



# ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Year 9, 2021 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 Education
- 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 per week.

Lifeskills: 2 periods per week.



# 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** in each semester.

Units to choose from include:

- Autoweld: Technology
- Sports Science: Science
- Fit & Healthy Lifestyles: Health & Physical Education
- Mission X: Science
- Performing Arts: The Arts
- The World in your Kitchen: Design Technologies
- 'Wood' you like to?: Design Technologies





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# Short Elective Units

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

## The Arts

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

## Science

- Science 901
- Science 902

## Health and Physical Education

- Physical Education
- Recreation



# Short Elective Units

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## Humanities

- History: The Modern World
- Geography: Global Hotspots

## Technologies

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

## Languages

- Indonesian
- Japanese





# Requirements

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

The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Humanities, Science, Technologies, Languages.



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Your extended units can contribute towards each Learning Area.

For example: 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, for example, English Literature.



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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST & INTEGRITY

Please return this signed selection sheet to the Office by Friday 7th August.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION 2021

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

In addition, students in Year 9 study:

- **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:

Arts  
Health and Physical Education  
Humanities  
Science  
Technology  
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 be only be selected from the Short Units once **FIVE** of the other Key Learning Areas have been included in your preferences.

When you have completed your selections, please check that you have included at least five of the six Key Learning Areas in your **top** preferences (1-6 for short units, and 1-2 for extended units).

If you have not selected subjects from five of the six Key Learning Areas in your top selections, your back-up preferences (7 & 8 for short units, and 3 & 4 for extended units) may be used to meet this requirement.



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KEY LEARNING AREA	Short Units (Select 8 subjects and number them 1-8 in order of preference)	Selections (1-8)	Extended Units (Select 4 subjects and number them 1-4 in order of preference)	Selections (1-4)
ARTS	Studio Art		Performing Arts	
	Visual Communication (Graphics)			
	Drama			
	Music: Band Class			
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Physical Education		Fit & Healthy Lifestyles	
	Recreation			
HUMANITIES	History: Australia to 1918			
	Geography: Global Hotspots			
SCIENCE *Semester 1 is a prerequisite for semester 2.	Science 901 (semester 1)		Mission X	
	*Science 902 (semester 2)		Sports Science	
TECHNOLOGY	Food in Action		The World in Your Kitchen	
	Cabinet Making: Wood		'Wood' you like to?	
	Digital Technologies		Autoweld	
	Textiles: How did you make that? I want to make that too.			
	Materials: Metal Fabrication			
LANGUAGES *Semester 1 is a prerequisite for Semester 2.	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.	

Some subjects have additional costs associated with them—please refer to the information in the Year 9, 2021 handbook.



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# Read the handbook carefully

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 2021, 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 which subjects will run based on the numbers of students interested in them.

Mrs Collett will determine the blockings for the subjects which run, and will assist you in determining your individual course for 2021.