

Year 9

Option Course Selection

Mainstream & Maritime

2027

Rockingham

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Throughout the year, students investigate how children grow, learn, and develop, while exploring the importance of positive relationships, communication, health, and care. Through practical activities and collaborative projects, students gain insight into the needs of children and how supportive environments encourage confidence, creativity, and learning.

A highlight of this course is discovering the joy of nurturing young minds and helping children learn through play, exploration, and positive encouragement. Students will develop an appreciation for the curiosity, imagination, and energy of children while learning how caring adults can make a meaningful difference in a child's development and wellbeing.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy practical learning, working with others, and making a positive contribution to their community. It offers a fun and rewarding experience that encourages empathy, responsibility, and an understanding of the important connections between individuals, families, and the wider community.

Compulsory Charge: $90.00

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Recreation (9REC)

Physical Recreation is an active and engaging course that encourages students to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to participate safely and responsibly in a range of physical and outdoor activities. Through practical experiences, students will challenge themselves, build resilience, and develop a lifelong appreciation for physical activity and recreation.

Students will participate in a variety of outdoor pursuits such as hiking, mountain biking, orienteering (Term 3 and 4), as well as recreational games, fitness activities, and gym-based sessions both on and off-site (Term 1 and 2). Group challenges, team-building exercises, and problem-solving activities provide opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, communication, and self-confidence while promoting an understanding of personal safety and risk management in outdoor environments.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy being active, working with others, and exploring new physical challenges. Due to the practical nature of the course and for identification purposes during off-site activities, students **must always wear their Sports House shirt**.

This course is an ideal prerequisite for study of the Year 11 Cert II in Sport and Recreation.

Compulsory Charge: $60.00

Specialist Maritime Program

This course is compulsory for students enrolled in the Specialist Maritime Program. (9MSP)

The Specialist Maritime Program Elective is designed to complement and enhance students' participation in the broader Maritime Program. Aligned with the Design and Technologies curriculum, the course provides opportunities for students to develop practical skills and knowledge within marine and maritime contexts through hands-on learning experiences and applied projects.

The course also supports the delivery of key components of the Maritime training schedule, providing students with regular opportunities to develop, practise, and master the skills and knowledge required within the Specialist Maritime Program.

Please note that students selecting this pathway will not be able to select the following courses:
Metalwork, Food For thought or Dare to Design,

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LANGUAGES

AUSLAN (9AUS)

AUSLAN is an engaging and practical course designed for students who have developed a foundation in Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) and are ready to extend their communication skills. Students will build greater fluency, confidence, and accuracy in signing while expanding their vocabulary and understanding of AUSLAN grammar. Through interactive activities and authentic communication experiences, students will learn to participate in conversations, present information, and communicate effectively in a range of social, educational, and community contexts.

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the rich culture, identity, and experiences of the Deaf community in Australia. Through investigations and authentic resources students will gain an understanding and appreciation of Deaf culture and the unique perspectives of Deaf people.

Throughout the course, students will strengthen their receptive and expressive signing skills by viewing, interpreting, and creating signed texts. They will refine their use of fingerspelling, space, facial expression, body movement, and other non-manual features to communicate effectively. Assessment will focus on practical communication skills through signing tasks, presentations, role plays, cultural investigations, and creative projects that demonstrate language development and cultural understanding.

Compulsory Charge: $40.00

Japanese (9JAP)

Year 9 Japanese is an engaging and practical course that introduces students to the Japanese language and culture. Students will develop their ability to communicate in everyday situations while gaining an appreciation of Japanese customs, traditions, food, festivals and contemporary life. The course also encourages students to compare aspects of Japanese society with life in Australia.

Throughout the course, students will build confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing Japanese. They will learn common greetings and everyday expressions, develop their skills in reading and writing hiragana and katakana, and build knowledge of commonly used kanji. Students will also learn to ask for directions, sequence events, and discuss time, school and related subjects.

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Community, Family & Childcare (9CFC)

Do you enjoy working with children, helping others, and learning about what makes families and communities thrive? Community, Family & Childcare is an engaging and hands-on course that explores the important role we all play in supporting the wellbeing of children, families, and those around us.

Throughout the year, students investigate how children grow, learn, and develop, while exploring the importance of positive relationships, communication, health, and care. Through practical activities and collaborative projects, students gain insight into the needs of children and how supportive environments encourage confidence, creativity, and learning.

A highlight of this course is discovering the joy of nurturing young minds and helping children learn through play, exploration, and positive encouragement. Students will develop an appreciation for the curiosity, imagination, and energy of children while learning how caring adults can make a meaningful difference in a child's development and wellbeing.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy practical learning, working with others, and making a positive contribution to their community. It offers a fun and rewarding experience that encourages empathy, responsibility, and an understanding of the important connections between individuals, families, and the wider community.

Compulsory Charge: $90.00

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Recreation (9REC)

Physical Recreation is an active and engaging course that encourages students to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to participate safely and responsibly in a range of physical and outdoor activities. Through practical experiences, students will challenge themselves, build resilience, and develop a lifelong appreciation for physical activity and recreation.

Students will participate in a variety of outdoor pursuits such as hiking, mountain biking, orienteering (Term 3 and 4), as well as recreational games, fitness activities, and gym-based sessions both on and off-site (Term 1 and 2). Group challenges, team-building exercises, and problem-solving activities provide opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, communication, and self-confidence while promoting an understanding of personal safety and risk management in outdoor environments.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy being active, working with others, and exploring new physical challenges. Due to the practical nature of the course and for identification purposes during off-site activities, students **must always wear their Sports House shirt**.

This course is an ideal prerequisite for the Year 11 Cert II in Sport and Recreation.

Compulsory Charge: $60.00

Specialist Maritime Program

This course is compulsory for students enrolled in the Specialist Maritime Program. (9MSP)

The Specialist Maritime Program Elective is designed to complement and enhance students' participation in the broader Maritime Program. Aligned with the Design and Technologies curriculum, the course provides opportunities for students to develop practical skills and knowledge within marine and maritime contexts through hands-on learning experiences and applied projects.

The course also supports the delivery of key components of the Maritime training schedule, providing students with regular opportunities to develop, practise, and master the skills and knowledge required within the Specialist Maritime Program.

Please note that students selecting this pathway will not be able to select the following courses:
Metalwork, Food For thought or Dare to Design,

Compulsory Charge: $40.00

LANGUAGES

AUSLAN (9AUS)

AUSLAN is an engaging and practical course designed for students who have developed a foundation in Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) and are ready to extend their communication skills. Students will build greater fluency, confidence, and accuracy in signing while expanding their vocabulary and understanding of AUSLAN grammar. Through interactive activities and authentic communication experiences, students will learn to participate in conversations, present information, and communicate effectively in a range of social, educational, and community contexts.

Students will develop an appreciation and understanding of the rich culture, identity, and experiences of the Deaf community in Australia. Through investigations and authentic resources students will gain an understanding and appreciation of Deaf culture and the unique perspectives of Deaf people.

Throughout the course, students will strengthen their receptive and expressive signing skills by viewing, interpreting, and creating signed texts. They will refine their use of fingerspelling, space, facial expression, body movement, and other non-manual features to communicate effectively. Assessment will focus on practical communication skills through signing tasks, presentations, role plays, cultural investigations, and creative projects that demonstrate language development and cultural understanding.

Compulsory Charge: $40.00

Japanese (9JAP)

Year 9 Japanese is an engaging and practical course that introduces students to the Japanese language and culture. Students will develop their ability to communicate in everyday situations while gaining an appreciation of Japanese customs, traditions, food, festivals and contemporary life. The course also encourages students to compare aspects of Japanese society with life in Australia.

Throughout the course, students will build confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing Japanese. They will learn common greetings and everyday expressions, develop their skills in reading and writing hiragana and katakana, and build knowledge of commonly used kanji. Students will also learn to ask for directions, sequence events, and discuss time, school and related subjects.

Students will be assessed through a variety of practical and written tasks, including speaking and conversation activities, listening and reading comprehension tasks, Japanese writing tasks, vocabulary quizzes and cultural investigations. By the end of the course, students will be able to communicate with greater confidence in Japanese and demonstrate an understanding of the cultural practices and perspectives that shape life in Japan.

Compulsory Charge: $40.00