Kiama High School

Year 8 Electives 2016
# 2016 Year 8 Course Selection Timetable

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<td>Tues 1 Sept</td>
<td>Students are provided with 2016 Year 8 Elective Booklets and listen to a short talk by specialist teachers on the elective subjects offered at KHS.</td>
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<td>9.00 am Mon 7 Sept</td>
<td>Deadline for on-line selection of 2016 Year 8 Electives. Students are to print the confirmation of selection after entering their choices online and submit the signed confirmation to Ms McLaughlin in E1. Forms may be left in the mailbox or slipped under the door, if Ms McLaughlin is not available.</td>
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<td>Mid to Late Term 4, 2015</td>
<td>Students will be notified of their 2016 electives.</td>
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During Year 7, students at Kiama High School are provided with a broad range of mandated subjects to study and enhance their learning experiences.

In Year 8, as well as those subjects that students are required to study, Kiama High School offers students the opportunity to elect subjects in which they would like to focus more attention and further their skills, knowledge and understanding.

There are two elective choices, each comprising four (4) periods per fortnightly cycle. These choices do not dictate what elective choices may be made in Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10), although some students do choose to follow a study pattern throughout their school careers.

Students and parents need to read the following course information carefully, consult with the teachers specialising in the courses and select FOUR courses from those provided. Kiama High School will endeavour to provide students with their chosen electives, although there is no guarantee that students will receive their first two preferences. There are a number of factors which affect a student receiving their elective preferences, including the limiting effect of available specialist rooms and teachers at a given time, and the number of students selecting the option.

Parents should note that fees incurred in electives course are compulsory. These may be made in a one-off lump sum payment or in instalments. All fees are payable to the Administrative Offices in A-Block. If students have not finalised either their payments or payment plans by the end of Week 5 in Term 1, 2016, there may be a requirement for the student to change to an elective with no financial liability. There is access to a Student Financial Assistance Scheme for eligible students.

Further information about the Elective Course Selection process can be obtained through Ms Judith McLaughlin, Head Teacher – Secondary Studies, at the school.

Mr John Salmon
Principal (Rel.)
**Year 8 Mandatory Study**

All students in Year 8 study the following subjects with an allocation of periods per fortnightly cycle:

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## SUMMARY OF FEES

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<td>Dance</td>
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<td>Drama</td>
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| Music                | $ 10.00
  $ 50.00 Instrument Hire |
| Skills Development   | $ 30.00
  $ 270.00 Camp        |
| Textiles Technology  | $ 15.00               |
| Visual Arts          | $ 30.00               |
DANCE

Dance is available to all students, boys and girls, and is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced dancers.

This course offers an introduction to the study of Dance as an artform, with the focus being on dance as a means of personal expression and communication of ideas.

Students will learn about Dance through performing, composing and appreciating dance activities. This includes observation and description of others’ dances.

Students will learn to:

- develop strength, coordination, flexibility, endurance and dance skills
- move using dance techniques and safe practices
- use the elements of Dance in exploring, creating and composing movement sequences
- gain understanding of people, culture and society through studying professional dance works.

Students will visit the theatre to view professional dance and dancers, and they will gain skills and knowledge from guest dance tutors.

Students will need to wear appropriate clothing for practical lessons (that is, close-fitting stretch leggings and/or sports uniform). Dance shoes are not necessary.

Course Fees: $5.00
DRAMA

In Drama, students learn and practise a variety of performance skills:
- comedy,
- serious acting,
- mask work,
- clowning and exaggerated characters, and
- physical theatre.

Students study the history of theatre; however, the majority of the course work is of a practical nature.

Through group-devised and individual projects, the students develop their personal, interpersonal and general work-related skills. These include problem solving, enhancement of confidence, the understanding and consideration of others, self-discipline, resourcefulness, memory training, organisation, spontaneity, creativity, empathy, sympathy, compromise and tact.

Fees cover the expense of necessary equipment and the use of the classroom theatre space.

Course Fees: $5.00
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
(School-designed course)

Environmental Studies is a course designed to heighten the awareness and understanding of environmental issues. It has a strong practical component with many “hands on” outdoor activities.

Environmental Studies implements some of the environmental aims of the school and will appeal to students who like the outdoors. The course is broken up into a series of units, including:-

- seed collecting and propagation;
- seedling planting;
- growing vegetables;
- bush regeneration;
- bushwalking;
- astronomy;
- bush tucker;
- a study of the school’s water and energy use;
- recycling;
- bird watching; and
- feral species.

Course Fees: Nil There is, however, a cost (approximately $15.00) associated with the overnight hike. This cost is yet to be determined.

NB: Students should NOT select this course if they do not like the outdoors or are not prepared to participate in an overnight hike.
FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology in Year 8 is based around practical experiences. The two general areas studied include:

1. Food preparation skills
2. Management skills

The main component of the course is practical food preparation, combined with a variety of media, case study, experiment, assignment and group tasks.

Topics studies include:

- Food Selection for Health – menu planning, nutrients, digestion, food habits, recommended dietary intake.
- Multicultural Food – how beliefs and customs around the world influence food choices.

Course Fees: $14.00 per term, to cover all ingredients and other consumables used in classwork.

NB: Each student is responsible for providing an apron, tea towel, placemat and container for practical lessons. Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.
This subject is quite independent of the two Industrial Technology subjects.

Technical Drawing involves the use of:

- mechanical aids,
- rules,
- set squares,
- drawing sets, and
- colouring media.

These are used to make and interpret all types of

- drawings,
- maps,
- charts, and
- graphs.

Computer Assisted Drafting and Design (CAD) is also a major part of the course.

This course forms a useful basis for those students wishing to continue with the subject in Years 9 & 10.

Course Fees: $10.00, to cover cost of consumables (paper, rendering media, etc.)
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - METAL

This practical course provides suitable grounding for students with an interest in metalwork.

Provision is made for a variety of experiences including elementary metal machining and fabrications.

Projects include:

- centre punch,
- cold chisel,
- scriber; and
- G clamp.

This course can be used as a basis for further and more specialised studies in Metals in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Course Fees: $25.00, covering cost of materials.

NB: Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.
This is a course based on gaining practical skills in woodwork.

Throughout the year, there are opportunities to experience:

- elementary cabinetwork;
- home maintenance;
- wood machining; and
- woodcrafts.

Projects include:

- a jewellery box,
- a pedestal table, and
- a tool carry.

Industrial Technology - Timber gives students a suitable grounding for further and more detailed study in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

**Course Fees: $35.00**, covering cost of materials.

**NB:** Solid leather/leather-like shoes must be worn: canvas shoes are a Workplace Safety Hazard and are not suitable.
The Year 8 Elective Music Course is for the full year, with the option of continuing in Years 9 and 10. This course caters for beginners as well as more advanced musicians.

Students will invest time into learning to play a musical instrument, as well as listening to music and learning to write their own music. Students who are already able to play their instrument are given the opportunity to develop their skills by playing more advanced music, both individually and as part of a group. Singers are also encouraged to do this course to develop their talents in vocal performance.

The Music Department may be able to loan instruments, dependant upon availability. These include:

- recorders, clarinets, saxophones, flutes;
- trombones, trumpets, other brass instruments;
- keyboards;
- acoustic, bass and lead guitars;
- drums.

**Course Fees:** $10.00 for all Elective Music students, covering cost of practice books, equipment to maintain instruments and repairs to instruments. There is an additional hire fee of $50.00 per year for instruments that are loaned to students to take home.
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
(School Designed Course)

The course will concentrate on practical activities, giving students the opportunity to extend the work covered in the core Physical Education lessons. The double lessons also provide the time and opportunity to use facilities outside the school; that is, Kiama Leisure Centre, rock-pools, cycle-ways, tennis courts and beaches.

The course is aimed at the development of skills in the major areas of:-

- **Aquatics** - to develop swimming and lifesaving skills and attain appropriate awards offered by the *Royal Life Saving Society*;
- **Tennis** - to develop fundamental skills;
- **Outdoor Education** - to develop navigation skills for orienteering and regaining, fostering initiative and team building. This involves an Outdoor Education Camp for 2 nights/3 days in Term 3 at Berry Sport & Recreation Centre, with an estimated **cost of $270.00**;
- **Gymnastics** - to develop fundamental movement skills learned in PE classes;
- **Recreational activities** - to develop skills in a range of recreational games and activities, so that constructive and enjoyable use may be made of leisure time.

**NB:** Students electing to take the course need not be outstanding athletes but should be competent in, enjoy, and be prepared to give of their best in a range of sporting and recreational activities. Students should consider their effort, participation and achievement in Year 7 PE. Students with poor performances or a poor record of wearing correct PE uniform are advised not to select this elective. Two sports uniforms are needed so that students are correctly dressed for PE, Sport and Skills.

**Course Fees:** **$30.00**, approximately, covering the use of local facilities, in addition to cost of Outdoor Education Camp, mentioned above.
The course has been designed to facilitate rapid completion of practical work and projects.

A revision of basic skills is followed by the construction of clothes for the student, and creative items which may include some appliqué, patchwork, fabric printing or machine embroidery which is determined by student interest.

In previous years, students designed and made a personally embellished dilly bag, zip-up hoodie, beach pants/skirt and festive craft.

The whole course is aimed at the students’ enjoyment and acquisition of skills which can be used to make personal garments and crafts as well as providing interest for leisure activities.

All units of work will require students to provide fabrics for themselves but plenty of time for purchase is allowed.

Course Fees: $15.00, covering the costs of expendable items, such as bobbin, thread, sample fabrics, class patterns, some haberdashery items. A textiles folio/diary is needed for design work (approx $6.00 from the front office.) Purchase of fabrics, trims and notions for projects is the responsibility of the students.
Year 8 Elective Visual Art is a one-year course with an option of continuing in Years 9 and 10. It is aimed at students who have a specific interest in art and wish to develop their talents in this area. The emphasis is on practical work. Students will develop knowledge, skills and understanding of what it is to make art and knowledge skills and understanding to critically interpret artworks and art movements.

Students experience a range of 2-D and 3-D artforms, which could include:

- painting,
- drawing,
- printing,
- mixed media,
- pottery,
- sculpture,
- design, and
- computer graphics.

The students also develop an understanding on the role of artists and artworks in our society past and present.

Students are required to keep a Visual Diary, which may include drawings, photos, painting, sketches and annotated diagrams. The diary is used to formulate ideas.

Visual Arts can assist in developing creativity, self-confidence and the ability to express oneself through different media as well as in writing.

**Course Fees: $30.00**, to cover the cost of materials used.
How To Select 2016 Year 8 Electives

1. Read this booklet carefully, paying particular attention to:-
   a. COMPULSORY FEES;
   b. other EXPENSES – process diaries, fabrics, instrument hire, and camps;
   c. clothing requirements – covered shoes, two PE uniforms, etc.
   d. attendance/uniform requirements.

2. Choose FOUR courses and discuss them with your parents/caregivers.


4. Enter your password in the appropriate space.

5. In Priority 1, select your MOST PREFERRED elective course.

6. In Priority 2, select your SECOND MOST PREFERRED elective course.

7. You must list TWO RESERVE elective course.

REMEMBER: The order in which you select your electives counts.

If you have any problems, see Ms McLaughlin in E1 or Mr Smith in A-Block.