

YEAR 9 SUBJECT CHOICES 2023

Name: _____

CORE SUBJECTS (Compulsory)	English	Mathematics
	Science	Social Studies
	Physical Education	Health
MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY (Compulsory)	Digital Technology	Food & Nutrition
	Design & Visual Technology	

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Please choose ONE additional Technology subject: All technology options are for one term.

☐ Hard Materials Technology (Woodwork/Metal/Plastic)

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☐ Soft Materials Technology (Sewing/Fashion)

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ARTS - LANGUAGES: One term Please choose TWO.

☐ Visual Art

☐ Dance

☐ Drama

☐ Music
OR
Music Advanced

(for students who are already learning an instrument and are able to read music)

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Please rank the Arts / Languages choices below in order of preference 1 to 6—1 being the most preferred.
Please do not include your two choices made in Step 2.

☐ Te Reo Māori

☐ Samoan

☐ French

☐ Chinese

☐ Music Advanced

☐ Drama

☐ Dance

☐ Visual Art

☐ OR Music

OTHER CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES (see subject outlines)

If you are interested please indicate below and apply online through our website.

☐ “SHINE” – Enrichment Programme

☐ Performing Arts Academy (PFA)

☐ Sports Academy Class

☐ Te Rito Rūmaki o Waitākere

Please bring this completed form to your interview.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS	BRIEF OUTLINE
Chinese	Ni hao, this is a beginners' Chinese course for students who are wanting to learn the basics. We focus on pronunciation skills and recognising Chinese characters. Topics include, greetings, numbers, countries, family and culture.
Digital Technology	Students work through information technology literacy skills. They develop knowledge and apply skills in the area of game development using block and text programming and robotics.
Food and Nutrition	Students will develop skills and confidence in food preparation and presentation by planning and preparing healthy and nutritious foods and snacks.
Design Visual Technology	Students will develop skills in spatial and product design by applying a range of visual communication drawing techniques, including freehand sketching and computer aided design and modeling.
Hard Materials Technology (Wood/Metal/Plastic)	Students will develop a range of practical skills with a focus on manufacturing and materials technology. Computer aided design and traditional skills are used to implement design ideas made from wood, metal and plastic.
Soft Materials Technology (Sewing/Fashion)	Students will develop a range of technology design skills with a focus on making garments and other sewn products. Computer aided design work is also used to implement design ideas, including sewing construction skills and materials knowledge.
Dance	In Year 9 Dance we focus on learning different genres of dance, exploring choreography and celebrating your own cultural dance knowledge. This one term course is designed to grow your confidence in performing and working with others.
Drama	In Year 9 Drama we focus on building performance abilities and confidence while having a lot of fun. Each lesson focuses on a different skill so that you get a taste for all the different aspects of Drama.
French	This is a 9 week course and our focus is on communication. We practise speaking and pronunciation while learning the basics. Topics we cover are introductions, numbers, family and culture.
Music	This is a 9 week beginners course for those interested in learning the basics of Music including theory of notation and performance. Free instrumental lessons are offered in Guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), Piano, Flute, Violin, Clarinet and Drums.
Music Advanced	Students that already come with a Music background should select this 9 week course. The course builds on previous knowledge and advances music skills in theory and performance. Free instrumental lessons are offered in Guitar (Acoustic, electric and bass), Piano, Flute, Violin, Clarinet and Drums.Students are encouraged to form bands or join the orchestra if you play an orchestral instrument.
Sāmoan	This is a beginners course for students who are wanting to learn basic everyday spoken Sāmoan language. Topics include: My family, culture and school community.
Te Reo Māori	This is a beginners course for students who are wanting to learn basic everyday spoken Māori language. Topics include: My family, culture and school community.
Visual Arts	In Year 9 Visual Arts we focus on building practical abilities and confidence in creating Art. Each lesson focuses on a different skill and builds towards a final resolved outcome inspired by an artist.
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	
Performing Arts Academy (PFA)	Our hands-on course includes Dance, Drama, Music, Trash-to-Fashion, Film Editing including making a Music Video, Stagecraft , Special Effects makeup, involvement in the School Show and more. This course replaces all other option subjects.
“Shine” - Enrichment Programme	This is a core class for more academically able students, providing a differentiated and challenging curriculum enhanced by varied enrichment activities.
Sports Academy Class	A timetabled year long course which is suitable for athletes showing potential in their chosen sports(s) Students applying for this programme should still make choices above. Upon acceptance into the sports academy the above option choices are reduced from 8 to 4.
Te Rito Rūmaki o Waitākere	Our Rūmaki provides a supportive environment for our rangatahi to grow their Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga. Rūmaki students have enrichment in Pūtaiao, Te Reo Rangatira and Tikanga-ā-iwi provided in a whānau setting.