INTRODUCTION

In Year 10 at Irene McCormack Catholic College, students are empowered to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop a strong sense of independence, responsibility for self and commitment to choices.

In Year 10, students develop appropriate study habits, engaging in a range of strategies to complete their courses successfully.

This booklet provides information to assist students and their parents in making informed decisions about their future education and goals. It provides an overview of the options that students have open to them. In addition, it includes descriptions of possible courses offered by Irene McCormack Catholic College.
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YEAR 10 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The Year 10 program includes compulsory courses in Religious Education, English, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences. Students also have the opportunity to select from Learning Areas that focus on the Arts, Technology, and Languages.

Timetable Period Allocation
The College timetable consists of six teaching and learning periods a day, thirty for the week. Students will study four elective courses, including a Health and Physical Education course, for three periods each per week.

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COMPULSORY COURSES

DIFFERENTIATED COURSES
Students are placed in Religious Education, English, Science, Mathematics and Social Sciences differentiated courses based on the results achieved the previous year. The following levels will apply:

Academic Extension: This level is allocated to high achieving students who are most likely to follow a pathway to a course in Years 11 and 12 that will lead to higher entrance level at University.

Course 3: This level is undertaken by high ability students who, given good performance in Years 7 – 10, will study courses in Years 11 and 12 that will lead to University study.

Course 2: This level is for those students who are approaching average academic performance. They generally focus their study on senior secondary courses that will lead to TAFE and the possibility of lower entrance level university courses.

Course 1: Provides students with smaller sized classes and places great emphasis on support for literacy and numeracy. These students work towards Year 11 and 12 courses that lead to TAFE, traineeships and apprenticeships.

It will be compulsory to study one Health and Physical Education course. This may include Physical Education, Physical Education Specialist, Outdoor Education, Football Academy, Soccer Academy or Dance. Physical Education students may be assisted to select the course for which they are best qualified, according to the Semester 1 grades, by their teacher.

Students may elect to study a second Physical Education course as one of their elective courses.

ELECTIVE COURSES
Students select four additional year-long courses including a Health and Physical Education course.

It is recommended that students who are considering Years 11 and 12 ATAR courses, consider Biological Science, Commerce and Law, Dance, Drama, French, Global Leadership, Japanese, Media, Music, Physical and Chemical Science and Visual Art courses in Year 10. Please refer to the table on page 5.

COURSE AVAILABILITY
Due to Timetabling and resourcing implications, the College cannot guarantee that a course will be offered. If there are insufficient student numbers in a course, it will not be offered.
REPORTING
The College provides 3 reports each year, Term 1 Interim Report, Semester 1 and End of Year Reports.

College Grade Description
At Irene McCormack Catholic College, the assessment and reporting of student achievement is communicated by marks and grades for all courses. The reporting standard for each course is:
A Excellent achievement.
B High achievement.
C Satisfactory achievement.
D Limited achievement.
E Very low achievement.

WA Curriculum Grade Description
The School Curriculum and Standards Authority require all Western Australia schools to have a standardised grade system that covers the range of all student achievement in a year group. The descriptions are:
A Excellent The student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level.
B High The student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.
C Satisfactory The student demonstrates satisfactory achievement of what is expected for this year level.
D Limited The student demonstrates limited achievement of what is expected for this year level.
E Very low The student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.

Student reports provide clear information on learning progress to parents and carers on achievement in the respective courses taught and assessed.

Students are also assessed on their learning attributes such as:
• Academic progress reflects how well students are achieving in their respective subjects.
• Focus towards achievement refers to how actively a student engages with the learning process. Students who achieve Consistently are positive in answering teachers’ questions and are involved responsibly in class and group discussions. The student listens attentively to teachers’ explanations and directions, and to the questions and comments of other students. Their ability to utilise good research skills and apply themselves when tasks are difficult is also noted.
• Completion of set tasks refers to students completing homework and assessment tasks by the required date to the best of their ability.
• Effective organisation. Students who receive Consistently are always punctual, have the correct texts and materials for class and record homework correctly in their planner.
• Responsible behaviour. Students receiving Consistently are those who always act with respect towards teachers and students, follow the directions of teachers and show consideration for all in the classroom.

If a student achieves Consistently in all or most courses, it is an indication that the student is working to capacity at school and with homework and study. The student is achieving their potential. If a student achieves indicators that are regularly below Consistently, improvement and communication is required with teachers.

IRENE’S SERVICE LEARNING
One of the key roles of Catholic schools is to form young people who are committed to living the gospel values of prayer, service and justice. We believe that the service of others is a fundamental human quality that fosters a Christian attitude in society and encourages the development of the kind of world envisaged by Christ. The Irene’s Service Learning Program builds students who are empathetic, compassionate and ambassadors of Christ.

Years 10 to 12 – minimum required 25 hours over the three years.

The Year 10 Irene’s Service Learning Program links the community to the classroom. Through the experience of responsible participation and reflection students examine why social or environmental problems develop, and establish ways to rectify this situation.
The Irene’s Service Program encourages students to reach out to the elderly. To learn respect, and appreciate the experience and gifts that the elderly in our community have to offer. They have the opportunity to help people in war torn and third world countries through Brother Ollie at “Wheelchairs for kids.” Students can complete their hours over two full days. However, the College offers students an opportunity to sign up with each service area over the year.

Participation in Irene’s Service Learning Program is an essential element of life and graduation at Irene McCormack Catholic College. Students are expected to participate in the required hours of service and reflection experience.
# YEAR 10 ELECTIVE COURSES

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YEAR 10 COMPULSORY COURSES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The Year 10 Religious Education program at Irene McCormack Catholic College is based on the mandated curriculum presented by the Bishops of Western Australia. It reflects the gospel values exemplified by Irene McCormack during her life. The Religious Education aims to help students learn the teachings of the Gospel as proclaimed by the Catholic Church. Students develop a sense of the nature of Christianity and how Christians live their lives as part of their learning. The Religious Education course is differentiated to cater for individual differences giving all students the opportunity to develop socially, culturally, academically and spiritually. All students at the College, regardless of their religious background, participate in Religious Education classes. Other Religious Education and faith formation experiences include: Reflection days, Masses, Reconciliation, Liturgies, Guest Speakers, Christian Service, Prayer and a variety of multi-media educational experiences.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXTENSION

Course Description
This course caters for the students who aim to select ATAR courses in Years 11 and 12. It aims to extend students by promoting higher-order thinking. There is a high expectation for students with an emphasis on developing their ability to learn independently and think both critically and theologically. The course focuses on developing key concept knowledge that enables them to understand Church teachings and how they apply to our daily lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE 3

Course Description
This course is designed to provide students with opportunities to explore concepts and theories that enable them to understand Church teachings. Students engage in practical and theory-based experiences where they can use their relevant learning style to showcase their knowledge. This course caters for students who select ATAR courses in Years 11 and 12.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE 2

Course Description
Course 2 is provided for students who wish to pursue a non-university pathway. Students explore knowledge, skills and understandings of Catholic teachings using a scaffolded approach. This enables key ideas to be applied in the context of daily living.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE 1

Course Description
Course 1 offers students a well-guided, highly focused step-by-step approach to understanding Catholic teachings. Students are able to explore key ideas and themes using a variety of learning styles and literacy strategies. Students complete up to two assessment tasks per unit. Assessment styles are varied to allow students to express themselves and to encourage both independent learning and groupwork.

It is important to note that no attempt is made to assess the student’s faith.

Assessment
Tasks may include, but are not restricted to:
• Digital presentations and topic tests.
• Examinations.
• Oral presentations.
• Written assessments.
ENGLISH

The English curriculum is built around the three interrelated strands of Language, Literature and Literacy.

Language focuses on knowledge of the English language and how it works.
Literature focuses on understanding, appreciating, responding to, analysing and creating literature.
Literacy focuses on interpreting and creating a range of texts with accuracy, fluency and purpose.

In Year 10, students engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment. They listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is aesthetic, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts such as newspapers, magazines and digital texts, novels, non-fiction, poetry, films, TV current affairs and stage drama. Students develop their understanding of how texts, including media texts, are influenced by context, purpose and audience.

Literary texts that support and extend students in Year 10 as independent readers are drawn from a range of genres and involve complex, challenging and unpredictable plot sequences and hybrid structures that may serve multiple purposes. These texts explore themes of human experience and cultural significance, interpersonal relationships, and ethical and global dilemmas within real-world and fictional settings and represent a variety of perspectives. Informative texts represent a synthesis of technical and abstract information, from credible/verifiable sources, about a wide range of specialised topics. Text structures and language features are more complex, with a high proportion of unfamiliar and technical vocabulary, figurative and rhetorical language, and dense information supported by various types of graphics and images. Texts will deal with more complex themes and issues involving levels of abstraction, higher order reasoning and intertextual references.

Students are given opportunities to create a range of imaginative, informative and persuasive types of texts, for example, narratives, speeches, performances, persuasive texts, analytical essays, and will begin to create literary analyses. There will also be a strong focus on grammar and spelling to equip students with solid literacy skills, which they will continue to develop over time.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Prerequisite – By invitation

Course Description
This course caters to students who have outstanding skills in English. The course seeks to extend those students to their full potential by stimulating higher-order thinking through exposure to more challenging concepts. This course is very different to the other English courses in that it exposes students to traditional texts, including poetry, prose and drama, effectively preparing them for Literature in Years 11 and 12.

The expectation for students to be independent and motivated learners is high. An aim is to develop students’ ability to engage with academic theories and develop their capacity to apply Marxist, Feminist, Psychoanalytical and Historical criticisms to a range of challenging texts. Students who achieve well in this course will be encouraged to enrol in Literature ATAR for Year 11.

ENGLISH COURSE 3

Course Description
This course caters to students who have proficient skills in English. The course seeks to develop students’ skills for ATAR courses in Senior school by exposing them to challenging texts, and offering assessment tasks that will refine their analytical and creative skills. Assessment tasks will be slightly less challenging and more scaffolded than the Literature course, whilst still ensuring a strong skill set is developed in students. At this level, students will be expected to demonstrate an aptitude and work ethic befitting the ATAR course in Year 11.
ENGLISH COURSE 2

Course Description
This course caters to students who demonstrate under-developed skills in English and who would benefit from slightly smaller class sizes and more scaffolded learning experiences. Students study less challenging texts than the Course 3 students, and will move through the course at a slower pace and have modified, scaffolded assessment tasks. There is an extensive focus on refining students’ literacy, especially spelling, grammar, comprehension and writing. This course is mainly targeted at students who are likely to pursue General and VET courses in Years 11 and 12.

ENGLISH COURSE 1

Course Description
This course caters to students who find English challenging. The course is tailored to their specific needs and focuses on improving students’ basic literacy competency in typically smaller classes, sometimes with a Teacher’s Assistant. These students will move through the course at a manageable pace, and will have tasks suited to their skill level. These students will study texts which aim to develop students’ confidence and focus particularly on basic spelling, grammar, reading, comprehension, and writing skills. This course will cater to students who are going to pursue General and VET courses in Years 11 and 12.

Assessment
- Examinations.
- Test.
- Written/oral production.

MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION

Course Description
Mathematics Extension prepares students for Year 11 Mathematics that focuses on the Western Australian Curriculum in Space and Measurement, Chance and Data, and with a heavy emphasis on Number and Algebra. In addition, this course also covers selected content from the Western Australian Mathematics 10A Curriculum. The high level of skill and understanding is designed to maximise the students’ mathematical knowledge and therefore their opportunities in Mathematics in Year 11. This course requires a Casio Classpad calculator.

Due to the academic demands of this course, students will be selected on merit. The size and number of classes will be based on how many students meet the required standard.

MATHEMATICS COURSE 3

Course Description
Mathematics Course 3 prepares students for Mathematics in Year 11 that will support the study of courses at University with an emphasis on Science and/or Mathematics. In these units, students will cover work from the Western Australian Curriculum in Number and Algebra, Space and Measurement and Chance and Data. This course requires a Casio Classpad calculator.

MATHEMATICS COURSE 2

Course Description
This course aims to equip students with some useful mathematical tools to apply in practical situations as well as prepare them for a Mathematics course in Year 11 that will provide them with a sound mathematics background for tertiary level or a strong background for TAFE. In this course, students will cover work from the Year 10 Western Australian Curriculum in Number and Algebra, Space and Measurement and Chance and Data.
MATHEMATICS COURSE 1

Course Description
This course aims to equip students with some useful mathematical tools to apply in practical situations. It also seeks to prepare them for a Mathematics course in Year 11 that will provide them with a sound Mathematics background for TAFE or other Training Providers.

Assessment
- Examinations.
- Problem solving.
- Test.

SCIENCE

The Science Curriculum is divided into three interrelated strands:
- Science Understanding has sub-strands of Biological Science, Chemical Science, Earth and Space Science, and Physical Science.
- Science as a Human Endeavour focuses on the pursuit of scientific knowledge and understanding.
- Science Inquiry Skills involves identifying questions, testing predictions, and communicating findings.

In the Year 10 curriculum, students explore systems at different scales and connect microscopic and macroscopic properties to explain phenomena. Students explore the biological, chemical, geological and physical evidence for different theories, such as the theories of Natural Selection and the Big Bang.

Students develop their understanding of Atomic Theory to understand relationships within the periodic table. They learn about the relationship between motion and forces by applying physical laws. They learn about the relationships between aspects of the living, physical and chemical world that are applied to systems on a local and global scale and this enables them to predict how changes will affect equilibrium within these systems.

SCIENCE EXTENSION

Course Description
This course caters to students who have outstanding skills and understanding in Science. It aims at developing critical and creative thinking and problem-solving skills through investigation and exploration of the Year 10 Western Australian Curriculum Science content. Students are taught with a slightly more open-ended pedagogy, with an increased focus on abstract concepts. There is a high expectation of students to be able to work efficiently and at times independently.

Students studying in Science Extension will be strongly encouraged to pursue Science at an ATAR level, provided they demonstrate proficiency in this course.

Students who are intending to choose one or more of the ATAR Science courses are strongly advised to choose either Biological Sciences, for entry into ATAR Biology or Human Biology, or Physical Sciences, for entry into ATAR Chemistry or Physics.

SCIENCE COURSE 3

Course Description
This course caters for students who have proficient skills and understanding in Science. Like the Science Extension Course, Course 3 Science aims at developing problem solving, critical and creative thinking skills, but does so in a slightly more scaffolded environment. There is a balance in focus between concrete and abstract concepts. The course aims at developing skills required to succeed when studying Science at an ATAR level. Students must demonstrate a proficiency in this course in order to be offered places in Year 11 ATAR Science courses.
Students who are intending to choose one or more of the ATAR Science courses are strongly encouraged to choose either Biological Sciences, for entry into ATAR Biology or Human Biology, or Physical Sciences, for entry into ATAR Chemistry or Physics.

SCIENCE COURSE 2

Course Description
This course caters for students who are still developing the skills and scientific understanding to a level that is proficient. Content is taught in a more structured environment, with independent work scaffolded to assist students to complete work to an adequate standard. The Course 2 content has a focus on concrete concepts, and allows students to learn via practical activities and investigation. Assessments also have a greater emphasis on skills and interpretation.

SCIENCE COURSE 1

Course Description
This course caters for students who find Science skills and understanding somewhat challenging. Concepts are taught at a manageable pace with a greater emphasis on developing literacy and numeracy skills, as well as developing appropriate inquiry skills. Students will use a magazine style textbook. The content is highly structured and scaffolded. Students may be given alternative assessments that are literacy enhanced, enabling them to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

Assessment
- Examinations.
- Investigations and Validations.
- Tests.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCSA refer to this learning area as Humanities and Social Sciences. (HASS)

Each of the four courses for Year 10 Social Sciences include content and skills for Economics, Geography, History and Civics and Citizenship that provide the foundations for developing the skills and understanding of the content of Year 11 and 12 courses. Students will study one topic per term.

Students develop increasing independence in critical thinking and skill application, which includes questioning, researching, analysing, evaluating, communicating and reflecting. They apply these skills to investigate events, developments, issues and phenomena, both historical and contemporary.

Students continue to build on their understanding of the concepts of democracy, democratic values, justice, and rights and responsibilities by exploring Australia’s roles and responsibilities at a global level and its international legal obligations. They inquire in to the values and practices that enable a resilient democracy to be sustained.

Students are introduced to the concept of economic performance and living standards while continuing to further their understanding of the concepts of making choices, interdependence, specialisation, and allocation and markets through examining contemporary issues, events and/or case studies delving into the reasons for variations in the performance of economies. They explore the nature of externalities and investigate the role of governments in managing economic performance to improve living standards. They inquire into the ways businesses can manage their workforces to improve productivity.

The concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability and change continue to be developed as a way of thinking, through an applied focus on the management of environmental resources and the geography of human wellbeing at the full range of scales, from local to global and in a range of locations.
Students develop their historical understanding through key concepts, including evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability. These concepts are investigated within the historical context of the modern world and Australia from 1918 to the present, with an emphasis on Australia in its global context.

**Differentiation in Social Science Curriculum**

All students are entitled to rigorous, relevant and engaging learning programs drawn from the Western Australian Curriculum – Humanities and Social Sciences. Teachers consider the range of their student’s current levels of learning, strengths, goals and interest and make adjustments where necessary. In order to cater for the diverse needs of students and to personalise their learning, the skills required in understanding the curriculum content differ in each course.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE EXTENSION**

**Course Description**
This course is designed for students who have sound ability in the Social Sciences and who are able to continue on to university. Students engage in developing questioning, researching, analysis, communicating and reflecting skills that are further reinforced and extended with the study of evaluation techniques. These techniques enable students to draw evidence-based conclusions by evaluating information and or data taking into account ambiguities and multiple perspectives to negotiate and resolve contentious issues or to propose individual and or collective action.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE 3**

**Course Description**
Course 3 enables students to develop their skills in questioning, research, analysis and communication. They are built upon through the course content, enabling them to apply subject specific skills and concepts to new and hypothetical situations. Students studying this course will be able to progress to Year 11 and 12 ATAR courses.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE 2**

**Course Description**
Students develop skills in questioning and researching as well as communication and reflection. They are able to use criteria to analyse the reliability of sources as well as explain the cause and effect relationship aligned with data in different formats.

**SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE 1**

**Course Description**
Course 1 enables students to identify current and personal knowledge in Social Science. Students construct, select and evaluate a number of questions and hypotheses and are able to analyse and clarify the purpose of an inquiry. Students are able to use a number of methods to collect and select information and use appropriate ethical protocols for acknowledging forms of information.

**Assessment**
- Essays.
- Examinations.
- Research Assignments.
- Tests.
YEAR 10 ELECTIVES COURSES

THE ARTS

DANCE

Course Description
Students who select Dance explore and develop the three fundamental components of dance which are performance, choreography and response. Different dance styles are studied with an emphasis placed on Contemporary Techniques, Jazz and Hip-Hop practices. Students are assessed on technique and performances, specifically working up to Dance Night in Term 3. Throughout the year, the students focus on a group choreography task and on the development of improvisation skills, both of which are formally assessed.

Dance artists from Australia and the impact of dance in society are researched and analysed. To support this, students have the opportunity to attend at least one dance performance during the year. Students are also able to respond orally to dance practices which include responses to their own dance and that of others.

Dance may be chosen as a Physical Education selection.

Assessment
- Examination.
- Improvisation and Choreography.
- Practical and Written Assessments.
- Technique.

DRAMA

Course Description
While some students intend to make a career in drama and related fields, they also participate in drama for enjoyment and satisfaction. They experience the pleasure that comes from developing personal skills, knowledge and understandings that can be transferred to a range of careers and situations. Drama builds confidence, empathy, understanding about human experience, and a sense of identity and belonging. These are invaluable qualities for contemporary living.

Students work independently and collaboratively, learning time-management skills and showing initiative and demonstrating leadership and interpersonal skills. Drama requires students to develop and practice problem-solving skills through creative and analytical thinking processes. Students develop their capacity to respond to, reflect on, and make informed judgements using appropriate terminology and language to describe, analyse, interpret and evaluate drama drawing on their understanding of relevant aspects of other art forms. During the course, students explore Presentational Theatre and engage in world drama practice. They understand how drama has changed over time and will continue to change according to its cultural context. Students extend their knowledge on theatre forms such as Realism, Transformation Theatre and Theatre of the Absurd.

Assessment:
- Making 60%
  - Scripted drama performance.
  - Waiting for Godot performance.
  - Semester 1 Practical Exam.
  - Semester 2 Practical Exam.
- Responding 40%
  - Costume Design.
  - Interview
  - Review on live performance
MUSIC

Course Description
The course provides students with creative and performance opportunities, and practical music industry skills. With a focus on playing music and exploring contemporary music influences and artists, this course provides a solid foundation for the skills used in the music industry. Year 10 Music is a practical course with an emphasis on practical music activities and experiences rather than music theory. Studying music provides a unique opportunity to develop employment related skills such as creativity, teamwork, responsibility, problem-solving, initiative and self-confidence. There are over 150 potential music-related careers, across thirteen broad sectors of the music industry.

This is a performance-based course. Some instrumental background is necessary for performance assessments.

Instrumental lessons are offered for a variety of instruments including Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Drums, Piano and Voice. All students who are enrolled in music courses are strongly encouraged to apply for instrumental lessons at the College. Application forms are available from the Music Department or College Reception.

Assessment
• Composition.
• Performance pieces.

MUSIC SPECIALIST

Prerequisite – Year 9 Music Specialist 55% and enrolment in instrumental lessons.

Course Descriptions
Specialist Music provides students with extended creative opportunities and the skills they need to be both performers and writers of music. Students develop their skills through higher-end practical composition and performance activities. As composers and performers, students develop their ability to create, shape, and refine musical ideas. Studying music provides a unique opportunity to develop employment related skills such as creativity, teamwork, responsibility, problem-solving, initiative and self-confidence.

Specialist Music activities are focused on:
• Popular and Contemporary Music, including influential artists.
• Group and Solo Performance.
• Composition and song arrangement.
• Selected listening and theory concepts targeted towards further improving students’ instrumental performance and their song-writing abilities.
• Developing an understanding of historical background and its influence on past and future developments in music.
• Analysis of important songs to find out how they were written and how students can apply those techniques to their own music.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Description
In Year 10, students will strengthen their understanding of the compositional basics of photography and gain additional understanding of using the elements and principles of art and design to improve their photos. Students will complete projects, each with its own focus, utilising correct camera operation and using Photoshop and Lightroom basics to digitally manipulate their photos for a specified purpose.

Students are provided with opportunities to view photography work from contemporary and past times to explore viewpoints from Australian and International work. They will also consider the impact of context and audience.
Students who select this course need to have a suitable device that has sufficient memory and capability to run Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom.

**Assessment**
- Analysis.
- Photography skills and processes.
- Portfolio.
- Reflection.

**VISUAL ART**

**Course Description**
This course enables Year 10 students to complete two major projects. In each project, students develop a range of drawing skills by completing visual inquiry. They test different art mediums in areas of ceramics, printmaking, sculpture or painting. Students progress to designing and developing ideas before commencing work on their final art piece. The themes of both projects encourage students to explore specific topics, and research on both artists and techniques are conducted to develop student ideas. Students are also taught basic artwork analysis skills.

**Assessment**
- Artist Research and Analysis.
- Design development.
- Drawing.
- Practical and written work.

**VISUAL ART SPECIALIST**

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Visual Art A and Year 9 English Course 2 A

**Course Description**
Throughout the year, students have numerous opportunities to increase their artistic ability. This course is designed to prepare those students who wish to pursue Visual Art ATAR in Year 11. Over the year, students complete works over several studio areas, using a variety of different media. These areas vary and may include ceramics, sculpture, textiles, print and/or painting. Drawing forms the basis of each project and students are to keep an art portfolio that holds their large body of work for the year.

**Assessment**
- Art History and Art Analysis.
- Examinations.
- Practical and written work.
- Visual Inquiry drawings.

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Students must enrol in at least one of these courses. Two courses may be chosen if desired. Dance may be selected as a Physical Education Course.

**FOOTBALL ACADEMY - Female and Male**

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Football Academy B or Application and Trial.

**Course Description**
The Football Academy is designed for students wishing to specialise in Football development, as a player, coach or administrator. The program aims to continue the development of individual skills, whilst increasing students critical thinking, decision making and game strategy. Students will begin to create a greater understanding from a coaching and umpiring perspective by engaging in junior umpiring and coaching
courses. The program will provide students opportunity to continue skill development and game play whilst providing opportunity to create career pathways. The Year 10 course prepares students wishing to study in sport science, health science, leisure and a recreational field.

**Assessment**
- Fundamental Skills, kicking, handball, marking/gathering, evasion and tackling.
- Game Play incorporating skills in game situations.
- Knowledge of Rules.
- Participation in College life.
- Self-management, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Strength and Conditioning.

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Course Description**
The Physical Education course is designed for students looking to gain a greater understanding of health, fitness and recreation. The program uses sport, recreation and fitness to promote a healthy mind, body and spirit. The course develops students' knowledge of key fitness principles, identifying links between fitness, sport and a healthy lifestyle, the role drugs and alcohol play in their lives and healthy relationships. Students study the ‘Keys for Life’ program where they develop responsible driving behaviours, decision-making and problem-solving skills, as well as sitting their Learners Permit Theory Test. Students’ practical activities include but are not limited to Touch Rugby, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee, Futsal and fitness classes.

Successful completion of the ‘Keys for Life’ program will enable students the opportunity to sit their Learners Permit theory test. The Keys for Life course is a SCSA endorsed program.

**Assessment**
- Self-management, participation and inter-personal skills.
- Skills for Physical Activity – skills, strategies and tactics in the chosen sport.

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

**Prerequisite** - Students must have an adequate level of swimming ability.

**Course Description**
The Outdoor Education course is designed to give students an appreciation for the natural environment, skills to lead and work with others, as well as developing technical outdoor activity skills. The course provides students with the knowledge and skills to study Outdoor Education in Years 11 and 12. Outdoor activities include but are not limited to surfing, snorkeling, fishing, rock climbing, abseiling and navigation. Students experience learning in unique natural environments in the local area from Trigg Beach to Yanchep.

Students prepare for a major expedition of two nights and three days, in areas such as Rottnest Island or Lane Poole Reserve in Dwellingup. The expedition is used as a tool to measure students’ preparation, skill development, interpersonal skills, leadership and environmental awareness. It is the key to the Outdoor Education Course. The course prepares students for tertiary and technical studies in Biological Sciences, Leisure, Recreation and Environmental fields. It also allows students to gain employment in community and industry pre and post-graduation.

There is a $400 fee payable with the 2021 school fees to contribute to the cost of expeditions and other activities.

**Assessment**
- Investigation.
- Performance 1 – Outdoor activity skills such as Surfing, Snorkeling, Fishing and Roping.
- Performance 2 – Expedition performance.
- Response – Journals.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Prerequisite – Year 9 Physical Education Specialist C or Year 9 Health & Physical Education B

Course Description
The Physical Education specialist course is a continuation of the Year 9 program for those students wishing to study Physical Education Studies in Year 11 and 12. The course is to further develop skill and strategies in Basketball as well as developing student’s knowledge in coaching, umpiring and sports management. The program is partnered with Wanneroo Basketball Association Joondalup Wolves who offer expert coaches, facilitators and competitions for students to take part in. The program includes opportunities for a Community Coaching and Community Referee certificates which enable employment at its completion as well as an excursion to the Wolves facility. The PE Specialist course prepares students for tertiary and technical studies in sport science, health science, leisure and recreational field, and can act a stepping-stone to gaining employment in community and sporting industry.

Assessment
- Basketball theory concepts.
- Mental and physical development.
- Tactical and Technical development.

SOCCER ACADEMY - Female and Male

Prerequisite – Year 9 Soccer Academy B or Application and Trial.

Course Description
The Soccer Academy is designed for students wishing to specialise in Soccer development, as a player, coach or administrator. The Year 10 program aims to continue the development of individual skills, whilst increasing students critical thinking, decision making and game strategy. Students will begin to form a greater understanding from a coaching and umpiring perspective by engaging in junior umpiring and coaching courses. The program will provide students opportunity to continue skill development and game play, but also provide opportunity to create career pathways. The Year 10 students also take multiple excursions, being involved in the ACC ‘No Limits’ carnival where students facilitate a competition for disabled participates as well as part-taking in a career day at local Soccer businesses.

Competition
Students in the Soccer Academy compete in the Associated Catholic Colleges and School Sports Western Australia Competitions in Terms 2 and 3.

To be eligible for the program students will be required to participate in a selection process.

Assessment
- Game training.
- Interpersonal skills.
- Self-management skills.
- Skills for soccer.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH: SECOND LANGUAGE

Prerequisite – Year 9 French (All About Grammar) C

Course Description
The French: Second Language Pre-ATAR course is designed to consolidate students’ knowledge of the grammatical system of the French language. They further extend their oral, aural, reading, and written communication skills through exposure and analysis of authentic texts. Students further develop
understanding of the cultures of French-speaking communities. Students have the option to possibly continue studying the language in Years 11 and 12 as an ATAR course.

**Assessment:**
Year 10 content will be assessed through the four languages outcomes:
- Examinations.
- Listening and Responding.
- Spoken Interaction.
- Viewing, Reading and Responding.
- Writing.

**JAPANESE**

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Japanese C

**Course Description**
Students will broaden their knowledge of the Japanese language and cultural awareness. They continue to develop the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Japanese, with a greater focus on the use of *kanji* in their reading and writing of Japanese. Students will initiate and participate in sustained interactions, using descriptive and expressive language in formal and informal exchanges to discuss young peoples’ experiences and interest in contemporary culture and social issues.

Various activities and language content allow students to fortify their language skills and build new knowledge and attitudes on top of the levels they have already attained. Students will develop more complex structures and grammar. Greater emphasis is placed on oral communication in both informal and formal settings/situations. They will explore cultural concepts embedded in Japanese language that embody core values and behaviours and for which there is no direct English translation. Students are asked to identify and reflect upon cultural differences between Japan and Australia.

The course includes exciting opportunities such as vocabulary competitions, incursions and excursions.

Students have the option to possibly continue studying the language in Years 11 and 12 as an ATAR course.

**Assessment**
- Examinations.
- Listening activities.
- Reading activities.
- Speaking.
- Text production.

**MATHEMATICS**

**MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST**

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Mathematics Extension or Year 9 Mathematics Course 3 interview

**Course Description**
This course is designed to cover the content in the 10A Mathematics Curriculum for WA, and additional topics that will prepare students to study both Mathematics Methods ATAR and Mathematics Specialist ATAR in Year 11. It is highly recommended preparation for Mathematics Specialist in Year 11.

Topics include Algebra, Polynomial and Non-Linear Functions, Exponentials and Logarithms, Trigonometric Equations, Circle Geometry, Trigonometry and Vectors.

The course will endeavour to offer students the opportunity to be involved in activities with the universities, industry and mathematical competitions.
Students will be recommended from the Year 9 Academic Extension Class by merit or by submitting a letter of application to the Head of Learning Area, which will then be followed up with an interview.

**Assessment**
- Examinations.
- Problem solving.
- Test.

### SCIENCE

#### BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Science Course 3 C

**Course Description**
This course prepares students for Year 11 Biology ATAR and Human Biology ATAR. Students must achieve a sound grade in this course in Year 10 to gain entry to these courses.

Local Biology is studied by observing fauna and flora in their local environments students begin to appreciate the huge diversity of organisms and consider why this diversity occurs. Students further explore classification of these diverse organisms and develop an understanding of the interdependence that occurs within an ecosystem with particular reference to the flow of energy, matter and cycles that occur in nature.

Students study the human body through investigating the relationship between structure and function at a cell, tissue and organ level. They will also explore changes that occur during a human lifetime, variations amongst humans and the causes of these variations. Students conduct investigations on given problems and use a prepared methodology that will promote scientific inquiry and analysis. These are completed in class, and during field trips with a focus on safety, responsibility and reliability.

**Assessment**
- Examination.
- Practical tests and investigations.
- Research and extended response.
- Tests.

#### PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL SCIENCE

**Prerequisite** – Year 9 Science Course 3 C

**Course Description**
This course prepares students for the Years 11 and 12 ATAR courses, Chemistry and Physics. Students must achieve a sound grade in the course as well as in Mathematics to meet the prerequisite to gain entry into these courses. Sound grades for this course also enables a student entry into Biology ATAR or Human Biology ATAR.

In the Chemistry component of this course, students learn and apply theories explaining bonding and atomic structure, including an introduction to electron configurations. They explore various elements and compounds and use them to understand different physical and chemical properties of materials. Students also learn concepts such as Collision theory and conservation of matter in chemical reactions.

Students develop skills in writing chemical formulae of compounds and writing balanced chemical equations. They use Collision Theory to develop a greater understanding of endothermic reactions, as well as understand how catalysts increase the rate of chemical reactions. Students conduct investigations when exploring these topics. They study the concept of the mole and perform calculations to determine the number of moles, mass, molar mass and concentrations of solutions.
The Physics component of this course explores motion, forces and waves in greater detail than in their compulsory Science class. This includes calculations that determine vectors such as velocity, acceleration, and displacement as well as calculating wavelength and frequency when examining waves. Students also revisit Year 9 topics such as electricity, heat and light in more detail in order to better prepare them for Physics ATAR. These topics are taught in a practical way through investigation and experimentation.

Assessment
- Examinations.
- Investigations.
- Research and extended response.
- Tests.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Prerequisite – Year 9 Social Science Course 3 C

Course Description
This course is designed for students considering a selection of ATAR Economics, Geography, Modern History and Political and Legal Studies in Years 11 and 12. It will provide students with the opportunity to further develop their skills and knowledge of the Social Sciences.

This course will focus on Global Citizenship. In particular, what it means to be an active global citizen and the role of Australia in taking an active part in our globalizing world. Students will primarily study the History Depth studies in The Globalising World from the Australian Curriculum. Students investigate major global influences that have shaped Australian society in depth, including the development of the global influence during the twentieth century. Students will study Popular culture, Migration experiences (with a focus on the Vietnam War) and The Environmental movement with a focus on Climate Change and Sustainability. Students will also investigate key Economic issues and Legal Cases.

Assessment
- Essays.
- Examination.
- Tests.

TECHNOLOGIES – DESIGN & DIGITAL

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Course Description
The focus for this course is design basics and applied design. This course is an introduction into design elements and principles and design process and practice. Students are introduced to basic drawing skills and a range of techniques to demonstrate their control over the elements of design. They also undertake a wide range of practical skill-building exercises to help introduce them to the basic operation of the Adobe Suite software package.

During this course, students also investigate both the creative and constructive areas of Digital Technologies. In the creative area of this course, students explore the many and varied skills and techniques used within the media industries in engaging with audiences. The constructive aspect of the course explores the way in which we can create technological solutions using robotics and artificial intelligence. Both areas are then brought together in the fun and exciting game development aspect of the course. Topics studied include animation, film making, game development, robotics and artificial intelligence.

Assessment
- Portfolio.
- Projects.
MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: METAL

Course Description
This is a practical course focused on skills used in metal fabrication. Opportunities are provided for students to master skills in MIG welding, turning and machining, technical drawing, project planning and finishing techniques used when working with metal. Students complete a range of practical projects which may be mechanical or artistic in nature.

Assessment
- Assignments.
- Practical Projects.

MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: WOOD

Course Description
This course is generally practical, and students obtain maximum benefit if they have previously studied Materials Technology. A selection of directed activities provides the necessary expertise and hand skills which allow students to produce well-made projects. Parts of the course are structured to ensure expertise whilst individual creativity in defined areas is encouraged.

Assessment
- Assignments.
- Practical Projects.

TECHNOLOGIES – HOME ECONOMICS

CHILDCARE

Prerequisite – Nil.

Course Description
Watching and helping young children grow can be fun. Students have the opportunity of learning about babies and become informed in the areas of the birth process, developmental growth stages and the needs of infants including bathing, feeding, changing, immunisation, health and safety. Practical activities include the designing and making of activities, crafts and toys as well as planning nutritious meals for toddlers and pregnant mothers. This course is designed to give students the ability to understand the roles and responsibilities of carers and babysitters. It also enables students to learn about the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and spiritual development of babies and develop the required knowledge, skills and understanding aligned with pregnant mothers and healthy babies.

Assessment
- Design and create a musical instrument for children.
- Design and create a number of baby items including a baby blanket.
- Information brochure.
- Test.

FASHION AND TEXTILES

Prerequisite – Nil.

Course Description
This exciting new course, Fashion and Textiles, offers students the opportunity to complete a wide variety of practical tasks while working with a range of materials. Students have the opportunity to continue to develop skills in design concepts and apply them to practical applications. This course is focused on sustainability within the fashion industry and is tailored to different levels of sewing ability, from beginner to advanced level.
Students will learn to:
- Alter basic patterns and garments.
- Embellish textile products.
- Use a sewing machine.
- Use an embroidery machine
- Use an overlocker.
- Use Tye-dyeing techniques.

Assessment
- Party pyjamas task.
- Recycled garment.
- Research current fashion trends.
- Sensory blanket.
- Tote bag.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Prerequisite – Nil.

Course Description
This course investigates different customs and cuisines around the world, focusing on staple diets and how that affects the different lifestyles of each culture. Students sample and prepare foods from many countries around the world, thereby experiencing many culinary delights. The practical component of the course is based on experiencing the variety of foods found in different cuisines including Asian, French, Italian, Indian, American and Mexican.

The study of Café culture is also a focus where students experience all aspects of a Café menu from entrees to desserts. A main emphasis of this course is to discover what healthy foods and unhealthy foods are and how to incorporate more nutrients into our daily food intake. Students also have the option of designing and decorating a cake, cupcakes or biscuits for a special occasion of their choice.

Assessment
- Cooking methods and knife skills.
- Create a Café menu and prepare suitable food.
- Creation of healthy foods using non-technology vs technology methods.
- International Food Expo.
- Practical assessments.