Curriculum Guide

Middle School 2022



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Middle School Principal's Address

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The vision for our Kelvin Grove State College Middle School Pathway is that students are supported

to:

Ignite their spark; Be their best and Become ready for their future, in the context of our College Mission: "A Prep to pathways learning community delivering wellness and excellence, guided by our College Values".

As students move through our Middle School Pathway, there are many opportunities available for them to develop resilience. Indeed, the key to a successful middle schooling experience lies in our students becoming resilient young adults through learning in a range of contexts. In Middle School, we define resilience as the



learned ability to adapt to change, develop character strengths and approach challenges as opportunities for learning. Through building resilience, students build connections and foster positive relationships within the College and contribute to their wider communities.

One of the ways students learn resilience is through actively engaging with curriculum, and taking advantage of the opportunities to choose electives to study alongside their compulsory subjects as they progress through the year levels. As students transition from the Middle School into Senior School, they are able to engage with an increasingly diverse range of subjects that will assist them in making decisions about their future pathways beyond our College gates.

To support our Middle School Pathway, our curriculum aims are to fulfill our College's Just Cause in nurturing globally competent learners, leaders and citizens by:

- Presenting diverse and differentiated options for students so they are empowered to progress towards their preferred future pathway and engage in their learning;
- Offering a rigorous academic pathway for students who are interested in pursuing tertiary studies beyond school;
- Providing opportunities for students to develop 21st century skills and capabilities; and
- Extending the range of subject choices from Year 7 into Year 8, then again from Year 8 into Year 9 to further enhance student agency and engagement in their learning pathway.

Course Organisation in Years 6 & 7

For students in Years 6 and 7, their course of study is comprised of the following compulsory subjects:

English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science, Performance Studies, Visual Art + Design, Digital Technologies, a Language (Italian or Japanese), Health & Physical Education and My Personal Best (MyPB).

Students are able to indicate a preference for which language they would most like to study.



Course Organisation in Year 8

As students move from Year 7 into Year 8 their course of study includes the following compulsory subjects:

English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science, Performance Studies, Visual Art + Media, Health & Physical Education and My Personal Best (MyPB).

Students also have the opportunity to start considering their future career pathways through choosing an elective subject. They are able to select one (1) elective subject from the range of options available. More detail about elective subjects is provided further in this handbook.

Course Organisation in Year 9

As students move from Year 8 into Year 9 their course of study includes the following compulsory subjects:

English, History, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education and My Personal Best (My PB).

Students are able to further consider their future career pathways through choosing multiple elective subjects. They are able to study up to four (4) different elective subjects (two each Semester) from the range of options available. More detail about elective subjects is provided further in this handbook.

As students move into Year 8 and 9 and begin to select a greater number of elective subjects, I encourage families to explore the choices available and consider which options "ignite the spark" of the student. Choosing the "right" subject is all about passion – students should pursue subjects that inspire them and align with their character strengths as we know the secret to happiness is finding enjoyment in whatever it is you choose do in life.

On behalf of Middle School team, I wish each student all the very best as they move through our Middle School Pathway.

Ms Jessica Walker Middle School Principal

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Middle School Curriculum

Kelvin Grove State College teaches the Australian Curriculum as set by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). The Australian Curriculum is designed to teach students what it takes to be confident and creative individuals and become active and informed citizens. It sets the goal for what all students should learn as they progress through their school life – wherever they live in Australia and whatever school they attend.

There are three dimensions in the Australian Curriculum:

- learning areas
- general capabilities
- cross-curriculum priorities

Learning areas

The Australian Curriculum is organised into learning areas and subjects. Some learning areas bring a number of subjects together: Humanities and Social Sciences includes History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, and Economics and Business; The Arts includes Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and Visual Arts; Technologies includes Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies. There is also a choice of 15 Languages.



Learning areas contain content descriptions that detail knowledge, understanding and skills to be taught each year or across a band of years.

These content descriptions are accompanied by achievement standards that describe what students will know and will be able to do as a result of teaching and learning in the classroom.

General capabilities

General capabilities are included in the content of the learning areas. These are the skills and abilities intended to help prepare young Australians to learn, live and work in the 21st century. The Australian Curriculum has seven general capabilities:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Communication
- Technology (ICT) Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

Cross-curriculum priorities

In a similar way, there are three priorities critical to Australia's future:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Histories and Culture
- Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

Note: The above information was adapted from the ACARA website (2021). Please see the ACARA website at https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au for more detailed information.



Middle School Curriculum Overview

An overview of the Year 6 to 9 program is provided in the table on this page. Information listed relates to the organisation of subjects across a year and/or within the weekly timetable*.

	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Subject studied for two semes- ters (year-long)	 English Mathematics Science HPE MyPB Digital Technologies Visual Arts Performance Studies Italian/Japanese 	 English Mathematics Science HPE / MyPB Languages Excellence Programs 	 English Mathematics Science Excellence Programs 	 English Mathematics Science Excellence Programs MyPB
Subjects studied for one semester only	HistoryGeography	 Geography History Digital Technologies Performance Studies Visual and Media Arts 	 Geography History HPE Performance Studies Visual Art and Design Tech Elective 	HistoryHPEElectives
Excellence Programs	Excellence Programs available	 Dance Excellence studied in place of Languages, Visual Art and Perfor- mance Studies All other Excellence program studied in place of HPE / My PB 	All Excellence Programs studied in place of Performance Studies, and Visual Art and Design Tech	 Golf Excellence studied in the place of HPE & History All other Excellence students choose their program as one of their electives
Electives	• Nil	• Nil	One elective sub- ject studied for one semester (HPE in the other semes- ter)	Two elective subjects (or Ex- cellence) studied each semester
Assembly	 Middle School Wednesday Period 2a Year level assembly once per week 	 Middle School Wednesday Period 2a Year level assembly once per week 	 Middle School Wednesday 2a Year level assembly once per week 	 Middle School Wednesday 2a Year level assembly once per week
Interschool and recreational sport	Gala Days (3 days, twice per year)	Wednesday after- noons from 12.35 until 3pm	Wednesday after- noons from 12.35 until 3pm	• Nil

^{*}Information presented is correct as of May 2021, and may be subject to change due to operational requirements.



Queensland Ballet Academy at Kelvin Grove State College

Middle School student timetable variations



Academic Day		Timetabled access compared to non-QB Academy Students				
		Same access as Year Level peers	QB Academy replaces	Adjusted access		
Year 7	Period 1 - 9 to 10:15am Morning Tea	 English Humanities (History & Geography) Mathematics Science Digital Technologies Language (Italian or Japanese) Assembly My PB (pastoral program) 	 HPE Arts "tasters" i.e. Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama) and Visual & Media Arts Sport (physical activity time) 	• Nil		
Year 8	Period 2 - 10:45 to 11:55am Period 3 - 11:55am to 1:10pm Lunch QB Academy from 1.50pm	 English Humanities (History & Geography) Mathematics Science Assembly	 HPE Elective subject Sport (physical activity time) 	 Arts "tasters" i.e. Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama) and Visual Art & Design Technology – access two of three weekly lessons My PB (pastoral program) – additional access 		
Year 9		 English Mathematics Science One elective subject Assembly 	HPE Second elective subject	 History – access two of three weekly lessons My PB (pastoral pro- gram) – reduced access 		

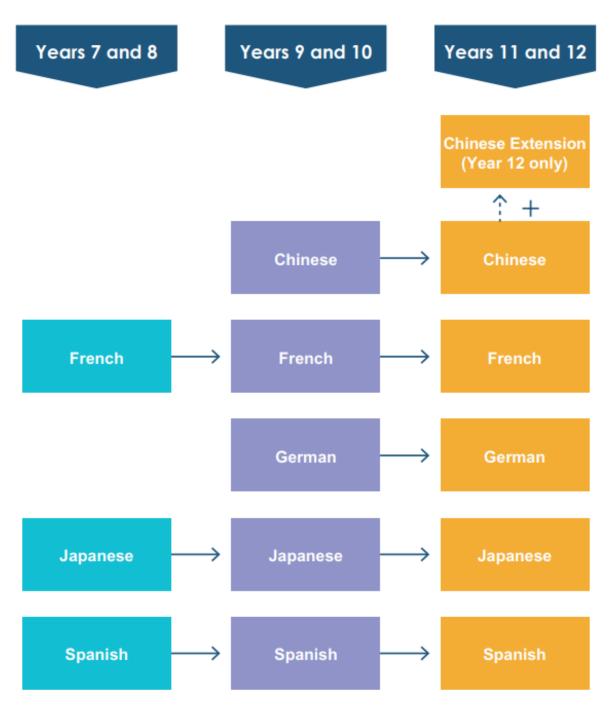
Please note:

Subjects in regular font align with the ACARA curriculum and are assessed & reported on through usual Academic Reporting processes. Subjects in *italics* are not assessed or reported on.



BSDE Language Offerings

Kelvin Grove State College Middle School supports students who wish to continue studying a language not offered through our own Languages faculty. Students access this curriculum throught the Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE). Details of the languages offered by BSDE are outlined below. If students are interested in accessing any of these languages, they or their parent or carer are encouraged to contact their year level Deputy Principal or Guidance Officer.



Source: Brisbane School of Distance Education (2021) https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/curriculum/junior-secondary



Selecting Elective Subjects for Years 8 & 9

SELECTING SUBJECTS – GUIDELINES

Students are encouraged to discuss subject choices with teachers. College staff have an understanding of your student's strengths and weaknesses, and will be able to give them guidance on the appropriateness of their subject choice. Students will have many influences at this time of subject selection: - personal likes/dislikes, career aspirations, expectations of family and others', influence of friends and media. The subjects you choose should include subjects which:

- » you are interested in
- » you have experienced past success with
- » may lead to your preferred career path
- » optimise opportunities to reach your potential.

Year 8

- » Students will be required to study one (1) elective subject.
- » Students will be required to identify an additional two (2) electives of interest for consideration should their first preference not be available (see Selecting Subjects Clauses outlined below).
- » Elective subjects are studied for the one of the semesters in Year 8. HPE is studied for the other semester.

Year 9

- » Students will be required to study two (2) elective subjects for Semester 1 and then study two (2) electives for Semester 2. The same elective is able be studied in both Semester 1 and Semester 2, however the semester units are discrete, and can be studied in isolation of each other.
- » Students will be required to identify an additional two (2) electives of interest for consideration should their first two preferences not be available (see Selecting Subjects Clauses outlined below.)

SELECTING SUBJECTS – SUBMITTING YOUR FINAL CHOICES

Final subject preferences are submitted online through OneSchool. The OneSchool website is https://oslp.eq.edu.au and students are required to have their school ID and password to access the site. A detailed information process with stepped instructions for the submission of these online preferences is provided on the College website and is issued with this document prior to selections opening.d

To avoid disappointment, it is important that online subject preferences are submitted on time and as early as possible (see clauses below).

SELECTING SUBJECTS - WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

While the online subject selection process is open, students may change their preferences as many times as they like however, students need to be aware that the time of the last online save is the primary bit of data used for allocation to subjects. Once the online process 'closes' the opportunity for change will be minimal. Please see the detailed instructions at the back of this guide for more information.

SELECTING SUBJECTS – CLAUSES

- Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate a student's preferences, scheduling and the availability of resources will mean that not every student will be assigned their first preference (Year 8) or preferences (Year 9).
- When a class/subject reaches maximum capacity, no additional students can be enrolled into that class/subject. Therefore, you will be required to select one (1) additional elective for Year 8 OR two (2) additional electives for Year 9 that you are prepared to study.
- Students also need to be aware that the availability of a particular subject for an individual student is dependent upon a number of important factors:
 - » Time of submission of elective preferences or changes to preferences.
 - » Selection processes in specialists classes such as languages.
 - » Acceptance into Excellence and specialist programs.
 - » Availability of staff and physical resources such as specialist classrooms.
 - » Class size numbers.



Year 8 Elective Subject Guides

STEM

Subject (school code) STEM (STM)

Faculty Science

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types 4 Student portfolios of work each weighted (25%)

Costs Nil
Prerequisites Nil

Course DescriptionStudents explore the Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics behind reslets and space exploration. They utilize the excited

matics behind rockets and space exploration. They utilise theoretical knowledge and apply it to real world contexts to develop prototype

rockets and crew exploration vehicle.

Students also explore the role of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere and look at technologies used to map our changing climate. They then explore through practical activities engineering and technological solutions to the problems humanity will face in the future.

All content covered in STEM is based on aspects of the ACARA taken from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Chemistry
- Foundation Engineering Physics
- Foundation Science in Practice
- Foundation General Maths
- Foundation Geography
- Foundation Digital Solutions

- Engineering
- Physics
- Science in Practice
- General Maths
- Geography
- Digital Solutions

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Subject (school code) Digital Technologies (DIG)

Faculty eLearning

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types • Project

Supervised examination

Folio

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description

The study of Digital Technologies enables students to become innovative designers and developers of digital solutions through applying design, system and computational thinking, including in an Esports context. Students collaborate and communicate when solving problems, and operate and manage digital solutions, data and processes. They determine the best combinations of data, procedures and human and physical resources to generate efficient and effective digital solutions. Students will also be introduced to entrepreneurship in a digital solutions context.

Students study the following topics:

- Computer hardware and networking
- Robotics and programming
- Programming, including an artificial intelligence solution
- Design thinking/human-computer interaction (integrated)
- Social and ethical issues (integrated)

With the ever-increasing impact of digital disruption and transformation, Digital Technology students will be enabled to become future influencers and change makers

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Digital Solutions (Foundation General subject; academic pathway)
- Foundation Information and Communication Technology (Foundation Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

- Digital Solutions (General subject; academic pathway)
- Information and Communication Technology (Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

Subject (school code) Industrial Technology & Design (ITD)

Faculty Technology & Design

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types Continuous practical activity – projects

Design Booklet – students plan, design and make

Workplace Health & Safety competency

Costs \$40

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description This subject is designed to develop a student's knowledge and skills

related to the following areas:

• Design – Creating, designing projects, critical thinking.

- Electronics project kit design, programming, electrical.
- Furnishing studies Woodwork.
- Metalwork (sheet metal work; fitting and fabrication.
- Graphics Built environment, architecture, engineering drawing and computer aided drafting
- Plastic techniques injection mouldings, thermoforming, thermosetting plastics.
- Laser Cutting technology is widely used in ITD
- 3D printing allows students to generate prototypes.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Design
- Foundation Engineering Pathways
- Foundation Furnishing Skills

- Design
- Industrial Graphics skills
- · Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Furnishing Skills

FOOD STUDIES

Subject (school code) Food Studies (FTS)

Faculty Technology & Design

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Continuous practical activity

Costs Students supply their own ingredients. Bulk items are provided.

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description Food Studies is a course of study that introduces students to food

and nutrition themes that are industry based. Students will complete a range of activities including: practical cookery, kitchen safety and hygiene, recipe and menu selection, food preparation and service.

The study of nutrition is an important aspect of the course and covers the healthy eating pyramid, analyzing dietary intake and appropriate

food and menu selection.

Food studies is a preparatory course leading toward further studies in

Certificate II in Hospitality & Tourism

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Hospitality
- Certificate II in Hospitality & Tourism

- Hospitality
- Certificate II in Hospitality & Tourism

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXT.

Subject (school code) Health and Physical Education Extension (XPE)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types One Theory and one Physical Performance per term

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Sports Uniform and Hat

Course DescriptionHealth and Physical Education Extension is aimed at giving students

tools necessary for deep analysis of physical performance. The course content is more specifically aligned with the knowledge required for Senior Physical Education, rather than general Health and Physical

Education.

Students learn a range of methods to analyse and employ tactics and strategies. This includes the integration of a range of Information and Communication Technologies into the analysis of performance.

Each theory unit is integrated with a physical performance unit. Students study the various strategies involved in *Direct Interceptive* and *Indirect Interceptive* Sports, as well as *Performance* and *Aesthetic* Sports.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Physical Education
- Physical Education

Year 11 and 12

Sports Performance

ITALIAN

Subject (school code) Italian (ITL)

Faculty Visual Arts & Languages

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types Analysing short listening reading and visual Italian texts in English,

exchanging information and ideas in Italian, creating Italian texts in

response to stimulus.

Costs \$20 per semester

Prerequisites Previous study in Italian is advantageous.

Course Description Year 8 Italian enables students to expand their vocabulary, learn and

understand a broader range of language patterns and explore cultur-

al influences within the topics of:

Tutti in famiglia (All the family)

A casa (At home)

Il rientro (Back to school)

Tutti in palestra (Everyone in the gym) Cuciniamo (cooking pizza and gnocchi) Guardiamo (watching films in Italian)

Students become capable and confident language learners as they investigate the culture and customs essential to language. They celebrate classroom, local and global diversity, and build relationships between Australian and Italian speaking communities. Students use digital technologies thus providing them with opportunities to enhance and motivate their language learning. They further develop their literacy skills in English and Italian while acquiring study skills, and exercise resilience and perseverance.

Year 8 Italian provides opportunities for students to be as immersed in the Italian culture through research presentations, visits from Fri. Sa.Li Italian exchange students, hosting opportunities, Italian Language Centre cooking excursion, Italian Language Centre Speaking competition, ACER Languages Competence Test and online worldwide language competitions.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Foundation Italian

Year 11 and 12

Italian

JAPANESE

Subject (school code) Japanese (JAP)

Faculty Visual Arts & Languages

Duration of Subject One semester

Semester Assessment Types Short response- analysing short listening, reading and visual texts.

Exchanging information-speaking

Response to stimuli- writing

Costs \$20 per semester

Prerequisites Previous study in Japanese is advantageous.

Course Description Japanese is the study of the language of Japan, Japanese speaking

communities and those embedded cultures. Learning Japanese enables the development of new ways of participating in and viewing the world; an increasingly valuable asset. In addition, learning to read and write character scripts develops higher order intellectual capaci-

ty, lateral thinking and creativity.

Units of study provide opportunities for students to understand and communicate in Japanese about family, home, daily lifestyle and school life. Understanding and reflecting upon those communications across and within cultures is an essential skill students develop.

This course provides a strong base for further Japanese language study.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Foundation Japanese

Year 11 and 12

Japanese

ART + DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Art + Design Excellence (ADE)

Faculty Visual Arts and Languages

Duration of Subject Whole Year

Semester Assessment Types Studio Practice

History and theory (art journal, written and multi modal assignments)

Costs \$50 per semester

Prerequisites Entry to subject by application and interview (due by August 1 in

preceding year)

Course Description 8 Art and Design Excellence embeds cross curriculum priorities and

general capabilities of ACARA standards and is also aligned with contemporary design processes adopted by its partner QUT. The 100 Futures Now program involves students working in collaboration with artists and designers to visualize amazing futures and communicate

their vision through art and design.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Visual Art
- Foundation Visual Arts in Practice
- Foundation Media Arts in Practice
- Foundation FTVNM
- Foundation Arts in Practice
- Foundation Fashion

- Visual Art
- Visual Arts in Practice
- Media Arts in Practice
- Film, Television & New Media
- Arts in Practice
- Fashion
- Senior ADE

MUSIC EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Music Excellence (MEX)

Faculty Performing Arts

Duration of Subject Whole year. The Music Excellence program continues from Years

7 – 9.

Semester Assessment Types Responding – analysing music styles such as Theme and Variation

works, Film Music and Mash Ups.

Creating - Creating compositions using ICT including Sibelius, Musescore and Garageband software. Creating works in Theme and Variation form, composing music for a scene from a film and making a

'mash up'.

Presenting – Performance of works in the styles studied in solo, small

ensemble and large ensembles.

Music Theory – Completion of 2nd Grade AMEB music theory course.

Costs Music Excellence programs have a levy of \$95.00 to cover the exam

entry fee and student text.

Prerequisites Year 7 Music Excellence is a prerequisite.

The ability to read music, play an instrument or sing.

Audition and interview with music staff member is mandatory if ap-

plying for entry to the program at Year 8.

Course Description ICT is embedded in the music program. Students are required to pur-

chase an Apple Macbook Air for creating tasks.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

• Year 10 Music Excellence

- Music (General Subject)
- Music Extension (General subject Units 3 and 4 only
- Music in Practice (Applied Subject)

DANCE EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Year 8 KG Dance Excellence (KDE)

Faculty Kelvin Grove Dance Excellence

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Core Assessment is based on Classical Ballet technique augmented

with assessments in Contemporary and jazz techniques and perfor-

mances.

Costs Tuition Fee Policy applies

Prerequisites Entry to the program is by annual audition in September. The classical

ballet audition is open to existing KGSC students as well as external

students wishing to apply.

Course Description The KGDE course core technique is classical ballet providing a

strong foundation for all other forms of dance technique. Each week

all levels participate in two ballet classes, and a third class in

contemporary, jazz or an allied dance subject. All dance classes are taken in normal school hours at KGSC's purpose built dance studios.

The general aims of the KG Dance Excellence Program are to:

Develop and provide a strong overall technique in all aspects of Bal-

let.

Provide strong ground work in Contemporary and Jazz dance tech-

niques and other dance genres where applicable.

Develop rehearsal and performance skills, working as a team. Develop discipline, motivation, musicality and creativity in dance. Develop a professional attitude with respect to personal health, safe

dance practice, work ethic and commitment.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Year 10 Queensland Senior Ballet Program (audition required)
- Foundation Dance

- Year 11 and Year 12 Queensland Senior Ballet Program
- Dance (General ATAR)

FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Football Excellence (FBL)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description
 Training and Skill Development

Competitions

Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

· Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Football Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Football Excellence

GOLF EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Golf Excellence (GFD)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description • Training and Skill Development

Competitions

• Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

· Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Golf Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Golf Excellence

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TENNIS EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Tennis Excellence (TND)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description
 Training and Skill Development

Competitions

Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Tennis Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Tennis Excellence

VOLLEYBALL EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Volleyball Excellence (VBL)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description • Training and Skill Development

Competitions

• Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

· Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Volleyball Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Volleyball Excellence

Year 9 Elective Subject Guides

BUSINESS

Subject (school code) Business (BUS)

Faculty Business

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types Practical Assignments

Short response tests Written Assignments

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description Year 9 Business aims to develop an awareness of the role, relevance

and importance of business in society.

It has been designed for students who wish to develop

understandings, skills, abilities and attitudes about business in a vari-

ety of ways.

The course of study includes the following topics:

SEMESTER 1

- Australia as a trading nation and participants in the global economy
- Introduction to Accounting
- Managing Financial Risks

SEMESTER 2

- Parliament and Youth and the Law
- Corporate Responsibilities and Emerging Technologies
- Changing roles and the workforce

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Accounting
- Foundation Business
- Foundation Legal Studies

- Accounting
- Business
- Legal Studies

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Subject (school code) Digital Technologies (DIG)

Faculty eLearning

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types • Multimodal response, including projects

Supervised examinations

Folios

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description

The study of Digital Technologies enables students to become innovative designers and developers of digital solutions through applying design, system and computational thinking. Students collaborate and communicate when solving problems and operating and managing digital solutions, data and processes. They determine the best combinations of data, procedures and human and physical resources to generate efficient and effective solutions. Students will also be introduced to entrepreneurship in a digital solutions context.

Students study the following topics:

Artificial intelligence and machine learning Data-driven problems and cyber security

Robotics and programming

Mobile app design and development

Design thinking/human centred design (integrated)

Social and ethical issues (integrated)

With the ever-increasing impact of digital disruption and transformation, Digital Technology students will be enabled to become future influencers and change makers.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Digital Solutions (Foundation General subject; academic pathway)
- Foundation Information and Communication Technology (Foundation Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

- Digital Solutions (General subject; academic pathway)
- Information and Communication Technology (Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Subject (school code) Information and Communication Technologies (ITX)

Faculty eLearning

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types

Projects

Supervised examinations

Folios

Investigative analysis e.g. Research assignments, reports, system evaluations

Non-written\multimodal response e.g. web page, game

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description The study of ICT enables students to develop an awareness and un-

derstanding of emerging immersive, interactive and extended reality

technology, including augmented and virtual reality.

Students study the following topics:

3D modelling Interactive Media Augmented reality Virtual reality

Hardware and software (integrated)

Design thinking/human centred design (integrated)

Impact on Society (integrated)

With the ever-increasing impact of digital disruption and transformation in this area, ICT students will develop a level of confidence and

capability in use of these technologies.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Information and Communication Technology (Foundation Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

- Information and Communication Technology (Applied subject; vocational pathway)
- Certificate in Creative Industries Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway) *
- Certificate in Information Technology Certificate II and III options (VET vocational pathway)*

GEOGRAPHY

Subject (school code) Geography (GEG)

Faculty Humanities

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types • Field report

• Exam

Costs Field Trip Costs

Prerequisites Nil

Course DescriptionGeography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it. They also examine how human culture interacts with the natural en-

vironment, and the way that locations and places can have an impact on people. Geography seeks to understand where things are found, why they are, and how they develop and change over time.

Topics of study include:

 Global Biomes and food security - focuses on investigating the role of the biotic environment and its role in food and fibre production

- River City Biomes and Food this unit examines the variety of biomes in South East Queensland: Brisbane River Catchment, Eucalypt and Sub Tropical Rainforest of Brisbane Forest Park, Wetland Habitats of Moreton Bay and the unique Sand Island Habitats.
- Geography of interconnections interconnections focuses on investigating how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a wide variety of ways, and how these connections help to make and change places and their environments.
- Cities of Tomorrow: Sustainable Urban Landscapes investigates modern urbanisation patterns, and the significant environmental, economic and social effects, both negative and positive.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10 Year 11 and 12

Foundation Geography • Geography

HISTORY ON POINT

Subject (school code) History on Point (HOP)

Faculty Humanities

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types Historical research inquiry

Project based learning

Folio tasks Multimodal

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description

This course of study provides Year 9s who have an interest and passion for further exploration of history in the making of the modern world from 1750 to 1945 and beyond. The added benefit of this elective course is that students will be given opportunities to take part in project based learning, with an emphasis on multimodal responses in combination with detailed historical inquiry, with authentic links to the real-world beyond the classroom.

Topics of study include:

Industrial Revolution

How life changed in the period in depth through the study of the major developments of the Industrial Revolution and its specific impact and effects in Australia.

Australia - Making a Nation

The key aspects of World War I and the Australian experience of the war, including the nature and significance of the war in world and Australian history, including a case study on "The Boys from Barambah" – the history of the Black Diggers from Barambah-Cherbourg of WWI.

World War 1 (1914-1918)

The key aspects of World War I and the Australian experience of the war, including the nature and significance of the war in world and Australian history, including a case study on "The Boys from Barambah" – the history of the Black Diggers from Barambah-Cherbourg of WWI.

Post World War II Popular Culture (post-1945)

The nature of popular culture in Australia at the end of World War II, including music, film, TV and sport, as well as explore the developments in popular culture in post-war Australia and their impact on society, including the introduction of television and rock 'n' roll with the influence of overseas developments.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Foundation History

- Ancient History
- Modern History

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXT.

Subject (school code) Health and Physical Education Extension (XPE)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

Semester Assessment Types One Theory and one Physical Performance per term

Costs Nil

Prerequisites • Sports uniform and hat

• Minimum "C" level of achievement in Year 8 HPE

Course Description

Health and Physical Education Extension is aimed at giving students tools necessary for deep analysis of physical performance. The course content is more specifically aligned with the knowledge required for Senior Physical Education, rather than general Health and Physical Education.

Students learn a range of methods to analyse and employ tactics and strategies. This includes the integration of a range of Information and Communication Technologies into the analysis of performance.

Each theory unit is integrated with a physical performance unit. Students study the various strategies involved in *Direct Interceptive* and *Indirect Interceptive Sports*, as well as *Performance* and *Aesthetic Sports*.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Physical Education
- Physical Education

Year 11 and 12

Sports Performance

ITALIAN

Subject (school code) Italian (ITL)

Faculty Visual Arts and Languages

Duration of Subject Semester offerings (continuous program)

Semester Assessment Types Analysing short listening reading and visual Italian texts in English,

exchanging information and ideas in Italian, creating Italian texts in

response to stimulus.

Costs \$20 per semester

Prerequisites Previous study in Italian is advantageous.

Course DescriptionYear 9 Italian enables students to expand their vocabulary, learn and understand a broader range of language patterns and explore cultural influences within the

topics of:

Semester 1

- Daily Life
- The Italian café (explore Italian recipes)
- Exploring Italian cities (virtual tours/ treasure hunt)

Semester 2

- Leisure activities
- Meeting friends and going out (restaurant visit with Italians)

Students become capable and confident language learners as they investigate the culture and customs essential to language. They celebrate classroom, local and global diversity, and build relationships between Australian and Italian speaking communities. Students use digital technologies thus providing them with opportunities to enhance and motivate their language learning. They further develop their literacy skills in English and Italian while acquiring study skills, and exercise resilience and perseverance.

Year 9 Italian provides opportunities for students to be immersed in the Italian culture through research presentations, visits from Fri.Sa.Li Italian exchange students, hosting opportunities, excursions, Italian Language Centre Speaking competition, Education Perfect, ACER Languages Competence Test and online worldwide language competitions.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

· Foundation Italian

Year 11 and 12

Italian

JAPANESE

Subject (school code) Japanese (JAP)

Faculty Visual Arts and Languages

Duration of Subject Semester offerings (continuous program)

Semester Assessment Types Short response – analysing short listening, reading and visual texts.

Exchanging information – speaking

Response to stimuli - writing

Costs \$20 per semester

Prerequisites Previous study in Japanese, particularly scripts, is advantageous.

Course Description Year 9 Japanese builds upon the concepts and skills covered in the

Year 8 Japanese course. It enables students to expand their vocabulary, learn and understand a broader range of language patterns and explore culture influences within clearly defined themes. This course prioritises communicative ability and develops higher order thinking

skills while encouraging creativity.

Units of study provide opportunities to communicate in and understand Japanese around the topics of celebrations; the built world; shopping and culture; and technology trends in Japan. Additionally, there are opportunities for students to communicate with and engage in cultural exchange with students in Japan.

Students will develop their skills in script use, including hiragana, katakana and selected topical kanji.

Year 9 Japanese is a platform which provides the opportunity to build upon and extend their Japanese language capabilities.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Foundation Japanese

Year 11 and 12

Japanese

LITERATURE

Subject (school code) Literature (LIT)

Faculty English

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Analytical Texts, Imaginative Texts

Costs Nil

Prerequisites Year 8 English

Course Description The subject Lite

The subject Literature focuses on the study of literary texts, developing students as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, analyse perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations.

Students have opportunities to engage with language and texts through a range of teaching and learning experiences to foster:

- Enjoyment and appreciation of literary texts and the aesthetic use of language
- Creative thinking and imagination by exploring how literary texts shape perceptions of the world and enable us to enter the worlds of others
- Critical exploration of ways in which literary texts may reflect or challenge social and cultural ways of thinking and influence audiences
- Empathy for others and appreciation of different perspectives through studying a range of literary texts from diverse cultures and periods

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- English
- Essential English
- Literature

- English
- Literature
- English as an Additional Language
- English and Literature Extension
- Essential English

DANCE

Subject (school code) Dance (DAN)

Faculty Performing Arts

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Performance: Performance of a contemporary/hip hop piece; Indi-

vidual performance 1 – 2 min repertoire piece.

Creating/Choreography: 1 – 3 min contemporary piece based

around a theme

Appreciation: Responding to the work of choreographers; critiquing

their work

CostsNil, however students are encouraged to attend live theatre and

dance performances as incursions or excursions.

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description This program introduces students to the subject of Dance by studying

genres. Students will be provided with opportunities to perform, choreograph and appreciate dances in the genres of Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and Musical Theatre while developing a knowledge of safe

dance practice and correct technique.

Students will be provided with a KGSC Dance T- shirt. This and black leggings must be worn to all classes. Students will change before

their lesson and at the end.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

• Foundation Dance

- Dance (General ATAR subject)
- Queensland Ballet Program
- RAW Dance Certificate courses

DRAMA

Subject (school code) Drama (DRA)

Faculty Performing Arts

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Unit A: A Fork in the Road (Magical Realism)

Presenting: Scripted Drama in pairs (2-4 minutes)

Responding: Individual analysis and evaluation of a recorded live

Theatre production (200 – 300 words)

Devising (script writing): Write a missing scene from a play script.

Unit B: The Stories We Tell (Greek/Choral & Physical Theatre)

Devising and Presenting: Group Performance (2- 4 minutes)

Responding: Individual analysis and evaluation of a recorded live

theatre production (300 – 400 words)

Nil, however students are encouraged to attend live theatre and

dance performances as incursions or excursions.

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description Semester 1:

In the first Unit, 'A Fork in the Road', students explore the style of Magical Realism as one that allows for the fluid exploration of the human experience (i.e. allows audiences to see change and growth over an entire lifetime as well as make explicit the thoughts, feelings, dreams and fantasies of characters). They will study in particular the power of Magical Realism as a style to create innovative and engaging narrative structures that allow for interesting character development, relationships, roles, situations and places. Throughout the Unit they are exposed to a range of conventions of the style and their relationship to the context and purpose of the text Ithaca Road.

Semester 2:

In Unit B, 'The Stories we Tell', students study the styles of Choral and Physical theatre, with a focus on the use of ensemble and abstract performance to create meaning for an audience. They examine the ability of the chorus to act as a single entity as well as individuals, to create mood, tension, role, and offer unique perspectives. Furthermore, they experiment with the unique possibilities these styles offer for the manipulation and application of the elements of drama to create meaning. Specifically, they consider the use of conventions of these styles and the elements of drama in the interpretation of the Daniel Evans' text Ivy Shambitt and the Sound Machine and the critical analysis of Zen Zen Zo's Medea.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Costs

· Foundation Drama

- Drama (General ATAR Subject),
- Drama in Practice (Applied Subject)

STEM

Subject (school code) STEM (STM)

Faculty Science

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Possible assessment types might include:

Nil

- Student project
 Team project
- 3. 3D design and engineering project
- 4. Electronic circuitry project

Costs

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description Students may elect to do STEM in Semester 1 or 2. Details about course content for each semester is as follows.

Semester 1

The HAILI Rocket STEM Program is a course that focuses on developing skills providing a new way for students to learn. Students get to step away from their textbooks and instead play, manipulate, and experiment with advanced rocket technology. By teaching students how to handle a hybrid rocket motor, the HAILI Rocket STEM Program aims to ignite student confidence and curiosity in STEM based learning.

Semester 2

In partnership with PFi Aerospace, KGSC is delighted to offer this exciting unit. The Stepping into Space and Advanced Manufacturing Unit will encourage students to focus on humanities future amoung the stars. By focusing on our predicted journey through space, student must engage with the daunting questions currently faced by our best and brightest minds:

- How do we keep humanity alive?
- How do we survive the trip?
- What do we need to plan for?
- What if things go wrong?

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Chemistry
- Foundation Engineering Physics
- Foundation Mathematical Methods
- Foundation Specialist Mathematics
- Foundation Digital Solutions
- Foundation Design
- Foundation Engineering Pathways

- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Physics
- Mathematics Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- Digital Solutions
- Design
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways

Year 9

COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING

Subject (school code) Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)

Faculty Technology and Design

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Design Folios - Assignments

Costs \$10

Prerequisites Nil

Course DescriptionComputer Aided Drafting (CAD) is a course of study that introduces students in Year 9 to Autodesk Inventor and Revit Architecture.

This subject is based on 2 contextual units:

- Industrial Design Product design
- Built Environment Architecture Design

Students gain competency in sketching, Revit Architecture and Inventor that will allow them to produce the following:

- The Design Process
- Detailed working drawings
- · 3D modelling of engineering parts and machinery
- 3D residential and commercial buildings
- Architectural plans
- Landscape architecture
- Product design

The course of study is self-paced and allows all students to gain knowledge in the software that is used in the senior years.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Design
- Foundation Engineering Pathways
- Foundation Furnishing Skills

- Design
- Industrial Graphics skills
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Furnishing Skills

FOOD STUDIES

Subject (school code) Food Studies (FTS)

Faculty Technology and Design

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Continuous practical activity

Costs Students supply their own ingredients. Bulk items are provided.

Prerequisites Nil

Course Description Food Studies is a course of study that introduces students to food

and nutrition themes that are industry based. Students will complete a range of activities including: practical cookery, kitchen safety and hygiene, recipe and menu selection, food preparation and service. The study of nutrition is an important aspect of the course and covers the healthy eating pyramid, analyzing dietary intake and appropriate food and menu selection. Food studies is a preparatory course leading toward further studies in Certificate II in Hospitality & Tourism.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Hospitality
- Certificate II in Hospitality

Year 11 and 12

Certificate II in Hospitality

Year 9

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

Subject (school code) Industrial Technology & Design (ITD)

Faculty Technology and Design

Duration of Subject One Semester

Semester Assessment Types Continuous practical activity – projects

Design Booklet – students plan, design and make

Workplace Health & Safety competency

Costs \$40

Prerequisites Nil

Course DescriptionThis subject is designed to develop a student's knowledge and skills

related to the following areas:

Design – Creating, designing projects, critical thinking. **Electronics** – Project kit design, programming, electrical.

Furnishing studies – Woodwork.

Metalwork - sheet metal work; fitting and fabrication.

Graphics – Built environment, architecture, engineering drawing and

computer aided drafting.

Plastic techniques – Injection mouldings, thermoforming, thermo-

setting plastics.

Laser Cutting - Technology is widely used in ITD.3D printing - Allows students to generate prototypes.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Design
- Foundation Engineering Pathways
- Foundation Furnishing Skills

- Design
- Industrial Graphics skills
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Furnishing Skills

VISUAL ART

Subject (school code) Visual Art (ART)

Faculty Visual Arts and Languages

Duration of Subject Semester offerings (continuous program)

Semester Assessment Types Experimental Folios

Resolved artworks

Responding tasks: extended written, multimodal and examination

Costs \$20

Prerequisites Nil

Course DescriptionArt develops skills and concepts in traditional and new media. The

program incorporates intensive studio-based units in Drawing, Print Making, Mixed Media, Digital Media, Assemblage & Construction. Learning experiences include opportunities for collaborative school community programs and the potential for relevant excursions. The program embeds the cross curriculum priorities & general capabilities

of the Art National Curriculum (ACARA).

All units offer studio based, hands on learning with plenty of opportunity for experimentation and individual creative expression. There is a theory and history component aimed at building arts knowledge and key cultural concepts. 9 Art also provides a pathway in Art Excellence from the middle school Art + Design Excellence programs, as well as a springboard into a range of Yr10 Foundational subjects.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Foundation Visual Art
- Foundation Visual Art in Practice
- Foundation Media Arts in Practice
- Foundation Arts in Practice
- Foundation Fashion
- Foundation Film, Television & New Media

- Visual Art
- Visual Arts in Practice
- Media in Practice
- Arts in Practice
- Film, Television & New Media
- Fashion
- Senior ADE

DANCE EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Year 9 KG Dance Excellence (KDE)

Faculty Kelvin Grove Dance Excellence

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Core Assessment is based on Classical Ballet technique augmented

with assessments in Contemporary and jazz techniques and perfor-

mances.

Costs Tuition Fee Policy applies

Prerequisites Entry to the program is by annual audition in September. The classical

ballet audition is open to existing KGSC students as well as external

students wishing to apply.

Course Description The KGDE course core technique is classical ballet providing a

strong foundation for all other forms of dance technique. Each week

all levels participate in two ballet classes, and a third class in

contemporary, jazz or an allied dance subject. All dance classes are taken in normal school hours at KGSC's purpose built dance studios.

The general aims of the KG Dance Excellence Program are to:

- 1. Develop and provide a strong overall technique in all aspects of Ballet.
- 2. Provide strong ground work in Contemporary and Jazz dance techniques and other dance genres where applicable.
- 3. Develop rehearsal and performance skills, working as a team.
- 4. Develop discipline, motivation, musicality and creativity in dance.
- 5. Develop a professional attitude with respect to personal health, safe dance practice, work ethic and commitment.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

- Year 10 Queensland Senior Ballet Program (audition required)
- Foundation Dance

- Year 11 and Year 12 Queensland Senior Ballet Program
- Dance (General ATAR)

MUSIC EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Music Excellence (MEX)

Faculty Performing Arts

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Responding – analysing music styles such as Music inspired by Space

and Science Fiction, Musical Theatre and Minimalism.

Creating - Creating compositions using ICT including Sibelius, Musescore and Garageband software. Topics include song writing, mini-

malistic writing and creating a science fiction inspired work.

Presenting – Performance of works in the styles studied in solo, small

ensemble and large ensembles.

Music Theory – Completion of 3rd Grade AMEB music theory course.

Costs Music Excellence has a levy of \$110 to cover the AMEB examination

fee and student text.

• Year 8 Music Excellence is a prerequisite.

• The ability to read music, play an instrument or sing.

· Audition and interview with music staff member is mandatory if

applying for entry to the program at Year 9.

Course Description ICT is embedded in the music program. Students are required to pur-

chase a Macbook.

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

• Foundation Music (Authority subject)

- Music (General ATAR Subject)
- Music Extension (General ATAR Subject)
- Music in Practice (Applied Subject)

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FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Football Excellence (FBL)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description • Training and Skill Development

Competitions

Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

• Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Football Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Football Excellence

GOLF EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Golf Excellence (GFD)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description
 Training and Skill Development

Competitions

Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

· Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Golf Excellence

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Golf Excellence

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TENNIS EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Tennis Excellence (TND)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description
 Training and Skill Development

Competitions

Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

· Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Tennis Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Tennis Excellence

VOLLEYBALL EXCELLENCE

Subject (school code) Volleyball Excellence (VBL)

Faculty Health and Physical Education

Duration of Subject Whole year

Semester Assessment Types Ongoing Physical Performance

Costs Fees on Request

Prerequisites Students must complete an application and be selected from a trial

process.

Course Description
 Training and Skill Development

Competitions

• Strength & Conditioning

Sport Psychology

Nutrition

• Physiotherapy and Rehab

Aligned with Senior subjects

Year 10

Volleyball Excellence

Year 11 and 12

Volleyball Excellence