



NOSSAL
High School

Year 9 Electives 2020



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Art and Printmaking

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Creative Design

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Dance

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Edible Art

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Electronics

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Food Studies

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Music Appreciation

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Music Performance

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Photography

Cost: \$70.00 per semester

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Theatre Studies

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Visual Communication Design

Cost: \$35.00 per semester

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Elective Descriptions

Art and Printmaking

This semester length course will provide an introduction into freehand drawing styles, acrylic painting techniques, fantasy portrait development and relief printing.

The students will:

- Practice observational drawing
- Experiment with colour mixing
- Produce an A2 fantasy portrait of a being who is half-animal and half-human creature.
- Complete a series of quick (some more detailed) creative drawing exercises.

Creative Design

Creative Design is a semester long course which allows students to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to situations both hypothetical and current. Their studies will begin with learning a technique that requires them to think “outside the box” and look at developing solutions to problems that have a high impact. They will then move on to select a problem that they can see affecting the world now and develop an action plan that may reduce the impact of their chosen problem. They will then carry out their action plan. Action plans could include making a piece of music and producing a video to help educate a population, making a prototype model or using computer code to create a game. The emphasis is on student choice and on the development of resilience as they overcome challenges to realise their chosen solution.

Dance

Year 9 Dance will introduce students to expressive movement skills both individually and collaboratively. It will be a practical class that also involves experimentation with:

- Dance elements from a range of styles and contexts such as Gymnastics, Cultural, Musical/Jazz, Contemporary and more
- Evaluation and refinement of choreography and producing dances

Edible Art

Year 9 Edible Art provides an opportunity for students to develop their culinary skills in all aspects of baking and creative decorations. This course is a semester length course and focuses on the skills required to work with delicate chocolate techniques and creative food presentation. Students will undertake personal design tasks that will guide their creativity and personal development in all aspects of food production. Students will develop skills in kitchen safety and food preparation and sensory analysis.

Electronics

In this semester length course students will have the opportunity to learn about electronic circuits and experiment with them using a breadboard incorporating a range of sensors, input and output devices.

They will learn the basics of programming micro-controllers and the associated control of a range of peripheral devices. Students will also be made aware about the safe working principles used in the technology field.

This course is highly recommended for students who want to pursue the engineering field in future.

Food Studies

This semester long course develops students' culinary skills, in aspects of food preparation and food production. This course focuses on foods from around the world and Australian primary production and Australian produced ingredients. Students prepare many types of recipes ensuring the foundation skills are developed and refined.

This course is mostly taught in production classes, ensuring the students are provided with many opportunities to practice and develop an array of cooking techniques.

Music Appreciation

This semester length course will provide a basic introduction into various styles of music, through theory, performance and technology. This course will encourage students to develop their creativity, imagination, inventiveness and the cultivation of aesthetic considerations for music.

Students will develop an understanding the following areas:

- Musical theory and musicianship
- Music performance
- Music Technology
- Musical genres

Music Performance

This semester length elective is aimed at students who already have some instrumental music experience and who may be considering taking VCE Music Performance. The class involves solo and group music performances, theory, composition and an exploration of the elements music in a practical sense.

Students create their own topic for investigation and present a performance based assignment in answer to this.

This class presents a public performance at the end of the semester.

Photography

This semester length course provides a practical approach to photography. The students will:

- Learn how to use a digital SLR Camera
- Experiment with photography techniques
- Learn how to compose a photographic composition
- Present a folio of images

Theatre Studies

In Theatre Studies students interpret playscripts and produce theatre. By reading and making scripts students gain an insight into playscript-based theatrical production and develop an understanding of the role and place of the playwright. Students work with playscripts in both their written form and in performance, studying various areas of stagecraft by looking at the stage directions and dialogue to understand the role of tone and body language in performance. Students will learn through practical experiences such as role play.

Visual Communication Design

This semester length course aims to provide a basic introduction to graphic design for packaging, posters, advertising and brochures.

The students will:

- Generate and refine design ideas
- Use new and creative drawing techniques
- Explore image related computer software



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