2027
Year 9
Curriculum Handbook

Year 9 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 9 Course Definitions & Procedures 2027

Students study the following **COMPULSORY COURSES:**

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

Specialist literacy support classes are available for students requiring extra literacy support.

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.

LEARNING AREA: HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE COURSES

Year 9 History Electives

WARRIORS, MYTHS AND WARFARE I

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

Spartans. Vikings. Epic battles. Legendary warriors. Explore how these famous warrior societies lived, fought and built their fearsome reputations while investigating questions such as: *Were the Spartans history's greatest warriors?* and *Were Vikings really as fearsome as legend suggests?* Step into famous battles, uncover ancient myths, and explore the weapons, armour and legendary leaders of the Spartan and Viking worlds.

WARRIORS, MYTHS AND WARFARE II

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

Knights and Samurai are two of history's most famous warrior cultures, but were they more alike than different? Explore the castles, weapons, armour, warfare, and warrior codes of medieval Europe and Japan, and investigate how these warriors lived and the societies they served. Compare Chivalry and Bushido, examine famous leaders and battles, and consider which warrior culture had the greater impact on its society and history. With new cultures, conflicts and stories to explore, Semester 2 offers a different experience from Semester 1, so students interested in warrior history are encouraged to choose both.

LEARNING AREA: THE ARTS ELECTIVE COURSES

Visual Arts Electives

VISUAL ARTS DISCOVERY

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $27
Total Cost: $37

Learn a variety of analytical drawing and rendering techniques, including how to draw from observation. Translate drawn ideas and convert them into finished artworks, learning to control wet and dry media. Develop artworks using drawing, painting, print making or textile processes.

CREATIVE ARTS

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $27
Total Cost: $37

Go on a journey of visual and mixed media experimentation, exploring visual 2D and 3D techniques. Be innovative and generate your own expressive artworks.

WE THROW CLAY

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $27
Total Cost: $37

Develop ceramic techniques used for working with clay, both hand built and wheel work. Create imaginative functional vessel forms with glazes and painted finishes adding colour to your work.

CLAY SCULPTURE

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $27
Total Cost: $37

With a focus on sculpture, develop your hand-building clay skills and discover your creative style, appreciation and enjoyment of sculpture.

Performing Arts Electives

PERFORMING ARTS – DRAMA FOCUS

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

Be dramatic, engage with an audience, rehearse and improvise for both scripted and creative pieces. Build puppets and perform a Melodrama! Explore different forms and styles.

Year 9 Music Electives

POP BAND

Semester 1 AND/OR Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge per Semester: $10
Total Cost per Semester: $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: $ 0
Compulsory Charge per Year: $40
Total Cost per Year: $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 available as an elective by negotiation with Music teachers, to any students learning music privately.

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

INSTRUMENTAL AND ENSEMBLE MUSIC (IMSS Students only)

Semester 1 AND Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $ 0
Compulsory Charge per Year: $40
Total Cost per Year: $40

All students receiving a lesson through the IMSS scholarship program are automatically enrolled in this course. Participate in your free group lesson on woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, voice, or percussion/drums, and your compulsory musical ensemble (Concert Band, Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Choir, Rock Band). Ensembles may involve 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

Year 9 Media Electives

MEDIA FILM

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

It's time to make movies and start your own film career. Focus on film genre and producing short films and trailers, using high-definition cameras and professional editing software to enhance your films.

MEDIA ANIMATION

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

Create animated stories using sophisticated software. Animate with paper, clay or other media, then apply the capabilities of Photoshop.

LEARNING AREA: TECHNOLOGIES ELECTIVE COURSES

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

Food Specialisations

COOKING

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $70
Total Cost: $80

In the future you will probably find yourself living on your own or with friends and having to plan and prepare meals for yourself. Plan and prepare healthy meals for yourself as an independent young adult.

ITALIAN COOKING

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $70
Total Cost: $80

Pizza, pasta, risotto, tiramisu.....Italian favourites! Experience Italian culture through food, by preparing food and using ingredients and techniques from various regions of Italy.

CREATIVE CHEF

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $70
Total Cost: $80

Be the next Master Chef? Prepare foods for fun and flavour! Learn some basic techniques then get creative with ingredients and flavours and design recipe variations, to create exciting and interesting food products.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Semester 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $70
Total Cost: $80

Instead of giving up on favourite fast foods, have fun creating tasty alternatives with plenty of flavour, perfect for a healthy, active lifestyle.

Materials & Technologies Specialisations (D&T Context)

JEWELLERY

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $63
Total Cost: $73

Design and make jewellery to give to friends and family, using a range of jewellery and silver-smithing skills and processes. Projects might include: a collection of rings, bangles and pendants in a range of metals, including sterling silver.

METALWORK

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

Design and make projects from metal. Use machinery and metal working equipment such as the lathe, drill press, oxyacetylene set, magnetic bender and spot welder to design and manufacture items from steel and non-ferrous metals such as aluminium, copper or brass. Skills in bending and shaping metal will be introduced.

WOODWORK

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $65
Total Cost: $75

Develop your design and practical skills using hand and electrical power tools when working with wood. Projects might include mystery book, chopping boards and a picture frame.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $30
Total Cost: $40

Use a digital single lens reflex camera (DSLR) and Photoshop editing processes, to take interesting photos from macro to telephoto and improve the quality of snapshots.

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

Further develop skills in taking interesting photos and refining Photoshop editing skills. Learn about the advanced functions of the camera and use various lenses and filters to achieve different effects.

Engineering Principles and Systems

ENGINEERING - MECHANICAL

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

Design and create practical solutions to problems using engineering principles of force, motion and energy. Projects could include bridges, cranes and electrical circuits.

ENGINEERING - MECHATRONICS

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

Be future focussed with the world of mechatronics and robotic operated devices. Apply engineering principles as you develop systems and combine programming skills with practical construction.

3D DESIGN

Semester 1
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $20
Total Cost: $30

This course focuses on the use of Inventor software to design items that meet challenges, then manufacturing them using the 3D priner: with the addistion of electronics. Opportunities for possible extension include the use of a laser cutter.

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 who enjoy water-related activities, this may be the unit for you. Covering canoeing and kayaking, an introduction to power boats, surf awareness, and basic equipment maintenance.

*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 snorkelling or canoeing while also delving into hiking, rope work, sandboarding, camp cooking, 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 table tennis, archery, and skateboarding.

*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 2
Voluntary Contribution: $10
Compulsory Charge: $ 2
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.

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 BASKETBALL

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

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.

HIGH PERFORMANCE VOLLEYBALL

Semester 2
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 NETBALL

Semester 1
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.