



# Year 9 Options 2018

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## 9ENG - Y9 English

This course is compulsory.

The Year 9 English programme has been structured to link the student's prior knowledge of English that they acquired at intermediate level and familiarise them with the structures, conventions, language and assessment formats that will prepare them for NCEA level 1. The course includes the study of a range of literary genres, including visual literacy, as well as the consolidation and development of a range of reading, writing and oral skills.

Teacher in Charge: Gretha Benade

**Contributions and Equipment/Stationery:** 1B5  
English workbook

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9HEA - Y9 Health

This course is compulsory..

Year 9 students begin Health Education with Friendships, as they are making new friends in a new school. We consider what is it to be a good friend, how to make friends and keep friends. Making healthy Lifestyle Choices in Term 2 is when students identify and investigate how to manage a balanced healthy lifestyle using nutrition and exercise. Students will be encouraged to apply this knowledge to their own lives, developing lifelong healthy habits to reduce the risk of lifestyle illnesses. In Term 3, we think about Managing Change and its inevitable part of adolescence. Students will consider the changes that occur and explore how they can successfully manage changes with regards to their physical body, their emotions, relationships, responsibilities and independence. How good decisions are made is the topic in Term 4. This information is then applied to making safe decisions around smoking, alcohol and marijuana.

Teacher in Charge: Gretchen Shelling

**Contributions and Equipment/Stationery:** Course workbook \$5

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9MAT - Y9 Mathematics

This course is compulsory.

**Mathematics Purpose:** To consolidate the existing Mathematics knowledge of students and begin to prepare them for the senior school courses and assessments.

**Content:** The content of this course aims to reinforce and enhance students' mathematical skills. Students will focus on key mathematical skills in areas such as Number, Geometry, Measurement, Data Handling, Algebra and Problem Solving. Students will be required to work both individually as well as collaboratively depending upon the task at hand.

**Assessments:** Class tests on content and method using both calculator and non-calculator approaches, investigations and an end of year exam.

Teacher in Charge: Jan Thomas

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9PED - Y9 Physical Education

This course is compulsory.

"Kia totika ki tou taumata" - Act according to your strength. Year 9 students will have two hours of Physical Education per week. We aim to challenge students by developing their leadership and physical skills, by participating in a variety of different sports and activities. Students will co-operate, communicate and work with their peers and develop their interpersonal skills. We want our students to enjoy themselves, have fun, and have a lifelong appreciation of physical activity. To always try their personal best regardless of their ability. Areas of study include: Benefits of exercise, Learning through games, Expressive movement, NZ Maori games, Super strike.

Teacher in Charge: Mako Wilson

**Contributions and Equipment/Stationery:** Course workbook \$5  
Compulsory PE gear \$30 Tee-Shirt and \$30 Shorts (Purchase from the Uniform shop)

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9SCI - Y9 Science

This course is compulsory.

Bangs and Bubbles – we look at the periodic table, physical and chemical reactions.

Starlight – this goes into astronomy, light and the solar system.

The secret life of plants – the growth and reproduction of plants, including looking at significant NZ species.

Matter – this looks at the three states of matter, how energy and matter are linked and particle theory.

Fuelling our future – How will we provide usable energy in the future, the power and problems of fossil fuels.

There will also be 2 assessed investigations and 2 assessed pieces of research work during the year.

Teacher in Charge: Richard Limmer

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9SOS - Y9 Social Studies

This course is compulsory.

Through Social Studies, students develop the knowledge and skills to enable them to better understand, participate in, and contribute to the local, national, and global communities in which they live and work; engage critically with societal issues; and evaluate the sustainability of alternative social, economic, political, and environmental practices.

Teacher in Charge: Ian Cribbens

**Contributions and Equipment/Stationery:** 1B5 x 2

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Social Studies workbook

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9ART - Y9 Visual Art

This course requires 1 option.

The Year 9 Visual Arts Course involves students exploring basic skills and conventions in drawing, painting and a range of mixed media. Students develop their own ideas within the curriculum framework and explore a range of traditional and contemporary artists and styles. We encourage all students to have a go at every aspect of the Visual Arts.

Teacher in Charge: Jo Mears

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9MUS - Y9 Music

This course requires 1 option.

Year 9 Music is mostly a practical course where students develop skills with modern instruments such as guitar, bass, drums keyboard and voice. Students learn the role of these instruments within a group context and participate in a musical project from the formation through to a final performance. Students are also taught key aspects of music theory in a practical and applied manner.

Teacher in Charge: Greg McLarin

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9DRM - Y9 Drama

This course requires 1 option.

The Year 9 Drama Course is mostly practical where students develop basic skills in Drama Conventions. It involves students exploring and developing skills that are related to performance. Students are encouraged to have a go at all aspects of this Course.

Teacher in Charge: Stephen Lunt

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9TRM - Y9 Te Reo Maori

This course requires 1 option.

Year 9 Te Reo Māori is a course that can be taken for 1 semester or the full year. It gives students an introduction to the Māori Language. The programme follows the Māori To Go Book 1 workbook, which is linked to Levels 1 and 2 of the NZ Curriculum. As well as studying the Māori Language, students will also practice cultural concepts.

Teacher in Charge: Bri Te Paa

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9MPA - Y9 Maori Performing Arts

This course requires 1 option.

Year 9 Māori Performing Arts is a 1 semester course that gives students an introduction to the world of Kapa Haka. Students will engage in practical activities such as performance, as well as researching the components of a Kapa Haka bracket and people associated with Māori Performing Arts.

Teacher in Charge: Bri Te Paa

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9MTT - Y9 Hard Materials - Technology Metal

This course requires 1 option.

Come and discover the secrets to making your products in the field of Engineering, the most highly paid career in the world. Read and produce drawings, make models, learn to master the tools and machinery to make products to a plan. Then go on to design and make your own ideas for a client. A blend of skills and technology to give you a taste for the future.

Teacher in Charge: Richard Smith

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9WDT - Y9 Hard Materials - Technology Wood

This course requires 1 option.

A one semester course that involves both practical and theory. In the course of the theory they will focus on simple mechanisms. Using this knowledge and their own ideas, students will design and manufacture their own 'Automata'. During this process they will learn new bench skills and be encouraged to use selected machinery safely. Students are encouraged to work in a cooperative environment.

Teacher in Charge: Quesnel Harris

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9DTG - Y9 Digital Technology

This course requires 1 option.

At Year 9 students are able to incorporate a wide range of skills including problem solving, decision-making, creativity, design, communication, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation. Students have many opportunities to use up-to-date digital technology facilities and incorporate digital technologies into their learning projects e.g. Robotics, Programming, 3D Printing, HTML with Web Design and Animation.

Teacher in Charge: Kim Adams

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9FDT - Y9 Food Technology

This course requires 1 option.

A one semester course that involves both theory and practical. Students will use the technological process to develop food products to satisfy given design briefs. All briefs will cover an element of nutrition awareness and students will be encouraged to develop healthy solutions.

Teacher in Charge: Trina Smith

**Contributions and Equipment/Stationery:** Cost is \$60 which includes all food and student workbooks

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9DVC - Y9 Digital Visual Communication

This course requires 1 option.

A one semester course that introduces students to the fundamental skills of technical drawing, graphic communication and designing. The first half of this course focuses on 2D and 3D drawing skills and basic understanding of the design process. The second half of the course reinforces these skills using a practically based project, where students will gain personal satisfaction by designing and modelling their design outcomes.

Teacher in Charge: Frances Gillett

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## 9FAB - Y9 Fabric Technology

This course requires 1 option.

A one semester course that introduces students to a technology process which includes working to a brief, researching, sketching, developing practical skills, materials knowledge, testing and trialling techniques and developing an outcome. Students will complete two projects: design and develop applied designs to apply to a t-shirt and an e-textiles project.

Teacher in Charge: Katriona Main

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry

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## **9LAN - Y9 Languages**

This course requires 1 option.

The Year 9 Languages course is an introductory course for those students who have either studied a language before or are interested in learning a language. The course is made up of one term of French and one term of German. The focus will be on conversation, especially helpful when travelling, and also the culture. Students will build their confidence in public speaking, increase their English skills and enjoy being able to converse in another language.

Teacher in Charge: Brigitta Bravery

**Recommended Prior Learning:** Open Entry