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Year 9

Mirboo North Secondary College

2021

Elective Units

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SELECTION FORM Due Date: Monday the 14th of September 2020

The online [SELECTION FORM](#) must be completed, **signed by a parent/guardian** and the **student by Monday the 14th of September 2020**.

When you have completed the form, it is dated and the time is recorded which serves as the basis for being allocated your choices. If you submit after the due date, there is no guarantee that you will be given your preferences.

Please contact one of the Middle School Team Leaders if you require any assistance.

ELECTIVE DESCRIPTORS

Year 8 students will be asked to choose elective subjects that they would like to undertake in Year 9 2021.

Students can select from a range of units including German, International Cookery, Introduction to Furniture Making, Visual Art and Design, World of Sports, Health and Fitness, Active for Life, Performing Arts and Music.

Please note that some of these elective units have additional charges and only run subject to students selecting them.

Students will complete four elective units over the year. Students will complete two elective units in semester one and two elective units in semester two.

Students opting to continue with German are automatically enrolled in GERMAN 1 and GERMAN 2 —Play/Performance. This leaves space in their schedule for two elective subjects.

GERMAN 1

This unit will continue on from year 8 German. Students will consolidate skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing and extend their ability to express themselves more comprehensively over a range of everyday activities. Cultural knowledge will be expanded throughout the unit. Students are also asked to submit their application for our sister-school exchange program.

GERMAN 2 - Play/Performance

This unit will follow on from Unit 1 and will seek to enhance skills already acquired across listening, speaking, reading and writing. More performance activities will be required, one being the Play Performance at the Club Astoria in Morwell. Students choose the play, write the script, organise props, rehearse and direct independently.

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VISUAL ART & DESIGN

****Extra fee of \$35.00 is required by students selecting this subject.***

This unit expands and reinforces student knowledge of the basic design and structural elements of Art through a wide range of media. Students will continue to develop their skills in drawing, painting and collage whilst completing a progressive program based around the various elements and principles of design. Emphasis is placed on student knowledge of the techniques and processes covered as well as the completion of all set practical and theoretical work.

During the semester students will develop responses to design briefs given and these will be based on themes and studio disciplines, such as painting, drawing and collage through manual and digital methods. Tools and equipment used will be determined by the studio discipline for that semester.

MUSIC

****Extra fee of \$10 is required by students selecting this subject.***

This Unit is designed to encourage students to explore their creativity in music. They will build on skills and knowledge introduced to them in year 7 through Project Based Learning activities that link in with our local community where possible, and integrate the use of the I pads and several online programs, encouraging digital literacy. There will also be practical activities such as learning a second instrument.

PERFORMING ARTS

****Extra fee of \$10 per semester is required by students selecting this subject.***

This elective is aimed at students interested in the dramatic arts, namely improvisation, body control and movement, role-play, script work and play building. The main focus of this unit for the student is the devising, writing and construction of their own play, which is performed near the end of the semester. It is a whole class activity and takes mature commitment to ensure its success. This elective encourages students to work together in both small groups and as a whole class to present a range of performances for a variety of audiences. Research is undertaken into different styles of drama from the past and present. Skills in basic stagecraft are also covered.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

****Extra fee of \$50 per semester is required by students selecting this subject.***

The Digital Technologies curriculum enables students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through the application of information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving. Students will acquire a deep knowledge and understanding of digital systems, data and information and the processes associated with creating digital solutions so they can take up an active role in meeting current and future needs.

The curriculum encourages students to be discerning decision makers by considering different ways of managing the interactions between digital systems, people, data and processes (information systems) and weighing up the possible benefits and potential risks for society and the environment.

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INTRODUCTION TO FURNITURE MAKING

****Extra fee of \$90 is required by students selecting this subject..***

This unit will allow students to develop an understanding and appreciation of the characteristics and uses of common timbers. The project will involve the design and construction of a table, and will allow students the opportunity to focus on a variety of decoration and assembly techniques.

Course:

Work will be practical in nature and allow for a variety of abilities and experience in the students.

Tools & Equipment Used:

Electric drill, jigsaw, drill press, disc sander, biscuit joiner and assorted hand tools.

INTERNATIONAL COOKERY

****Extra fee of \$85 is required by students selecting this subject.***

This unit enables students to develop their technical skills whilst discovering food culture from a range of countries. Students will have the opportunity to sample and prepare a variety of foods and to learn different cooking techniques from around the world. Foods will be assessed for taste, appearance and nutritional value.

WORLD of SPORT

This unit has been designed to develop a range of skills through game situations. The practical component will encompass various football codes such as AFL, Gaelic, Soccer, Touch, Rugby and American football. Theoretical components will include issues concerning gender in sport, health, Biomechanics, fitness and training.

HEALTH and FITNESS

This unit has been designed to provide the opportunity to improve their health and fitness while becoming more active in a supportive environment. Practical activities will be selected from gymnastics, aerobics, endurance training, dance, various ball sports, and low impact fitness activities. Theoretical components will include issues concerning gender in sport, Nutrition and health, fitness and training and energy systems.

PE FOR ACTIVE LIFE

This unit introduces the students to a range of coaching practices and their effective contribution to improved athlete performance. Students will participate in a range of sports and activities with a focus on skill development. Students will investigate the role that physical activity plays in the health and wellbeing of the population, and the benefits and consequences across the lifespan of an individual.