

YEAR 9 OPTIONS		BRIEF OUTLINE
Technology Materials courses	Food and Nutrition Technology (FNT)	Students will develop skill and confidence in food preparation and presentation by planning and preparing a variety of food based products. This course leads on to Food Design Technology and Hospitality at senior levels.
	Design Visual Communication (DVC)	Students learn how to design and visually communicate a range of spatial designs including architecture, interior design and landscape architecture, applying freehand, CAD and modelling skills. This leads on to senior DVC.
	Hard Materials Technology (HMT) (Wood/Metal/Plastic)	Students develop design, CAD and traditional making skills within metal and wood workshops to implement Product design ideas. This course leads onto senior Product Design and/or vocational subjects such as the Engineering, Automotive and Carpentry Academies.
	Textiles Technology (TXT)	Students develop design, CAD and traditional making skills within soft material workshops to implement product and fashion design ideas. This course leads on senior Textile Design.
The Arts courses	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.
	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.
	Music	This is a 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 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.
Language courses	French	This is a term long 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.
	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.
	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.
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES		
Performing Arts Academy (PFA)	Students in this timetabled year long hands-on course are involved in Dance, Drama, Music, Film Editing including making a Music Video, Stagecraft , Special Effects makeup, involvement in the School Show and more. Upon acceptance into the PFA the above option choices are reduced from 8 to 4.	
"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.	