
LEARNING CHOICES PROGRAM

General Information about Learning Choices

The Learning Choices program is a key component of the Year 9 experience. Students are encouraged to use the opportunities provided by the Learning Choices program to extend their learning, try new things and to pursue interests and passions.

Students are encouraged to select a variety of subjects to ensure their Year 9 program has a degree of breadth. There are three different kinds of Learning Choices.

Electives

Electives form the majority of Learning Choices on offer. These comprise of a range of subjects drawn from learning areas not addressed in the Core program, including Visual Arts, Technologies and Performing Arts. Students are encouraged to select subjects which reflect a diverse learning experience throughout the year and enable them to continue to develop their skills in a number of areas.

Authentic Learning

To provide opportunities for students to engage in ongoing programs that are of substantial interest and challenge to them is integral to Year 9 teaching philosophy. Furthermore, students at this age benefit from the opportunity and incentive to achieve success in meeting challenges with real world goals and rewards. The Authentic Learning program is about providing opportunities for authentic learning experiences. There are eight subjects offered to students in Year 9 and each provides an emphasis on working toward a real life performance, product or contribution.

Depth Studies

Depth Studies are learning opportunities which build on the skills addressed in learning areas taught through the Core program. These subjects are designed to engage students with a passion for the learning area to further their skills and knowledge. These studies provide an excellent learning opportunity for students considering undertaking an accelerated subject in Senior School, although they are not a prerequisite.

Duke of Edinburgh

Students wishing to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award should note that they must have Outdoor Education and Voluntary Service in their Learning Choices program. It is recommended that these subjects are in the top four preferences.

Note: Please refer to the Cost Schedule for details of costs relevant to the Learning Choices program.