

Year 9

Option Course Selection

Specialist Sport & Rugby

2027

Rockingham

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardians,

At Rockingham SHS, students in Year 9 study a range of compulsory subjects, including English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), Physical Education, and Health Education.

Students enrolled in the **Specialist Sports Program** participate in an extended timetable of sports-based learning, designed to develop athletic skills, teamwork, resilience, and personal excellence.

This handbook outlines the compulsory and optional subjects available to Specialist Sports students for 2027, including options from The Arts and Technologies Learning Areas.

All Year 9 option courses run for the full year, allowing students to deepen their understanding of their chosen subjects and prepare for senior secondary pathways.

Families are encouraged to discuss the available options together and carefully consider selections. While every effort will be made to place students into preferred courses, placements are subject to class availability.

Choosing subjects that align with a student's interests and goals can help make Year 9 a rewarding and successful experience.

All students in the Specialist Sports Program are required to study:

- English, Mathematics, Science, and Humanities & Social Sciences (four periods per week each)
- Four periods of Specialist Sports Education per week
- One period of Health Education per week

Option Subjects

Alongside compulsory subjects, students select year-long option courses that reflect their interests, strengths, and future pathways. Students must choose at least one subject from The Arts, and at least one subject from Technologies

Subject selections should be made carefully, as changes may not be possible once classes have been formed. Families are encouraged to consider each course's suitability, interests, future pathways, and associated costs before finalising selections.

Selections must be finalised by 16 October 2026. Students who have not submitted their selections by this date will be allocated subjects at the discretion of the school.

Please note: Some option courses have associated compulsory charges. Participation in an extra-cost option requires a confirmation deposit of **50% of the total estimated course cost**, payable by 30 October 2026.
All subject charges for Year 9 courses must be paid in full by the end of Term 2, 2027.

Payment plans are available. Please contact the accounts office on 9527 0300 or email rockingham.shs.accounts@education.wa.edu.au to arrange a plan.

THE ARTS

Drama (9DRA)

Do you enjoy acting, creating characters, and bringing stories to life? Are you interested in costume design, stage make-up, props, or set design? If so, Drama could be the perfect subject for you.

Drama provides students with the opportunity to develop their performance and creative skills through a range of practical and engaging activities. Students participate in both individual and group work, building confidence and developing key dramatic techniques such as voice, movement, improvisation, characterisation, and script work.

As a performance-based subject, students will have opportunities to perform for an audience while learning the importance of collaboration, communication, and teamwork. A strong emphasis is placed on creativity, problem-solving, and working effectively with others.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy performing, expressing ideas through drama, and exploring different theatre styles and performance techniques in a supportive and creative environment.

Compulsory Charge: $NIL

Dance (9DAN)

Dance provides students with the opportunity to develop their performance skills, improve their dance technique, and explore creative movement through a variety of styles, including contemporary and jazz. Students build confidence, coordination, and physical fitness while learning new ways to express ideas through movement.

Throughout the course, students are encouraged to think creatively and actively participate in the choreographic process, developing their own dance sequences and working collaboratively with others. They will explore the elements of dance and learn how movement can communicate meaning, emotion, and storytelling.

This course provides an excellent foundation for senior school Dance studies and is ideal for students who enjoy being active, working as part of a team, and expressing themselves creatively. Students will develop valuable skills in communication, collaboration, and self-confidence while expanding their understanding of dance as an art form.

Compulsory Charge: $64.00

THE ARTS

Visual Arts (9VAR)

Visual Arts provides students with the opportunity to explore and develop their creativity through a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional art forms. Students may work with mediums such as drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, clay, collage, design, and digital or multimedia processes.

Throughout the course, students are introduced to the elements and principles of art and design while developing practical skills, creative thinking, and artistic techniques. Students will also investigate the history of art, explore the work of artists from different cultures and time periods, and learn how to analyse and interpret artworks.

A strong emphasis is placed on building foundational skills and confidence in artistic expression, providing an excellent pathway for further studies in Visual Arts. This course is ideal for students who enjoy being creative, experimenting with new ideas and materials, and producing unique and meaningful works of art.

Compulsory Charge: $80.00

Music (9MUS)

Year 9 Music is an engaging course designed for students of all experience levels, from beginners through to those with previous musical experience. The course explores the exciting world of film and television music, with students learning and performing pieces from popular soundtracks.

Students will develop their practical music skills by playing a range of instruments, including keyboards, guitars, ukuleles, bass guitars, and percussion. They will also use music technology such as MacBooks and GarageBand to create, record, and produce music.

Music is ideal for students who enjoy performing, being creative, and working collaboratively. Students will have the opportunity to compose their own music, including creating original soundtrack pieces, while building confidence and developing valuable musical and creative skills.

Compulsory Charge: $30.00

THE ARTS

Media Arts (9MPA)

Year 9 Media Arts is a year-long course that provides an excellent foundation for further study in Year 10 Media. Students explore the creative and technical aspects of media production, with a strong focus on cinematography, character development, photography, and visual storytelling.

Throughout the course, students will create a range of media products, including short films, movie trailers, film posters, video reviews, and photographic artworks. They will also study a variety of film styles and techniques, developing an understanding of how media creators communicate ideas and engage audiences. Opportunities may also arise for students to showcase their work through events such as the YOH Screen Fest.

Photography is a major component of the course, with students learning to use DSLR cameras and manual settings to capture and edit high-quality images. By the end of the year, students will have developed a portfolio of creative work while building valuable skills in teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and project management. Students should be aware that collaboration and participation in group production tasks are important components of the course.

Compulsory Charge: $70.00

TECHNOLOGIES

Metalwork (9MTDM)

Metalwork provides students with the opportunity to further develop their practical workshop skills while working with a range of metals, tools, and equipment. Students will learn increasingly advanced fabrication techniques and gain experience in planning, designing, and producing quality metal projects.

Throughout the course, students will develop skills in sheet metal fabrication, metal shaping, and welding processes. They will learn to safely use a variety of workshop equipment, including drill presses, metal benders, cold saws, and oxy-acetylene equipment for heating, bending, and shaping metal. Students will also gain experience in MIG and fusion welding techniques.

By completing a range of practical projects, students will build confidence, accuracy, and problem-solving skills while developing the knowledge and techniques required for more complex metalwork projects. This course is ideal for students interested in engineering, trades, manufacturing, or hands-on learning.

Compulsory Charge: $40.00

Woodwork (9MTDW)

Woodwork provides students with the opportunity to develop their design and woodworking skills through the creation of increasingly complex projects, including functional products and small pieces of furniture. Students will learn how to plan, design, and evaluate their work while applying the principles of quality craftsmanship.

Throughout the course, students will gain experience using a range of hand tools, power tools, and woodworking machinery in a safe workshop environment. They will develop practical skills in measuring, marking, cutting, shaping, assembling, and finishing timber, while learning a variety of joinery and construction techniques.

As their confidence and skills grow, students will undertake more challenging projects that require accuracy, creativity, and problem-solving. This course is ideal for students who enjoy hands-on learning and are interested in woodworking, design, construction, or trade-related pathways.

Compulsory Charge: $40.00

TECHNOLOGIES

Digital Technologies (9DIGI)

Digital Technologies is an exciting and practical course that introduces students to the world of programming, game development, robotics, and digital design. Students will explore how technology is used to solve problems, create innovative products, and shape the modern world.

Throughout the course, students will develop skills in coding, computer game design, graphic design, and 3D modelling. They will have opportunities to design and create 3D printed products, develop computer games, and work with robotics by programming, controlling, and testing robotic systems. Students will also investigate emerging technologies and explore potential pathways in STEM-related industries and careers.

Students will work both independently and collaboratively to research, design, create, and evaluate a range of digital projects. By applying the Technology Process, they will develop valuable 21st-century skills, including creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork, while producing innovative digital solutions.

Compulsory Charge: $NIL

General Food - Food for Thought (9FFT)

Food for Thought is a practical course that equips students with the knowledge and life skills needed to make informed decisions about food, health, and wellbeing. Students explore topics such as nutrition, food security, sustainability, responsible consumer choices, and their impact on individuals, families, and communities.

Through hands-on cooking experiences and real-world learning activities, students develop confidence in food preparation, kitchen safety, meal planning, and healthy living. The course encourages critical and creative thinking while building practical skills that promote independence and self-sufficiency.

Students will create their own personal "Handbook for Life", containing recipes, cooking techniques, budgeting tips, meal-planning ideas, and other useful information to support a healthy and independent lifestyle.

Compulsory Charge: $120.00

TECHNOLOGIES

Speciality Food - Design Food: *Eat with Your Eyes* (9DFS)

Design Food: *Eat With Your Eyes* is an innovative and creative course that explores the connection between food, design, and the overall dining experience. Students investigate how presentation, creativity, and environment influence the way people enjoy food, learning how to transform everyday dishes into visually appealing culinary creations.

Using the Technology Design Process, students will design, create, and evaluate a range of food products while exploring concepts such as food styling, plating techniques, restaurant design, and sensory experiences. They will have opportunities to develop imaginative projects that combine cooking, artistic design, and problem-solving skills.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy food, creativity, and innovation. Whether designing unique edible creations, developing themed dining experiences, or exploring the relationship between form and function, students will be challenged to think like chefs, designers, and entrepreneurs.

Compulsory Charge: $120.00

Textiles: *Dare to Design* (9MDTT)

Textiles: *Dare to Design* is a creative and hands-on course that encourages students to explore the exciting world of textile design and production. Students will experiment with a variety of fabrics, colours, patterns, and decorative techniques while developing their own unique designs and creative style.

Throughout the course, students will learn practical textile skills and techniques used across cultures and industries, including fabric decoration, construction, embellishment, and design processes. They will have opportunities to transform ideas into finished products while developing creativity, problem-solving skills, and attention to detail.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy art, design, fashion, and making things with their hands. Through a range of engaging projects, students will gain confidence in expressing their ideas and creating original textile pieces that reflect their individuality and imagination.

Compulsory Charge: $90.00

TECHNOLOGIES

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