2027
Year 10
Curriculum Handbook

Year 10 Elective Subject Costs 2027

Students in Lower School are required to meet educational outcomes in a variety of learning areas. Elective courses in Lower School enable students to meet these outcomes in The Arts, Technologies and through additional courses in Health and Physical Education.

Please note that some electives cost more than others.
Students do not need to enrol in high-cost electives to meet the required educational outcome. Low or no cost electives are also available as indicated in this booklet.

SUBJECT PRICES ARE INDICATIVE ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

NOTE: Payment of subject charges is compulsory.

Payment arrangements are available to all families. Please contact the school for further information.

Secondary Assistance Scheme
Parents with a **Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card** will have access to the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). This will be applied towards education program charges in the first instance, with any residual to be applied to the Voluntary Contribution (for years 7 to 10) or as negotiated with the parent/guardian (for years 11 to 12).

Applications need to be made to the school during Term 1, 2027 to be eligible.

It is expected that all School Charges will be paid in full prior to the end of Term 1 each year.

Year 10 Course Definitions & Procedures 2027

Students study the following **COMPULSORY COURSES:**

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Health and Physical Education

In addition to the compulsory course above, students **choose** to study **ELECTIVE COURSES** from the following learning areas:

- The Arts
- Technologies
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages

Students choose six **Elective Courses** for the year, three in Semester One and three in Semester Two.

Elective courses allow students to engage in higher levels of specialisation in learning areas of interest.

Assessment

Assessment in Mathematics, English, Science and HASS is based on a range of learning areas and skills, with each component weighted equally. In Semester 2, Year 10 students undertake examinations to support their transition to senior school and prepare them for the examination requirements of Years 11 and 12.

LEARNING AREA: THE ARTS ELECTIVE COURSES

History Electives

HISTORY vs LEGEND: OUTLAWS, WITCHES AND MYSTERIES

Semester 1 AND Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $0
Total Cost: $10

You've heard the stories, but what really happened? Step into a world of pirates, witch hunts, notorious outlaws and enduring mysteries that have puzzled people for generations. Explore the history behind these stories while asking questions such as *Why do criminals become heroes? Were witch hunts really about magic? Can historians solve mysteries from the past?* Along the way, study films and novels alongside historical evidence, uncover popular myths, investigate competing theories and decide for yourself where history ends and legend begins.

Visual Arts Electives

VISUAL ARTS PRACTICE

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $38
Total Cost: $48

Draw from observation to build and develop analytical drawing and rendering skills and control both wet and dry media. Translate drawn ideas and convert them into finished artworks. Develop artworks using processes such as drawing, painting, print making and textiles.

Visual Arts is highly recommended for those students considering Senior School Visual Arts courses in Year 11 or who simply enjoy making art.

VISUAL ARTS EXPERIENCE

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $38
Total Cost: $48

Develop observation, illustration and imaginative drawing styles using a variety of visual Arts media on a journey of critical thinking and media experimentation. Explore a variety of visual 2D and 3D techniques.

WE THROW CLAY!

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $38
Total Cost: $48

Design and use a variety of ceramic hand-building and potter's wheel work skills for manipulation with clay to produce 3 dimensional artworks.

CLAY SCULPTURE

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $38
Total Cost: $48

Create, design and develop sculpture-based artworks using various ceramic hand-building skills when working with clay. Pottery wheelwork may also be offered in this course.

Performing Arts Electives

PERFORMING ARTS – DRAMA FOCUS

Semester 1 AND/OR 2
Low Cost
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 10
Total Cost: $20

Enter stage right! Be dramatic, rehearse and improvise for both scripted and original works. Explore different forms and styles and create drama as part of an ensemble. Engage with technical, stagecraft and production elements of Theatre Arts to present to an audience.

Music Electives

POPULAR BAND

Semester 1 AND/OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $10
Total Cost: $20

Release your inner rock god, teen popstar or alt rock superstar. Develop skills for the contemporary music scene, including stagecraft, performance, microphone technique, managing amplifiers and effects. A performance-based course that will include in-class and public performances. Previous musical skills are highly beneficial.

This is a Semester 1 and 2 course. Students can select either Semester 1 or 2 or both semesters.

CLASS MUSIC

Semester 1 AND Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $40
Total Cost: $50

Class music study empowers the student to be an active and knowledgeable participant in the music industry, covering classical music through to hip hop, electronic, and film music. Practical music-making, composition activities and analysis skills exploring the cultural context of musical styles are covered.

This course is compulsory for all students enrolled in the Instrumental Program and must be selected both Semester 1 and 2.

INSTRUMENTAL AND ENSEMBLE MUSIC (IMSS Students only)

Semester 1 AND Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution:$10
Compulsory Charge: $40
Total Cost: $50

All students receiving a lesson through the IMSS scholarship program need to enrol in this course. In this course, you will receive your free group lesson on woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, voice, or percussion/drums, as well as participate in your compulsory musical ensemble (Concert Band, Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Rock Band). Ensembles give the student the opportunity to be involved in performances, camps and tours. Ensemble rehearsals occur outside of school hours, and instrumental lessons take place on a rotational system across the school day to minimise disruption to academic classes. Inclusion in the IMSS Instrumental Scholarship Program at ASHS requires the student to also enrol in Class Music.

Media Electives

MEDIA: FILM AND PHOTOSHOP

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 0
Total Cost: $10

Enhance, manipulate and create artworks from digital photographs with Adobe Photoshop, a must for and photographer, photojournalist or contributor to the web. Learn how to add effects to your images.

MEDIA: SPECIAL EFFECTS

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 0
Total Cost: $10

Learn the secrets of filmmaking and video game design. Explore the use of sophisticated software and the green screen to create effects, such as flying and light sabre duals. Turn into a superhero or a frog, using the power of high-definition video and special effects software.

LEARNING AREA: TECHNOLOGIES ELECTIVE COURSES

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

Food Specialisations

ENTERTAINING WITH FOOD

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $83
Total Cost: $93

Food and social occasions go hand in hand. Plan, prepare and serve food for a variety of social events. Learn about menu planning, food choices, and develop skills in the preparation and presentation of foods fit for a party.

FOOD FOR LIFE

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $83
Total Cost: $93

Live longer, play harder. Food can not only taste and look good but be good for you. Explore nutritious food that is delicious, colourful, appetising and full of goodness. Develop skills in food selection and preparation for a healthy and active lifestyle.

ENTERPRISING FOOD **Semester 2**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $83
Total Cost: $93

Enterprising Food is about creativity, innovation and initiative. Learn a range of enterprising skills whilst preparing quick, exciting and modern foods. Explore food trends, techniques and ingredients, and apply food skills and knowledge to create innovative meals.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD **Semester 2**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $83
Total Cost: $93

Who loves to eat? Who loves to travel? Put the two together and you have International Cuisine! Explore and experience the culture, cuisine and flavours of many countries, including how our own Australia food culture evolved.

Materials & Technologies Specialisations (Home Economic Context)

CHILD DEVELOPMENT **Semester 1**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $24
Total Cost: $34

Babies! Toddlers! Children! Child Development is loaded with practical activities to provide experience and understanding of childcare and child development. The "virtual baby" program may be an option in this course.

Materials & Technologies Specialisations (D&T Context)

JEWELLERY **Semester 1**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $65
Total Cost: $75

Design and create your own jewellery pieces. Advanced techniques in stone setting and casting could be covered. Projects may include rings, pendants and chains.

METALWORK **Semester 2**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $60
Total Cost: $70

Get hands on in the Metalwork workshop as you learn to design and manufacture your own custom projects. Explore MIG welding, precision machining, metal fabrication and CNC technology using a range of workshop tools and equipment. Whether you're new to Metalwork or have previous experience, you will develop practical skills, learning industry techniques and turn your own ideas into finished products you can be proud of.

WOODWORK **Semester 1**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $65
Total Cost: $75

Design and construct wood-based projects that meet a need. Woodworking skills such as cutting, drilling and joining will be covered in the first projects. Typical projects include small furniture items such as small tables, special boxes and trays.

This is a Semester 1 course. Students may also select the Semester 2 course.

WOODWORK **Semester 2**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $65
Total Cost: $65

Develop design skills and understanding of wood in the design and manufacture of woodwork projects. Creative and technical skills using hand and power tools will be developed. Projects could include a range of small furniture items such as a gumball machines, small tables and stools.

PHOTOGRAPHY **Semester 1**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $30
Total Cost: $40

Be creative with your photography – develop skills about how to take action shots, create interesting depth of field, use the golden ratio and correct composition. Using Photoshop, improve photos using layers, merging elements and creating montages.

This is a Semester 1 course. Students may also select the Semester 2 course.

PHOTOGRAPHY **Semester 2**

Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $30
Total Cost: $40

Let's get commercial…...if you want to, or just for fun, learn skills that are used in the commercial side of photography. Learn how to use green screens, light boxes and studio lighting, to take command and direct a photo shoot to produce a commercial quality product.

Engineering Principles and Systems

ENGINEERING - MECHATRONICS

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $60
Total Cost: $70

Microcomputers are being integrated into our everday lives and AI is being developed at an ever increasing rate. Develop skills to design and produce your own engineered systems to create solutions to problems.

ENGINEERING - MECHANICAL

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $60
Total Cost: $70

Engineers design, build, test and modify components and systems as they seek solutions to real world problems. Apply principles of force, motion and energy to projects such as structures, model vehicles and more.

LEARNING AREA: PHYSICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE COURSES

Marine and Maritime Studies and Outdoor Education

Students must undertake a swimming competency test before commencing practical classes as it forms part of the risk mitigation requirements for water-based activities. Students who cannot pass the competency assessment will be moved to a different elective.

MARINE AND MARITIME STUDIES

Semester 1 OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $20
Compulsory Charge: $110
Total Cost: $130

For those of you who enjoy water-related activities, this may be the unit for you. Students will learn practical navigation of power boats, maintenance of outboards and gain knowledge and skills pertaining to ship navigation and safety. Students will have the opportunity to sit for their Recreational Skipper's Ticket and attain their Recreational Fishing Licence.

*Semester 2 will be a **REPEAT** of the Semester 1 course. Only select Marine and Maritime Studies in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.*

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Semester 1 OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $58
Total Cost: $68

If you are interested in experiential outdoor learning and being in the outdoors then this may be what you are looking for. The base activity will be kayaking or biking while also delving into hiking, rope work, sandboarding, camp cooking and camp craft and other general outdoor skills.

*Semester 2 will be a **REPEAT** of the Semester 1 course. Only select Outdoor Education in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.*

RECREATION

Semester 1 OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 7
Total Cost: $17

A fun physical activity unit where the emphasis is on your ability to interact and work effectively with other students in non-traditional activities such as spike ball, billiards, darts and mini golf and international games such as Kubb and Bocce.

*Semester 2 will be a **REPEAT** of the Semester 1 course. Only select Recreation in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.*

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Semester 1 OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 3
Total Cost: $13

If you want to improve your fitness and overall health and well-being, this elective punches above its weight. You will gain skills and knowledge of weights and fitness training techniques that lead to improvements in endurance and strength.

*Semester 2 will be a **REPEAT** of the Semester 1 course. Only select Strength and Conditioning in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.*

High Performance Electives

Participation in at least one high performance elective is highly recommended for students contemplating Physical Education Studies in Senior School.

Students selecting high performance subjects will be chosen based on their past general physical education participation and results.

HIGH PERFORMANCE FOOTBALL (AFL & Soccer)

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 3
Total Cost: $13

You could get a kick out of this elective. Designed for students involved in community competition who display a higher skill level in the football codes of AFL and soccer. Your knowledge and skills of these football codes will be extended as well as more advanced game strategies introduced.

HIGH PERFORMANCE NETBALL

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 3
Total Cost: $13

Pass and pivot your way to success. Designed for students involved in community competition and who display a higher level of skill in netball. Your knowledge and skills in netball will be extended as well as more advanced game strategies introduced.

HIGH PERFORMANCE VOLLEYBALL

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 3
Total Cost: $13

Extension of knowledge, skills and strategies to prepare you for community competition and Country Week. This elective is highly recommended for students contemplating Physical Education Studies in Senior School.

HIGH PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 5
Total Cost: $15

Bounce into this elective and dribble productively. It is designed for students involved in community competitions who display a higher skill level in Basketball. Your knowledge and skills in basketball will be extended, and more advanced game strategies will be introduced.