

Dargaville High School

Year 9 Options

Semester Two

Monday 20th July – Friday 4th December





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Option 3:

Textiles: Fashion Design

This course is to introduce students to a range of skills in preparation for a pathway in Textiles and Fashion. Students will focus on the design process through a practical program. There will be an opportunity to explore individual design concepts. This will enable students to develop a range of skills in pattern cutting and construction techniques.

Food and Nutrition: Food for Me

In this class you will learn how to plan and cook healthy food for you and your family. You will use your creative skills to design, cook and eat foods that are nutritionally balanced, cost effective, taste great, are safe to eat and look appetising. Studies in Food and Nutrition lead to Year 10 Food & Nutrition, heading to either Home Economics or Hospitality in the senior school.

Performing Arts: Production

If performance is your thing and you wish to one day see your name up in lights, then this is the option for you! In this unit we will be putting on a show! This is a follow on unit from Semester One dance and drama, it is aimed at the super keen performers. If you have a passion for performing and would love to be part of a production that will be performed in front of an audience, then this is the module for you! If you did not do Dance or Drama last semester, you are still welcome to join. This course will prepare you for NCEA Drama Levels 1-3.

Performing Arts: Music

Introduction to making and creating music. Time will be spent playing music as a group on marimba and learning about music through studying this instrument. You will be given time and materials to study independently - keyboards, guitar and ukulele. We will learn about and describe music through listening, playing, composing, notating and performing music. You need to be able to share, communicate and work with others. You will be assessed on the learning you have made on a chosen instrument, how you work with others and performances/compositions that you take part in.

Social Sciences: I want to Travel

This course is designed to introduce students to the Travel and Tourism Industry and to provide insight into some of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and in NZ.

Students gain knowledge of the major tourism sectors, some work roles and attributes required for those areas. A knowledge of the world and gateway cities for international travel is included and contrasted with those destinations that are considered security risks for travellers.

Students have the opportunity to hear about travel from guest speakers and to taste and prepare food from a chosen destination.

Option 4:

Art: Visual Arts

This course will be a combination of drawing, painting and woodcut printmaking. The work will be based on the work of New Zealand Artist Models, with some Maori and Pasifika influences. Students will gain experience using a wide range of media, including paint, ink, pen and pencil. This course is in preparation for taking Art at Year 10.

Performing Arts: Drama(foundation)

During the Year Nine Drama(foundation) programme you will learn about how to use drama techniques in performance, you will enjoy playing improvisation games and learning about physical comedy and clowning. No previous acting experience needed. In this drama class you will be performing in front of the class. If you don't feel confident performing to a larger audience, this module is for you.

Languages: Matou Reo

This course will explore Te Reo Maori, the indigenous language of Aotearoa, New Zealand. You will learn about how culture is expressed. You will gain knowledge and understanding of Te Reo Maori through tikanga (cultural practices), toi Maori (cultural art forms), kai (food) and whakanui (celebrations such as Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori). This course will give you the foundation skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in simple Te Reo Maori which includes exploring whakapapa (genealogy), pepeha (talking about our families) and mihimihi (acknowledging others). Te Reo Maori language offers literacy, numeracy and problem solving skills. Learning to appreciate Maori culture will help you to better value Aotearoa, the history and beauty of New Zealand. This course is the foundation for Year 10 Te Reo Maori and then onto NCEA Levels 1-3.

Languages: Survival Japanese

This course will give you a mix of the skills you may need to survive in Japan and around the world. With Japan having hosted the Rugby World Cup in 2019, the Olympics and Paralympics to be hosted in 2021, and Masters Games in 2022, there are plenty of opportunities for Kiwis to go and experience life and work in Japan. This course will give you the foundation skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in simple Japanese. You will learn about the culture too, of course, and you will get to make and taste some Japanese food dishes as well. Foreign language skills are an excellent way to enhance your literacy and numeracy skills, problem solving skills, and, of course, broaden your horizons by becoming a global citizen; skills highly valued by employers. This course is the foundation for Year 10 Japanese and then onwards all the way through NCEA Levels 1-3 Japanese.

Cost: \$10 for optional take home workbook

Technology: Designing and Making Technology

This course is to introduce students to the necessary skills needed for a pathway in Design, Graphics and Making. This can lead into a wide variety of career choices later. Students will focus on the design and making process through a series of mini modules involving graphics and design, computer aided design and manufacture, as well as more traditional wood and plastic working skills.

Cost of consumables and take home items \$30