DARLING RANGE
SPORTS COLLEGE

SUBJECT SELECTION HANDBOOK

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MAKING SELECTIONS

Please note that we aim to reflect the needs and wants of all students however, we reserve the right to change or alter your child's selections in the instance where a class may not run. In that event, we will endeavour to accommodate your child's second preference where possible however we cannot make any guarantees.

SPORTS PROGRAM STUDENTS

- Students will study their focus sport and Sports Science in both semesters.
- Instrumental Music (IMSS) students **must** study Music Academy in both semesters.
- Students will select 2 first preferences for Semester 1.
- Students will select 2 first preferences for Semester 2.

NON-SPORTS PROGRAM STUDENTS

- Students will study General Physical Education in both semesters.
- Instrumental Music (IMSS) students **must** study Music Academy in both semesters.
- Students will select 3 first preferences for Semester 1.
- Students will select 3 first preferences for Semester 2.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

The following pages outline the content of each of the subjects available to Year 9 students. Students should discuss their possible choices with the relevant Learning Area teachers if they require further information about specific subjects.

ENGLISH

Year 9 English develops students' skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening through the study of a range of texts, including novels, films, podcasts, poetry and digital media. Students learn how language, structure, and visual and audio techniques are used to create meaning and influence audiences.
Assessment is varied and may include creative and persuasive writing, analytical responses, oral presentations, and multimodal tasks. A focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar supports students to communicate clearly and effectively. NAPLAN preparation occurs in Semester 1.

The course is delivered through a differentiated program, with learning adjusted to support and challenge students at their point of need.

GENERAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

General Physical Education is compulsory for all students who are not enrolled in one of our Specialist Sports Programs

This course is designed to provide students with the skills to assist them in maintaining a lifelong involvement in traditional team sport. The course is broken down into three sections: moving our body, understanding movement and learning through movement.

General Physical Education aims to provide students with interesting and meaningful learning experiences in a diverse range of physical activities to motivate students in their sporting pursuits. Various practical sport units are to be completed during the year and could be selected from a list such as volleyball, soccer, athletics, touch football, cricket, AFL, netball, basketball, aquatics, hockey, circuit training, softball and sofcrosse. Students will learn about personal hygiene and self-management skills through ensuring they are changed and prepared to participate in each lesson.

HEALTH

In Health Education, students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to make decisions and take action to strengthen their sense of personal identity and autonomy, build resilience, manage risk and develop satisfying, respectful relationships.

They learn to take a critical approach to questioning physical activity and health practices and to use inquiry skills to research factors that influence the health, safety, wellbeing, and physical activity patterns of themselves, individuals, groups and communities. As students grow and mature, they learn to access, analyse and apply a variety of resources for the benefit of themselves and the communities to which they belong.

Humanities And Social Sciences

The Humanities and Social Sciences learning area develops students' understanding of how individuals and groups live together and interact with their surrounding environment. We are currently living in a dynamic and changing world. Through their studies, our students will make sense of this changing world by investigating key aspects of the past, present and future.

The HASS learning area consists of four curriculum topics- History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, and Economics and Business.

In year 9, we build up students' independence and help them engage in critical and creative thinking. We support students to apply their skills in new and varied contexts. In the curriculum, we cover the following topics:

- History (The Industrial Revolution and World War I) - Students will investigate the beginnings of the modern world through the innovations, population movements and impacts of the Industrial Revolution. They will use this information to set the historical context of the newly created country of Australia and its participation and the effects of the Great War.
- Geography (Biomes, Food Security and Interconnections) - By the end of this topic, students will understand the unique and varied nature of biomes of the earth and how humans produce food by using and altering the biomes in which they live. They will also learn about connecting people and places both within Australia and throughout the world.
- Civics and Citizenship (Our Democratic Rights) - Students investigate the role of political parties and how citizens participate in democracy during election time. We take a deeper look into Australia's judicial system, including how the courts are organised and operated.
- Economics and Business (Australia's Global Economy) - Students will review their understanding of Australia's economy and look at another economy to compare it. We investigate how to keep ourselves safe in today's financial landscape by looking at scams, debt and risk.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students will develop the essential mathematical skills and knowledge to build the numeracy capabilities that are vital to each individuals personal, work and civic life. The Western Australian Curriculum: Mathematics provides students with mathematical skills and knowledge in:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

Students will develop the links between the various components of mathematics as well as developing an understanding of the relationship between mathematics and the other disciplines. Students will learn to access the power of mathematical reasoning, problem solving and thinking creatively and efficiently.

Many lessons and activities will incorporate the use of ICT to enrich and extend the students' understandings of Mathematics. This will include the use of scientific calculators and personal devices, which are required to be purchased, or retained from previous years, by all students in Year 9.

Students will be placed into a course best suited to their ability, as determined by their Year 8 results, and/or consultation with the Head of Learning Area, Mathematics.

SCIENCE

In Year 9, students will study from the four areas of understanding set down by the Western Australian Curriculum:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Earth and Space Sciences

Students consider the operation of systems at a range of scales. They explore ways in which the human body as a system responds to its external environment and the interdependencies between biotic and abiotic components of ecosystems. They are introduced to the notion of the atom as a system of protons, electrons and neutrons, and how this system can change through nuclear decay. They learn that matter can be rearranged through chemical change and that these changes play a key role in many systems. They are introduced to the concept of the conservation of matter and begin to develop a more sophisticated view of energy transfer. They begin to apply their understanding of energy and forces to global systems such as continental movement.

Year 9 students will also move into a new tier of Science Inquiry. They will learn how to formulate questions or hypotheses that can be investigated scientifically, plan, select and use appropriate investigation types to collect reliable data, and to assess risk and address ethical issues associated with these methods. In addition, students select and use appropriate equipment, including digital technologies, to collect and record data systematically and accurately, analyse patterns and trends in data, use knowledge of scientific concepts to draw conclusions that are consistent with evidence, and evaluate conclusions, including identifying sources of uncertainty and possible alternative explanations.

Students will continue to lay the foundations for further study in Senior School science subjects which can lead them to many exciting career opportunities.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

ARTS LEARNING AREA

DANCE – HIP HOP

This course introduces students to the world of dance, where students learn dynamic dance skills and movement vocabulary. Students are encouraged to experience the roles of both dancer and choreographer.

Projects include a selection from the following:
Group performances (both in and out of school performances)
Costume and stage design
Makeup and stage effects
Opportunity to perform in school dance teams or school production team
Choreography

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

DANCE – JAZZ

This course introduces students to the world of dance, where students learn dynamic dance skills and movement vocabulary. Students are encouraged to experience the roles of both dancer and choreographer.

Projects include a selection from the following:
Jazz/Funk
Group performances (both in and out of school performances)
Costume and stage design
Makeup and stage effects
Opportunity to perform in school dance teams or school production team
Choreography

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

DIGITAL ART – MIXED MEDIA

The Digital Art course explores knowledge and skills in Visual Arts while giving students the opportunity to combine traditional drawing with digital techniques to produce a mixed media 'urban e-scape' artwork. Students are taught the key concepts of Landscape, Figures, Narrative, Photography and Painting. Students capture images, manipulate them with Photoshop, and transfer digital work to canvas for further overlay with various paint and other materials.

Projects include a selection from the following:
Collage
Charcoal and Ink Drawing
Photography
Digital Image manipulation
Painting

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $45.00 per semester.

DRAMA

This course focuses on developing the use of skills and elements of drama to create theatre. It includes two fully staged productions. Key areas of study include:

Commedia Del'Arte
Improvising - spontaneous and rehearsed
Movement skills / relaxation skills
Breathing and voice
Role play and characterisation skills
Scripted Performance
Elements of Drama
Design and production
Writing as applied to building plays
Stagecraft
Play Building

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

MEDIA ARTS – VIDEO

In Media Arts - Video, students will gain the ability to refine and extend their understanding of media and how this affects a specific target audience. Students will draw on media arts from a range of cultures, times and locations as they experience how they affect and influence the world we live in. Students will be expected to view and analyse a range of media forms including documentaries, television, films and news stories. They will gain the knowledge to analyse the way in which audiences understand and interact with media works. Building on their understanding of artists and audiences, students will engage with more diverse media artworks by first analysing and then producing their own short films.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $50.00 per semester.

MUSIC ACADEMY

NOTE: This course is a requirement for IMSS students.

In this music class students will continue learning how to analyse, imitate and create music from a variety of modern popular styles. Year 9 music will look at a range of modern music genres, and the techniques and performance skills that go into playing and creating them.

This course maintains a practical performance focus – with opportunities to develop and apply skills on core contemporary instruments like guitar and keyboard. It also continues to explore production skills using musical technology and DAW (digital audio workstation) software that are foundational to current music industry practices.

This course is available for students interested in continuing their music studies from the courses of Years 7 and 8. Beginners are welcome and it is recommended that students either play or are willing to learn to play a musical instrument in the class environment. Students may also be required to perform in a public forum, either in class or in College concerts.

The course is strongly recommended as a pre-requisite for students wishing to continue with music in Year 10.

Note: this course runs for the full school year. The cost for this course is $40.00

PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 9 Photography introduces students to a variety of photographic techniques, digital SLR Cameras and photo-editing processes. Students will focus their time on learning how to use the DSLR camera equipment to capture images with strong composition and interest.

Examples of tasks taught are:

- Essential camera controls
- Close up photography
- Composition of photographs
- Adobe Lightroom for organising and editing images
- Photoshop manipulation and compositing

This course has a strong practical content and utilises professional equipment to capture techniques within photography. This is a highly creative course and will help develop students' creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $60.00 per semester.

VISUAL ART

This course will explore a number of techniques in a variety of art styles such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Over a semester, students will engage in every part of the artmaking process that are outlined in the Western Australian Curriculum. These being Inquiry, Art Practice, Presentation, Analysis, Social/Cultural/Historical Context and Interpretation/Personal Response. This course will give students the opportunity to try new, fun and exciting art projects while they expand on their existing art knowledge and abilities.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $45.00 per semester.

Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area

Horrible Histories

Students will explore different historical periods and key figures through the lens of Horrible Histories using humour and storytelling to make history fun and memorable.

Students will study two depth units:

- The Vikings: focusing on the origins and identity of the Viking people, exploring both factual and fictional portrayals. Students investigate the geographical and historical context of the Viking Age, followed by an indepth look at Viking social structure, daily life and gender roles. Students will examine how Vikings lived through studies of villages, longhouses, food, clothing and farming practices. Norse mythology and the transition from paganism to Christianity are explored before students complete a midterm assessment.

- Piracy: beginning with an exploration of its definition, origins and the causes behind its rise in the early modern period. Students will examine key locations of pirate activity during the Golden Age, analyse pirate codes and investigate the social organisation of pirate crews. The program delves into the lives of infamous pirates such as Blackbeard and Anne Bonny, comparing myth with historical fact. Students will explore the realities of pirate life, including social dynamics, roles of women and families aboard ships and battle strategies used during sea engagements.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

Languages Learning Area

Auslan

Auslan aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to enable students to:
- communicate in Auslan understand language,
- culture and learning and their relationship, and thereby develop an intercultural capability in communication,
- understand themselves as communicators and
- develop a knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of Deaf experience and the nature of identity.

Students enter this elective with prior experience of Auslan. They bring a range of existing capabilities, strategies and knowledge that can be applied to new learning.

Students use Auslan to compare and contrast, to sign instructions, problem-solve, make announcements, persuade, and recount experiences in increasing detail. They engage with a range of Auslan texts, and express feelings and emotions creatively in the language. They participate individually and in groups in tasks and learning experiences. They create their own signed narratives, summarise, and critically examine viewed texts.

Students interact with teachers, peers, and members of the Deaf community, in real life or via online technologies. They also encounter Auslan in the wider community, such as in the media, at community events or via guest speakers.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $50.00 per semester.

Science Learning Area

STEM Extension

In this fun and engaging course, students will enhance their skills in communication, collaboration and problem solving by participating in a range of projects involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Real life examples of application of these skills will be given and students will have the opportunity to participate in regional competitions, excursions and incursions where appropriate. Students will also have exposure to the STEM library which is a collection of robotics and STEM based technology.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $35.00 per semester.

Technologies Learning Area

Creative Materials

This course invites students to step into the world of boundless creativity with our Creative Materials course. The aim of this course is to give students the basic skills to work in a workshop and, design and make pieces of ornate art, creative show pieces or stunning jewellery. Students will work with a variety of different materials to manufacture their own designs. This enjoyable and exciting course will allow students opportunities to use materials such as wood, metal, & plastics, to unleash their artistic potential and breathe life into their creative visions. They learn about the properties of materials through interesting activities and construct projects using a variety of workshop techniques.

Students will apply endless imagination and explore a diverse range of materials from the fluid beauty of resin to the timeless allure of different types of materials. Students will develop skills and confidently apply a variety of skills and techniques, from resin casting to using workshop equipment. Students will learn to wield an array of tools and equipment with independence and precision.

They will build upon their workshop skills already learnt from Technologies and have the opportunity to:

- Design and make their own projects such as small furniture items, sculptured pieces or model making
- Use a variety of workshop skills to develop projects
- Material types and selection
- Learn material manipulation and construction

Exceptional achievement and a positive workshop attitude will support fuwwwther aspirations to complete Upper school Wood or Metal courses, or Certificate II courses in Automotive and Engineering industry qualifications.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Students will have opportunities to create a range of digital solutions through structured learning experience, guided play and integrated learning, such as using a switch to access a variety of cause and effect programs, toys and devices and recording mathematical data with software applications.

Students begin to experience the use of common digital systems and begin to explore and to sort data. They learn to organise, manipulate and present this data in various creative ways.

Students follow schedules and sequence steps to complete many routine tasks and manage everyday problems. They begin to develop their ability to carry out instructions through sequenced steps.

Through structured learning experience students learn about the safe use of devices for learning and communicating.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $35.00 per semester.

FOOD SCIENCE

If you are passionate about cooking or want to enhance your culinary skills, this is the subject for you! Students will explore and create new recipes while mastering everyday food preparation techniques. The dishes prepared will include a variety of breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, and desserts. Working collaboratively in the kitchen, students will develop their cooking skills and learn about nutrition and healthy food choices, which aligns perfectly with the Sports College. This subject is fun, educational, and offers students the chance to experiment and get creative in the kitchen. Let us get cooking!

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $60.00 per semester.

INNOVATIVE MATERIALS

This is an enjoyable and exciting course for students who enjoy working with materials and have an interest in pursuing a pathway in workshop related trades. Students learn to use hand and power tools, learn about the properties of materials through interesting activities and construct projects using a variety of workshop techniques. This course will allow opportunities for students to utilise materials such as wood, metal, plastics and to unleash their trade related potential. Students will enjoy the journey of solving problems to highlight their individual innovative style and unique ingenuity. Students will use the technology process to design their own projects.

Skills/Topics Covered:

- Workshop induction and safety
- Designing & Drafting techniques
- Safety and correct use of hand tools
- Safety and correct use of power tools and machines
- Adhesives
- Abrasives
- Finishing techniques and much more

Exceptional achievement and a positive workshop attitude will support further aspirations to complete Upper School Wood or Metal courses, or Certificate II courses in Automotive and Engineering industry qualifications.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $40.00 per semester.

NURTURE AND THRIVE

Students develop practical skills in childcare, self-care (beauty), and wellbeing, including hygiene, grooming, and safe caregiving.
Students plan and create play-based literacy and numeracy activities (e.g. storytelling, counting, sensory play) for a playgroup setting, using the design process to develop and evaluate learning experiences. They also investigate sustainability and ethical issues in the beauty industry, building awareness of responsible choices and practices.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $60.00 per semester.

TEXTILES

In Year 9 Textiles, students will dive into the creative world of design, production, and evaluation, using the technology process to craft a variety of machine-sewn products. Get ready to sharpen your skills in hand sewing, precision cutting from patterns, and discovering the fascinating properties of natural and man made fibres. This hands on, exciting journey will ignite your passion for textiles and allow you to explore endless possibilities in fashion and design.

Note: students can select this course in Semester 1 **OR** Semester 2. The cost for this course is $60.00 per semester.

COSTING SUMMARY OF COURSES

Learning Area	Course Code	Cost
The Arts		
Dance – Hip Hop (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARHD1	$40.00
Dance – Hip Hop (Semester 2)	09ARHD2	$40.00
Dance – Jazz (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARCD1	$40.00
Dance – Jazz (Semester 2)	09ARCD2	$40.00
Digital Art – Mixed Media (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARMM1	$45.00
Digital Art – Mixed Media (Semester 2)	09ARMM2	$45.00
Drama (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARDR1	$40.00
Drama (Semester 2)	09ARDR2	$40.00
Media Arts - Video (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARME1	$50.00
Media Arts - Video (Semester 2)	09ARME2	$50.00
Music - Academy (Yearly)	09ARMA1	$40.00
Photography (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARPH1	$60.00
Photography (Semester 2)	09ARPH2	$60.00
Visual Art (Semester 1) **OR**	09ARAR1	$45.00
Visual Art (Semester 2)	09ARAR2	$45.00
Humanities & Social Sciences		
Horrible Histories (Semester 1) **OR**	09HHIS1	$40.00
Horrible Histories (Semester 2)	09HHIS2	$40.00
Languages		
Auslan (Semester 1) **OR**	09LAAU1	$50.00
Auslan (Semester 2)	09LAAU2	$50.00
Science		
STEM Extension (Semester 1) **OR**	09TESE1	$35.00
STEM Extension (Semester 2)	09TESE2	$35.00

Technologies		
Creative Materials (Semester 1) **OR**	09TECM1	$40.00
Creative Materials (Semester 2)	09TECM2	$40.00
Digital Technology (Semester 1) **OR**	09TEDG1	$35.00
Digital Technology (Semester 2)	09TEDG2	$35.00
Food Science (Semester 1)**OR**	09TEHE1	$60.00
Food Science (Semester 2)	09TEHE2	$60.00
Innovative Materials (Semester 1) **OR**	09TEIM1	$40.00
Innovative Materials (Semester 2)	09TEIM2	$40.00
Nurture and Thrive (Semester 1) **OR**	09TENT1	$60.00
Nurture and Thrive (Semester 2)	09TENT2	$60.00
Textiles (Semester 1) **OR**	09TETX1	$60.00
Textiles (Semester 2)	09TETX2	$60.00
Sports Programs		
AFL	09HPAF	$250.00
AFLW	09AFLW	$250.00
Athletics	09HPAT	$250.00
Baseball	09HPDS	$250.00
Basketball	09HPBB	$250.00
Netball	09HPNT	$250.00
Rugby League	09HPRU	$250.00
Soccer	09HPSC	$250.00
Swimming	09HPSW	$250.00
Sports Science	09HPSS	$50.00

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