

YEAR 9 SUBJECTS – 2019

Students in Year 9 study a broad range of subjects from across the Curriculum. The following subjects are compulsory:

Religious Education	Social Studies	Health
English	Mathematics	Technology
Science	Social studies	Physical Education

THE OPTION CHOICES:

Students are also asked to select **two** option choices by ticking one subject from **Option (A)** and one subject from **Option (B)** *(Please indicate your option choices at the bottom of this page)*

OPTION (A)	OPTION (B)
The Arts: A combined course of two Terms of Art and two Terms of Music.	The Arts: A combined course of two Terms of Art and two Terms of Music.
Chinese (Mandarin)	Chinese (Mandarin)
Spanish	Spanish
Te Reo Maori	Te Reo Maori
Sports Institute <i>(Only if selected by SHC for Cricket /Football /Rugby)</i> ** Please see the note below for Rowing/Tennis/Water Polo	Music Institute <i>(if selected)</i>

Please note the following when making your subject choices:

- Students must pick **ONE** subject from Option (A) and **ONE** subject from Option (B) and **ONE** subject from the Back-up Option.
- Students may not pick the same subject for Option (A) and Option (B).
- Students who have been selected by the College for the Sports Institute i.e., *Cricket /Football /Rugby* must choose it as their Option (A) subject.
- If a student wishes to choose two language subjects (one in Option (A) and one in Option (B)) the College will make every effort to accommodate this; however, due to staffing and timetabling constraints, this may not be possible.
- Every effort will be made to give your son his first two Option choices, but timetabling constraints mean that this may not always be possible.
- ****NB:** Students who have been selected by the College for the following Sports Institute codes: Rowing / Tennis / Water Polo programmes, **DO NOT** tick 'Sports Institute' for Option (A). *These students must tick a **'SUBJECT' in Option (A)**.*

Please indicate in the Table below your Option choices:

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent/s Signature: _____

OPTION (A) <i><u>Tick one box only</u></i>	OPTION (B) <i><u>Tick one box only</u></i>	BACK-UP OPTION <i><u>Tick one box only</u></i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (Mandarin) <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Te Reo Maori Sports Institute: <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket <input type="checkbox"/> Football <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby	<input type="checkbox"/> The Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (Mandarin) <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Te Reo Maori <input type="checkbox"/> Music Institute <i>(only eligible if you have been in Music Institute in Year 8)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (Mandarin) <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Te Reo Maori

NB: Please return this form to your Homeroom Teacher by Friday 24th August 2018.

Mr J Cornford
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INFORMATION ABOUT YEAR 9 OPTION SUBJECTS IN 2019

The following information is a guide to the Option subjects offered at Year 9; to give you an idea of what is studied and where the subjects lead to *after* Year 9.

THE ARTS

A combined course of Art and Music.

Students complete **two terms** of Art classes and **two terms** of Music classes.

Art – In Year 9 students work with the Art disciplines of drawing, painting, design, using the elements of colour, line, space, shape, texture, volume and mass. Through practical activities and art experiences they gain understanding of the methods and processes including the making of art works and design. A use of varied materials and tools extends critical ability, foresight, discipline and independence.

It is advantageous for students who wish to do Art at Year 10, to choose this subject in Year 9.

Music – is about performance, experimentation, creation, knowledge and listening; the Year 9 programme develops these skills in a thorough range of musical experiences.

The course is based on the four recognised curriculum areas:

- Musical Knowledge – (Theory and History)
- Aural – (Listening)
- Composition
- Performance – (Group and Individual)

It is essential for students who wish to do Music at Year 10, to choose this subject in Year 9.

SPANISH

In this course the students will learn the basics of Spanish as a language. The course content is very practical with topics focusing on everyday life in Spain. By the end of the Year 9 course, students will have developed their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills in Spanish.

It is essential for students who wish to do Spanish at Year 10, to choose this subject in Year 9.

CHINESE (Mandarin)

In this course the students will learn the basics of Chinese as a language. The course content is very practical with topics focusing on everyday life in China. Cultural aspects of China will be studied too. By the end of the Year 9 course, students will have developed their listening, speaking, writing and reading skills in Chinese.

It is essential for students who wish to do Chinese at Year 10, to choose this subject in Year 9.

TE REO MĀORI

The study of the Māori language is offered as both a language course and as a means of appreciating more of our country's dual heritage. The Year 9 Te Reo Māori course aims to introduce the Year 9 students to the Māori language, equipping them with a basic vocabulary and giving them the skills to be able to pronounce Māori words, names and place-names correctly.

Simple sentences and grammatical structures are taught in listening, reading, writing and speaking tasks. As well, elements of *tikanga* (protocol) are experienced.

It is essential for students who wish to do Te Reo Māori at Year 10, to choose this subject in Year 9.