

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES 2018

ARTS ELECTIVES

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 stage crafts including: Sound, Direction, Costume, Props and Stage Management. You will then work in groups to create a mini production, putting the stage crafts skills into practice, and 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 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 iPads and the tripods, microphones and Apple computers in the media room, and published on group pages in My Aitken.

Music Performance

Year 8 Music Performance provides you with the opportunity to develop your musical skills through performance, song writing, musicianship 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. Participation in at least one College ensemble is a required part of the weekly learning program of this unit. Participation in ensembles assists development of rhythmic accuracy, pitch discrimination, acquiring a full dynamic range, and developing musical style and vitality through a variety of rehearsal techniques employed by each ensemble director. You will present a performance at the conclusion of the semester in which you perform the works that you have learnt throughout the unit, both as a soloist and as a member of a group. **NOTE: Students wishing to study Music Performance should be learning, or have previously learnt, a musical instrument.**

Visual Art

Year 8 Visual 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.

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 and adding additional peripherals. You will increase your knowledge of robotics, building and programming robots to solve a variety of real life scenarios and challenges, developing your understanding of computational thinking and problem solving.

Food Technology

In Year 8 the Food Technology course is divided into three units. The first unit is titled Health, Safety and Procedures in the Kitchen. You are introduced to procedures and rules to assist in your understanding of safe food handling. The second unit, Dietary Needs explores 'The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating' and 'The Healthy Eating Pyramid'. Based on the recommendations from The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, you will gain an understanding of your nutritional needs as well as how to create a healthy eating plan. The final unit is called Design Briefs, in which you will be introduced to the design process to create a quality food product. The theme for this section is Asian cuisine. Throughout this topic, you will be exposed to traditional dishes and cooking methods that relate to a range of Asian countries. For the assessment component, you will be required to produce a meal and complete a design folio.

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 Pro Tools, you will record and edit sound as you create your very own radio show podcast. You will create soundtracks for short films by learning to source and import audio files. Using MIDI instruments, you will explore the genre of video game music by writing compositions and setting them to imagery. 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, music production 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.