

Course Information Handbook Year 7 - 2021



Curriculum Overview

In Year 7 all students will have exposure to every learning area. Students will have timetabled classes in Maths, English, Science, Humanities, Physical Education and Health. Year 7 students will have to choose a Language (Italian or Indonesian) to study for the year. The Technologies, Digital Technologies and The Arts subjects will be rotated over Years 7 and 8 to achieve the correct subject balance to meet SCSA (School Curriculum and Standards Authority) requirements, and to give exposure to as many subjects and contexts as possible. The table below outlines the Year 7 timetable.

Learning Area	Sessions of Study Per Week (1 Session = 64mins)
Compulsory Subjects	21 Sessions
English	4 sessions
Mathematics	4 sessions
Humanities and Social Sciences	4 sessions
Science	4 sessions
Languages (Italian or Indonesian)	2 sessions
Physical Education	2 sessions
Health	1 session
Technologies (see more information below)	2 sessions
The Arts (see more information below)	2 sessions
Total Overall Sessions	25 Sessions

Students who are successful in obtaining a place in the Specialist Music Program or the Visual Art Extension Program will have 2 sessions per week for the full year.

The information included in this handbook gives an overview of the subjects which students will be studying in 2021.

THE ARTS LEARNING AREA

Visual Art

In Visual Art, students will have the opportunity to use and apply visual art language and artistic conventions as they create their own 2D and/or 3D artwork. Their projects will encourage and develop their ability to respond to their own artwork and the work of others. Studio areas may include drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, ceramics and sculpture. Students will have the opportunity to have their work displayed in our gallery space throughout the year.

Visual Art Extension (selection process applies via expression of interest and portfolio entry)

Students must submit an expression of interest form and then take part in testing and portfolio interviews. From this, students are invited to join Visual Art Extension. Students who are accepted into the Visual Art Extension Program will have Extension Art classes for two sessions timetabled per week for the full year, plus a compulsory **Wednesday after school class** for 6 weeks per term.

In this program students are introduced to a range of art techniques and opportunities that are not available in regular art class. Students learn to develop and extend their skills in practical art making through a range of traditional and contemporary techniques.

Students are given the opportunity to enter their artwork into some of the state's most recognised high school art competitions as well as many local community exhibitions. Students endeavour on excursions to visit different exhibitions in Perth and to see Australian and International Artists work. The program gives students the opportunity to work with local practicing artists, to give them insight as to how artists plan, create and display their artwork in the real world.

Media Studies

This practical course will introduce students to the basic communication model and how to explore different viewpoints in contemporary media. Students will develop skills in planning and creating their own media work plus develop the language and skills to respond to their own work and the work of others. Students will be introduced to design processes including storyboarding through to filming and editing to adding special effects using the green screen in our purpose built Media Studio.

Students work as a team, follow timelines, and use processes and strategies to ensure safe and responsible use of media equipment.

Drama - Theatre Experience

"All the world's a stage." Explore the world of drama and theatre in this 'taster' course. Activities include improvisation based games, mime and pantomime, and developing skills to stage short comedy plays in our wonderful, fully equipped Performing Arts Centre. The program may include a professional theatre company production incursion that will incur an extra charge.

Circus

Learn simple circus skills, develop an understanding of stage practices, learn to engage audiences, work safely in a team and have lots of fun. As part of this course students will receive an overview of the performing arts with a focus on the skills needed to perform in a circus team. This course has pathways into Certificate II courses in upper school.

Dance

In this course students will learn expressive dance and performance skills. Students will be given the opportunity to develop skills in body awareness, balance, flexibility and stamina. This course will be focusing on a range of dance styles. Students will have the opportunity to perform before audiences. This course will be a great preparation for students wishing to enrol in Dance in upper school.

General Music

Music making using software, and recording and mixing music are presented over a semester in sequence. The courses are designed to provide an introduction to concepts related to contemporary music production, in a practical and interactive way. The courses promote exploration and creativity using current music technology. Learning topics covered include: using simple loops, production analysis, producing, midi introduction, balancing instruments, making music using software, music production, mixing and editing. **Some musical background is required for this subject. School of Instrumental Music (SIM) students who do not get into our Specialist Music Program will be placed in this course to continue their SIM lessons.**

Specialist Music Program (by application only - selection process applies)

Year 7 students who are accepted into the Specialist Music Program will have music classes for 2 hours per week for the full year, plus some additional lessons and rehearsals will occur outside of normal school hours. Students enrolled in this course are expected to attend and participate in all the musical activities organised. SIM music is separate to the Specialist Music Program. Students can do both.

TECHNOLOGIES LEARNING AREA

Design and Technologies – Food Specialisations

This course offers students experience in the food preparation aspect of Home Economics, particularly experience with food handling and developing preparation skills. Students will gain knowledge of healthy eating and a balanced diet for adolescence.

Design and Technologies – Materials and Technologies Specialisations

A practical based subject designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of disciplines such as woodwork, metalwork, jewellery making, plastics and building construction. Focusing primarily in the development of production skills, this subject will provide students with hands-on experience working with materials, to develop skills in the design and fabrication of various projects and to acquire a working knowledge of the tools and machinery commonly used in modern trades. Possible projects include a toolbox, side table and pendant making.

Digital Technologies

All Year 7 students will study this compulsory course for one semester. Students will learn how to effectively use technology to meet their personal computing needs using a range of programs. While the course will initially focus on becoming competent in everyday programs like MS Word, students will also learn how to use Photoshop and Garage band.

Design and Technologies – STEM Engineering Principals and Systems

STEM Engineering is a specialist subject available only for application entry. This subject is part of the Canning Vale College STEM Engineering Specialist program incorporating Science and Mathematics subjects. Students in this subject will study the use of motion, force and energy to manipulate and control electromechanical and mechanical systems. This subject provides an ideal pathway for ATAR and University entry.

LANGUAGES LEARNING AREA

Students will **study the language they selected at enrolment** for the full year in Year 7 and into Year 8.

Italian

Students will develop the skills of listening and speaking, reading and writing and will apply their knowledge in a variety of contexts. They will also deepen their appreciation of cultural differences and similarities between life in Italy and Australia. The Year 7 course will cover the themes of 'All about me', 'My Family and Friends', 'Festivals of Italy' and 'My Free Time'.

Indonesian

Students will develop the skills of listening and speaking, reading and writing and will apply their knowledge in a variety of contexts. They will also deepen their appreciation of cultural differences and similarities between life in Indonesia and Australia. The Year 7 course will cover the themes of 'All about me', 'My Day', 'To the Market' and 'Beautiful Indonesia'.