

# Year 8 Electives 2020

## A message to parents and students about Year 8 electives

In addition to the study of mandatory courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History PDHPE, Visual Arts and Technology, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to **study 2 elective courses**. This is an exciting opportunity for junior students to diversify their learning, broaden their educational experience and develop their learning outcomes.

The courses on offer are described below. WHSPA students have two elective lines in Year 8.

Courses on each line will appear on a student's timetable three times per cycle, giving them 3 x 80 minute lessons in each elective course, per cycle.

Performing Arts (PA) and Visual Arts Collective (VAC) students will have their auditioned subject on one line. PA and VA Collective students must choose their auditioned subject first, then a second elective of their choice. E.g. A student who has come into the school as an auditioned Drama student, must choose Drama (Auditioned) as their first choice.

Dance, Drama and Music electives are open for students except those already studying that subject as a PA student. For example, an auditioned Drama student cannot elect to study Drama elective.

### Example: auditioned student

1. Drama (Auditioned)	2. Any Elective(except Drama Elective)
3. Reserve	4. Reserve

### Example: non-auditioned student

1. Elective Choice 1	2. Elective Choice 2
3. Reserve	4. Reserve

## Process for Online Selection

Students have been provided with a letter that has instructions for online subject selection. The following instructions will be in the letter along with the web-code needed to make selections.

**Step 1:** Copy and paste this URL into your browser: <https://spring.edval.education/login>

**Step 2:** Enter the following web-code XXXXX (provided in the letter)

**Step 3:** Select the subjects you want from the drop downs, in order of preference. All PA and VAC students must choose their auditioned subject as their first selection. Students will be asked to also select 2 reserves.

**Step 4:** Click [Submit] to register your preferences

**Step 5:** Print your selections and retain for your records.

**Selections must be made before Monday 10 August 2020 at 9 am**

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## **Big Science**

The year 8 Big Science subject will bring to you all things 'STEM'. Learn how to use computer technologies for things that you have never thought of. Enter cool science competitions. Attempt practical challenges that will get you thinking. Plan, research and present your shark tank ideas. Attend excursions to university STEM days and increase your critical thinking skills. Love science, but hate all the boring stuff, then let Big Science show you the other side!

**Course Fees: \$30.00 (please note fees are subject to change in 2021)**

## **Dance Elective**

The Year 8 Dance Elective is a dynamic course for students who enjoy dance and would like to improve their knowledge and skills. Elective Dance is an active learning environment and provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of dance styles including hip hop and jazz through performance and choreography. Elective students can participate in the dance extra-curricula company program performing in the Dance Festival and Southern Stars, as well as Dance showcase.

**Course Fees: \$50.00 (please note fees are subject to change in 2021)**

## **Drama Elective**

The Year 8 elective course in Drama introduces students to the world of Dramatic Art. Year 8 Drama is a very practical course designed around workshop activities that develop a student's confidence and expressive skills through performance. Students explore the origins of theatre investigating improvisation, comedy, tragedy, creative movement and verbal dynamics and staging. Students have the opportunity to participate in the drama extra-curricular company programs and perform in the Drama Showcase.

**Course Fees: \$50.00 (please note fees are subject to change in 2021)**

## **History Elective**

History Elective will look at various historical mysteries and the role of evidence in proving or disproving theories on the past. Areas to be studied may include an exploration of whether historical people such as King Arthur and Robin Hood were real and historical controversies such as who killed JFK and whether the moon landing really happened. The course will then explore the role of history in popular culture and film as history and an exploration of world myths and religions. This course will provide students with the skills of applying and testing theories of the past, using evidence to support ideas and a broader understanding of the world around them.

## **Languages (French and Italian)**

Like many good things in life, it is best to start early when learning a foreign language. Students in Year 7, 2019 will have undertaken the mandatory 100 hours (2 x 80 minute periods per week) in French. Students will have an opportunity to choose either **French or Italian** for Year 8. No pre-requisites are necessary. The language program is developed to:

- Improve literacy skills
- Encourage active participation in the classroom.
- Promote a greater understanding of other cultures.
- Develop problem-solving skills.
- Broaden opportunities for travel and employment.

**Course fees: \$40 (please note fees subject to change)**

Students who complete two years of study in the same language (for example: Years 7 and 8 French), have the choice of continuing their language study through Years 9 and 10 and are then eligible to undertake the *HSC French Continuers* course.

If you would like further information regarding eligibility for *HSC Beginners* and *Continuers* Language courses, please contact the Languages Faculty.

### **Mixed Materials in the Workshop**

Primarily this will be a practical course. The practical projects will focus on giving students the opportunity to use a range of equipment in the Industrial Technology workshop. The projects will enable students to develop skills and learn techniques in the production of products made from a variety of materials including metal, timber and plastics.

**Course Fees: \$60.00 (please note fees are subject to change)**

### **Money Smart**

Money Smart provides students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become informed consumers through a study of the fundamentals of sound financial management. The course will engage students in financial literacy with a focus on saving and budgeting, the basics of borrowing, the workings of the stock market, how to avoid scams, the essentials of entering into contracts and planning a holiday. The aim of the Money Smart course is to develop students' ability to research information, evaluate financial options, and participate in individual and collaborative decision-making.

### **Music Elective**

The study of Music in Year 8 is a continuation of the Year 7 Music course. Still focusing on the use of the Concepts of Music students explore a range of Music styles including Rock Music, Jazz, The Role of music in Film and complete the year with an intense study of an Instrument and its repertoire. Throughout the year students perform on their chosen instrument, compose music and analyse various styles of music. While Auditioned students continue to study their auditioned instrument, Elective students are encouraged to learn guitar, piano, vocal or drums.

**Course Fees: \$80.00 (please note fees are subject to change)**

### **Musical Theatre**

The Music Faculty is delighted to present this exciting NEW Musical Theatre Elective. **Are you passionate about musical theatre? Are there roles you dream of playing? Songs you want to sing? Dance routines you want to perform? Then here is the elective for you!**

This is a fun, practical and creative experience where students can personalise their learning whilst working collaboratively with others.

Each term we will concentrate on a specific area of performance practice to ensure that students develop a range of essential creative skills. Take your turn in the spotlight and perform well-known Broadway musical numbers in a variety of extra-curricular and performance opportunities, including Music and Musical Theatre Showcases. **Stop dreaming about being a triple threat, be one!**

### **Physical Activity and Sports Studies**

Physical Activity and Sports Studies aims to enhance each student's capacity to participate effectively in physical activity and sport, leading to improved quality of life for themselves and others.

Students engage in a wide range of physical activities in order to develop key understandings about how and why we move and how to enhance quality and enjoyment of movement.

Throughout the course students will develop skills that develop their ability to:

- work collaboratively with others to enhance participation, enjoyment and performance in physical activity and sport
- display management and planning skills to achieve personal and group goals in physical activity and sport
- perform movement skills with increasing proficiency
- analyse and appraise information, opinions and observations to inform physical activity and sport decisions

**Course Fees: \$10.00 (please note fees are subject to change)**

### **Textiles and Digital Technologies**

Primarily this course will be a practical course. The course will give students the opportunity to use a range of textiles manufacturing equipment and develop skills in producing textile products in a range of textile focus areas. The course will also incorporate a range of digital technologies to enhance the student's design capabilities and develop digital projects with a textiles focus.

**Course Fees: \$60.00 (please note fees are subject to change)**