



YEAR 7 2016 COURSE OVERVIEW

All Year 7 students will complete an educational program that covers the eight learning areas that include English, Health & Physical Education, Languages, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Science (HaSS), Technology and Enterprise, and The Arts.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

LANGUAGES

————— **Japanese** ————— **Italian** —————

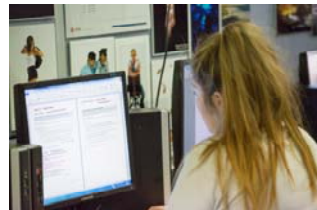
Year 7 students with an interest in Japanese or Italian will learn basic language skills and cultural differences.

THE ARTS

————— **ART** —————

Students will explore a variety of different media and image making techniques, using their Visual Art Diary to document their creative process and develop works from initial ideas through to refined finished pieces using the elements and principles of Art. They will analyse artworks from a range of historical Art movements with assessments to include both verbal and written tasks throughout the semester. The following courses will be available for selection in Year 8:

Art **Media**



————— **Drama** ——— **Dance** ——— **Music** —————

The Performing Arts classes focus on the skills and process for creating, workshopping, and performing original pieces and set tasks. Classes also include written tasks to supplement these skills that look at relevant historical and social elements. Year 7 Students who excel in the general courses will be approached to audition for the Specialist Performing Arts program to develop their skills in specialised classes; students who wish to audition for these classes are also encouraged to approach the Performing Arts team. More information on SPA classes can be found at the front office.



The following courses will be available for selection in Year 8:

General Dance **General Drama** **General Music** **Instrumental Music (SIM)**

TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE:

In 2016 Year 7 students will be involved with a range of Technology and Enterprise experiences. This will provide students with the knowledge and understandings to make an informed choice for subject selection in subsequent years (8-12). Students can expect to undertake study in Wood Technology, Metals Engineering, Home Economics and Information Technology.

Business (Computing)



These subjects allow students to acquire skills using software packages such as Adobe Fireworks and Microsoft Office (Word, Access-databases, Excel-spread sheets and Publisher). Students gain important skills that are essential for creating professional eye-catching assignments whilst developing their business software knowledge. The following courses will be available for selection in Yr 8:

Workplace Computers

Webpage Design and Animation

Metals Engineering / Wood Technology



Design and Technology is an area of specialist education in which students experience numerous exciting and rewarding practical activities. The subjects focus upon working with materials in the workshop, designing products and making projects. Simple hand tools and power tools are used in the workshop and our facilities are amongst the best in the region. The following courses will be available for selection in Year 8:

Design Technical Graphics

Wood Technology

Metals Technology

Jewellery

Design Robotics

Model Engineering

Home Economics

Home Economics is a fun, hands on subject area that involves the teaching of many life skills. Using a technology and health focus students are encouraged to use their own initiative to solve problems while working co-operatively with others. Skills such as time management and the proper selection of ingredients and equipment for food preparation are taught early. Textiles are introduced for the first time in a new facility that is equipped with modern appliances. Students study within the contexts of food and health, food cuisines, textiles and fashion. The following courses will be available for selection in Year 8:

Textiles/Craft

Food Technology

Personal Management



ELITE PROGRAMS

Students from any school are eligible to apply for the Elite Programs. If you would like to apply for an Elite Program and require information or an application form/s, please contact us on 9206 6555. Application forms can also be downloaded from our website.

Academic Extension

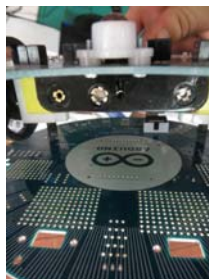
The Academic Extension (AE) Program aims to encourage and stimulate students to excel at school. The program places particular emphasis on developing an understanding of different learning styles and skills in inquiry, analytical, critical and creative thinking. Classroom teachers aim to provide a stimulating environment, to give students the skills and the time to explore an issue, text or problem in more depth and communicate their conclusions more effectively. Students are encouraged to gradually take responsibility for their own learning. You will need to make a separate application and students will sit a test for enrolment into this program.



Robotics

This is the beginning course in Robotics. Students will be utilising Lego Mindstorms kits, and NXT software and various Lego Robotics materials. The course aims to introduce students to basic programming and problem solving activities.

Students will work hands-on in partnerships to design, build, program, test and document their progress. Robots will be built and modified for specific activities, scenarios and challenges.



Instrumental Music

Music is one of the five art forms within the Arts learning area and it contributes to both the overarching outcomes and the four arts - specific outcomes of the Curriculum Framework. Playing instruments is an integral part of the balanced music program at Wanneroo Secondary College, through the School of Instrumental Music. It is aimed at those students who show keen interest and aptitude in music, and who are prepared to make an ongoing commitment to musical activity. Instrumental music tuition relies on the general development fostered in the classroom music program.



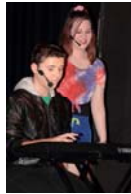
SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Students from any school are eligible to apply for the Specialist Programs. Students can enter the programs in Year 7, 8 and 9. If you would like to apply for a Specialist Program and require information or an application form/s, please contact us on 9206 6555. Application forms can also be downloaded from our website, or picked up from our reception.

Specialist Performing Arts

Students enrolled in the Performing Arts Program gain a sound general education, extension in their area of talent and interest and enrichment in personal growth through development of life skills, imagination, creativity, a commitment to quality, adaptability and flexibility. Students will participate in performance and production of staged shows.

Specialist Performing Art skills enhance self-confidence, initiative and maturity and provide a realistic understanding of vocational requirements.



Students enrolled in this program will focus on two of the three courses, Drama, Dance or Music, and how they incorporate into performance and production.

Specialist Australian Rules Football

The Specialist Football Program at Wanneroo Secondary College provides students who have a passion for the game an opportunity to develop football skills as part of a recreational or career pathway. What are the aims of the Program? The program aims to support all students by creating an environment which is inclusive, friendly and enables them to develop their football skills under quality coaching and at a level of competition which suits their abilities at any given stage of their development.



Students wishing to apply for the Australian Rules Football Program at Wanneroo Secondary College can enter at Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Students are able to apply from any location, as school boundaries do not apply.

The program is a Department of Education Specialist Program, the only one in the West Perth District.