



Dargaville High School

Year 9 Options 2022

Semester One

Thursday 10th February – Friday 8th July (End of Term 2)



Dargaville High School Year 9 Subjects

Option 1:

Languages: Te Reo Māori

This course will give you the foundation skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in simple Te Reo Maori. You will learn about the culture through toi Māori (art forms), pūrakau (stories) waiata (songs), whakataukī (proverbs or sayings), rongoa (natural medicine) and kai (food). A Noho Marae (a marae stay) will help you understand the aspect of pōwhiri and you will participate in the harvesting of seafood and preparation of hangi. You will be encouraged to do kapa haka and experience this art form of cultural dance and expression.

Te Reo Māori is your language as a New Zealander, helps ground you in your identity and career pathways. Te Reo also provides opportunities for numeracy & literacy as well as problem-solving skills. This course is the foundation for Year 10 Te Reo Maori and then onto NCEA Levels 1-3.

Performing Arts: Music

In Year 9 Music there is a focus on practical and creative music-making with an emphasis on group-work. No experience is necessary.

You will:

Learn to play an instrument as part of a group. Play marimba and learn a variety of styles of music.

Learn to read chord boxes and guitar tablature. Discuss and analyse a variety of music.

Learn about the history of music and a little music theory.

Create digital music and beats using Mixcraft 9 on computers.

Textiles Technology:

This course is designed to cater for students who want to explore creativity through Textiles.

Projects are student driven addressing their interests. Students will be working on a variety of projects with variable outcomes. Students will work within the context of sustainability, using a variety of materials including upcycled fabrics and components.

Cost: \$40 (consumables and take home items)

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!

Option 2:

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 to 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, as well as more traditional wood, metal and plastic working skills.

Cost: \$40 (consumables and take home items)

Art: Visual Arts

In this course you will explore a range of artistic mediums, such as pencil, ink, paint, printmaking and digital art. Your work will be influenced by contemporary Pasifika, Maori and New Zealand Artist Models. This course is recommended for students who have a creative side and a passion for the arts. This course is the start of your journey in Art, preparing you for Year 10 and NCEA Levels 1-3.

Cost: \$20 additional Art pack (this is optional - materials will be supplied for use in class)

Performing Arts (Dance/ showquest)

During this module you will learn about different dance styles, you will be part of creating our school showquest entry. This module is not just for people who can already dance! All you need is a love for dance and a great attitude. At the end of the module, we will be hosting a dance evening for the community.

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.

Languages are available via Video Conferencing. Contact Ms Martin, Year 9 Dean or Ms Chiaroni (jchiaroni@darghigh.school.nz) to discuss this option.