

Course Information Handbook Year 7 - 2023



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 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

The information included in this handbook gives an overview of the subjects which students will be studying in 2023.

THE ARTS LEARNING AREA

The Arts Specialist Program

This is a year-long invitation only course.

Interested students are required to submit an Expression of Interest Form and then take part in testing and portfolio interviews. From this, successful applicants are invited to join The Arts Specialist Program.

STRUCTURE

All programs for the Arts Extension Program are specifically designed to extend the student, and enhance their experience with ALL arts areas, in a focused, targeted curriculum. Below are structures for the Arts students involved in specialist learning across multiple contexts. Students involved will take part in all arts areas but in a manner that focuses more on practical making elements, with minor focuses on performative requirements. This setup exemplifies SCISA's (School Curriculum and Standards Authority) recent changes to curriculum, providing students with a broad spectrum of experience within the arts in the first two years of secondary schooling before entering more focused approaches as time progresses. Students involved work cooperatively with all members across the broad Arts community at CVC, over multiple contexts and year levels, contributing to larger scale school productions and events.

All Arts Specialist students will also have access to full day workshops led by an expert in the field, organised on an ad hoc basis, as well as exclusive access to Arts software, such as Adobe Production Suites, and other programs to provide a comprehensive Arts/ICT experience for students.

SEMESTER 1

Visual Arts Enrichment

Year 7 students involved in the Arts Extension Program will undertake a specialised and highly focused introduction to the Arts, covering foundational skills and making practices in an articulate manner. Students involved in this will have access to high quality, specialist materials, extended curriculum and access to outside specialist tutor incursions. Alongside focused excursion events to further broaden participating students' perspectives in the Arts.

SEMESTER 2

Dance Extension: Costume Design, Stage Artistry, Lighting Sequences

Following this, students will undertake a semester of Dance Arts classes, with a major focus on Design Concepts and making practices that inform and emphasise body movement and stage presence. Students working in this context will develop specialised skills in costume design, stage artistry and lighting sequencing. All of which are transferrable skills, capable of being utilised throughout all areas in the Arts.

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.

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, pantomime, and voice to help build confidence to perform on stage. Students will develop short plays and learn about Medieval Theatre in our wonderfully equipped Performing Arts Centre. This program may include a professional theatre company production incursion that will incur a charge. This course is great to assist students in gaining confidence in public speaking and as preparation for those wishing to enrol in drama in upper school to have the opportunity to participate in Festivals and School Productions.

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.

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, co-ordination and stamina. This course focuses 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 are not successful in being offered a place in 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 sessions 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.

Digital Technologies - STEM

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LANGUAGES LEARNING AREA

Students will study the **language selected** as part of the enrolment process and will continue their study of the same language in 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 gain an appreciation of cultural differences and similarities between life in Italy and Australia. The Year 7 course will cover the themes of 'All About Me', 'Family and Friends', 'My Free Time' and 'Famous Italians'.

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 gain an appreciation of cultural differences and similarities between life in Indonesia and Australia. The Year 7 course will cover the themes of 'All About Me', 'Family and Friends', 'Where are you going?' and 'Beautiful Indonesia'.