2027
Year 8
Curriculum Handbook

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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.

YEAR 8 COURSES 2027

Students in Lower School are required to meet educational outcomes across all learning areas. In Year 8 students are given some opportunity to choose which elective subjects they participate in. Students have the opportunity to experience a variety of courses which form the basis of elective subjects they might choose in Years 9 and 10.

In Year 7 and Year 8 students must study:

- English
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Science
- Digital Technologies
- Languages
- Health & Physical Education
    - Health Education
    - Physical Education

Students **must** choose **at least** one subject from each of the following learning areas during 2027:

Learning Area	**Subjects**
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Discovery, Visual Arts Exploration, Media
Design Technologies	Materials Technologies, What's Cooking, Fabulous Food, Lego Robotics, Lego League
Performing Arts	Drama, Pop Band, Class Music

LEARNING AREA: LANGUAGES

Students will continue studying the same language in Year 8 that they studied in Year 7.

Indonesian
Semester 1 or 2

Learn the language and aspects of the culture of Australia's closest neighbour!
As a popular holiday destination for many Australians as well as being a valuable trading partner, there are strong links between Australia and Indonesia. Indonesian language skills can open doors to a range of employment opportunities in the future.

Aboriginal Cultural Studies
Semester 1 or 2

Kaya…
Language is culture, culture is language.
Immerse yourself in the Language and Culture of the Noongar people and the Menang Boodja (land) on which we live and learn.

LEARNING AREA: THE ARTS

Visual Arts Discovery
Semester 1

Explore, experience and express creativity through a variety of art forms, such as painting, drawing, printmaking and clay work. You will be introduced to a range of historical and contemporary artistic styles.

Visual Arts Exploration
Semester 2

Explore, experience and express creativity through a variety of art forms, such as painting, drawing, printmaking and clay work. You will be introduced to a range of historical and contemporary artistic styles. Semester 2 will focus on different mediums and techniques to cater for those students wishing to participate throughout the year.

Media
Semester 1 or 2

Explore and produce your own short films, photographs, advertisement and modern media. Develop your production skills through collaboration and use of editing software such as Photoshop.

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

Performing Arts - Drama
Semester 1 and/or 2

Enter stage left! You will enjoy creating your own dramatic works and learning the art of improvisation. You will develop your performance skills and engage in basic script work, theatre etiquette and production skills.

Pop Band
Semester 1 and/or 2

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 2
Total Cost: $40

Class music empowers you to be an active and knowledgeable participant in the music industry, from 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**
Semester 1 and 2
Total Cost: $40

All students receiving a lesson through the IMSS scholarship program are enrolled 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, as well as other social opportunities. 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.

LEARNING AREA: TECHNOLOGIES

What's Cooking
Semester 1

Build you cooking skills, as you explore food and techniques to prepare great tasting food and meals for yourself and your family.

Fabulous Food
Semester 2

Be creative and explore new taste sensations! Learn how to choose, plan and prepare delicious meals, for fun and health.

Materials Technologies
Semester 1 or 2

Explore a variety of materials such as fine and heavy metals, plastics, acrylics or wood as you develop your design and production skills.

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

Lego Robotics
Semester 1

An introduction to the world of robotics using Lego. Develop programming skills to make your robot perform.

Lego League
Semester 2

Create and program your team's robot to complete a specified challenge. Top teams will compete in the Lego League challenge.