



ELECTIVES: YEAR 9 2017

ART

Year 9 Art is for you if you are inspired to create. This course will also help you if you are keen to develop your skills in preparation for VCE Art/Studio Arts. You will continue to develop skills in the areas that were covered in the core course in Year Seven and elective course in Year Eight. Specific areas of study may include Painting, Print Making, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics, Computer-Aided Imagery and Mixed Media. You will build up a folio of work as well as accompanying development work in your visual art diary. There is an emphasis on learning and exploring new techniques to express individual themes and ideas through the making of art. In theory lessons a range of art periods and styles are studied to complement the practical assignments. You will research the work of a variety of Australian and International artists and study the influences they have had on artworks and art processes. The study of past and contemporary artists and their work practices will be assisted through relevant excursions and/or visiting artists.

COMMERCE (CIVICS, CITIZENSHIP AND THE LAW)

Year 9 Commerce provides you with information about our legal system so that you are able to understand your legal rights, the functions of courts, and the way elections operate. You will also learn how to manage your personal finances. Issues such as coping with mobile phones, jobs, budgeting and other finance problems are studied through the use of various Internet and computer related case studies. Excursions reinforce the concepts studied in class. This elective provides a good background for studies in Accounting, Economics, Legal Studies, and Business Management in the VCE.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

The Year 9 Computer Programming elective enables you to learn new computer programming skills and knowledge. This course allows you to develop new skills in using game making software such as 'Gamemaker' to create your own computer games. You will also learn the fundamental concepts and terminology of software application development and develop skills in designing and creating digital products. You will also develop your understanding of computational thinking and problem solving.

DRAMA

*You may choose **one** or **both** Drama subjects listed below. You will be required to attend a selected Aitken College theatre production during the semester as part of their course work, for which a discounted ticket will need to be purchased. Note that if you choose the Drama Elective **you are required to provide and wear Drama Blacks.***

Drama – Mask Creation/Performance, Commedia dell'Arte and Shakespeare (Semester 1)

In the Term One unit of Year 9 Drama, "Revealing and Disguising", you will learn about how masks are designed, made and utilised in performance. You will improvise and workshop your own Commedia dell'Arte mask performance group piece. In the Term Two unit, "Shakespeare", you will explore and develop skills in performance with a scene or monologue from a selection of Shakespearean plays. You will investigate Stanislavski's theories on acting to assist your understanding of your chosen piece. You will also direct your own work and utilise your choice of staging, costume and props and rehearse towards a performance to their class.

Drama – Australian Theatre/Performance Skills (Semester 2)

In Term Three, Year 9 Drama you will study “Australian Theatre: Then and Now”, performing excerpts from several Australian plays and developing a wide range of characterization skills. In Term Four, you will write, create, and star in your own piece of theatre, in “The Craft of the Stage”. You will find out how things work behind the scenes as well as on stage, and learn how to light, costume and design a performance.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 Food Technology gives you the opportunity to make and study food. In ‘Special Dietary Needs’ you will gain an understanding of a vegetarian diet, Diabetes, Coeliac disease, lactose intolerance, Coronary Heart disease, the diet of a pregnant woman as well as investigating food allergies and food intolerance. You will cover what it means for sufferers of a particular dietary need and what diet is required. Recipe modification is a key focus area with the intention of broadening your understanding of ingredients and their function. You will also look at macronutrients and micronutrients with an emphasis on the different nutritional and energy requirements of particular groups, in particular adolescence.

MEDIA

Year 9 Media will continue to develop your visual story telling skills, as well as understanding of the different forms of media and a more defined look at the production process. You will study how media images are composed and communicate a message to an audience. You will put your skills into practice, shooting and producing a short film montage using cameras, microphones and the green screen. Then you will apply these skills to producing a music video. You will study the way in which music videos are composed and their effect on the viewer. You will then make your own music video, concentrating on how camera angles, framing and editing can convey the message and story of your chosen song. Finally, you will explore how different groups are represented in the media through analysing a range of media products. The projects will be created using your iPads, HD cameras, Apple computers in the media room and collated into multi-media journals published as e-books.

MULTIMEDIA

In Year 9 Multimedia you will further develop your computational thinking and problem solving skills to define and solve problems and create your own multimedia products. You will have the opportunity to learn multimedia-programming languages such as HTML, Javascript, Ruby and Python and use your new skills to create multimedia products using Adobe Dreamweaver and Edge Animate. You will have the opportunity to use your multimedia animation skills using music, speech and dance to program Paris the humanoid robot to walk, talk and dance.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Year 9 Music Performance provides you with the opportunity to rehearse and perform solo and ensemble repertoire in a range of forms and styles. You will evaluate the use of elements of music and defining characteristics used in music in advertising. You will use your understanding of music making in different cultures, times and places to inform and shape your compositions as you design your own musical soundscapes using Pro Tools. You will develop your general listening and specific aural skills to enable you to enhance your performances and use knowledge of the elements of music, style and notation to compose, document and share your music.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 Music Technology provides you with practical skills and knowledge to complete routine audio tasks, including basic sound editing, assisting with sound recordings, operating studio equipment and compiling audio materials for broadcast or publication. You will also gain the skills and knowledge required to apply musical styles and conventions to the composition of simple songs or musical pieces within the electronic music genre. This subject is an ideal introduction for students interested in studying VET Music Industry (Sound Production) in later years, which could lead to careers such as audio engineering, sound design and composition.

PRODUCT DESIGN

In Year 9 Product Design you will follow the product design process to develop innovative and creative solutions to a design brief. You will be given a design problem to solve and be asked to identify the main design constraints and considerations. You will conduct research and generate ideas using freehand drawing and computer aided design (CAD). You will work safely, using a range of tools and machines, to produce a unique product that meets your client's requirements. At the end of the production process you will evaluate the product and your design process.

PRODUCT DESIGN (CAD)

Year 9 Product Design (CAD) is recommended for you if you are creative and interested in selecting VCE courses such as Product Design and Technology and/or Visual Communication and Design in the future. This elective offers you the opportunity to gain the necessary skills to use SketchUp and AutoCAD software, to design, model and create realistic models and renderings of everyday products and architectural models. The focus of this course is on designing and creating parts, assemblies and fully dimensioned working drawings. You will design products to meet specific requirements for 3D printing and will explore the possibilities of computer aided manufacturing techniques. You will gain an understanding of how engineers, designers and architects, amongst others, use CAD to help build the world around us.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION AND DESIGN

Year 9 Visual Communication and Design is designed to introduce you to the exciting world of design concepts through practical tasks. You will create your designs using freehand drawing, instrumental drawing and the computer programs Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. Some examples of projects which you may work on are architectural drawings, posters, CD covers, logos, packaging and brochures. Each design task requires you to work through the design process: to research information, draw and sketch ideas, then trial and refine the ideas. You must also think about the purpose of the final art work and consider who the target audience is and how to attract the attention of this audience. You will be taught to render your final presentations using a range of media such as colour pencil, ink, fine liner and digital imaging.

WRITERS WORKSHOP

Would you like to publish your poetry in an anthology? Put your song lyrics to music? Create a children's picture book that you read to primary students? Interview a friend or family member? Write a history of Aitken College with a model you design and make? Write a play that is performed? Produce a research project on an issue or theme close to your heart? If you join Year 9 Writer's Workshop you will be able to do any of these exciting activities and more. You will be given the opportunity to write about anything that interests you using any style of writing – poetry, plays, film/TV scripts, letters, journals, short stories, brochures and posters, songs, interviews, histories and research projects. The Writer's Workshop is not just for gifted writers – anybody interested in publishing their work is welcome. All you need is a willingness to participate, to share your ideas and experiment with your writing. Everyone has something to say. The Writer's Workshop gives you a voice that will be heard by others. Have a go! You might surprise others. You might even surprise yourself!