



# **ALFRED DEAKIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 8 Elective Handbook  
2017

## ELECTIVE CHOICES FOR ADHS YEAR 8 STUDENTS IN 2017

Students will have the option of continuing to study a Language for the full year, or a single semester. French, Indonesian, Italian and Japanese will continue to be offered at ADHS in 2017.

For students continuing Language study for a full year.

<b>Year 8 Semester 1</b>	<b>Year 8 Semester 2</b>
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science
SOSE	SOSE
Health and PE	Health and PE
<b>Language</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Elective 1</b>	<b>Elective 2</b>

For students continuing Language study for one semester only.

<b>Year 8 Semester 1</b>	<b>Year 8 Semester 2</b>
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science
SOSE	SOSE
Health and PE	Health and PE
<b>Language</b>	<b>Elective 2</b>
<b>Elective 1</b>	<b>Elective 3</b>

OR

<b>Year 8 Semester 1</b>	<b>Year 8 Semester 2</b>
English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science
SOSE	SOSE
Health and PE	Health and PE
<b>Elective 1</b>	<b>Language</b>
<b>Elective 2</b>	<b>Elective 3</b>

### Voluntary Contributions

The School Board has determined that the voluntary contributions listed against each course will directly support the educational programs and activities provided by the school. Voluntary contributions may be made in full, in part or by instalments. The contributions listed in this handbook reflect the current amount approved for each course and the School Board may support slight increases in 2016. Families experiencing financial hardship can contact the Principal who may be able to provide assistance through the Student Support Fund.

**Course Title: ART - Teenage Art Studio**

This course is designed to introduce motivated young people, who have an interest in visual art, to sophisticated artistic skills and techniques. Students will develop their creative confidence through extensive experimentation in a range of mediums such as ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture. There will be a focus on students using their own creativity and imagination to produce individual artworks. The course caters for students who are interested in a future career in the arts and for those who just want to develop their art skills for enjoyment. The main emphasis is on practical projects, in conjunction with art history, which often directly relates to these works. Opportunities are available to visit local and interstate galleries and go on visual art camps.

**Cost:** \$25

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**Course Title: COMPUTING**

The aim of this course is to make students effective, enthusiastic and responsible users of computing technology. The course introduces students to web programming through the utilisation of html 5, introduces object orientated programming and JavaScript, Photoshop within the IT industry, the study of emerging technologies and introduction of robotics via Mindstorm robots, Spheros and Raspberry Pi's. This unit strongly emphasises learning how to learn, and how to think in order to seek out new knowledge when needed.

**Cost:** \$20.00

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**Course Title: DANCE**

In this course, students will explore various elements of the dance world including technique, choreography and performance. Dance styles and techniques investigated can include funk, contemporary, hip-hop and non-western dance. Students will develop their self-confidence by working individually and as part of a group and will be introduced to various elements and tools of choreography. For the theoretical component of the unit, students will look at safe dance practice and the role performing art plays within today's society. Students will be provided with opportunities to perform self-devised and teacher choreographed dances to a variety of audiences.

**Cost:** \$6

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**Course Title: DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

This course is designed to develop fundamental skills in the design, make and appraise process. Particular focus is given to students understanding safe work practices as they acquire skills with hand tools, a variety of power tools and fixed machinery. Students will design projects using technical drawing skills that they will then fabricate within the wood and metal workshop. Projects could include: sheet metal tray (metal work), novelty peg, wood turning bowl, kitchen utility stand.

**Cost:** \$28.00

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**Course Title: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOUNDATIONS**

This unit is also offered in Year 9 and is the prerequisite unit for all other photography units offered in Years 9 and 10.

Students electing this unit undertake a variety of activities designed to build skills in making photographs using digital cameras and image editing software such as Adobe Photoshop. Course content covers care of cameras, use of automatic and manual image capture controls, composition, preparing images for inkjet printing and presentation of work. Students explore a number of photographic genres and photographer's work to create inspiration for a variety of practical projects. A key practice in the foundations unit involves the use of a journal to document research, develop ideas, form plans and evaluate the creative process of making photographs. Opportunities exist for students to borrow cameras overnight for individual project work, and participate in excursions to visually stimulating environments. This is an exciting unit for students who are interested in creating photographs in a digital studio environment.

**Contribution:** \$30.00

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**Course Title: DRAMA - Playing Around with Performance**

Playing Around with Performance is a course designed to give students the opportunity to enhance their confidence and extend their imaginations. This course is divided up into four areas giving students a taste of the different aspects of performance with a focus on physical movement, characterisation and both scripted and improvised storytelling. Within the modes of improvisation and scripted plays, students will investigate elements of stagecraft, audience and character. Through playbuilding and movement students will learn how to design their own narratives and the role physical movement plays within the theatre. Working both individually and as part of a team, students will be provided with opportunities to perform in a variety of settings.

**Cost:** \$7

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**Course Title: HORTICULTURE**

Year 8 Horticulture will allow students to bypass Introduction to Horticulture in Years 9 and 10 and move straight into studying Sustainable Horticulture and/or Animal Studies.

This course is aimed at introducing students to a range of activities that are undertaken in both the classroom and outdoor in our garden area. The topics that we cover include: safety and garden tool use, establishment and maintenance of a vegetable garden, soil tests and improvements, plant structure and design and basic animal husbandry. Students who successfully complete this course will have a working knowledge of the safe and humane handling of animals and will be able to establish and maintain a vegetable garden. Studying Horticulture in Year 8 will allow students to bypass Introduction to Horticulture in Years 9 and 10 and move straight into studying Sustainable Horticulture and/or Animal Studies.

**Cost:** \$10.00

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**Course Title: MEDIA – Understanding Media**

In this course students explore the media with a largely practical approach. Students learn to use the language required to analyse and deconstruct a variety of media formats, with particular emphasis on popular culture and advertising. They also view short and feature films to gain understanding of the methods used for audio visual storytelling and analyse them in terms of genre and conventions. Students learn some basic camera techniques and edit digital video footage and still images using iMovie and Photoshop. Students plan a public announcement which targets their peers and create media projects for print and screen. Students are assessed for group and individual work with at least one research task to be completed as homework. Excursions may include a trip to the cinema or to relevant exhibitions at The National Film and Sound Archive, the National Gallery of Australia or the Museum, to be advised.

**Cost:** \$25

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**Course Title: MUSIC**

In Music, students will undertake practical study on the instrument of their choice. This will include practice in class time, and opportunities to perform at school and community events. Students will study the theory of music, learn about musical instruments, compose their original songs and complete an aural (listening) component of the course. The Year 8 Music course is designed to give students a solid grounding in both practical and theoretical components of music, which can be built on in Years 9 and 10.

**Cost:** \$12

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**Course Title: NUTRITION & FOOD STUDIES**

Concepts in the area of nutrition, food preparation and meal planning will be studied and students will develop confidence in the use of technical resources and processes in the preparation of food to meet general needs. Students complete a practical cooking lesson each week after viewing a demonstration lesson. Students will prepare and serve foods and meals that are nutritionally balanced. Course content includes; kitchen safety and hygiene; kitchen equipment and appliances; food groups and nutrients; fruit, vegetable, egg, cereal and meat cookery.

**Cost:** \$42.00

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**Course Title: ORCHESTRA (Whole Year course)**

As members of the symphony orchestra, students will have the opportunity to practice their instrumental performance skills on chosen orchestral instrument(s) in regular rehearsals, and perform as a group at assemblies, orchestral competitions/festivals locally and interstate and participate at various public performances. The course also provides an overview of music history from Antiquity to 21<sup>st</sup> century. Students will learn about different historical eras and artistic movements, composers and instruments. Students will listen to and analyse various musical works representing different eras of musical development. These pieces are also a part of their orchestral repertoire. Students will study fundamental music theory in conjunction with aural training. They will also learn the fundamentals of music composition, instrumentation, music form and conducting.

**Cost:** \$35.00

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**Course Title: TEXTILES**

This course introduces students to fashion and textiles. Students will be able to make a variety of items using hand and machine sewing techniques. These may include felt figurines, sock monkeys and pencil cases. They will then develop skills that enable them to successfully complete simple fashion garments, such as a pair of boxer shorts or pyjamas; a backpack or carry bag of their choice; and finally a skirt with a zip.

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Implement safe work practices
- Use a variety of hand stitching techniques
- Safely use, thread and work with a domestic sewing machine
- Select appropriate fabrics for the design projects
- Create products which will be solutions to design problems
- Compile a folio documenting work practices
- Read and understand a commercial pattern.

**Cost:** \$25.00

**NOTES**