



ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Year 9 2022 Course Information

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The story so far:

In Years 7 and 8 all subjects were compulsory.
You studied:

- Life Skills
- Art
- Drama
- English
- Graphics
- Music
- Humanities
(History/Geography)
- Information Tech.
- Mathematics
- Languages
(Indonesian/Japanese)
- Metalwork
- Music
- Physical Ed.
- Science
- Textiles
- Woodwork



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What's different about Year 9?

You get to choose some of your subjects.

One of your subjects each semester is for 6 periods per week, allowing for larger projects to be completed.



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Compulsory Program

In each semester, you will all study the following:

English: 5 periods per week.

Mathematics: 5 periods.

Lifeskills: 2 periods



Elective Subjects

In each semester you will also study:

3 elective units:	4 periods each.
1 extended unit:	6 periods.



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Extended Units

You will study **TWO** extended units for the year; **ONE** each semester.

Units to choose from:

- Autoweld – Technology
- Sports Science – Science
- Fit & Healthy Lifestyles – Health & PE
- Mission X – Science
- Performing Arts – Arts
- The World in your Kitchen – Technology
- 'Wood' you like to? – Technology



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Short Elective Units

You will study **SIX** short electives for the year;
THREE each semester.

Arts

- Studio Arts
- Visual Communication
- Music: Band class
- Drama

Science

- Science 901
- Science 902

Health and Physical Education

- Physical Education
- Recreation



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Humanities

- History: Australia to 1918
- Geography: Global Hotspots

Languages

- Indonesian
- Japanese

Technology

- Digital Technologies
- Food in Action
- Materials – Metal fabrication
- Textiles – How do you make that? I want to make that too.
- Cabinet Making - Wood



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Requirements:

Your course must include a minimum of five of the following six subject learning areas.

Arts, Health and Physical Education,
Humanities, Science, Technology, Languages.



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Your extended units can contribute towards each learning area.

Eg: If you select Mission X this can count as your Science selection.

Once you have met these requirements then you can select any other electives you wish.
Eg. English Literature.



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A Possible Course

Semester 1	Semester 2
English	English
Maths	Maths
Lifeskills	Lifeskills
Extended Unit: Fit and Healthy	Extended Unit: World in your Kitchen
Studio Art	Recreation
Science 901	Science 902
Cabinet Making	History

This student has covered Arts, Humanities, Technology, Science and Health & Physical Education



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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST & INTEGRITY

Please return this signed selection sheet to the Office by Friday 6th August.

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION 2022

English, Mathematics and Lifeskills are Compulsory Units and will be allocated for you.

In addition, students in Year 9 must complete:

- **THREE Short Units** each semester (**SIX** for the year) - please select **EIGHT** in order of preference.
- **ONE Extended Unit** each semester (**TWO** for the year) - please select **FOUR** in order of preference.

Please read the following information carefully to ensure you select your subjects correctly.

1. Your preferences must include subjects from **at least five** of the following six Key Learning Areas:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Arts | 4. Science |
| 2. Health and Physical Education | 5. Design & Technology |
| 3. Humanities | 6. Languages |

For Example:

- If your child does not continue with a Language, all five of the other Key Learning Areas must be included in their top preferences.
- If your child does not include one of the first five Key Learning Areas, then they must include a Language in their top preferences.

2. **A MAXIMUM OF TWO** Short Units within a single Key Learning Area will be allocated.
3. **A MAXIMUM OF TWO** Extended Units within a single Key Learning Area will be allocated.
4. **English Literature** can only be selected from the Short Units once **FIVE** of the other Key Learning Areas have been included in your preferences.

Your **top** preferences will be prioritised when allocating subjects for 2022.

If your top preferences do not meet the requirement to include subjects from five of the six Key Learning Areas, your lower preferences may be used to meet this requirement.

Some subjects have additional costs associated with them—please refer to the information in the Year 9, 2022 handbook.



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KEY LEARNING AREA	Short Units	Selections (1-8)	Extended Units	Selections (1-4)
	(Select 8 subjects and number them 1-8 in order of preference.)		(Select 4 subjects and number them 1-4 in order of preference.)	
1. ARTS	Studio Art		Performing Arts	
	Visual Communication (Graphics)			
	Drama			
	Music: Band Class			
2. HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Physical Education		Fit & Healthy Lifestyles	
	Recreation			
3. HUMANITIES	History: Australia to 1918			
	Geography: Global Hotspots			
4. SCIENCE <small>*Science 901 is a prerequisite for Science 902.</small>	Science 901		Sports Science	
	*Science 902 (semester 2)		Mission X	
5. DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Food in Action		Autoweld	
	Cabinet Making: Wood		The World in Your Kitchen	
	Materials: Metal Fabrication		'Wood' you like to?	
	Digital Technologies			
	Textiles: How did you make that? I want to make that too.			
6. LANGUAGES <small>*Semester 1 is a prerequisite for Semester 2.</small>	Japanese Semester 1			
	*Japanese Semester 2			
	Indonesian Semester 1			
	*Indonesian Semester 2			
ENGLISH	English: Literature		Only select Literature if you already have five of the Key Learning Areas (above) included in your preferences.	



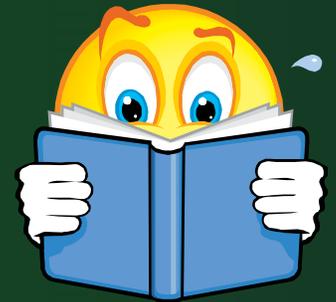
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Read the handbook carefully

Listen to today's information by each subject area representative.

Ask questions of your teachers.

Don't make your decisions based on a friend's selection or teacher preference.





Selection Process

- We cannot guarantee that all subjects on offer will run in 2022, so it is important that you indicate **EIGHT** semester electives and **FOUR** extended units.



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What happens next?

We look at the number of students interested in each subject.

We decide on which subjects will run based on these numbers.

I then work out the blockings with these subjects and determine your individual course for 2022.