### YEAR 9 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS - 2016

Elective subjects are all of one semester in length. Students study 2 electives each semester. Music should be studied for the whole year.

### A CURRENT AFFAIR

Students analyse topical events by exploring how and why these events occurred. Current affairs will be analysed and their economic, political, legal and social causes and the local, national and global implications examined. Example issues examined include: terrorism; sledging in sport; and naming and shaming young offenders. **Assessment:** Article analysis, case studies, group work and research assignments.

### ART

The two units of work covered throughout the semester include Bookmaking and Sculpture. Students will experiment with a range of media and techniques including tonal drawing, collage, linocuts and 3D sculptural forms. Students will expand their knowledge of the elements of design. The theory aspect of the course includes two self-directed research tasks, and learning to view and analyse Artwork through a conceptual framework. **Assessment:** Practical 60%, Theory 40%

### BUSINESS and ENTERPRISE

Students will be able to understand and evaluate Australia’s economic and business systems and how these impact upon Australia and Asia both in a local and global manner. Introductory economics and business explores trading between countries, the exploration of goods and services and the development of financial literacy. **Assessment:** assignments, case studies, group work and research assignments.

### CLOTHING and TEXTILES

This course caters to students with varying skills and abilities. The students learn how to use a sewing machine and overlocker as they make a hold-all bag, boxer shorts and a craft item of their choice. After each practical task they self-evaluate to improve their future outcomes. Students are taught some basic embroidery skills and practical skills such as sewing on a button and taking up a hem. **Assessment:** Practical 60% and Theory 40%

### DRAMA

Students develop a greater self-confidence and learn acting skills, voice production and stage presentation. Through theory lessons students learn the art of script writing and gain some knowledge of theatre types. The study also enables students to understand the work that is necessary before a performance on stage or film can take place and to develop an appreciation of theatre techniques. **Assessment:** Practical 80% and Theory 20%

### ELECTRONICS

Students learn about basic circuitry and construct various circuits to control set procedures i.e. lights, gates, temperatures, sensors etc. Theory associated with electronic components is also included as are electrical drawing skills and current electronic issues. **Assessment:** Practical 60% and Theory 40%
FOOD & NUTRITION
Students are introduced to an informed understanding of food poisoning and bacteria, as well as dietary related disease and the key nutrients required to maintain a healthy body. Students complete practicals that raise their awareness of high-risk foods, cultural influences and special dietary requirements. A collaborative approach towards learning is strongly encouraged with an emphasis on skill development and understanding. Assessment: Practical 70% and Theory 30%

GEOGRAPHY
Students will research and learn about the social implications Geography has on people around the world. They will focus on examining the world’s food shortage and sustainability of farming, as well as developing an understanding of how their actions and choices impact the world both socially and economically. Assessment: assignments, case studies, group work and research assignments.

HISTORY MYSTERIES
Students examine some infamous unsolved mysteries of a historical nature – for example, what happened to the crew of the Mary Celeste; what happened to Amelia Earhart; what happened to Charles Kingsford Smith – and pose credible theories based on appropriate and relevant evidence. Assessment: assignments, case studies, group work and research assignments.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)
The world is becoming dominated by the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT), which influences every aspect of our daily lives. This subject introduces students to current software programs used in education and employment. Topics may include: OH&S issues; Computer Ergonomics; Word processing; History of Computing and Internet; Components of a PC; Publisher; Website creation; Graphics Assessment: Practical 80% and Theory 20%

MUSIC
Music comprises three units: Theory – Students learn a range of techniques and skills including listening skills, scales and key signatures. History - Students explore the history of Rock and Film Music. Practical - Students form their own ensembles/bands and choose their own music to learn and perform. Students are also required to perform as soloists on their chosen instrument. Students are encouraged to undertake music tuition either at the college or privately. Assessment: Theory 30%, History 30%, Practical 40%

OUTDOOR LIVING
This course concentrates on safe, healthy outdoor living and develops students’ outdoor recreation skills. Students will also look at the study of natural environment and environmental factors. They will have the opportunity to experience some of the following: Bushwalking; Camping (a camp is planned – Approximate cost is $170); Team Building; Navigation; Weather; Kayaking; Orienteering; Environmental Awareness; First Aid. Assessment: Practical 50% and Theory 50%

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES
This Semester length elective will be in the area of Wood Technology. This course is heavily practical based and the students will be developing competent and safe machining skills enabling them to construct a DVD Tower. They will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of jig construction and Computer Assisted Drawing to an Australian Standard. Assessment: Practical 70% and Theory 30%