



Year 9
Electives 2023



Year 9 Outlook

The Year 9 program provides students with learning opportunities to engage in a pathway of developing life skills, leadership and employability skills through the core subjects and electives offered.

Community Challenge is core subject unique to the year 9 curriculum as it provides a rotational style of learning through environmental, employment preparation, and health and wellbeing programs.

Students will also be encouraged to participate in a broad range of co-curricula activities such as; the school camp, sport, South Gippsland Music Program, Voice of Students leadership team and other subject related opportunities.

Year 9 Timetable

This is an example of a year 9 student timetable. The number below the subject designates the number of periods studied in a week.

Semester 1	English (4 periods)	Maths (4 periods)	Science (4 periods)	Humanities (3 periods)	Community Challenge (5 periods)	Elective 1 (5 periods)	Elective 2 (5 periods)
Semester 2	English (4 periods)	Maths (4 periods)	Science (4 periods)	Humanities (3 periods)	Community Challenge (5 periods)	Elective 3 (5 periods)	Elective 4 (5 periods)

**The teaching of literacy and numeracy skills is embedded throughout all subjects and electives at MNSC*

Elective Units Offered in 2023

Descriptions of the following subjects are contained in this handbook.

Arts	Languages
Media Arts Music Visual Art & Design	German 1 German 2 Play/Performance
English	Mathematics
Fantastic Fiction	Extension & Enrichment Maths
Health & Physical Education	Technology Studies
Active for Life World of Sports	Digital Technology International Cooking Introduction to Furniture Making
Humanities	
History through Film	

Elective Selection Process

Year 8 students will be asked to choose elective subjects that they would like to undertake in Year 9 2023. This will be completed via an online process that will be sent to them via their school email address.

Once the selection form has been submitted online, it is automatically date and timestamped. This serves as the basis for allocating your choices in a timely manner. If the form is submitted after the due date, there is no guarantee that the student will be given their preferences.

There is also a requirement for the form to be printed off and signed by a parent/carer to confirm that these selections have been discussed with an adult caregiver.

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

Please note that students undertake four electives over the whole year (two per semester). Where a student opts to continue with Languages: German, they are automatically enrolled into German 1 and German 2 —Play/Performance. This leaves space in their schedule for two elective subjects.

Considerations when choosing elective units:

- All subjects requiring special additional fees are marked with an asterisk *. The details are provided in the course outlines in this book. The fees are to be paid by the first class of that subject in 2023.
- Elective units run based on student selection. If not enough students elect to do a subject it will not run for the following year. However, if a large volume of student's elect to do the same subject the school will endeavour to run multiple classes.
- Students need to select alternative preferences when selecting their subjects in case they do not get their first preferences.

Elective Units offered in 2023

Arts

Media Arts

** A fee of \$30 is required by students selecting this subject.*

Elective Outline:

This course has been designed to broaden students' understanding and appreciation of digital story telling through the methods of photography, film and animation. Students explore different ways of constructing stories through digital mediums and investigate different methods of presenting them. Using digital cameras and computer programs such as Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Premiere Pro. Students refine their technical knowledge and understanding of media technologies.

Through these artforms students learn to reflect critically on their own experiences and responses to the work of other artists to develop their own arts' knowledge. They learn, with growing sophistication, to express and communicate experiences through these artforms.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 Digital Photography
Year 10 Visual Communication Design
Year 10 Visual Arts
VCE Art
VCE Media
VCE Visual Communication Design

Music

Elective Outline:

This course has been designed to develop students' musical knowledge both theoretically and practically. We explore this through the development of conventional and non-conventional notation, instrumental skills, and learning musical terminology to enhance their analysis and understanding of the music in the world around them. Using acoustic and electric instruments as well as the use of technology, students will refine their abilities to use a variety of ways to create sound.

Through this exploration students will learn to listen and think critically about music and the many forms it can take. They will learn to express themselves as musicians, through the creation of lyrics and musical ideas.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE Music Performance
VCE Music Styles

Visual Art & Design

** A fee of \$35 is required by students selecting this subject.*

Elective Outline:

This unit provides a foundation experience in both the visual arts and visual communication and design. It is for students who like working in the visual arts mediums of painting, drawing and printmaking allowing for the expression of individual ideas. Projects will be engaging and sometimes may involve a community approach.

The visual communication and design component provides experiences in using technical drawing instruments and design briefs that outline a particular need. Students will create artworks and designs, learning the skills of annotation, analysis of designer and artists' works and will learn to present their finished works.

Both areas of study in the visual arts and visual communication and design will assist the student to determine which study they would like to pursue in year 10.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 Digital Photography
Year 10 Visual Communication Design
Year 10 Visual Arts
VCE Media
VCE Art
VCE Visual Communication Design

English

Fantastic Fiction

Elective Outline:

This unit is for students who love writing. The unit offers an opportunity to develop the skills necessary to write for, and see it through to, publication. Students will learn about character development, effective use of dialogue and poetic techniques while they work on a major piece of writing.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE English
VCE English Literature

Health & Physical Education

Active for Life

Elective Outline:

This unit introduces the students to a range of coaching practices and their effective contribution to improved athlete performance. Students will have the opportunity to coach skills to junior students with a focus on games sense style of coaching. Student will participate in a range of sports and activities with a focus on skill development. Students will also develop their understanding of the benefits to physical activity and the enablers and barriers of physical activity.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE Physical Education

VCE Health and Human Development

Health & Fitness

Elective Outline:

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, Nutrition and health, fitness and training and energy systems.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE Physical Education

VCE Health and Human Development

World of Sport

Elective Outline:

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, Biomechanics, History of Sport.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE Physical Education

VCE Health and Human Development

Humanities

History through Film

Elective Outline:

This unit explores the use of film as an historical source and as a window into society's values and cultural and political agenda of the time. Students will critically view and present reports on a number of documentaries and movies dealing with a variety of historical periods and events.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE History

Languages

German 1

Elective Outline:

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.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 German
VCE German

German 2

Elective Outline:

This unit will follow on from Unit 1 and will seek to enhance skills already acquired across listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will use their language skills to write a short picture story book in German.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 German
VCE German

Mathematics

Extension & Enrichment Maths

Elective Outline:

A project-based program that uses a variety of engaging mathematical techniques to address real world problems such as epidemiology, sport analysis, business models, mechanics and climate change.

Students will gain exposure to some higher-level mathematics concepts such as Metadata analysis and mathematical modelling as well as developing an understanding of some VCE content. There will also be some ongoing “core” content that would involve developing confidence in statistics, networks, geometry and algebraic thinking and manipulation.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE General Mathematics
VCE Mathematical Methods
VCE Specialist Mathematics

Technologies

Introduction to Furniture making

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

Elective Outline:

This unit will allow students to develop an understanding and appreciation of the characteristics and uses of Plantation and Old Growth timbers. The project will involve the design process, through a folio, then to construct a table which 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.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 Introduction to Cabinet Making
VCE Product Design and Technology.

Digital Technology

Elective Outline:

This unit is for students who are interested in developing their knowledge of digital systems and technologies. Students will explore coding and how this integrates with other technologies.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

VCE Applied Computing
VCE Algorithmics
VCE Systems Engineering

International Cooking

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

Elective Outline:

This unit has been designed to enable students to discover amazing food cultures from around the world and to understand how they have shaped cuisine in Australia. Through regular cooking sessions, students will have the opportunity to sample and prepare a variety of foods and to learn essential cooking techniques from a variety of countries. These experiences will broaden their technical proficiency and provide students with a sound skill base as an essential life-skill and for further development in future studies and in the workplace.

The processes of research, design, production and evaluation are developed through the unit as students investigate food cultures and reflect on the ingredients and their nutritional and sensory properties.

Links to MNSC Curriculum:

Year 10 Food Technology

VCE Food Studies

VCE Health and Human Development.