



23rd July 2020

YEAR 9 ELECTIVES – 2021

Year 8 Students and Parents/Caregivers,

Year 8 students are being asked to choose the elective subjects that they wish to study in Year 9 during 2021. In Years 9 and 10 English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, and Personal Development/Health/Physical Education are compulsory for all students in NSW. Students are able to choose three elective subjects based on their interests or future career options.

When students discuss elective choices within their family, it is important to note that some courses will be more popular and may fill quickly. For this reason, early return of the Subject Selection Form is advised. Priority will be given based on the order of form return and fee payment after confirmation.

There are **compulsory** course fees in some subjects to cover the cost of materials used by students.

- A letter will be given to students in Term 4 to confirm placement in electives.
- Fees will need to be paid before the student will be allowed to start a course with a compulsory fee. Fees can be paid after receiving of subject confirmation letter and school invoice.
- Parents are encouraged to pay any compulsory fees during December. Otherwise payment can be made in 2021.
- Fees may be paid on the first day of school in 2021 but a position in the course cannot be guaranteed as the course may already be full.
- Fees may be “paid off” in small amounts starting immediately if parents wish. It is expected that parents will plan to have fees paid on time. As parents have been given adequate warning of compulsory fees, it is expected that parents would only approach the Principal for a variation of the above in the most exceptional of circumstances.
- The fees will cover the course for Year 9 only.
- If students select an elective with a compulsory fee and it is not paid, students will be placed in an elective course which does not have a compulsory fee.
- If a student pays an elective fee and does not start that elective the fee will be refunded in full.
- If a student leaves the school or changes elective part way through the year, the unused portion of the fee will be refunded on a pro rata basis.
- **There are mandatory uniform requirements for some electives, ie the wearing of leather shoes. These subjects are indicated later in the document. Students who do not comply with this requirement may not be able to select and/or continue with the study of these electives.**

Attached for your information are the elective choices for 2021. Students are urged to seek advice from parents and teachers to ensure they are as fully informed as possible.

Please return the attached Subject Selection Form to the office by Friday 7th August 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Eagles on 6785 1184.

Ms M Eagles
Head Teacher Admin

Mr M Windred
Principal

MANILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

ELECTIVE COURSES

YEAR 9 - 2021

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY – Mandatory WHS leather shoes required.

The study of Agricultural Technology provides students with opportunities to experience aspects of an agricultural lifestyle through direct contact with plants and animals. The study of a variety of enterprises allows students to make responsible decisions about the appropriate use of agricultural technologies.

Students explore career opportunities in agriculture and related service industries and investigate the viability of Australian agriculture through management of issues relating to the sustainability of agricultural systems, as well as the relationships between production, processing and consumption.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY – Mandatory WHS leather shoes required.

There is a compulsory fee of \$60.

The study of Food Technology provides students with a broad knowledge of food properties, processing, preparation, nutritional considerations and consumption patterns. It addresses the importance of hygiene, safe working practices and legislation in relation to the production of food. Students develop food-specific skills, which can be applied in a range of contexts enabling students to produce quality food products. The course also provides students with contexts through which to explore the richness, pleasure and variety food adds to life and how it contributes to both vocational and general life experiences.

HISTORY – ELECTIVE

History enables young people to develop an interest in and enjoyment of exploring the past. History Elective provides opportunities to develop a knowledge and understanding of past societies and historical periods.

Students explore the nature of history, heritage and archaeology and the methods that historians use to construct history through a range of thematic and historical studies. Historical issues studied include the collection, display and reconstruction of the past, ethical issues of ownership, preservation and conservation of the past. Features of a range of ancient, medieval and modern societies are explored and students have the opportunity to study historical themes such as war and peace, crime and punishment, music through history, slavery and gender in history.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY – Mandatory WHS leather shoes required.

There is a compulsory fee of \$60.

The study of Industrial Technology provides students with opportunities to engage in a diverse range of creative and practical experiences using a variety of technologies widely available in industrial and domestic settings. This may include study in the focus areas of:

- Metal
- Timber.

They develop knowledge and understanding of materials and processes. Related knowledge and skills are developed through a specialised approach to the tools, materials, equipment and techniques employed in the planning, development, construction and evaluation of quality practical projects and processes. Critical thinking skills are developed through engagement with creative practical problem-solving activities.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORT STUDIES

Physical Activity and Sports Studies aims to enhance students' capacity to participate effectively in physical activity and sport, leading to improved quality of life for themselves and others.

Students engage in a wide range of physical activities in order to develop key understandings about how and why we move and how to enhance quality and enjoyment of movement.

The course includes modules selected from each of the following three areas of study:

- Foundations of Physical Activity
- Physical Activity and Sport in Society
- Enhancing Participation and Performance

Throughout the course, students develop knowledge, understanding and skills that develop their ability to:

- work collaboratively with others to enhance participation, enjoyment and performance in physical activity and sport
- display management and planning skills to achieve personal and group goals in physical activity and sport
- perform movement skills with increasing proficiency
- analyse and appraise information, opinions and observations to inform physical activity and sport decisions.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Students will be expected to provide their own 16G flash drive.

Photographic and Digital Media provides opportunities for students to enjoy making and studying a range of photographic and digital media works. It enables students to represent their ideas and interests about the world, to engage in contemporary forms of communication and understand and write about their contemporary world. Photographic and Digital Media enables students to investigate new technologies, cultural identity and the evolution of photography and digital media into the 21st century. Students are provided with opportunities to make and study photographic and digital media works in greater depth and breadth than through the Visual Arts elective course.

Students learn to interpret and explain the function of and relationships in the artworld between the artist – artwork – world – audience to make and study photographic and digital media artworks.

MUSIC

There is a compulsory fee of \$60.

All students should have the opportunity to develop their musical abilities and potential. As an artform, music pervades society and occupies a significant place in world cultures and in the oral and recorded history of all civilisations. Music plays important roles in the social, cultural, aesthetic and spiritual lives of people. At an individual level, music is a medium of personal expression. It enables the sharing of ideas, feelings and experiences. The nature of musical study also allows students to develop their capacity to manage their own learning, engage in problem-solving, work collaboratively and engage in activity that reflects the real world practice of performers, composers and audiences.

The study of the concepts of music underpin the development of skills in performing, composing and listening.

VISUAL ARTS – Mandatory WHS leather shoes required.

There is a compulsory fee of \$60.

Visual Arts provides opportunities for students to enjoy the making and studying of art. It builds an understanding of the role of art in all forms of media, both in the contemporary and historical world, and enables students to represent their ideas and interests in artworks. Visual Arts enables students to become informed about, understand and write about their contemporary world.

Students learn to investigate and respond to a wide range of artists and artworks in artmaking, critical and historical studies. They also learn to interpret and explain the function of and relationships in the artworld between the artist – artwork – world – audience to make and study artworks.

Manilla Central School
Subject Selection for YEAR 8 going into YEAR 9 in 2021

Student Name _____

Line Pattern
Please choose a 1st and 2nd preference for each elective line

Line 1	History Elective* Industrial Tech – Timber* (\$60) Music (\$60)		1st Choice 2nd Choice
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Line 2	Industrial Tech-Metal* (\$60) Physical Activities and Sport Studies Visual Arts (\$60)		1st Choice 2nd Choice
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Line 3	Agricultural Technology* Food Technology* (\$60) Photographic and Digital Media		1st Choice 2nd Choice
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I agree with the choices my child has made.
I also agree to comply with WHS requirements and pay the total course fees of
\$ _____
before my child will be allowed to start courses with compulsory fees.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian

Please note

- Subjects with an * require leather shoes (Health and Safety)

Please return the whole of this page to the office by Friday 7th August 2020.