



# Pakenham Secondary College 2023 Year 9 Electives

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# Introduction

Students must choose two electives from Arts, Technology, Health and Physical Education. Students can only choose one elective per learning area. NOTE: Students who wish to study Languages (French) must select this. It will be done across the year for two periods per week. This will impact on Elective time.

**Many of these electives incur a subject fee due to the materials used by the students in these programs.** Payment of these fees is required for the subject to be confirmed in the student's program. Costs associated with each elective are stated in the subject description included in this booklet.





# THE ARTS

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# Year 9 Elective – Art

## Course Description:

This elective aligns with VCE Art Making and Exhibiting and is recommended for students who are interested in fields such as painting, sculpting, art teaching, visual arts and crafts professionals.

Throughout this course students will develop a range of art techniques in drawing, media, painting and printmaking. Selected finished art works will be displayed at the end of semester exhibition

## Areas of Study:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Analysing artworks and artists practice

**Subject Cost:** \$70.00

**Link to VCE/VET Subjects:** [VCE Art Making and Exhibiting \(Units 1 – 4\)](#)

**Contact Person:** Ms Emily Schinzig or Ms Sharon Sloan

# Year 9 Elective – Digital Art & Design

## Course Description:

This elective aligns with VCE Visual Communication Design and VCE Art Making and Exhibiting and is recommended for students who are interested in creative fields such as animation, advertising, illustration, interior design, marketing, graphic designer and signwriting.

Students will be introduced to techniques in animation, character design and the moving image. They will study the history of animation and utilise these new techniques to create their own short animations.

Students will explore the design process to develop visual imagery for different purposes, audiences and in response to specific needs. They will use a combination of freehand drawing techniques and software to develop their ideas. Students will also learn a range of typography techniques.

Throughout this subject, students will develop practical skills and critical thinking skills which will inform their work as artists and as an audience.

## Areas of Study:

- Procreate and Photoshop
- Digital design
- Animation
- Character design
- Digital painting
- Typography
- Responding to artists who use digital art and design in their practice

**Subject cost:** \$60.00

**Link to VCE/VET Subjects:** [VCE Visual Communication Design \(Units 1 – 4\)](#)

[VCE Art Making and Exhibiting \(Units 1 – 4\)](#)

**Contact Person:** Ms Emily Schinzig or Ms Casey Rhodes-Anderson

# Year 9 Elective – Photography

## Course Description:

This elective aligns with VCE Art Making and Exhibiting and is recommended for students who are interested in creative fields such as photography, gallery or museum curator, graphic designer, visual artist, art teacher, magazine photo editor.

Students will learn the operation and function of a digital camera in the production of a folio of digital prints. landscapes.

## Areas of Study:

- Operation and function of a digital camera
- Aperture and shutter speed
- Composition, art elements and design principles in photography
- Editing/manipulation using Photoshop
- Developing a photography folio

**Subject cost:** \$50.00

**Links to VCE/VET Subjects:** VCE Art Making and Exhibiting (Units 1 – 4)

**Contact Person:** Ms Emily Schinzig

# Year 9 Elective – Performing Arts

## Course Description:

This elective aligns with VCE Music and VCE Drama and is recommended for students who are interested in fields such as theatre, acting, music, stage/band management.

Students in this elective will focus on developing and building skills in Music and Drama Performance, as well as furthering their fundamental theoretical knowledge and understanding with the aim of students organising and presenting a performance.

## Areas of Study:

- Instrument and Band performance
- Music compositions
- Analysis of music works
- Voice and movement skills
- Drama improvisation
- Characterisation
- Actor-audience relationships
- Scene work
- Elements of Production eg costume, set, lighting, etc

**Subject cost:** \$30.00

**Links to VCE/VET Subjects:** VCE Music (Units 1 – 4)

VCE Drama (Unit 1 – 4)



# TECHNOLOGY

# Year 9 Elective – Fashion and Product Design

## Course Description:

This course offers students the opportunity for self-expression, through the design and construction of several projects.

Students will be designing and making a backpack, a hooded jumper and a recycled garment project.

Students will be required to purchase fabric for their jumper and bring a garment for their recycling.

They will be required to follow a series of design briefs, which will encourage them to think about the final product and create a series of drawings. They will learn to follow a basic commercial pattern and increase their sewing machine skills. Students will also learn to evaluate their final product through completion of detailed self-assessment and evaluation questions.

## Areas of Study:

- Introduction to course
- Introduction to commercial sewing patterns:
  - Placement of pattern and fabric
  - Cutting out of garment
- Construction of garments:
  - Using a sewing machine and other equipment
- Revision of construction and evaluation of outcomes
- Students will complete a series of design assignments throughout the semester

**Subject Cost:** \$50.00

**Link to VCE / VET Subjects:** [Product Design Technology \(Textiles\) Units 1 to 4.](#)

VET Fashion

**Contact Person:** Mrs. Robyn Gramc

# Year 9 Elective – Food Technology

## Course Description:

This unit of study is a combination of investigating, designing and producing food from around the world and food suitable for special occasions. Students will look at how our diet has changed from early Indigenous Australian cuisine to how European settlers came and introduced new foods into Australia and changed the way we eat today.

Students will research key ingredients, cooking methods, typical meal patterns and rituals of each country investigated. Their culinary skills will further develop by learning how to cook a variety of foods for different occasions and from different continents.

They will have the opportunity to individually research, design and produce food products and then evaluate their skills.

## Areas of Study:

- Safety and hygiene in the kitchen
- Indigenous Australian Food
- Cultural influences on Australian food
- Cuisines throughout the world
- Food for Special Occasions
- The Design Process

**Subject Cost:** \$200.00

**Link to VCE Subjects:** [Food Technology Units 1 and 2](#)

**Contact Person:** Ms. Heidi Robertson

# Year 9 Elective – Digital Technology

## Course Description:

This course will give students a functional knowledge of computer programs, such as MS Office suite and will provide students with knowledge, skills, processes and understanding of Information Technology.

The study of this course will contribute to the general education of students and is not just for those intending to pursue further study in the ICT area.

## Areas of Study:

- Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Issues in ICT (Social Networking, Cyber Safety and Privacy Settings)
- Introduction to Web Design
- Introduction to Computer Game Industry and Programming
- Computer Hardware and Software

**Subject Cost:** \$0.00

**Link to VCE Subjects:** [Information Technology Units 1-4](#)

**Contact Person:** Mr. Brad James

# Year 9 Elective – Wood and Product Design Technology

## Course Description:

During the semester students are engaged in theory and practical work. Students design and manufacture a product to meet the needs of a design brief. Students maintain a folio that records all aspects of the design process and other related theory.

## Areas of Study:

- Design Process (Folio)
- Working with Hand Tools and Machines:
  - Marking and Measuring
  - Cutting and Shaping
  - Woodwork Joints
  - Decorative Techniques
  - Introduction to metalwork
- Evaluation of Product

**Subject Cost:** \$80.00

**Link to VCE / VET Subjects:** Product Design Technology (wood) Units 1-4  
VET Building and Construction

**Contact Person:** Mrs. Sharon Sloan and Mr. Glenn Carroll



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# Year 9 Elective – Team Sports

## Course description:

In this elective, students will examine the role sport plays in the lives of Australians and investigate how this has changed over time.

Students will participate in and explore a variety of sports, including those commonly played in Australia, as well as international and alternative sports.

Students will analyse the significant contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make in sport in Australia.

They will critique sport in the media, as well as the diversity and inclusivity of Australian and world sports.

Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to develop their own sport or game

## Areas of Study:

- Australian, international and alternative sports
- Indigenous games
- Sports media
- Diversity and inclusivity in sport
- Create a game/sport

**Subject Cost:** \$0

**Link to VCE / VET Subjects:** Physical Education Unit 1 and 2.

VET Sport and Recreation

**Contact Person:** Ms. Emma Robinson



# LANGUAGES

# Year 9 Elective – French

## Course Description:

The Languages Pathway 2 curriculum in French focuses on the development of communication in a variety of social and cultural contexts in both written and spoken form.

Through multi-modal immersion and modelled use of language, the teaching and learning program will consolidate students' existing knowledge of French grammatical conventions, then extend upon students' personal vocabulary and knowledge of language structures such as verb tenses, definite and indefinite articles, along with possessive, personal, direct and indirect pronouns. Students will read, view, or listen to a range of multi-modal texts to obtain factual information on defined topics of interest in order to construct conversations with others or written reflections.

Students will develop a deep understanding of the close relationship between language and cultural conventions that recognise social norms of purpose and context in formal and informal communication. They will gain an understanding of diverse views and beliefs within a different cultural community as compared with their own and be able to articulate a preference, provide information or a point of view on a given topic.

## Areas of Study:

- Viewing, listening, reading and responding to French texts
- Oral and written French communication in both formal and informal social contexts
- Creative Cultural Research Folio
- Writing Folio
- French Immersion Incursion or Excursion

**Subject Cost:** \$20.00

**Link to VCE Subjects:** Languages Units 1 to 4

**Contact Person:** Mrs. Deborah Kielnhofer



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# Year 9 Elective – Duke of Edinburgh

## Course Description:

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a unique and exciting opportunity for young people (aged 14-25) to get out of their comfort zone and develop their initiative, self-esteem and sense of adventure. It is the world's leading youth achievement Award, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to realise their full potential and go beyond academic success. The Award is self-directed by each young person – they choose the activities they would like to pursue and set goals for each section. In 2023 Pakenham Secondary College will be running the Duke of Ed Bronze level Award as a Year 9 Elective across the whole year. The time commitments for the Physical Recreation, Voluntary Service, and Skills Award sections are one hour per week and will be covered during class time. Students must choose one of these sections as a major and are required make a 6-month commitment to this section of their choice. Students will be fully involved in the planning of two overnight camps for the Adventurous Journey section. There will be some activities that have to be undertaken in their own time, outside of class time. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS ELECTIVE RUNS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.**

## Areas of Study:

- Physical Recreation (a sport or exercise)
- Voluntary Service (unpaid voluntary work)
- Skills (non-physical ability)
- Adventurous Journeys (including two overnight camps).

**Subject Cost:** \$179.00

**Link to VCE/VET Subject:** VCE – Vocational Major

- Personal Development Skills
- Work Related Skills

Outdoor Education (Units 1 – 4)

**Contact Person:** Ms. Allison Barrie & Ms. Jamie Gourlay

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