



2018 YEAR 8 ELECTIVES

In 2018 Year 8 students will complete a number of core classes (completed by all students) and they will also have the opportunity to select some elective classes. The core classes which students will complete in form groups include English, Maths, Science, Health/PE, Humanities, LOTE and Art.

In 2017 our Year 7 students completed a rotation of Food Technology, Metalwork, Woodwork and Performing Arts. As Year 8 students in 2018 these students will have the opportunity to select which of these (or others) they complete. Each of these elective subjects run for one semester and all students will complete two elective subjects across the year.

To indicate which electives you would like to do in 2018, please complete the following table by numbering each subject from 1 – 5 with 1 being your first preference. While we will endeavour to follow students' first two preferences, we are limited by the classroom and teacher availability within the normal constraints of a weekly timetable.

| <u>PREFERENCES</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u> |
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| | Textiles |
| | Performing Arts |
| | Digital Technology |
| | Metalwork |
| | Home Economics |
| | Woodwork |

*Please note that students will also have the opportunity to select a number of Electives over a wide range of subject areas for their Year 9 learning program. Subject descriptions for Year 9 Electives are also contained in the Middle School Handbook which is available on the school website.

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE GENERAL OFFICE THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER,**

Please feel free to contact Chris Cronin (Middle School Coordinator), with any queries you may have on 56551566.

PARENTS NAME:

PARENTS SIGNATURE:

STUDENTS SIGNATURE:



2018 YEAR 8 NON-MAINSTREAM CLASSES

Following the selection of two elective classes on the reverse page all students will be enrolled in a mainstream Year 8 learning program. This learning program includes English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Art, HPE, LOTE and two Technology electives. Each of these classes will focus the learning on the expected level for a Year 8 student.

A mainstream program is the learning program which will suit the vast majority of Year 8 students. However, we are aware that some students will gain more benefit from a modified learning program and we have a number of classes which students and parents may choose to include in a learning program for 2018. The following classes may replace a mainstream subject in a student's learning program for 2018 and this decision will be made through a conference between parents, students and school early in term four.

- LIKE MINDS** – In 2018 one form group will operate which includes students from years 7 – 9. All students selected for this class will have demonstrated outstanding Effective Learner Behaviours through their GPA reports as well as at least “at standard” academic ability. This class will work together for English, Maths, Science, Art and Health/PE with their teachers catering for students at all levels within the class. Students in our Like Minds class will return to form groups for their year level for Humanities, Technology electives and LOTE. The team of teachers teaching this class will work together closely to implement a range of innovative teaching and learning practices including thematic based units, inquiry learning and extended investigations.
- ACE+ INDEPENDENT** – For students who have demonstrated an ability to work independently and have an area of passion our ACE+ Independent class allows these students to independently identify, design and create and product, activity or event around the school and/or in the community. Examples include assisting with the direction of a school production, making a documentary or creating a school Human Powered Vehicle Team.
- ACCESS TO LEARNING** – For students who have a particular strength in one or more subjects the student may choose to include a subject in their learning program from a year ahead.
- LINK** – For students who find mainstream Maths and English challenging our LINK class offers an opportunity to learn Literacy and Numeracy through real life contexts. The learning focus for this class at Year 8 and Year 9 is designed to prepare students for a possible VCAL and/or vocation pathway.
- ACE+ -** For students who prefer to learn in a hands-on manner our ACE+ class allows students to work with a teacher to identify, design and create products, activities and/or events around school and in the community. Examples include managing the vegie patch at school, completing necessary construction work at school or in the community and running a casual clothes day for school while raising money and providing education around a specific cause.

If you are interested in including any of these classes in your learning program for 2018 please indicate with a tick next to the relevant classes and return this sheet (including elective selections on the reverse side) to the General Office by Thursday 21st September. You will then be invited to a meeting early in term four where we can finalise these details and the remainder of your learning program. Students interested in including Like Minds, ACE+ Independent or Access to Learning in their learning program will be required to provide evidence of past performance including GPA reports, Academic reports and work samples at this meeting.

If you have any questions about any of these options, or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Assistant Principal John Wilson at wilson.john.b@edumail.vic.gov.au or on 5655 1566.