



NOSSAL
High School

Year 9 Electives 2024



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Art

Cost: \$25.00 per semester

Creative Design

Cost: \$40.00 per semester

Dance

Cost: \$0.00 per semester

(optional excursion additional cost)

Electronics

Cost: \$40.00 per semester

Food Studies

Cost: \$245.00 per semester

Music

Cost: \$0.00 per semester

Photography

Cost: \$25.00 per semester

Theatre Studies

Cost: \$0.00 per semester

(optional excursion additional cost)

Visual Communication Design

Cost: \$10.00 per semester

Elective Descriptions

Art

This semester length course will provide an introduction into freehand drawing styles and acrylic painting techniques.

The students will:

- Practice observational drawing
- Experiment with colour mixing
- Produce a 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

Students will use their creative sides to engage with the design process while aiming to produce a product made with a focus on sustainability. They will have agency in the direction they chose to take their projects. Students will work on solution generation, design ideas, evaluating and producing a finished product, as well as communicating all these points with others.

Dance

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

- Dance elements
- A range of dance styles and contexts such as gymnastics, cultural dance, musical theatre, contemporary and more
- Creation, refinement and evaluation of choreography.

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 is designed to enhance students' understanding of healthy eating through a focus on nutrition. Students will acquire essential skills for planning and preparing nutritious meals. Exploring a variety of foods from global and Australian sources, the course emphasizes the use of locally produced ingredients.

Through hands-on experience in production classes, students will engage in the preparation of diverse recipes, honing their foundational skills in cooking techniques dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Music

This semester length course will provide a broad exploration of music, through the lens of performance, music software, research and theory. This course will encourage students to develop their creativity, imagination and inventiveness, whilst building their confidence and their musical skills.

Students will develop an understanding in the following areas:

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

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 and analyse playscripts. They interpret plays through both written and practical activities, including acting, directing, design: costume, set, lighting, sound, props and makeup. Students work both collaboratively and independently to stage excerpts within class. They will also have the opportunity to see how their in class work comes alive on stage through an excursion and a performance analysis. Theatre Studies is a great subject to develop important 21st century skills including communication, collaboration, problem solving and creative and critical thinking. The strong analytical and close reading skills developed in this subject are easily transferable to other subjects in the school, in particular English and Humanities.

Visual Communication Design

This semester length course aims to introduce Communication and Industrial design.

The students will:

- Generate and refine creative furniture designs using isometric and perspective drawings
- Use a range of materials and techniques to create original posters and packaging
- Design an avatar of themselves
- Create a front cover for the Butterfly Effect NHS yearbook (best cover to published on the 2023 yearbook)
- Learn basic digital manipulation techniques using vector-based software (students who use BYO computers will need to buy or find an alternative software)



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