you to solve problems, make informed decisions and apply mathematical reasoning to real-life situations.

You will explore algebra to describe relationships, work with shapes and space in geometry and develop strategies for measurement and data analysis.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing short, skills-based tasks that demonstrate sound mathematical reasoning and method
- conducting mathematical investigations that involve the creation and interpretation of mathematical data, relevant to everyday life.

Further information: Mathematics Learning Leader

Year 7 Science

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Science?

In Year 7 Science, you will learn to ask scientific questions, test ideas and explore how the world works through hands-on investigation.

You'll build your understanding of key scientific concepts and develop the skills necessary to think like a scientist.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- classify living things and explore how energy flows through ecosystems
- use particle theory to explain states of matter and separate mixtures
- investigate forces and how they affect motion
- describe the Earth-Sun-Moon system and explain celestial events
- plan and conduct tests using accurate measurements and observations.

You will develop curiosity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills—tools that help you understand science in everyday life and in the world around you.

Why do I study Year 7 Science?

Year 7 Science helps you explore your curiosity and understand how the world works.

This subject will teach you to use models to explain everyday phenomena and make scientific predictions.

You will learn to ask questions, think critically and develop hypotheses to investigate scientific ideas.

Year 7 Science also encourages you to consider how scientific discoveries impact society and the ethical and cultural issues that come with new scientific technologies.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing written tests to show your understanding of key scientific concepts
- writing reports and assignments that highlight how science explains everyday phenomena
- engaging in practical investigations that involve the collection and analysis of scientific data.

Further information: Science Learning Leader

Year 7 Health and Physical Education

Length of subject Full year

Which curriculum is this a part of? Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Health and Physical Education?

In Year 7 Health and Physical Education, you will learn to make positive choices for your health, build respectful relationships and stay active in ways that support your wellbeing.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- understand how identity, emotions and change impact your wellbeing
- apply strategies for assertive communication, inclusion and help-seeking
- analyse health information to make safe and informed decisions
- develop movement skills through games, fitness and team activities
- apply teamwork and strategy to improve your fitness and physical abilities.

You will build confidence, resilience and leadership while learning how to care for yourself and others—both on and off the field.

Why do I study Year 7 Health and Physical Education?

Year 7 Health and Physical Education helps you understand how your choices, emotions and relationships influence your wellbeing.

This subject will teach you to make healthy decisions, build respectful relationships and stay active through a range of physical activities.

You will explore important topics like mental health, nutrition and safety while developing skills in communication, teamwork and problem-solving.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing a task-based health folio
- applying practical knowledge in physical activities
- evaluating your own health, fitness and physical abilities.

Further information: Health and Physical Education Learning Leader

Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences?

In Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences, you will learn to think critically about how people live, work and govern in different places and times.

You will explore big ideas in history; geography; civics and citizenship; and economics and business.

You will develop skills to:

- investigate the ancient world and ask deep questions about the past
- explore how different levels of 'liveability' affect communities
- understand how Australia's political and legal systems work
- discover how people make financial decisions and manage resources
- communicate ideas clearly using written, spoken and visual platforms
- think critically about how people, places and systems are connected.

This subject will help you understand the world around you and build strong inquiry and research skills.

Why do I study Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences?

This subject teaches you how to ask meaningful questions about how people live, work and govern, and how societies change over time.

Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences will help you to understand different viewpoints and equip you with the knowledge and skills to communicate your ideas clearly and make sense of a complex and changing world.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing research tasks that involve the investigation of people, places and systems
- articulating your understanding of key concepts in written and mixed-media formats
- presenting an exhibition of learning that showcases your knowledge and skills
- working independently and in groups to explore central ideas and solve problems.

Further Information: Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Leader

Year 7 Christian Studies

Length of subject Full year

Which curriculum is this a part of? Lutheran Education Australia

What do I learn in Year 7 Christian Studies?

In Year 7 Christian Studies, you will learn to explore different ways of knowing, including spiritual and faith-based understanding.

You will examine moral and ethical questions and consider how Christian beliefs shape values and actions.

You will develop skills to:

- explore spiritual and faith-based ways of understanding the world
- reflect on different moral frameworks and compare them to Christian perspectives
- investigate how Jesus served others and what that means for us today
- plan and participate in practical service projects
- think deeply about your own values and how they guide your choices.

This subject will help you grow in empathy, develop critical thinking skills and understand how faith can inspire meaningful action.

Why do I study Year 7 Christian Studies?

Year 7 Christian Studies helps you understand different belief systems in a multi-faith and multi-cultural world and teaches you about all the ways in which faith can shape values, choices and wellbeing.

As part of this subject, you will have the opportunity to explore Christian perspectives alongside other worldviews and reflect on what it means to live with purpose and compassion.

Through practical service and personal reflection, you will be invited to think deeply about your own beliefs.

You will also develop skills in ethical thinking, communication and religious literacy, helping you become more thoughtful, informed and respectful in the way you engage with others.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- delivering a presentation on key ideas that combines written, spoken and visual elements
- completing a written task that explores ethical and spiritual questions
- participating in a service activity and reflecting on how this connects to Christian values.

Further information: Christian Studies Learning Leader

Year 7 Japanese

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Japanese?

In Year 7 Japanese, you will learn to communicate and connect across cultures by building your skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in Japanese.

You'll explore how language and culture shape the way we think, interact and express ourselves.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- exchange ideas and information using spoken and written Japanese
- read and write using hiragana and katakana, including long vowels and double consonants
- construct short texts and conversations in Japanese
- compare Japanese and English language features using metalanguage
- understand how language reflects cultural beliefs, values and identity.

You will build confidence in language learning while gaining insight into another culture—skills that open doors to global thinking and communication.

Why do I study Year 7 Japanese?

Year 7 Japanese helps you become a better communicator and deepens your understanding of other cultures.

This subject will teach you to speak, read and write in Japanese while building your confidence in using a new language.

You will explore Japanese customs, traditions and everyday life, gaining insight into how language and culture are connected.

Learning Year 7 Japanese will strengthen your literacy, memory and intercultural skills and prepare you for an increasing global world.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing language comprehension tasks
- participating in fluency exercises
- undertaking language tests that assess your understanding of Japanese characters.

Further information: Japanese Learning Leader

Year 7 Digital Technologies

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Digital Technologies?

In Year 7 Digital Technologies, you will learn to think creatively and critically as you design and build digital solutions to technological problems.

Through hands-on projects, you will:

- create your own website using basic coding and design principles
- explore animation and game programming to bring ideas to life
- use design thinking to solve real-world problems
- learn how information systems work and how to improve them
- develop digital literacy and cyber safety awareness.

You will gain skills in:

- logical thinking and coding
- problem-solving and innovation
- ethical and responsible technology use.

This subject will help you become a confident digital creator and an informed digital citizen, ready to take on future challenges in a rapidly changing technological world.

Why do I study Year 7 Digital Technologies?

Year 7 Digital Technologies helps you develop problem-solving, critical thinking and technical skills that will be valuable now and into the future.

This subject will teach you to use technology responsibly and creatively to solve real-world problems.

You will learn how to navigate the digital world safely and understand the impact technology has on society.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- executing a range of digital projects
- undertaking practical tasks that test your digital literacy skills.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 7 Drama

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Drama?

In Year 7 Drama, you will learn to turn imagination into performance.

Through tableau and melodrama you will discover how your body and face speak louder than words.

By the end of this subject you will be able to:

- shape clear stories with still images and exaggerated action
- create suspense through timed movement beats and expressive gestures
- work collaboratively to rehearse scenes and give constructive feedback
- apply basic stagecraft—blocking, lighting, sound and props—to heighten meaning
- reflect on performances to refine choices and build confidence in front of an audience.

Along the way you will strengthen your skills in critical thinking, communication, creativity and teamwork—skills that apply to life beyond the stage.

Why do I study Year 7 Drama?

Year 7 Drama will teach you to think quickly, speak clearly and bring stories to life through voice movement and teamwork.

While exploring roles on stage and behind the scenes, you will discover talents you never knew you had and learn how to support others to shine.

The skills you develop in Year 7 Drama—risk-taking, problem-solving and empathising with characters—will strengthen your learning across all subjects and prepare you for real-world situations where persuasive storytelling and collaboration are required.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- delivering dramatic performances
- completing a range of written tasks.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 7 Visual Arts

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Visual Arts?

In Year 7 Visual Arts, you will learn to express ideas creatively and solve problems through making and responding to art.

You will explore different styles and techniques while developing your own artistic voice.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- create artworks using drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking
- experiment with materials to communicate mood, story and meaning
- reflect on your own work and the work of others to improve your artistic ideas
- understand how artists, including First Nations artists, share culture and stories through art
- build confidence in taking creative risks and presenting your work.

You will grow your imagination and skills in observation and visual thinking—tools that enrich both learning and self-expression.

Why do I study Year 7 Visual Arts?

Year 7 Visual Arts helps you grow as a creative and confident thinker.

This subject will teach you to express ideas through different art forms while developing your observation, coordination and problem-solving skills.

You will explore materials, techniques and styles from different times and cultures, gaining a deeper appreciation for how art shapes the world around you.

Whether or not you pursue art in the future, Year 7 Visual Arts will help you see the world differently, think more creatively and communicate in powerful visual ways.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- compiling a portfolio that showcases your skills in artistic analysis and technique
- producing a range of original artwork.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 7 Food Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Food Technology?

In Year 7 Food Technology, you will learn to design and create food solutions that are safe, sustainable and thoughtful.

In this subject, you will:

- investigate food-related challenges
- plan and prepare dishes using a range of ingredients and equipment
- explore how food choices impact health, the environment and society
- present food ideas using technical language and visual tools
- evaluate your processes and outcomes to improve future food design and presentation.

You will gain skills in:

- safe and hygienic food preparation
- sustainable thinking and ethical decision-making
- practical kitchen techniques and teamwork
- creative problem-solving in food design.

This subject will help you become a confident, capable and responsible food creator.

Why do I study Year 7 Food Technology?

Year 7 Food Technology helps you develop essential kitchen skills and understand how food is prepared safely and creatively.

This subject will teach you to think critically about food properties, equipment and cooking methods as you design and make your own dishes.

You will learn to explain and justify your food choices while building confidence in the kitchen.

Year 7 Food Technology gives you the skills and knowledge to become a thoughtful food creator and consumer, able to make healthy and sustainable food choices.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- applying specific skills and processes in food preparation
- participating in both practical and theory lessons
- completing practical tasks based on the food design cycle.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 7 Music

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Music?

In Year 7 Music, you will learn to create, perform and respond to music as both a soloist and an ensemble member.

You'll explore how music communicates ideas and emotions, while building your confidence and creativity as a musician.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- perform folk music in an ensemble using melody, rhythm and improvisation
- contribute to a polished group performance
- create your own electronic music arrangement using GarageBand
- understand and apply the key elements of music, including pitch, tempo and dynamics
- perform confidently for a live audience.

You will develop listening skills, musical awareness and the ability to perform as part of a musical collaboration—all while discovering the joy of making music.

Why do I study Year 7 Music?

Year 7 Music gives you the chance to explore your musical creativity, acquire deep listening skills, perform with others and express yourself through sound.

You will experiment with different instruments, learn how music is created and discover how it influences emotions, cultures and communities.

Whether you're a beginner or an accomplished instrumentalist, Year 7 Music will help you develop transferable skills in collaboration and attentiveness. It will also elevate the way you communicate ideas, perspectives and feelings.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- performing as a member of an orchestra
- participating in ensemble groups
- creating your own digital music compositions
- applying key musicianship skills.

Year 7 Design Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 7 Design Technology?

In Year 7 Design Technology, you will learn to design and create products from a range of materials that address societal needs.

You'll learn how different tools, materials and technologies influence your design decisions and how to create sustainable products that improve everyday life.

Throughout the subject, you will:

- explore how technological innovation shapes society and the environment
- investigate and define product design challenges
- generate creative product ideas using sketches and technical drawings
- build your own products using a variety of materials and tools.

You will gain skills in:

- creative problem-solving and critical thinking
- design planning and visual communication
- safe and effective use of tools and equipment
- understanding sustainability and responsible design.

This subject will help you develop confidence as a designer and maker, ready to shape a better future through innovation and thoughtful design.

Why do I study Year 7 Design Technology?

Year 7 Design Technology helps you explore how products are made and how you can make a difference to the world around you through product innovation, creativity and thoughtful design choices.

This subject will teach you to work independently and in teams to plan, build, test and refine your product ideas.

It will also teach you to think critically and explain your choices when planning and creating a new product innovation.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- pioneering your own innovative product in response to an area of need or opportunity
- undertaking a range of skills-based tasks
- analysing and evaluating your own product innovation and identifying areas for improvement.

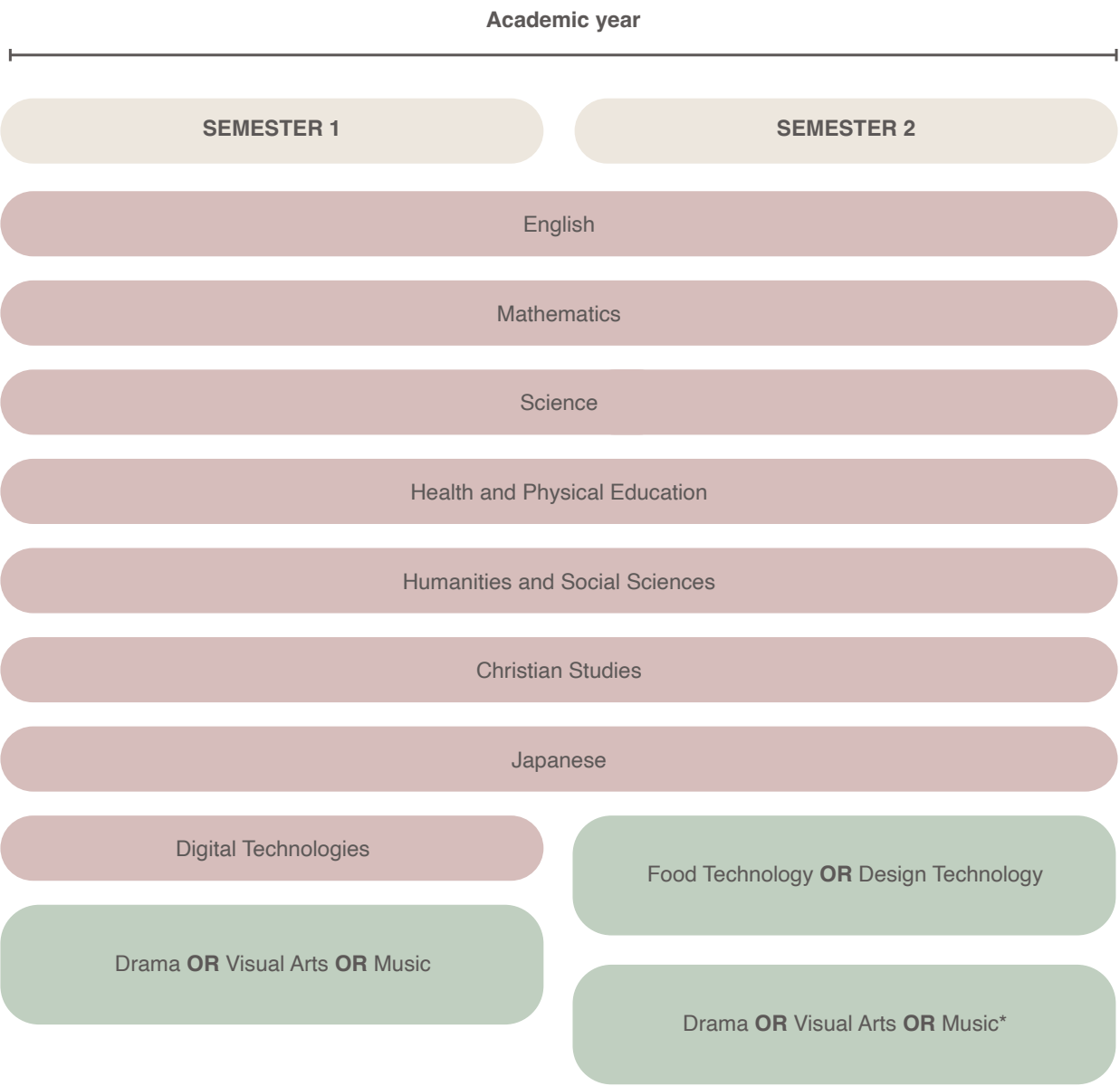
Further information: Technologies Learning Leader



Year 8

Year 8 at a glance

Students undertake 11 subjects



Key

Compulsory

Elective

* Students cannot repeat their subject choice from Semester 1

Note: The one-semester subjects above may be taught in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. The diagram above is for illustrative purposes only.

Year 8 English

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 English?

In Year 8 English, you will learn to think like a critic and write like a storyteller.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- analyse cinematic techniques and themes in film
- unpack novels to trace character motivation and plot development
- detect intertextual links that deepen meaning
- craft concise evidence-based articles that inform or persuade
- journal your reflections on poems, speeches and other media
- read, view and evaluate texts for purpose, audience and impact.

During the course of this subject you will sharpen your ability to quote and explain language features and literary devices with confidence, building fluent reading, writing and speaking skills for your senior secondary years.

Why do I study Year 8 English?

This subject teaches you how to think critically and communicate clearly.

You will learn how language, text structure and visual communication work together to create meaning.

Year 8 English will also help you develop the skills to express your ideas confidently in writing via a range of platforms such as digital media.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- analysing the way meaning is constructed in a range of written, visual and spoken texts
- producing written or spoken texts for different audiences, including imaginative, persuasive and informative pieces.

Further information: English Learning Leader

Year 8 Mathematics

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Mathematics?

In Year 8 Mathematics, you will learn to solve real-world maths problems with logic and accuracy.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- work confidently with fractions, decimals, exponents and irrational numbers
- simplify algebraic expressions and graph linear equations
- use formulas to calculate area, volume and apply the Pythagorean theorem
- explore time zones and practical measurement problems
- investigate probability, analyse data and interpret statistics
- apply mathematical modelling to real-life scenarios.

You will build strong problem-solving skills, learn to identify patterns and develop the ability to communicate mathematical thinking clearly.

Year 8 Mathematics will also help you think critically, reason with evidence and use numbers to make informed decisions.

Why do I study Year 8 Mathematics?

This subject teaches you how to think logically and solve problems that matter in everyday life.

During the course of your study, you will build confidence in working with numbers, algebra, measurements and geometry and gain insight into the world of probability and statistics.

This knowledge will help you make mathematical predictions and apply mathematical strategies to a range of relevant, real-world challenges.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- applying appropriate mathematical strategies and tools to solve mathematical problems involving integers, rational numbers, linear equations, measurements, geometry and probability
- conducting mathematical investigations into practical problems, using mathematical modelling and reasoning to articulate your findings.

Further information: Mathematics Learning Leader

Year 8 Science

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Science?

In Year 8 Science, you will learn to explore the world through observation, experimentation and evidence-based thinking.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- investigate cells and discover how organ systems work together
- explore rocks, minerals and how tectonic plates shape the Earth
- understand different types of energy and how energy causes change
- identify molecules, compounds and the building blocks of matter
- compare chemical and physical changes through hands-on experiments.

You will develop skills in scientific inquiry, critical thinking and data analysis.

Year 8 Science will also help you ask meaningful questions, make scientific predictions and draw conclusions based on real evidence.

Why do I study Year 8 Science?

This subject provides fascinating insight into how the world around us works.

You will learn how scientific models explain natural events and develop key skills in critical thinking, scientific enquiry and scientific experimentation.

Year 8 Science will also expose you to the impact of science on society and encourage you to think about the ethical and cultural effects of scientific discovery.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- undertaking comprehension tests on key scientific concepts
- analysing scientific issues and the impact of ethics and culture on scientific understanding and communication
- conducting scientific investigations and reporting on your conclusions using appropriate scientific language.

Further information: Science Learning Leader

Year 8 Health and Physical Education

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Health and Physical Education?

In Year 8 Health and Physical Education, you will learn to make confident choices that support your health, wellbeing and relationships.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- explore how identity, emotions and change affect your wellbeing
- develop strategies to manage stress and support mental health
- build respectful relationships and apply assertive communication skills
- make informed decisions about health, safety and online behaviour
- improve your movement skills and physical fitness
- work as part of a team to promote social inclusion.

You will build resilience, strengthen your social skills and learn how to take care of yourself and others—both on and off the field.

Why do I study Year 8 Health and Physical Education?

This subject helps you understand how your wellbeing is affected by your physical health, emotions and relationships.

Year 8 Health and Physical Education will teach you to make healthy lifestyle choices and develop skills in teamwork, communication and problem-solving.

You will also improve your physical abilities through a range of dynamic activities while exploring important topics like mental health, nutrition and online safety.

This subject will help you build a strong foundation for lifelong fitness and positive social interactions.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- analysing the personal and social influences on identity, wellbeing and relationships
- applying and refining your physical movement skills within a range of settings
- evaluating the effectiveness of fitness and health strategies.

Further information: Health and Physical Education
Learning Leader

Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences?

In Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences, you will learn to explore how people, places and systems have shaped the world we live in.

You will build your understanding of history; geography; civics and citizenship; and business and enterprise.

You will develop skills to:

- investigate the ancient and early modern worlds, including societies like Medieval Europe and the Islamic world
- explore landforms and how landscapes are shaped and managed
- understand how Australia's democratic and legal systems work
- examine how businesses operate and how people make smart financial decisions
- ask meaningful questions, analyse information and communicate clearly using written, spoken and visual formats.

This subject will help you think critically about the world, understand your role in society and apply your knowledge to real-life situations.

Why do I study Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences?

This subject teaches you how to think deeply, see social and political issues from diverse perspectives and understand how different societies, governments and economies work.

Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences will also help you to build skills in research, decision-making and clear communication, all while exploring how people and places are connected across time and space.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- undertaking research into historical or contemporary issues
- articulate your understanding of key ideas in written and mixed-media formats
- presenting an exhibition of learning that highlights your knowledge, skills and creativity
- working independently and in groups to investigate topics and solve real-world problems.

Further information: Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Leader

Year 8 Christian Studies

Length of subject Full year

Which curriculum is this a part of? Lutheran Education Australia

What do I learn in Year 8 Christian Studies?

In Year 8 Christian Studies, you will learn to explore important ideas like evil, goodness, sin, grace, forgiveness and faith, using Easter as a key example.

You will think deeply about what influences your decisions and how ethics guide your actions.

You will discover how people use community service and social entrepreneurship to make a positive difference.

You will also investigate the role of the Church at a local and global level, including different church organisations and community groups.

You will develop skills to:

- reflect on complex ideas and challenge stereotypes
- think critically about your own values and choices
- communicate your understanding of key ideas through writing, speaking and creative projects
- connect faith to practical service and social action.

This subject will help you grow in understanding, empathy and active participation in your community.

Why do I study Year 8 Christian Studies?

This subject teaches you about the spiritual ideas that support wellbeing and personal growth. It also supports you to explore biblical and other religious teachings, with a view to reflecting on your own ethics, values and beliefs.

Year 8 Christian Studies gives you the opportunity to engage in practical service within the community, strengthen your interpersonal skills and grow as a thoughtful and contributing person.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- delivering presentations on key ideas using written, spoken and visual elements
- responding to ethical questions through a series of written tasks
- producing creative responses to questions about faith and values
- participating in service activities and reflecting on how these experiences connect to Christian teachings and personal growth.

Further information: Christian Studies Learning Leader

Year 8 Japanese

Length of subject Full year

Which curriculum is this a part of? Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Japanese?

In Year 8 Japanese, you will learn to communicate with greater confidence and deepen your understanding of Japanese language and culture.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- speak, listen, read and write in Japanese to express ideas and opinions
- use all hiragana and katakana, including elongated vowels and contractions
- create short texts and initiate conversations in Japanese
- explore how language structure shapes meaning
- compare Japanese and English to better understand both languages
- discover how culture and identity influence how people communicate.

You will build language skills, cultural awareness and the confidence to interact respectfully across cultures.

Why do I study Year 8 Japanese?

This subject equips you with a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and language and builds your intercultural literacy and communication skills.

Year 8 Japanese will help prepare you for a globalised world in which knowing more than one language can open up increased opportunity for connection, international understanding and career growth.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- interpreting written and spoken Japanese texts for meaning and context
- engaging in fluent, guided conversation
- undertaking written language tests focused on sentence structure, vocabulary and use of hiragana, familiar katakana and kanji.

Further information: Japanese Learning Leader

Year 8 Digital Technologies

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Digital Technologies?

In Year 8 Digital Technologies, you will learn to design and build digital solutions that are creative, functional and ethical.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- create websites using code and design principles
- develop animations and basic games through programming
- apply design thinking to solve real-world problems
- explore how information systems work and manage data
- become a critical user and creator of digital content
- understand the importance of digital safety and ethics.

You will gain practical tech skills, boost your creativity and learn how to think like a developer.

Why do I study Year 8 Digital Technologies?

This subject teaches you how to solve problems and think critically using technology.

You will learn to use digital tools creatively and responsibly to tackle real-world challenges.

You will also gain the skills necessary to navigate the digital landscape safely and contribute positively to the world through ethical and innovative technology use.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- developing your own digital solution to a real-world problem, using programming, data modelling and user-centred design principles
- applying a range of practical skills in algorithm design, data representation, cyber safety awareness and the efficient use of digital tools to complete set tasks.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 8 Food Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Food Technology?

In Year 8 Food Technology, you will learn to design, create and evaluate food solutions with purpose and care.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- explore how food choices impact society and the environment
- investigate problems and develop creative, sustainable solutions
- plan and prepare food using a range of tools and techniques
- use safe and hygienic practices in the kitchen
- evaluate your food designs based on function, ethics and sustainability
- present your food ideas using technical terms and visual tools.

You will build skills in problem-solving, teamwork and decision-making while learning how to make thoughtful and informed food choices.

Why should I study Year 8 Food Technology?

This subject will teach you essential kitchen skills and how to use different food preparation methods with confidence, helping you grow as a knowledgeable consumer and producer.

You will learn to think critically about how food, equipment and processes work together to create appetising and nutritious food experiences.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- applying skills in safe food handling, food preparation and equipment use
- participating in hands-on cooking activities and related classroom discussions
- completing practical tasks related to the food design cycle.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 8 Design Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Design Technology?

In Year 8 Design Technology, you will learn to design and build new products that address everyday needs and challenges.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- explain how industries create products, services and environments that meet societal needs
- design new products with purpose, considering sustainability and user needs
- use a range of materials, tools and techniques to make your product ideas come to life
- apply safe practices when working with equipment
- communicate your product designs clearly using technical language and visual storytelling.

You will build problem-solving, planning and practical skills while learning how thoughtful product design can enhance life quality.

Why should I study Year 8 Design Technology?

This subject will teach you to look closely at the world around you and understand how products are designed and made.

You will develop critical thinking skills by reasoning and justifying your design choices.

Through hands-on work with tools and machinery, you will also learn to work safely and confidently in a workshop environment and develop the foundational experience necessary for future learning in design, manufacturing, construction and architecture.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- innovating new product designs that meet societal needs
- using different design tools and materials in a safe and precise manner
- applying technical language and informed judgment in the analysis of existing product innovations.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 8 Drama

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Drama?

In Year 8 Drama, you will learn to perform with confidence and creativity on stage.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- develop characters through monologues, duologues and group pieces
- interpret and perform scripted and original work
- use voice, movement and expression to bring stories to life
- rehearse and collaborate in a supportive ensemble environment
- explore staging, blocking and performance techniques
- reflect on your growth as a performer and team member.

You will build confidence, creativity and communication skills while learning to express yourself through live performance.

Why should I study Year 8 Drama?

This subject will teach you how to deliver dramatic performances with clarity and confidence.

You will learn to think on your feet, work closely with others, improvise on stage and respond to an audience.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- delivering an improvised or scripted performance
- completing a written analysis of dramatic conventions used in performance.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 8 Visual Arts

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Visual Arts?

In Year 8 Visual Arts, you will learn to express ideas and solve problems creatively through a range of art forms.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- create original artworks through drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking
- apply different artistic styles, techniques and materials
- develop your own visual language to communicate meaning
- articulate how artists share stories and reflect culture through art
- understand works by First Nations artists
- reflect on your creative process and improve your work over time.

You will build confidence in making and interpreting art while developing your imagination and skills in visual storytelling.

Why should I study Year 8 Visual Arts?

This subject will teach you how to bring your creative vision to life through innovative art-making.

It will also equip you with lifelong skills in critical thinking, coordination, patience and visual story-telling as you

experiment with a range of artistic techniques, media and styles.

Importantly, Year 8 Visual Arts will help you understand the powerful and timeless role of art in personal and cultural expression.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing a written analysis of the way artists communicate meaning across different contexts
- documenting your own artistic process and growth as an artist
- creating artworks that utilise different materials, techniques and visual conventions.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 8 Music

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 8 Music?

In Year 8 Music, you will learn to create and perform music with skill and expression.

By the end of this subject, you will be able to:

- apply rhythmic patterns that are common in pop and rock genres
- perform solo and group pieces with confidence and feeling
- compose original music using industry-standard technology and effects like EQ, reverb and delay
- read and write musical notation fluently
- use ear training and vocabulary exercises to build your knowledge of music theory
- use digital tools to explore new ways of making music.

You will develop the creative and technical skills necessary to understand and participate in a range of diverse musical experiences.

Why should I study Year 8 Music?

This subject will teach you to explore your musical creativity, work with others in a musical setting and grow as a musical performer and collaborator.

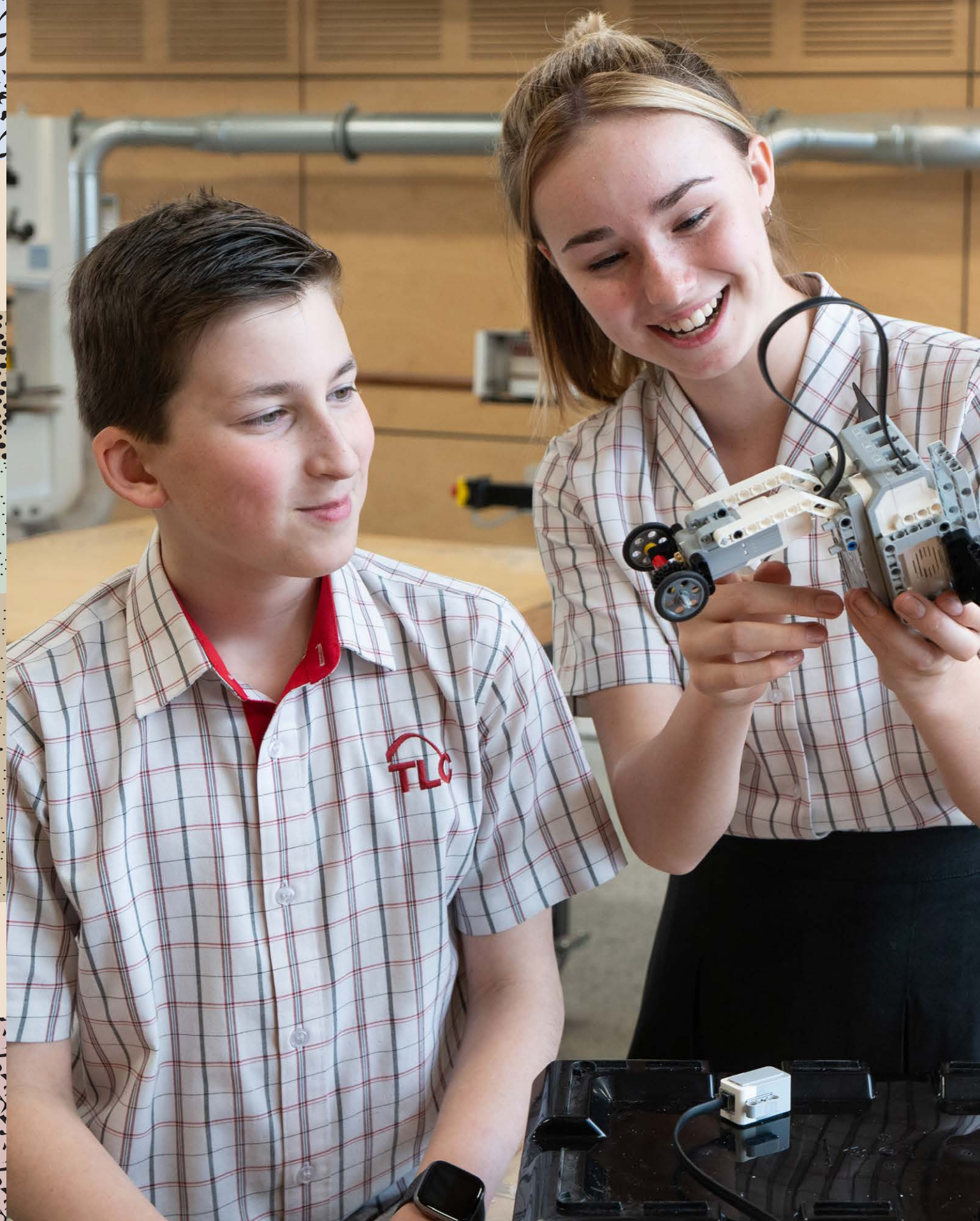
You will be supported to discover your musical potential across genres and understand how music shapes many different societies and cultures.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- evaluating musical performances on the basis of composition, technique and meaning
- composing your own original music to express ideas and emotions
- performing musical works that highlight your growing musicianship
- completing written tests on music theory.

Further information: Music Learning Leader

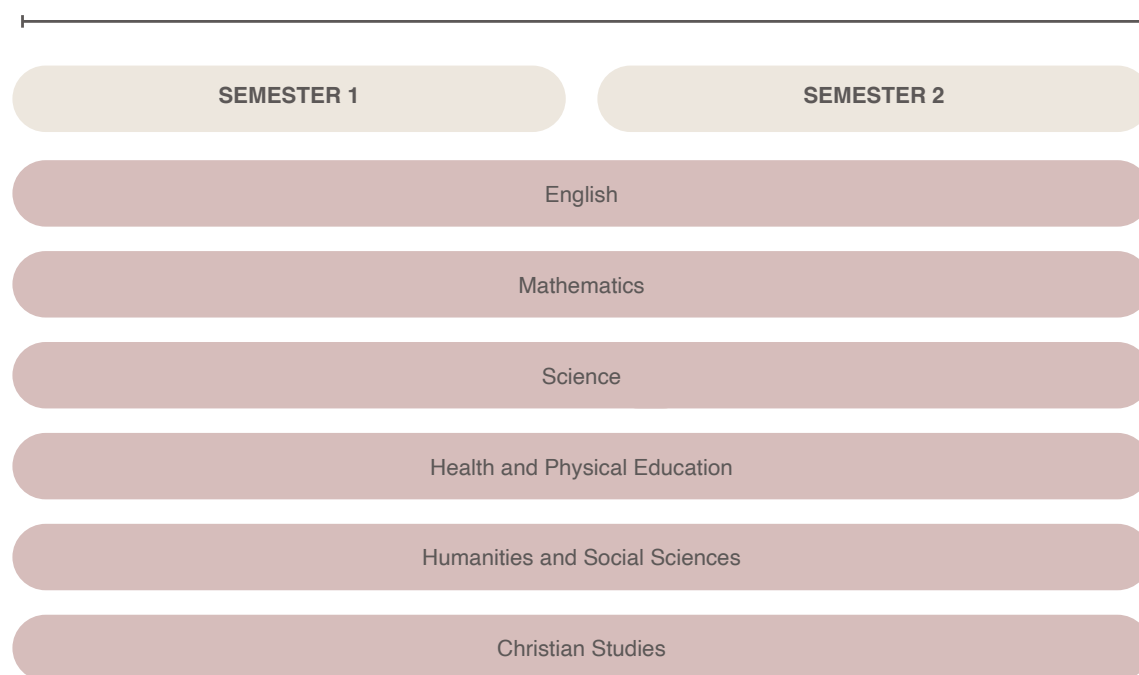


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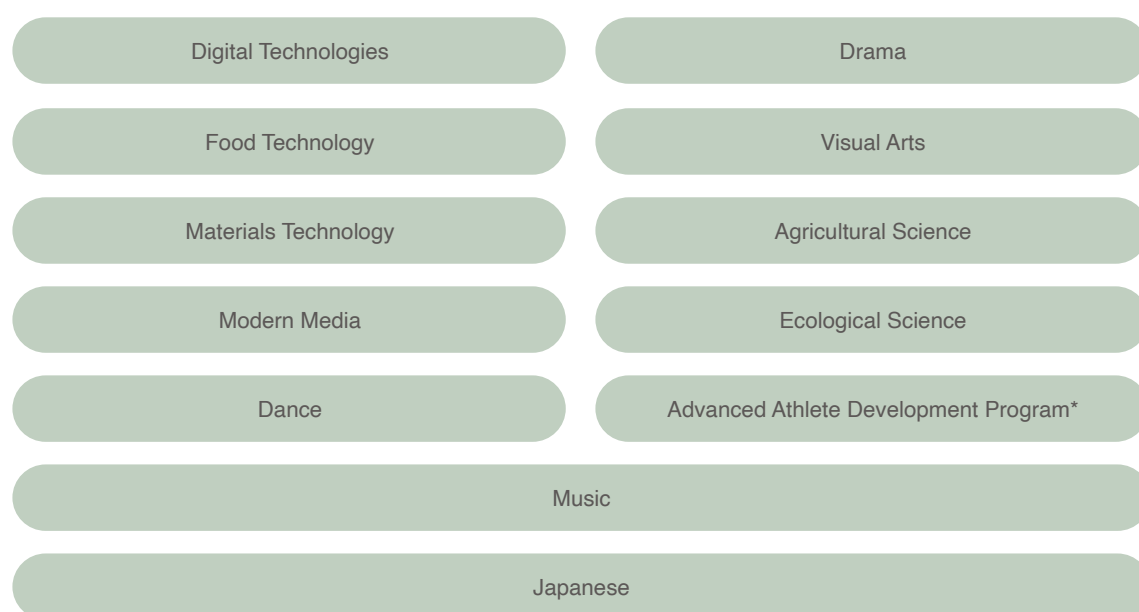
Students undertake 8-10 subjects

Academic year



+ ELECTIVES

Students choose 2-4 electives from the list below that equate to four semesters of study.



Key

Compulsory Elective

* By application only

Note: The one-semester subjects above may be taught in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. The diagram above is for illustrative purposes only.

Year 9 English

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 English?

In Year 9 English, you will learn to explore and analyse a variety of texts and express your ideas clearly and creatively.

You will develop your reading, writing and speaking skills by engaging with stories, films and poetry.

You will also:

- study a feature film and examine how meaning is created
- read and respond to a novel, exploring themes and character development
- explore poetry and learn to interpret poetic techniques
- keep a journal to reflect on a wide range of text types
- strengthen your skills in critical reading and analysis.

This subject will help you gain confidence in expressing your opinions and understanding how texts communicate meaning in different ways.

Why do I study Year 9 English?

This subject helps you to improve your reading, writing and speaking skills across many types of media.

You will learn how writers use language features and text structures to express ideas clearly and creatively.

You will develop the ability to analyse the way that different texts conjure ideas about people, places and events, helping you understand a range of perspectives.

This subject will encourage you to think critically and creatively while building strong communication skills.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- analysing texts to explore how language and structure create meaning
- creating original texts that express ideas in imaginative or persuasive ways
- responding to written and visual texts through thoughtful discussion or reflection.

Further information: English Learning Leader

Year 9 Mathematics

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Mathematics?

In Year 9 Mathematics, you will learn to solve real-world problems using numbers, algebra, measurement and data.

You will build confidence in the use of formulae, graphs and logical thinking to find solutions and explain your reasoning.

You will also:

- work with rational and irrational numbers, exponents and scientific notation
- expand and factorise algebraic expressions, solve equations and graph linear and quadratic functions
- apply measurement concepts to calculate surface area and volume
- use Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry to solve practical problems
- investigate similarity, scale and geometric transformations
- explore probability and statistics.

This subject will help you develop strong problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking.

Why do I study Year 9 Mathematics?

This subject equips you with the type of problem-solving skills that are important for everyday decision-making.

You will learn how to use maths in a range of practical settings, such as money management and scientific measurement.

By working with algebra, geometry and probability, you will also gain confidence in analysing data, understanding patterns and interpreting results.

This subject will prepare you for future studies that require logical thinking and the ability to work with numbers.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- applying mathematical techniques to solve set problems
- investigating real-world mathematical scenarios using data, reasoning and calculation
- preparing written responses to mathematical challenges.

Further information: Mathematics Learning Leader

Year 9 Science

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Science?

In Year 9 Science, you will learn about the critical role of systems, cycles and energy in the health and evolution of your body, the Earth and the universe.

You'll investigate real-world problems and build skills in scientific thinking and experimentation.

You will also:

- learn how the nervous and endocrine systems help the body respond to change
- explore human reproduction and how it supports life
- understand atoms, chemical reactions and nuclear decay
- examine how energy is transferred and conserved
- investigate wave and particle models of light and sound
- study the carbon cycle and how Earth's spheres interact.

You will also plan and carry out experiments, analyse data and evaluate models.

This subject will help you think critically, work safely in labs and use evidence to explain scientific ideas.

Why do I study Year 9 Science?

This subject teaches you how the human body, matter and energy all connect and affect the world around you.

You will carry out investigations that help you test ideas, evaluate scientific models and make conclusions based on evidence.

You will also build transferable skills in critical thinking and problem-solving.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing tests that assess your understanding of scientific concepts and processes
- writing reports that explain and apply scientific ideas to real-world situations
- conducting experiments and reporting on their outcomes.

Further information: Science Learning Leader

Year 9 Health and Physical Education

Length of subject Full year

Which curriculum is this a part of? Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Health and Physical Education?

In Year 9 Health and Physical Education, you will learn to make positive choices for your health, build strong relationships and stay active in daily life.

You'll develop important life skills to support your wellbeing, now and in the future.

You will also:

- learn how to make safe, healthy choices in different situations
- explore identity, emotions and positive relationship management
- develop movement skills and improve personal and team performance
- make active lifestyle choices to support physical and mental health
- build teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills through sport and other activities
- reflect on strategies to improve health, personal safety and participation in life.

This subject will help you grow your confidence, support others and become a more active and informed member of your community.

Why do I study Year 9 Health and Physical Education?

This subject teaches you the skills necessary for maintaining your wellbeing and physical fitness.

You will develop your movement abilities through practical activities and learn about health issues that affect you and your community.

This subject will also help you understand the value of staying active and making healthy choices.

You will build skills in leadership, teamwork and problem-solving while exploring the importance of respectful relationships, personal safety and decision-making.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing a range of tasks that explore personal wellbeing, relationships and decision-making
- applying your skills and knowledge during practical activities and sports sessions
- evaluating your own and others' performance to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

Further information: Health and Physical Education Learning Leader

Year 9 Humanities and Social Sciences

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Humanities and Social Sciences?

In Year 9 Humanities and Social Sciences, you will learn to think critically about the world around you by exploring history, geography, civics and business.

You will also:

- investigate key events like the Industrial Revolution and World War I
- explore global issues such as food security and environmental change
- understand how Australia's government and legal systems work
- examine how businesses operate and how economic decisions are made
- develop research, source analysis and problem-solving skills
- learn to communicate your ideas clearly using different types of texts and visuals.

This subject will help you make sense of the past and understand current global challenges.

Why do I study Year 9 Humanities and Social Sciences?

This subject teaches you how to ask thoughtful questions, think critically and make informed decisions about the world around you.

You will learn to solve problems, analyse different perspectives and communicate your ideas clearly.

By exploring topics such as history, geography, civics and business, you will gain a better understanding of how people, places and systems are connected.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- conducting research tasks that investigate historical and contemporary issues
- creating written and visual presentations that communicate ideas clearly and effectively
- presenting an exhibition of learning that showcases your understanding and creativity
- completing group projects and independent tasks that build collaboration and critical thinking skills.

Further information: Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Leader

Year 9 Christian Studies

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Lutheran Education Australia

What do I learn in Year 9 Christian Studies?

In Year 9 Christian Studies, you will learn to reflect on your values, relationships and faith life while exploring key stories and beliefs from Christianity and other world religions.

You will also:

- explore your identity and values through the life of King David
- learn how power can affect relationships, using examples from Jesus' encounters with authority
- reflect on how power and respect impact your interactions with others
- build skills in empathy, communication and resilience through a case study interview
- examine different world faiths and compare them to Christian beliefs and your own faith journey.

This subject will help you understand yourself and others more deeply, encouraging respect, self-awareness and a thoughtful approach to life and relationships.

Why do I study Year 9 Christian Studies?

This subject teaches you how to explore and reflect on faith, values and identity in a diverse world.

You will learn to respect different beliefs and understand how faith can shape the way people live and relate to others.

Year 9 Christian Studies helps you grow in character, build empathy and develop skills for making ethical decisions.

You will also improve your ability to think critically and engage with big questions about life, meaning and purpose.

This subject encourages you to develop spiritual awareness and take part in practices that promote wellbeing and positive relationships.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- presenting ideas through written, spoken and visual formats to show your understanding of key concepts
- completing written tasks that explore personal beliefs, ethical issues and biblical perspectives
- producing creative responses to questions of faith, values and identity
- participating in service-learning activities and reflecting on their impact.

Further information: Christian Studies Learning Leader

Year 9 Digital Technologies

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Digital Technologies?

In Year 9 Digital Technologies, you will learn to design and create digital solutions that solve real-world problems.

You'll develop the skills to think creatively, code with purpose and use technology responsibly.

You will also:

- build websites using design and coding skills
- create animations and simple games through programming
- use design thinking to plan, test and improve digital projects
- understand how information systems work and how to use them effectively
- learn about digital safety, ethics and your own online responsibilities.

This subject will help you become a confident problem-solver, creative thinker and responsible digital citizen.

Why should I study Year 9 Digital Technologies?

This subject will teach you how to utilise technology in creative, skilful and responsible ways while helping you understand how digital innovation can impact society and the environment.

You will acquire important skills in problem-solving and critical thinking to help you navigate a rapidly evolving, technology-driven world.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- designing and developing digital projects that solve real-world problems
- completing skills-based tasks that show your ability to code, design and use digital tools effectively.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 9 Food Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Food Technology?

In Year 9 Food Technology, you will learn to design, create and evaluate food solutions that are safe, sustainable and suited to real-life needs.

You will also:

- investigate food-related problems and develop creative food design ideas
- plan and produce recipes using a variety of ingredients and tools
- learn safe food handling and kitchen practices
- explore how food choices affect health, the environment and society
- use technical language and visuals to present your work
- reflect on the success and sustainability of your food solutions.

This subject will help you become a confident cook, thoughtful food designer and responsible decision-maker in everyday life.

Why should I study Year 9 Food Technology?

This subject will teach you how to prepare food safely, confidently and skilfully.

You will learn about food systems, including where food comes from and how it is produced and delivered.

This subject will also help you understand the environmental impact of your food choices and the importance of using seasonal ingredients.

Through hands-on activities, you will connect what you learn to real-life situations, developing a greater appreciation for healthy and sustainable eating and living.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- applying practical skills and techniques in food preparation and kitchen safety
- participating fully in practical and theory lessons about food systems and nutrition
- following the food design cycle to plan, produce and evaluate food solutions for real-life contexts.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 9 Materials Technology

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Materials Technology?

In Year 9 Materials Technology, you will learn how to design and create practical items out of wood and metal using hands-on skills and creative thinking.

You'll explore how wood and metal products are made and how these can be designed for a sustainable future.

You will also:

- design and create products using wood, metal and other materials
- learn about the safe and effective use of tools and equipment
- explore the way that different industries are responding to current and emerging product needs
- use technical language and visuals to present your ideas
- evaluate the functionality and sustainability of the products you design.

This subject will help you become a skilled inventor, creative thinker and responsible problem-solver.

Why should I study Year 9 Materials Technology?

This subject will teach you how wood and metal products are created and how product design shapes the world around you.

You will develop critical thinking skills by analysing different production methods and explaining how they work.

Through hands-on experience with tools and equipment, you will learn safe and effective ways to work with a range of materials.

This subject will help prepare you for a variety of pathways in product innovation, construction, manufacturing, interior design, business and the trades.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing project-based tasks that take you through the design and creation process
- using tools skilfully and safely
- evaluating the design, function and sustainability of the products you develop.

Further information: Technologies Learning Leader

Year 9 Modern Media

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Modern Media?

In Year 9 Modern Media, you will learn to tell stories using digital tools while building your creative and technical skills in media production.

You will also:

- plan, capture and edit visual and audio content
- create digital content with tools like digital cameras, Photoshop, Premiere Pro and Audition
- explore photography, short videos, sound design and simple animation
- experiment with composition, camera angles, sound layering and editing
- learn how media can influence different audiences
- discover how new technologies like AI and visual effects are shaping media today.

This subject will help you become confident in creating digital content that is clear, engaging and purposeful.

Through hands-on projects, you'll build real-world skills that prepare you for future media subjects and creative opportunities.

Why should I study Year 9 Modern Media?

This subject will teach you how to create powerful stories and messages using digital tools.

You will learn how media shapes the way we see the world and how to communicate clearly through image, sound and video.

By developing skills in planning, teamwork and digital production, you'll become more confident using cameras, editing software and sound design programs.

This subject is perfect if you're interested in media, photography, communication, gaming or digital storytelling and want to understand how creative content is made and shared.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- undertaking practical exercises that lead to a polished media product
- creating short-form digital content that communicates a clear message to a chosen audience
- completing a media production project that showcases your creativity, planning and editing abilities.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 9 Dance

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Dance?

In Year 9 Dance, you will learn to express yourself through movement while building strength, creativity and confidence as a performer.

You'll explore dance as an art form and develop your skills in choreography and performance.

You will also:

- learn and perform contemporary dance techniques
- explore how different dance styles and genres have evolved
- use choreographic devices, form and structure to create your own dance routines
- respond to different ideas and stimuli in your choreography
- develop your technical and expressive movement skills
- reflect on and appreciate dance as a form of artistic expression.

This subject will help you become a confident dancer, creative choreographer and thoughtful viewer of dance.

Why should I study Year 9 Dance?

This subject will teach you technical, expressive and creative skills across different dance styles.

You will develop physical fitness and a positive sense of wellbeing, as well as core transferable skills in creative problem-solving, critical thinking and collaboration.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- performing dance pieces that showcase technique, expression and style
- choreographing group works that communicate ideas through movement
- analysing key dance elements and reflecting on your learning through written responses.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 9 Drama

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Drama?

In Year 9 Drama, you will learn to create and perform comedy through movement, character and script.

You'll explore different styles of physical comedy and build confidence on stage.

You will also:

- study slapstick, parody and satire to understand how comedy works
- explore stock comic characters and use them to develop your own performance
- create original parody scenes using voice, movement and timing
- rehearse and refine your work as part of a class comedy production
- perform for a live audience and reflect on your performance skills.

This subject will help you become a confident performer, creative thinker and skilled team member in the world of comic theatre.

Why should I study Year 9 Drama?

This subject will teach you how to work creatively and collaboratively to solve creative problems using both practical and theoretical skills.

You will learn to analyse and draw ideas from the work of others to improve your own performances.

This subject will help you understand how your creative contributions fit into a larger production and develop your ability to create meaningful and connected work as part of a team.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- creating a group-devised performance that highlights collaboration and original thought
- participating in a class performance that showcases character, voice and movement skills
- compiling a "process portfolio" that reflects on your development, rehearsal process and performance choices.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 9 Visual Arts

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Visual Arts?

In Year 9 Visual Arts, you will learn to express your ideas through a variety of art styles, techniques and materials while developing your own creative voice.

You will also:

- experiment with different art techniques and processes
- explore how artists from various cultures and times influence art, including First Nations artists
- use materials and tools safely and sustainably
- create artworks that reflect your ideas and personal style
- analyse and reflect on the meaning and impact of artworks
- adapt and develop ideas from other artists to inspire your own work.

This subject will help you grow as a creative thinker, thoughtful artist and reflective observer.

Why should I study Visual Arts?

This subject will teach you to develop your artistic skills by trying different techniques, styles and processes while finding your own creative voice.

You will explore how materials, technologies and cultures influence artworks, including those of First Nations peoples and other global traditions.

This subject will also help you learn safe and sustainable ways to work with art materials.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- creating an art folio that showcases your experimentation with techniques, styles and concepts
- producing artworks that reflect your personal expression and understanding of cultural influences.

Further information: Arts Learning Leader

Year 9 Agricultural Science

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Agricultural Science?

In Year 9 Agricultural Science, you will learn to understand and improve food and fibre production while keeping safety and sustainability in mind.

You will also:

- explore important farm safety practices and how they protect people
- investigate how food and fibre are produced using modern technologies
- learn about animal production systems and how they work
- examine sustainable agriculture and its role in meeting future food needs
- take part in hands-on activities to apply scientific concepts in real-world farming
- learn how to operate the college's iFarm and use this to conduct scientific research.

This subject will help you develop practical skills, scientific knowledge and responsible attitudes towards food production and the environment.

Why should I study Year 9 Agriculture Science?

This subject will teach you how food and fibre are produced safely and sustainably in real life.

You will explore modern farming systems and technologies and learn how agriculture helps meet challenges like food security.

Through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, you will see how science supports efficient and responsible farming practices.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- undertaking assignments that explain agricultural concepts and technologies
- completing practical reports based on hands-on investigations and experiments in farming.

Further information: Science Learning Leader

Year 9 Ecological Science

Length of subject	One semester
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Ecological Science?

In Year 9 Ecological Science, you will learn to understand how ecosystems work and why protecting them matters.

You'll explore the relationships between living things and their environments through hands-on learning at the Tatachilla EcoSanctuary and other settings.

You will also:

- study food chains and food webs to see how energy flows in ecosystems
- explore local and global biomes
- investigate how plants and animals adapt to their environments
- examine biodiversity and why this is important for ecosystem health
- assess how human activities impact ecosystems and species
- conduct field investigations to observe and report on local ecological systems.

This subject will help you develop scientific inquiry skills, environmental awareness and a deeper connection to nature.

Why should I study Year 9 Ecological Science?

This subject will teach you how ecosystems work and why they are essential for supporting life.

Through hands-on activities and field investigations, you will explore biomes, food chains, food webs and factors that affect living populations and biodiversity.

You will also learn about how human activities impact ecosystems and the environment.

This subject will help you understand important environmental challenges and develop skills to make responsible and informed decisions about the natural world.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- undertaking assignments that explain ecological concepts and issues
- completing practical field reports based on investigations and observations of ecosystems.

Further information: Science Learning Leader

Year 9 Advanced Athlete Development Program

Length of subject One semester

Which curriculum is this a part of? Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in the Year 9 Advanced Athlete Development Program?

In the Year 9 Advanced Athlete Development Program, you will learn to improve your athletic skills, fitness and overall wellbeing through the science and practice of your chosen sport.

You will also:

- develop strength, conditioning and movement skills that transfer across sports
- explore nutrition and how it supports sports performance and recovery
- learn about sporting injuries and how to manage and prevent them
- participate in sports psychology sessions
- use health information to create strategies for better fitness and wellbeing
- build leadership, teamwork and ethical decision-making skills.

This subject will help you become a stronger, smarter and more confident athlete both on and off the field.

Why should I apply for the Year 10 Advanced Athlete Development Program?

This program will teach you how to improve your skills in coaching, strength and conditioning, nutrition and sports psychology.

You will receive a personalised training plan and learn how to set and achieve goals.

You will also complete a course in sideline help and sports injury management and earn an introductory level coaching certificate.

This program will support your development as an athlete and a leader in sports.

Enrolment to this program is by application only, which must include references from a coach and classroom teacher.

Eligible candidates must already be competing in their chosen sport at a district, state or national level and consistently maintaining their academic studies.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- completing a health folio that documents your understanding of training, nutrition and injury management
- applying practical knowledge and skills in strength, conditioning and coaching sessions
- participating in practical evaluations that assess your progress and leadership in sport.

Further information: Health and Physical Education Learning Leader

Year 9 Music

Length of subject	Two semesters*
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Music?

In Year 9 Music, you will learn to create and perform music while exploring its role in media and advertising.

You'll develop skills in performance, composition and music theory.

You will also:

- research how music influences advertising and media
- work as part of an ensemble to recreate a chosen musical performance
- choose and perform a solo piece in a style or genre you enjoy
- develop technical control, expression and style in your performances
- compose your own music and deepen your understanding of music theory.

This subject will help you become a confident performer, creative composer and thoughtful listener in the world of music and media.

Why should I study Year 9 Music?

This subject will teach you to develop your skills in performing, composing and applying music theory while exploring music from different cultures and times.

You will have opportunities to work with others in ensemble performances and recreate music for specific purposes.

You will also perform a solo piece in a style or genre you choose, showcasing your individuality.

This subject will help you grow your creativity, build confidence in performing and strengthen your ability to collaborate with others.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

- performing a solo piece that showcases your technical skill and personal style
- collaborating with others in ensemble performances to recreate music for different contexts
- completing music theory tasks using Musition software to strengthen your musical understanding
- composing and arranging music digitally to develop your creativity and technical ability.

Further information: Music Learning Leader

*The duration of the Year 9 Music course is subject to student interest and in some years may only be offered as a one-semester program.

Year 9 Japanese

Length of subject	Full year
Which curriculum is this a part of?	Australian Curriculum

What do I learn in Year 9 Japanese?

In Year 9 Japanese, you will learn to communicate your ideas and experiences confidently in Japanese using speaking, writing and non-verbal skills.

You will also:

- share and compare personal stories using spoken and written Japanese
- use grammar, sentence patterns, kana and familiar kanji to speak and write fluently
- analyse texts to understand key ideas and respond in Japanese or English
- create your own spoken and written texts for different audiences and purposes
- reflect on how learning Japanese influences your identity and communication approach.

Why should I study Year 9 Japanese?

This subject will teach you how to communicate effectively in a new language while deepening your understanding of yourself and others.

You will develop creativity and imagination as you explore Japanese language and culture.

This subject will help you appreciate cultural diversity and improve your communication, literacy and intercultural skills.

Undertaking Year 9 Japanese will also show you how culture shapes the way people see the world, encouraging you to forge connections with others from different backgrounds.

How am I assessed?

You will be required to formally demonstrate your learning by:

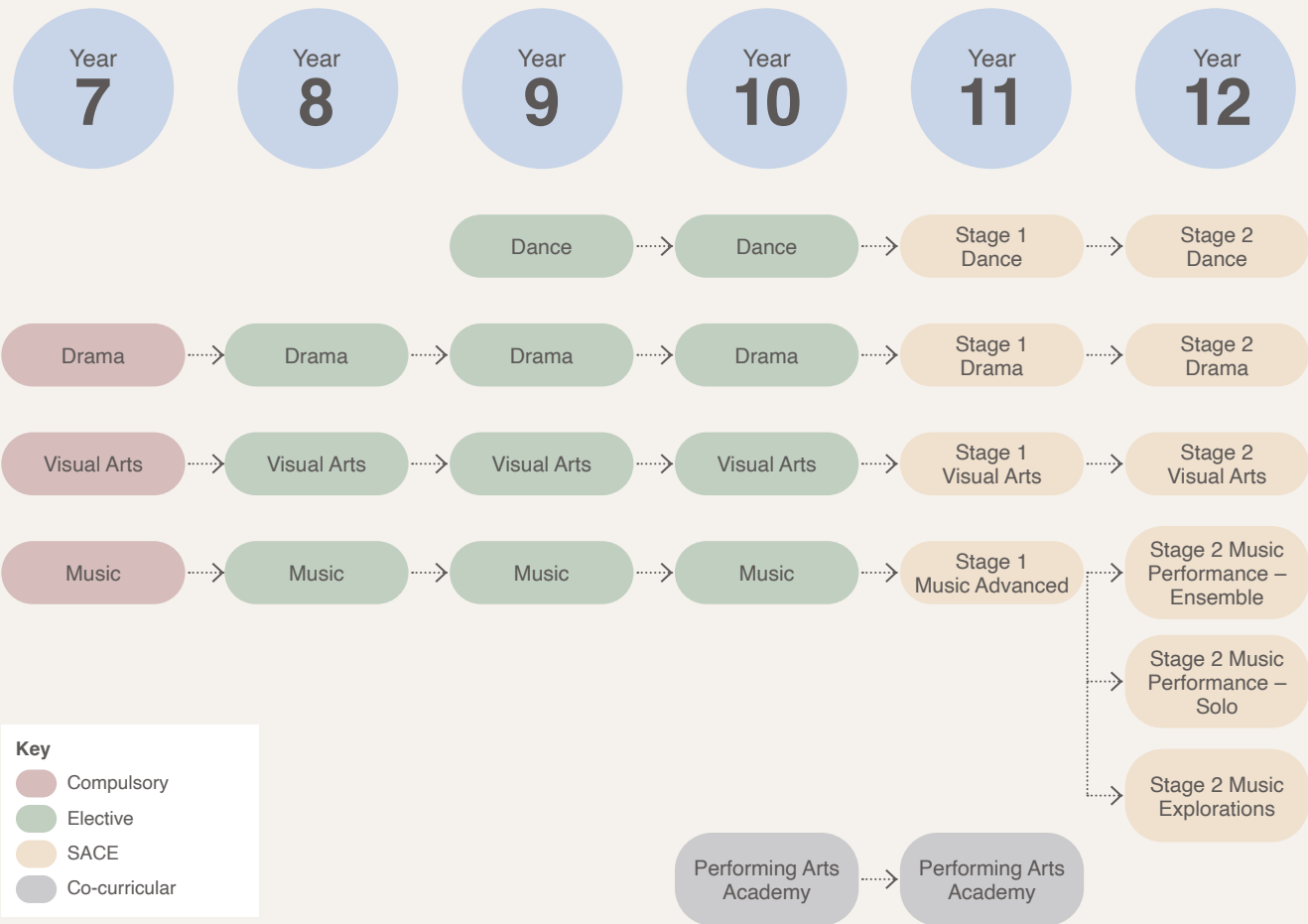
- completing comprehension tasks that show your understanding of spoken and written Japanese
- undertaking verbal and written activities using correct grammar and vocabulary
- completing character tests to assess your knowledge of kana, kanji and sentence structures.

Further information: Japanese Learning Leader



Appendix: Learning pathways

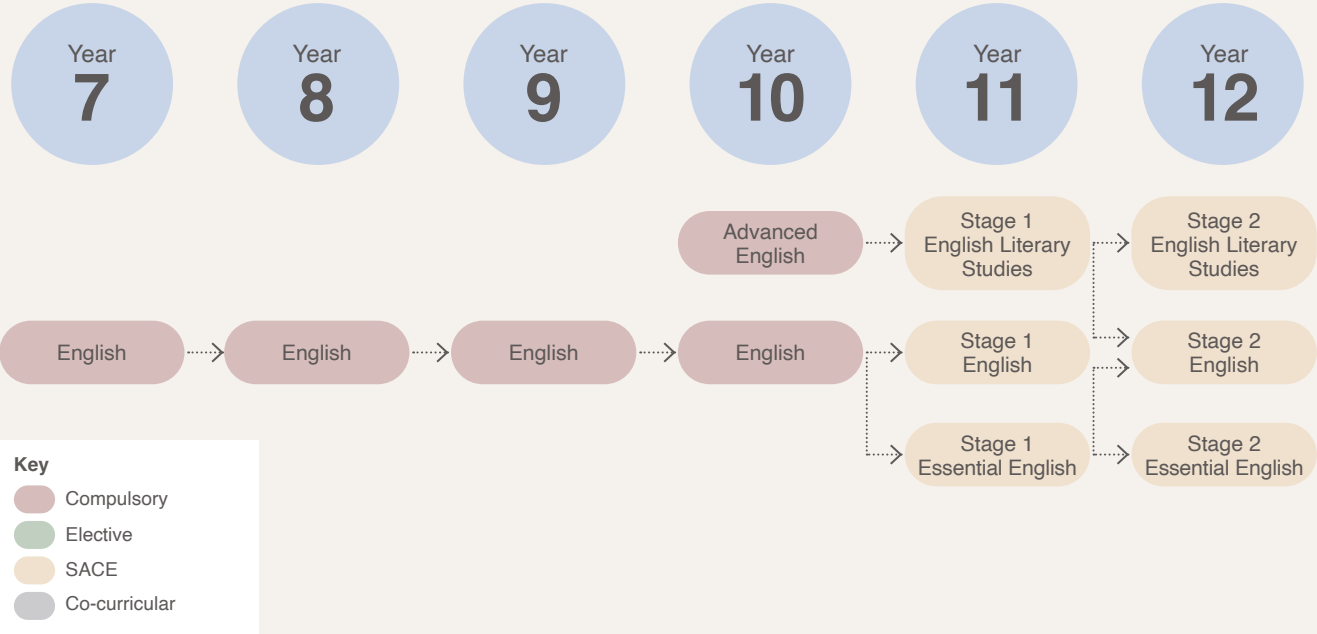
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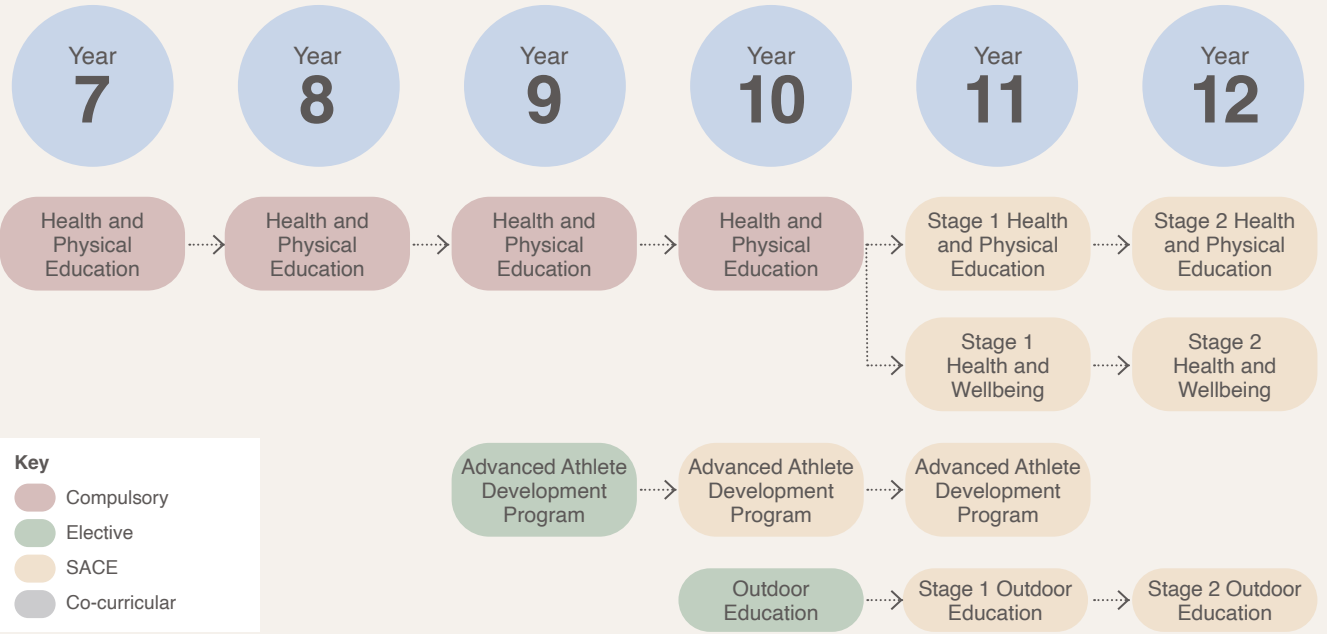
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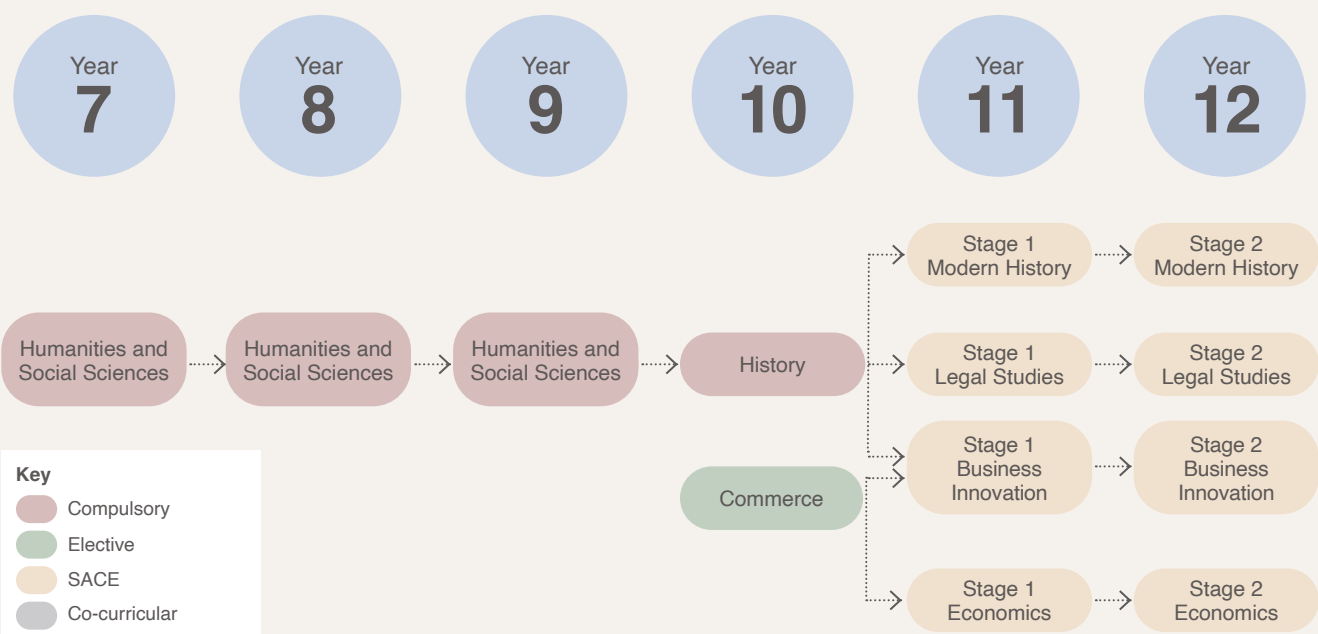
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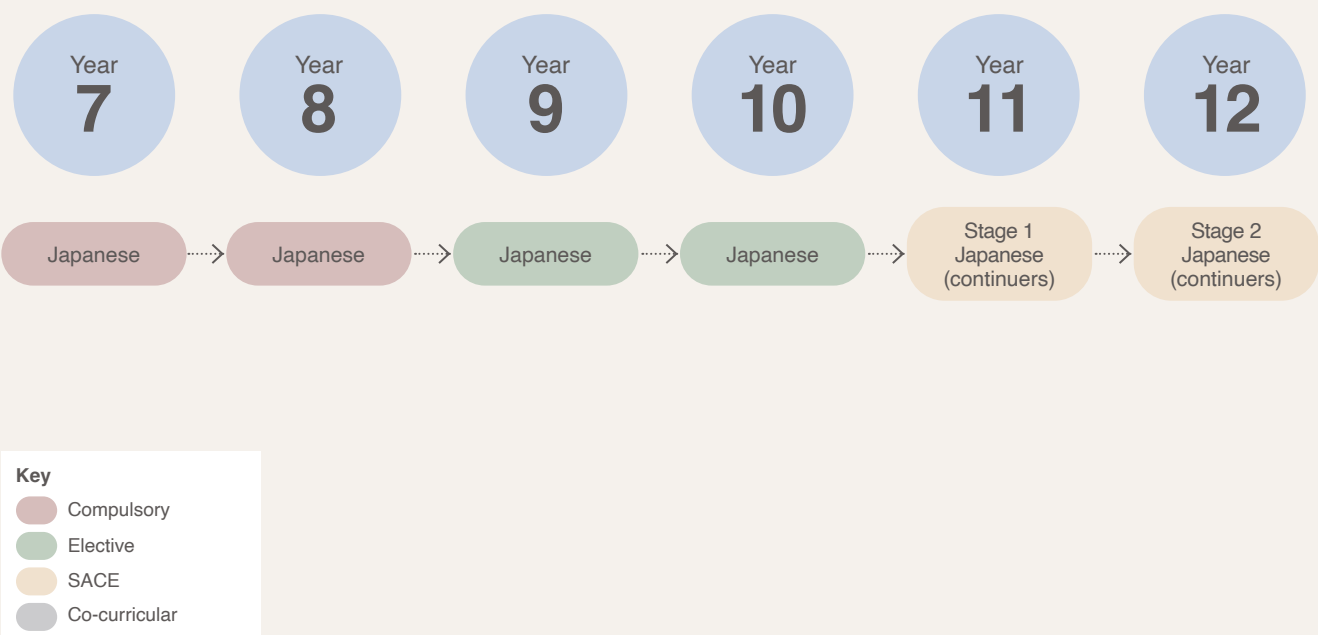
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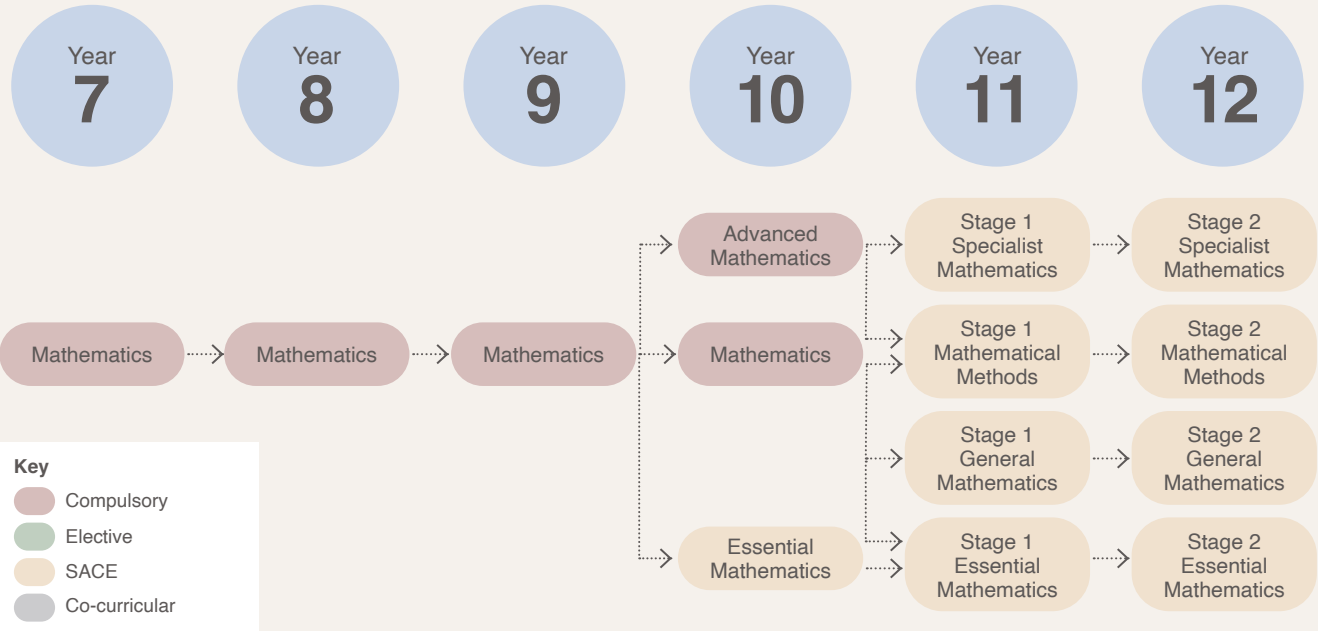
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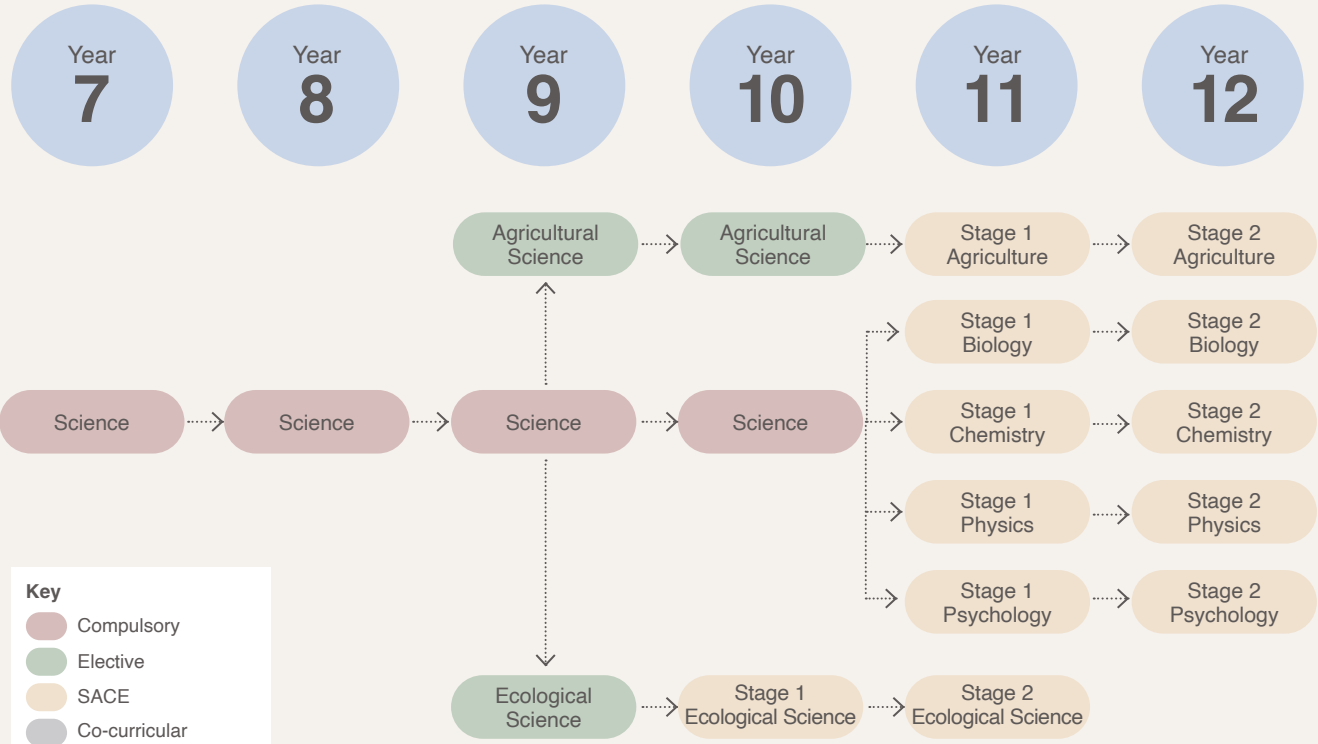
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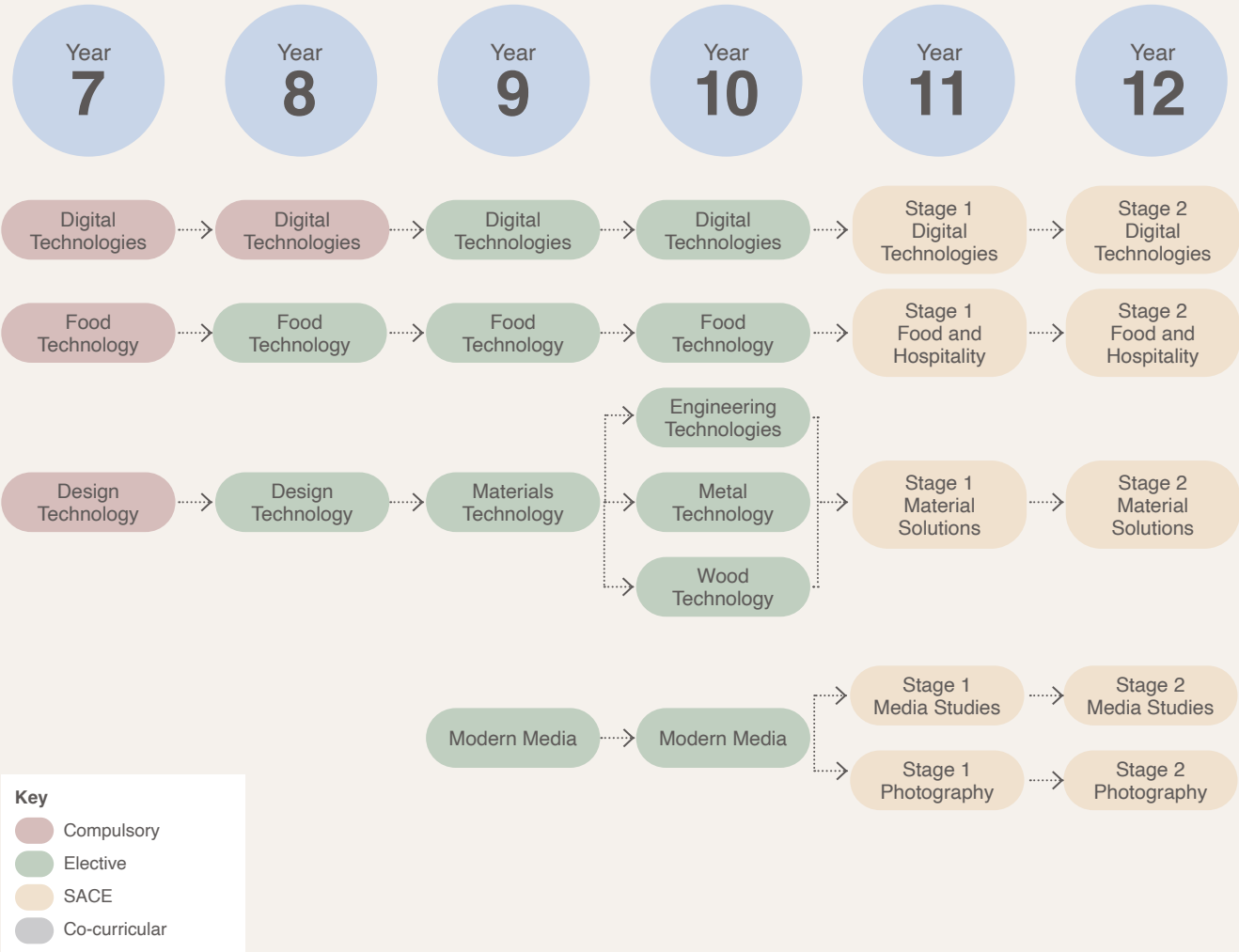
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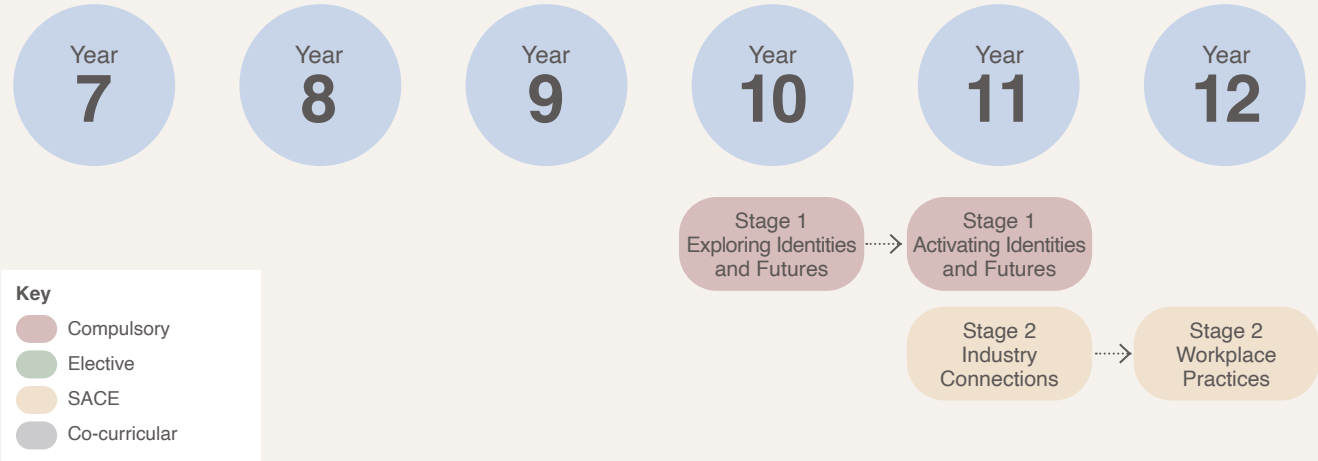
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