



CANNINGVALE  
COLLEGE

# Course Information Handbook Year 8 - 2021



*Creating Futures*

## Curriculum Overview

In Year 8 all students will have exposure to every learning area. Students will have timetabled classes in Maths, English, Science, Humanities, Physical Education and Health. Students will continue with the same language that they studied in Year 7 for the year (Italian or Indonesian). 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 8 timetable.

Learning Area	Sessions of Study Per Week (1 Session = 64mins)
<b>Compulsory Subjects</b>	<b>21 Sessions</b>
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 sessions
<b>Technologies</b>	2 sessions
<b>The Arts</b>	2 sessions
<b>Total Overall Hours</b>	<b>25 Sessions</b>

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 increasing complex artistic conventions as they create their own 2D and/or 3D artwork based on a range of stimuli from portraits to still life to landscapes. 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, ceramics and sculpture. Students will have the opportunity to have their work displayed in our gallery space throughout the year.

## Visual Art Extension (via expression of interest and portfolio entry)

This is an invitation only class. Students must submit an expression of interest form and then take part in testing and portfolio interviews, then 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 States 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.

## Wearable Art and Fashion Design

In Wearable art you will have the opportunity to use and apply visual art language and art conventions with a fashion focus. This may include designing and creating wearable sculptural pieces, costumes and millenary. Students will also be introduced to the basics of fashion drawing, traditional and contemporary textile techniques and fabric manipulation and decoration.

If you have a love of fashion, jewellery and accessories you will enjoy this course. This course can lead students into our Certificate III Design Fundamentals course in Senior School.

## Media Studies

This practical course will expand on the knowledge students have about the 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 and will incur a charge. This course will be great preparation for students wishing to enrol in drama in upper school and participate in Festivals and School Productions.

## Circus

In this course students will be developing and exploring circus and self-management skills, develop an understanding of stage practices, learning to engage audiences, develop safe practices, work in a team and performing. 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 course in upper school.

**Extension Circus Art students will complete the school based Circus program for one semester.**

## Dance

In this course students will learn about 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 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 8 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 is a semester long course with students experiencing food preparation techniques. Students will develop skills in food handling and preparation. Students will address 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 woods, metals, plastics and construction 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 8 students will study this course for one semester. Students will learn how to effectively and creatively use technology to meet their personal computing needs: how to stay safe online; how to type like a pro' and how to use some of our Industry Standard programs. Projects may include creating a radio ad' on Garage Band, using photography to enhance a poster, making a 3D product using our new printer or using Scratch to make a game.

## LANGUAGES LEARNING AREA

Students will **continue** with the **same language** that they studied in Year 7.

### Italian

Students will further 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 8 course will cover the themes of 'My Daily Life', 'Shopping', 'Famous People' and 'Welcome to Italy'.

### Indonesian

Students will further 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 8 course will cover the themes of 'Famous Indonesians', 'Leisure Time and Making Plans', 'My House' and 'Holidays and Tourism in Indonesia'.