



Semester 1, Year 9 Curriculum Overviews, 2026

Curriculum Area	Overview
English	This semester in Year 9 English, students will explore a range of fiction texts to develop their reading, writing and speaking skills, including short stories and <i>The Hunger Games</i> , while building strong spelling, grammar and punctuation skills throughout their learning. Students will also study classic stories and storytelling traditions, culminating in a creative stop-motion film with a modern twist, and will examine how writers use language, structure and text features to influence audiences by creating a magazine cover focused on a current issue.
Mathematics	The year 9 Mathematics curriculum contains topics and tasks from the strands of number, algebra, measurement, space, statistics and probability. During our first semester we will be focusing on topics on Pythagoras' theorem, measurement, percentage, algebra (expressions and expansion) and exponents. Within each topic there will be a variety of assessment types for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding such as class discussion, group tasks, assignments and tests under supervision.
Science	In Semester 1, Year 9 Science students will deepen their understanding of key concepts in biology and chemistry. They will investigate how body systems regulate and maintain internal balance, demonstrating their understanding through a Blood Glucose and Diabetes homeostasis investigation. Students will then develop their understanding of the processes and interactions that support species survival by completing an adaptation design challenge. In chemistry, students will learn about the development of atomic theory and isotopes, complete a test on what they have learned, and apply their understanding of more complex chemical reactions and conservation of mass in a practical scientific report.
Humanities and Social Sciences	This semester, students will investigate key historical events including the Industrial Revolution, World War I, and World War II, exploring how these shaped societies and individuals. They will research and present on soldiers' life stories, culminating in an exhibition to showcase their learning. In Civics and Citizenship, students will learn about Australian democracy, global connections, and the importance of active citizenship. By engaging in practical projects and mock trials, students will deepen their understanding of legal processes, leadership, and their role in society.





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Health & Physical Education	Year 9 and 10 Health and Physical Education will focus on refining movement skills, enhancing in-game performance, and developing a deeper understanding of health and nutrition. Practical lessons include targeted preparation for Sports Day and the Swimming Carnival, where students will work on athletics and swimming techniques. Students will also undertake units in badminton and netball, exploring rules, refining technical skills, and applying varied strategies and gameplay in competitive contexts. Comparisons between beginner and elite athletes will be examined to analyse differences in decision-making, fitness levels, and tactical awareness. The theory component for the term focuses on food and nutrition, investigating healthy and unhealthy food choices, strategies for promoting healthy eating within the community, and the role of nutrition in supporting sports performance and recovery.
The Arts	The year 9 and 10 program in the Arts consists of a one-week introductory Art task to recap the foundational Elements of Art, and two five-week units to complete the term. The first unit focuses on Art Portraiture with students creating a self-portrait using a selected method, followed by a portrait task of a chosen subject with more freedom to explore Art mediums. Students will also respond to portraits by other artists through watching the ABC program 'Portrait Artist of the Year' as part of lesson time. The second unit has a music focus, with students exploring beat and rhythm, developing skills in listening and creative composition in many different forms (percussion instruments, body percussion, bucket drums, the drum kit) through varying activities which will be built on as skills develop. Assessments will be practically based, whilst the unit will also cover key musical elements and critical analysis.
Technologies	Insert curriculum overview here...
Home Economics	In Year 9 Home Economics this term, we will be completing two five-week units. One will focus on sewing skills, with students making a pair of shorts. The second will have a cookery focus, and the class will vote on either baking skills or meat cookery/main meal preparation. This will be a heavily practical-based course, with theoretical themes around design, food production, and food safety.

