



YEAR 9 AND 10 OPTIONS INFORMATION



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**This booklet contains information on option subjects
that may run in 2026.**

Read this book, fill in and return the choices form.

CHOOSING YOUR OPTION SUBJECTS

Some classes will be made up of either all Year 9 or all Year 10 students. However, some classes might include students from both years.

You'll attend each of your chosen electives three times a week for one semester.

YEAR 9 STUDENTS

In Year 9, it's a great idea to explore a variety of subjects. This approach helps you gain experience in different areas and learn basic skills across multiple fields. Think of it as sampling different subjects to discover what you enjoy and where your strengths lie.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS

When selecting electives in Year 10, consider both your interests and potential career paths. Many of these courses teach valuable skills that will be useful in upper school and can contribute to Vocational Education and Training (VET) certificates, whether at TAFE or MBCC. Some subjects also include competencies that count towards your Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), giving you a head start for Year 12.

AGRICULTURE

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In this course, you'll explore what it means to care for farm animals like sheep and cattle, while building practical, hands-on skills and understanding the science behind their care. You'll investigate the theory behind everyday tasks such as feeding and grooming, all while learning about the importance of nutrition, health, and general welfare. Guided by the College's own sheep and cattle breeding enterprise, this course gives you a real-life opportunity to develop skills by combining theory with practical involvement to help you become confident and capable in animal care.



Year 10

CERTIFICATE I - AGRICULTURE

In Certificate I Agriculture you will build skills and knowledge that can lead to a recognised qualification. You'll cover topics like working with livestock, horticultural production, farm maintenance, and chemical safety. You

will also have the chance to help prepare the College's stud cattle for shows.

This course is hands-on, giving you practical work skills you can use for life.

There may be excursions to field days, agricultural businesses, and farms using new and innovative ideas. The course also includes two units from the Certificate II in Rural Operations.

If you work hard, you can complete the Certificate I in just one semester. Doing the course for both semesters means you can finish the Certificate I and start working on the Certificate II in Rural Operations.

Tip for Year 10 students: If you want to study Certificate II in Rural Operations in upper school, choose this course for both semesters. This way, you'll complete units that count towards your WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education).

INFORMATION: Mrs Smith



HOME ECONOMICS

Home Economics is about learning skills you'll use for the rest of your life. You will be cooking, sewing, or working with children, and you will also be building teamwork, organisation, time management, and creative problem-solving skills. Many projects are design-based, giving you the freedom to be creative while learning something new.

If you're thinking about a career in hospitality, childcare, or fashion and design, these courses are a great starting point. They'll also help if you plan to study Home Economics in Year 11 or 12, or do similar training at TAFE.

YEAR 10

FOOD SCIENCE (Semester 1 and 2)

In this course, you'll make a variety of popular dishes and discover how your food choices affect your health. You'll improve your cooking skills, try out different techniques, and explore nutrition in depth.

In Term 1, you'll focus on healthy eating and taste-test products to help you make smart food choices.



In Term 2, you'll look at the science behind food while creating a range of desserts. This

is a recommended pathway for Year 11 and 12 Food Science and Technology.

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CARING FOR CHILDREN (Semester 1)

This semester focuses on children aged 2–5 years. You'll learn how children grow and develop, and how play and learning support that growth. You'll also explore children's nutrition by preparing simple, healthy meals for toddlers. Activities might include organising a Teddy Bears' Picnic, designing activities for Kindy or Pre-Primary students, and creating a toddler's game. (The Year 9 course focuses on pregnancy to age 2, so if you take both, you'll cover the full program.)



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FUN WITH FOOD (Semester 2)

This course is a hands-on, creative look at food and cooking. You'll learn essential preparation skills, explore food and nutrition, and experiment with recipes. Activities will be both practical and theory-based, making food a source of fun as well as fuel. This is a recommended pathway for Year 11 and 12 Food Science and Technology.

INFORMATION: Ms Parker

VISUAL ARTS

This course is like your own creative playground, designed for students who want to unleash their artistic skills across different types of media. You'll get to explore and play with everything from painting, printmaking, and ceramics to graphics, textiles, and sculpture.

Drawing and design are at the heart of every project, helping you build a strong foundation and bring your ideas to life. You'll also dive into the work of contemporary artists and explore why art is still important and meaningful in our world today. Each semester offers something different, so you can pick and choose to match your interests

INFORMATION: Mrs Cheeseman

MEDIA

This Media options is all about bringing your ideas to life. Across one semester, you'll explore fun projects like video games, film trailers, stop-motion, or music videos.

You'll get hands-on with cameras and industry-standard Adobe software, like Photoshop, Premiere Pro, and Audition, to create your own short films. You'll not only experiment creatively but also research your interests, respond to media you like, and produce your own original content. Knowing your way around tech will definitely help - but if you're willing to learn, this is a great place to start!

INFORMATION: Mr Gibbons-Eyre

PHOTOGRAPHY

This computer-based course combines digital photography and creative editing to help you express your ideas through images and moving visuals. You'll start by learning how to take compelling photographs using either your own camera or school equipment, focusing on composition, lighting, and camera basics. From there, you'll bring your images to life using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premiere, exploring how to enhance, manipulate, and craft visuals into engaging photo or video pieces. The course is ideal for students interested in photography, media, and art, as each project builds both your practical skills and understanding of the creative process. Whether you're capturing single images or creating short visual works, this elective is designed to prepare you for future studies in photographic, media, and art-related subjects.

INFORMATION: Mr Shand & Mr McMeikan

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

In this course, you'll use a mix of digital technology, metalwork, and engineering to design and build practical solutions for real-world problems. Mr McMeikan will guide you through exciting new projects that explore our college's resources like the 3D printer and laser cutter, tools that help turn your ideas into tangible models.

You'll work through a design-based learning process, where you'll define real problems, generate ideas, create prototypes, test and improve them, this method supports deeper, hands-on

learning and creativity. By combining design thinking with cutting-edge technology, you'll build practical skills and experience the thrill of turning your own digital designs into physical creations.

INFORMATION: Mr McMeikan



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

If you're thinking about a trade career, then choosing a Design and Technology subject is a smart move. It gives you a head start by teaching real-world skills like using workshop tools, following safety practices, and tackling hands-on projects, skills that you'll build on in the Certificate II in Engineering Pathways course available from Semester 2 in Year 10.

YEAR 9 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

In Year 9, students can choose two custom wooden projects to design and create, with the option to build a small metal toolbox if time allows. This hands-on course helps develop practical skills in woodworking and metalworking, fostering creativity and problem-solving abilities. It's a great

introduction to the world of design and construction.

YEAR 10 WOODWORK

In Year 10 Woodwork, students will design and construct a piece of furniture, such as a coffee table, bedside table, or small cupboard. The focus is on incorporating an inlaid feature into their chosen project, using a selection of Western Australian and imported timbers. Throughout the course, students will follow the design process, with assessment based on a design folio and the completed project. This course is highly recommended for any student considering Materials, Design and Technology – Woodwork in Year 11.

YEAR 10 HOME WORKSHOP

This composite course includes the development of home maintenance skills such as concreting, paving, painting, plumbing, reticulation, drafting/planning, and other general repairs. Students will also engage in small construction projects related to the building industry, allowing them to apply their skills in practical scenarios. Additionally, the course covers an understanding and maintenance of push bikes and single-cylinder motors. This course is recommended for any student considering Building and Construction in Year 11.

INFORMATION: Mr Gibson

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



This course helps you build adventurous outdoor skills through real, hands-on experiences like fishing, kayaking, mountain biking, camping, hiking, and bush cooking. You'll learn how to pitch tents, navigate using maps, and handle first aid as you train for an exciting final expedition that challenges you both physically and mentally. Along the way, you'll develop resilience, confidence, and teamwork, while discovering how to explore safely, make smart decisions outdoors, and respect nature.

INFORMATION: Mr Sobey or Ms Donner

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