

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES 2017

ARTS ELECTIVES

Art

Year 8 Art is a practical subject with an emphasis on developing new skills and learning to use a variety of media in exciting new ways. This elective encourages you to examine the world around you, to incorporate your own interests as well as looking to traditional and modern artists for inspiration when designing and creating your own unique artworks. The design process in the visual diary allows you to record your ideas and to develop your ideas and to explore different materials such as pastels, paint, ink, clay and glazes to create finished artworks in the art forms of drawings, lino prints, paintings and ceramic pieces. You will study the work of traditional and contemporary artists and learn how to understand the meaning of artworks through discussion and writing.

Drama

In Year 8 Drama you will explore the twelve Dramatic Elements and develop a variety of skills including the use of voice and body through a series of performances and activities. You will develop skills in a variety of stagecrafts including: Sound, Direction, Costume, Props and Stage Management. You will then work in groups to create a mini production, putting the stagecrafts skills into practice, reflecting on your work through multi-media journals published as e-books. You will be required to attend a selected Aitken College theatre production during the semester as part of your course work, for which a discounted ticket will need to be purchased.

Media

Year 8 Media is an introductory course to visual storytelling through different forms of media. You will be introduced to scripting, storyboarding and composition and will apply these elements over several different projects. You will flex your creative muscle with stop-frame animation, apply your visual communication skills to shooting and producing a television commercial and finally explore and analyse a media product in terms of how it is produced and how it communicates with an audience. The projects will be created using your iPad and the Apple computers in the media room, and collated into multi-media journals published as e-books.

Music

Year 8 Music provides you with the opportunity to develop your musical skills through performance, songwriting, and theory and aural training. You will identify and analyse how the elements of music are used in different styles and apply this knowledge in your performances and compositions. You will evaluate musical choices yourself and others have made to communicate ideas and intentions as performers and composers of music from different cultures, times and locations; with a particular focus on Australian music. Through specialist tuition on one of five instruments (guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums, or voice) you will learn to manipulate the elements of music and use stylistic conventions to improvise, compose and perform music. You will present a concert at the conclusion of the semester in which you perform the works that you have learnt throughout the course; both individually and as a member of a group.

TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES

Digital Technology

In Year 8 Digital Technology you will be able to extend your knowledge of computer game creation using a variety of software programs, developing more complex, multi-level games to be played on a variety of platforms. You will increase your knowledge of robotics, building and programming robots to undertake a variety of rescue and recovery missions and challenges, developing your understanding of computational thinking and problem solving.

Food Technology

Year 8 Food Technology gives you the opportunity to make and study food. 'Healthy Eating, Healthy Living' explores the importance of a balanced diet. You will develop an understanding of how to make healthy food choices whilst following food safety and hygiene procedures. In 'Foods from Around the World' you will examine the history of food in Australia, beginning with traditional bush foods prepared by Indigenous peoples, the influence of early European settlement together with continuing immigration from a variety of cultures, and examine the subsequent effects on contemporary Australian eating patterns. You will also have the opportunity to produce dishes based on Mediterranean, Asian, Middle Eastern and European cookery.

Music Technology

Year 8 Music Technology provides you with an introduction to the basic skills and knowledge required to record, mix and edit sound sources. Using GarageBand and Pro Tools you will record and edit sound as you create your very own radio show podcast. You will create soundtracks for short films; learning to notate the music with Sibelius. This subject is an ideal introduction for students interested in studying Year 9 Music Technology and/or VET Music Industry (Sound Production) in later years, which could lead to careers such as audio engineering, sound design and composition.

Product Design

Year 8 Product Design will introduce you to the product design process, which you will use to design, make and evaluate products from a range of materials. You will be encouraged to think innovatively and creatively to solve problems and engage with technology, whilst understanding the potential impact products can have on our lives and our planet. You will learn how to work safely in the workshop using a range of power and hand tools and will have the opportunity to explore "new technologies" such as laser cutting.

Visual Communication and Design

Year 8 VCD aims to make you aware of the amazing man-made designs in your everyday life. These areas include the fields of graphic design (posters, reports, logos), product design (fashion design, industrial design) and environmental design (architecture, landscape design and interior design). You will learn to follow the design process in your visual diary to record your ideas and to develop and refine them. You will be taught a range of drawing methods using hand held tools to create three dimensional objects and you will use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to develop exciting and imaginative designs and images for a particular purpose.