



Dargaville High School

Year 9 Options 2024

Semester Two (Term 3 and Term 4)

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Year 9 Subjects

Option 1:

Design and Making Technology

This course is to introduce students to the necessary skills needed for a pathway in Design and Making. This can lead to a wide variety of career choices later, from design and engineering to a trade apprenticeship. Students will focus on the design and making process through a series of mini-modules involving graphics and design, as well as more traditional wood and plastic working skills. This course leads into Y10 DMT and then into the senior school courses.

Protective footwear is essential, safety equipment is to be worn as necessary and safe working practices must be followed.

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

Art: Visual Arts

In this course, you will explore a range of artistic media, such as pencil, ink, paint, printmaking and digital art. Your work will be influenced by contemporary Pasifika, Māori 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.

It is useful to have this equipment for class: HB pencil, 6B pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener.

Optional Cost: \$29 additional Art Pack for homework use (this is optional - materials will be supplied for use in class). Talk to your teacher if you would like to purchase an Art Pack.

Sport

In Sport, we will be focusing on understanding the Human Body and how we interact with our environment. Experimenting with a range of activities, will allow each student the opportunity to embrace something new while maintaining the core function of muscular movements.

Food Studies

Understanding the impact of our food choices on our hauora (wellbeing) is essential for life! While working in pairs or in groups, you will learn to use kitchen equipment safely, prepare food in a hygienic manner, use a range of cooking methods to prepare a wide variety of foods, and be able to express your creativity through creating your own food product.

We will be focusing on basic nutrition, meal options, and food trends. Students will plan their own recipe kit, which can be used for an 'at home cooking' challenge. Topics covered will include - Food trends, design a Food Truck menu and Snack Attack. This subject promotes the ability to work in teams, good communication skills, resilience, good self-management skills, and thinking skills.

Option 2:

Performing Arts: Music

The year 9 Music module is for students who love listening to music, playing instruments, or creating original songs. The course will cover basic music theory, the fundamentals of music, exploring music genres, developing the musical ear, learning to play an instrument, and building confidence to perform in front of others. These topics will begin to prepare students for NCEA Levels 1-3 in Music.

Performing Arts: Drama (foundation)

During the Year Nine Drama (foundation) programme you will learn how to use drama techniques in performance, enjoy playing improvisation games, and learn about physical comedy and clowning.

No previous acting experience is 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!

French

Bonjour et bienvenue à la classe de français! Hello and welcome to French class! In our French class, we will be learning how to speak and understand simple French phrases, such as how to greet people, talk about ourselves and others, order food, count numbers, etc. We will listen to, read, and speak simple French texts and play games which will let us practise and test our understanding. We will learn about the French way of life as we explore parts of this beautiful country, and we will have the opportunity to make and taste some typical French foods.

Resources: please make sure you have an exercise book for this class and a glue stick. A clearfile folder (20 pages) is also **highly recommended** for keeping your resources together.

Applied Arts - with textiles

Do you enjoy being creative? In this art-based module students will make 2D and 3D works of art, craft and textiles. Students will be creating drawings, using different materials, developing creative thinking skills by designing an outcome that they will make. Outcomes will adapt to class interests, but may include mask making, clay tile, wearable art or contemporary jewellery, fabric painting/stenciling and sewing a bag or plush toy. Skills learnt in this module will help students moving into Visual Art, DMT and Textiles in Year 10, plus it will be lots of fun!

Cost: \$10 take home materials (all other materials will be supplied for use in class)