

Junior Electives Guide

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Introduction

This study guide is provided to assist students and their parents in making an appropriate selection of elective subjects Year 8 in 2022. The contents of this study guide should be studied thoroughly to gain an accurate understanding of the nature, scope, requirements and relative difficulty of each subject.

The College has a tradition of excellence in teaching and learning, in which the needs of the individual student is the central focus of the learning process. At Trinity College a number of support structures exist so that students and their parents are fully aware of the choices available and the applications of the selected subject course work. It is very much our intention to have parent's integrally and frequently involved in the subject selection process of their child.

The elective subjects shown in this study guide are prospective in that the actual availability of courses will be subject to demand and the capacity of the College to run the subject course.

How to Choose Elective Subjects

Choosing your elective subjects for Year 8 is an opportunity for you to explore and discover your own particular talents, skills and interests. When selecting your elective subject, you should consider subjects you enjoy and will be successful in, keeping in mind the choices you make could have a bearing on your future career goals and aspirations.

When choosing your elective subject there are a few things you should consider:

- What are my personal interests and hobbies?
- What am I good at and will be successful in?
- What are my career goals and aspirations?

The subjects you choose may lead to new career pathways or interests e.g. Art may lead you to cultivate an interest in the Arts. You may become an Artist or enjoy it as a hobby. Even if you did not pursue a career in Art, it could help you pursue a career in design e.g. Fabrics, Dressmaking and Graphic Art. Similar things might be said about Drama, Health and Physical Education and Design Technologies (Food and Materials).

You are not being asked to make major career choices at this particular moment. The way the subject courses are structured at Trinity College, career paths will still be open to you even after you have completed Year 7 and 8 and students will be invited to choose electives again in mid-2022 for the following year.

Steps in Choosing Your Elective:

1. Think about yourself, the things you value like to do, think are worth doing and are achieving towards.
2. Talk to your parents and teachers about yourself and the subjects.
3. With your parents, complete the online Subject Selection process.

TRINITY COLLEGE COVENANTS

Student Responsibility



CARE FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS



- To treat others with courtesy and respect in words and actions
- Follow rules and instructions
- To observe the uniform code

ACT SAFELY



- To not engage in physical, emotional or cyber bullying
- To report and intervene to prevent physical, emotional or cyber bullying or serious inappropriate behaviour
- To listen to directions and follow them immediately
- Do not engage in risky behaviour
- To obey out of bounds rules
- To attend all lessons

ACTIVELY LEARN



- Be efficient, effective and active learners
- To refrain from being disruptive
- Be punctual to all classes
- To ensure computer use supports learning

RESPECT PROPERTY



- To take care of personal and others property and equipment be it either physical, intellectual or digital
- To assist in maintaining a clean and tidy working, learning and playing environment
- To refrain from bringing inappropriate/undesirable property or equipment to school e.g. computer software
- To report possession of this type of property or equipment
- To report vandalism or damage of College or student property, including computer equipment

COMMUNICATE JUSTLY



- To listen to others
- To refrain from interrupting while others are speaking
- Read all email communication
- Be respectful in all forms of communication
- Must refrain from having a visible mobile phone

Enriching Learning | Inspiring Excellence | Creating Pathways

Junior Subject Curriculum

The curriculum offered to Year 8 students at Trinity College seeks to provide all students with a quality and broad education. Traditionally as the year's progress, students are given a greater scope to specialise, adapt course choices to their own talents and abilities, and to develop their plans for future careers and vocations.

For year 8, in compliance with the Australian curriculum core subjects are taught with students having the choice of one elective per year.

Core Subjects	Course Length and Structure
Maths	All Year
English	
Science	
Religion	
HPE	
Humanities	History – 13 weeks Geography – 13 weeks Civics and Citizenship – 7 weeks Economics and Business – 7 weeks
Art	All Year 8 students must choose ONE of the following subjects: Drama, Visual Arts, Media, Media (games and interactive media), Dance, Music, Arts Excellence**
Design and Technologies	Students will study Design Technologies for 1 semester and Food and Materials for 1 semester per year. The Digital Technology curriculum is embedded in both these courses. Or STEM – students can choose to complete the STEM course for the whole year

Elective Subjects	
Business	Media (Games and Interactive Media)
Dance	Music
Digital Technology	Spanish
Drama	STEM
Japanese	TAP*- Basketball , General Sport, netball, Rugby League, Soccer or Touch
Media	Visual Arts

*Subject has two tiers: a development tier and students are invited into the excellence tier.

**Students are invited in term 2 to join the Arts Excellence subject.

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CORE SUBJECTS



Mathematics

Course Description

By the end of Year 8, students solve everyday problems involving rates, ratios and percentages. They describe index laws and apply them to whole numbers. They describe rational and irrational numbers. Students solve problems involving profit and loss. They make connections between expanding and factorising algebraic expressions. Students solve problems relating to the volume of prisms. They make sense of time duration in real applications.

They identify conditions for the congruence of triangles and deduce the properties of quadrilaterals. Students model authentic situations with two-way tables and Venn diagrams. They choose appropriate language to describe events and experiments. They explain issues related to the collection of data and the effect of outliers on means and medians in that data.

Students use efficient mental and written strategies to carry out the four operations with integers. They simplify a variety of algebraic expressions. They solve linear equations and graph linear relationships on the Cartesian plane. Students convert between units of measurement for area and volume. They perform calculations to determine perimeter and area of parallelograms, rhombuses and kites.

They name the features of circles and calculate the areas and circumferences of circles. Students determine the probabilities of complementary events and calculate the sum of probabilities.

Course Outline

The Australian Curriculum: Mathematics is organised around the interaction of three content strands and four proficiency strands.

The content strands are *number and algebra*, *measurement and geometry*, and *statistics and probability*. They describe what is to be taught and learnt.

The proficiency strands are *understanding*, *fluency*, *problem-solving* and *reasoning*. They describe how content is explored or developed; that is, the thinking and doing of mathematics. The strands provide a meaningful basis for the development of concepts in the learning of mathematics and have been incorporated into the content descriptions of the three content strands. This approach has been adopted to ensure students' proficiency in mathematical skills develops throughout the curriculum and becomes increasingly sophisticated over the years of schooling.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Online assessment
- Written exams
- Problem Solving and Modelling Tasks
- Oral presentations

English

Course Description

The study of English provides students with the skills to communicate in a clear and concise manner using written, spoken and multimodal techniques to both enhance meaning and position an audience.

Throughout this subject students will apply critical and creative skills in their composition of and response to a diverse range of texts to develop their academic achievement and gain an appreciation of a variety of literary and non-literary texts.

Students are offered opportunities to interpret and create texts for differing purposes. They learn how language varies according to context, purpose and audience, content, modes and mediums, and how to use it appropriately and effectively for a variety of purposes.

Course Outline

UNIT 1: QUIET HEROES

Students explore identities in a range of texts to understand, explain and analyse how individuals are represented as being heroic through textual features and language devices. Students experiment with language to create texts that represent their own and others' perceptions of heroes.

UNIT 2: ETHICS AND RELATIONSHIPS

Students explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas represented in a novel, and compare how other text types, including film and poetry, represent similar themes. Students will also analyse the author's purpose and how the author positions the reader.

UNIT 3: LIVING WITH TRASH

Students explore the impact of rubbish on the human environment in the 21st century. Students respond to and create texts, as well as persuade others to take up a perspective in response to a novel, as well as identify possible solutions to this ever-increasing problem.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Students will complete a range of assessment items and in-class activities including:

- Research
- Drafting
- Editing
- Persuasive speaking
- Composing written, spoken and multimodal texts
- Creative writing
- Analytical essays
- Personal recounts
- Narrative intervention
- Reading

Pathways

A course of study in English promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

Science

Course Description

Year 8 Science further enhances skills in experimentation and scientific method as well as introducing Earth Science and the microscope to students. They develop their critical and creative thinking skills as well as science literacy and numeracy through several different learning opportunities. Their knowledge and application of real world concepts such as chemical reactions in everyday life and transforming energy in electricity generation allow them to engage with key issues in their current world.

Science is organised in three strands:

- Science Understanding - the students will engage with scientific concepts.
- Science as a Human Endeavour - they will encounter how these concepts affect them and others in the wider world.
- Science Inquiry – the students use practical and research skills to communicate their ideas to a specified audience.

Course outline

By the end of Year 8 students explain the role of specialised cell structures and organelles in cellular function and analyse the relationship between structure and function at organ and body system levels. They apply an understanding of forces, energy and the theory of plate tectonics to explain patterns of change in the geosphere. They compare processes of electricity generation and represent transfer and transformation of energy in simple systems. They represent and classify different types of matter and distinguish between physical and chemical change. Students explain how social, cultural and technological factors can influence development and application of scientific knowledge. They analyse scientific responses to contemporary issues and examine the importance of science communication.

UNIT 1 – LIFE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

UNIT 2 – BODY SYSTEMS

UNIT 3 – ENERGY AND ELECTRICITY GENERATION

UNIT 4 – CHEMICAL CHANGE

UNIT 5 – PLATE TECTONICS AND THE ROCK CYCLE

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Research tasks
- Student experiments and reports
- Analysing data
- Examination

Pathways

Studying a science course allows students to pursue careers in several fields including Medicine, Medical Imaging, Acoustics. Engineering Robotics Electronics and Technology, Pharmaceuticals, Quality Control Processes, Manufacturing, Mining and mineral exploration, Sociology, Environmental Science, Pure Sciences and Research, Teaching and Nursing. Students looking to pursue a trade or entry into the armed forces may require a pass in Science also.

Religion

Course Description

In this course students will identify the unique relationship between God and God's people, describe how words and images and images are used to represent the mystery of the Trinity, consider, and organise Old Testament covenant narratives and the actions and messages of some Old Testament prophets, and analyse Scriptural texts to explain how God's saving plan was accomplished through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Students evaluate and draw conclusions about the ways in which the Church is present and active in the world today. Students will also identify the significance of initiation rituals in the Abrahamic religions for the faith journey of believers, explore how believers, past and present continue the mission of Jesus in the world, in times of challenge and change. consider and organise evidence from the Acts of the Apostles to explain the significance of some key events, individuals, and groups in the life of the early Church. They consider and organise patterns of change and continuity in the Church from c. 650 CE – c. 1750 CE, identifying the impact of the writings and key messages of significant reformers in the Church at that time. They participate respectfully in a variety of prayer experiences and consider their significance to believers.

Course Outline

UNIT 1: HOW ARE WE CHALLENGED TO LIVE.

- A study of key teachings in Christianity that challenge how believers act in their relationship with others. Students will develop their ability to apply Christian teaching to everyday life and social justice issues.

UNIT 2: COVENANT.

- During this unit students learn to describe and explain the promises of God to his people, from the Abrahamic covenant through to the new covenant of Jesus. Students will also develop an understanding of liturgical space and symbol.

UNIT 3: MISSION POSSIBLE.

- Students will describe the mission of Jesus, analyse his life and teachings as a model for the Christian life and explain how believers continue to live out that mission today as individuals and in community organisations through the application of Christian teaching.

UNIT 4: MOVERS AND SHAKERS

- In this unit students will identify and describe how reformers challenged and changed the church through history, analyse historical events and explain how change happens in the Church and the significant impact individuals can have.
- Investigation – research assessment
- Short Response examination
- Project – Create a liturgy, symbols and space (including use of Minecraft)
- Multimodal presentation (recorded)

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Pathways

A course of study in Religion involves skills used from across different subject areas and can be useful in a range of careers in media, government, policing, community development and so much more.

Health and Physical Education

Course Description

In year 8 HPE, students expand knowledge, understanding and skills to help them achieve successful outcomes in classroom, leisure, social, movement and online situations. Students learn how to take positive action to enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing. They do this as they examine the nature of their relationships and other factors that influence people's beliefs, attitudes, opportunities, decisions, behaviours and actions. Students demonstrate a range of help-seeking strategies that support them to access and evaluate health and physical activity information and services.

The curriculum for Year 8 supports students to refine a range of specialised knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to their health, safety, wellbeing, and movement competence and confidence. Students develop specialised movement skills and understanding in a range of physical activity settings. They analyse how body control and coordination influence movement composition and performance and learn to transfer movement skills and concepts to a variety of physical activities. Students explore the role that games and sports, outdoor recreation, lifelong physical activities, and rhythmic and expressive movement activities play in shaping cultures and identities. They reflect on and refine personal and social skills as they participate in a range of physical activities.

Course Outline

Focus areas to be addressed include:

- alcohol and other drugs
- food and nutrition
- health benefits of physical activity
- mental health and wellbeing
- relationships and sexuality
- safety
- challenge and adventure activities
- games and sports
- lifelong physical activities
- rhythmic and expressive movement activities

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Exams
- Research Investigations
- Case studies
- Multimodal presentations
- Practical performance demonstration, analysis, and evaluation

Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Description

The Humanities and Social Sciences are the studies of human behaviour and interaction in social, cultural, environmental, economic and political contexts. The Humanities and Social Sciences have a historical and contemporary focus, from personal to global context, and consider challenges for the future. These subjects provide a broad understanding of the world in which we live, and how people can participate as active and informed citizens.

Course Outline

Economics and Business

In this unit, students will develop and apply enterprising behaviours and capabilities, and knowledge, understanding and skills of inquiry, to investigate a familiar and unfamiliar national or regional economics or business issue. The economics or business issue investigated will enable students to: explain how markets operate in Australia and why governments may influence the market's operation; identify different types of business and explain how they respond to opportunities in Australia; explain the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses in Australia; and describe influences on the ways people work and factors that might affect work in the future.

Geography

This unit focuses on investigating geomorphology through a study of landscapes and their landforms. This unit examines the processes that shape individual landforms, the values and meanings placed on landforms and landscapes by diverse cultures, hazards associated with landscapes, and management of landscapes. This unit develops students' understanding of the concept of environment and enables them to explore the significance of landscapes to people, including Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

History

In this unit, students are to be taught content from a historical period, approximately c.650AD (CE - 1750). This is part of an expansive chronology that helps students to understand broad patterns of historical change. Students will investigate the Western and Islamic World by examining key features of Medieval Europe and its contact with other societies. In particular, they will examine the continuities and changes across crime and punishment, military and defence systems, as well as the growth of towns and cities. Students will explore how the interconnected nature of the medieval world allowed for ideas and influence to migrate, as well as pitfalls such as diseases. Students will also consider the significance of the Catholic Church and the cultural achievements that occurred with the changing relations between Islam and the West, including the Crusades.

Civics and Citizenship

In this unit, students study the responsibilities and freedoms of citizens and how Australians can actively participate in their democracy. They consider how laws are made and the types of laws used in Australia. Students also examine what it means to be Australian by identifying the reasons for and influences that shape national identity. Through the study of civics and citizenship, students develop skills of inquiry, values and dispositions that enable them to be active and informed citizens.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Research Task
- Short-Response Exam
- Research Magazine Article
- Multiple Choice Exam

Arts Electives

A person with long brown hair, wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and black shorts, is captured mid-air in a high jump. They are wearing black dance shoes. Their arms are raised above their head, and one leg is extended upwards. The background is a dance studio with a white brick wall, wooden ballet barres, and large windows. The ceiling is a drop ceiling with square panels.

Choose ONE Arts Elective

Dance

Course Description

The course allows students to represent, question and celebrate human experience, using the body as the instrument and movement as the medium for personal, social, emotional, spiritual and physical communication. Dance has the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging students to reach their creative and expressive potential.

Dance enables students to develop a movement vocabulary with which to explore and refine imaginative ways of moving individually and collaboratively. Students engage with dance practice and practitioners in their own and others' cultures and communities. Learning in and through dance enhances students' knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures and contexts and develops their personal, social and cultural identity.

Course Outline

UNIT 1: FUNK, TAP AND ALL THAT JAZZ

- Introduction to Musical Theatre: Tap and Broadway Jazz.

UNIT 2: DANCE FUSIONS

- The study of fused dance styles, particularly Contemporary and Hip-hop, to develop a new way of moving.

UNIT 3: MAKE YOUR MOVE

- In depth study of Jazz dance (Traditional, Commercial and Afro Jazz styles).

Throughout this course, students will develop skills required to choreograph, rehearse and perform dances.

- Choreographing includes students drawing on their developing movement vocabulary as they engage in the creative process of making dance. As they explore and shape their ideas, they will be involved in processes such as improvising, exploring, selecting, creating and structuring movement to communicate their intentions.
- Performing includes students acquiring skills by practising, rehearsing, refining and applying physical and expressive techniques.
- Appreciating includes students describing, explaining, evaluating and critically analysing their own dances and other dances viewed.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Journaling
- Written review's
- Performance critique/evaluations
- Exams
- Ongoing observation of practical performances and application
- Research assessment
- Performances
- Choreography

Pathways

A course of study in Dance can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of arts administration and management, communication, education, public relations, research, choreography, dance education, dance teaching, performance and event production, science and technology.

Drama

Course Description

This course allows students to learn to communicate with others in a variety of ways and provides students with experiences which develop and enhance communication skills useful in a variety of situations. The course aims to develop students' confidence, interpersonal skills and self-discipline in a spirit of friendly, respectful communication.

In Drama, students learn to create dramatic situations, offer and accept ideas, make a commitment to team work, manage their own time, understand other points of view, negotiate, interact with others, concentrate, act individually in groups, think independently and express themselves.

Course Outline

TERM 1: WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (Improvisation, Process Drama and Theatre Sports)

This unit further develops improvisation skills. With a focus on Process Drama as a tool for exploring texts and characters. As well as Theatre Sports, the skills of giving and accepting offers, advancing and extending are developed all within the notion of working as a team without a script. Improvisation skills are also a solid starting point for future Drama units.

TERM 2: WHAT'S MY SCENE? (Performing scripts)

In this unit, students take on the skills they have learnt in Term 1 and build on it while working with other students. They will take on characters; build on vocal and physical techniques as well as learning to manipulate mood, language and tension. Students will take scripted scenes and use their creativity to make it their own.

TERM 3: FUNNY BUSINESS (Clowning and Children's Theatre)

This unit introduces students to a different form of Drama. They will look at comedy usually focusing on clowning and children's theatre as an entertainment form. During this unit students will discover what makes them laugh! Students will explore the history of comedy and different styles of comedy and get to work shop them in class. They will focus on timing and rhythm and work individually or in a group. Students will learn about the various techniques of comedy and create a performance designed to entertain young audiences through the practical skills of visual comedy.

TERM 4: I LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT (Mask and Movement)

During this unit students will be able to use their creative side and incorporate art and music into their Drama performances. Students will discover the meaning and significance of telling stories through art, music and movement. This unit will look at symbolism, tension, focus and space. Students will look at myths and legends and brainstorm how to portray them through movement.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Journal
- Written review
- Performances – Scripted and student devised
- Theatre games and activities
- Improvising scenes
- Exploring play texts

Media Arts

Course Description

Media Arts enables students to create and communicate representations of diverse worlds and investigate the impact and influence of media artworks on those worlds, individually and collaboratively. As an art form evolving in the twenty-first century, media arts enable students to use existing and emerging technologies as they explore imagery, text and sound and create meaning as they participate in, experiment with and interpret diverse cultures and communications practices. Students learn to be critically aware of ways that the media are culturally used and negotiated, and are dynamic and central to the way they make sense of the world and of themselves. They learn to interpret, analyse and develop media practices through their media arts making experiences. They are inspired to imagine, collaborate and take on responsibilities in planning, designing and producing media artworks. Students explore and interpret diverse and dynamic cultural, social, historical and institutional factors that shape contemporary communication through media technologies and globally networked communications.

Course Outline

TERM 1 - RADIOWAVES

In this unit students will learn the fundamentals of radio and its history. They will look at different types of radio stations and their purposes. They will look at how radio shaped media technology and human communication. They will attend an excursion to Nova and ZZZ to gather data on real world radio stations and complete a case study report. They will begin to design and plan their own radio stations that are targeted to their own chosen audiences.

TERM 2 - RADIOWAVES

Students are to produce material for a radio station, including promotional material, logo and web design, as well as a pilot radio segment that will be presented to the class in the form of a pitch. Students may further this experience in the creation and maintenance of a school radio station.

TERM 3 – VIDEO KILLED THE RADIO STAR

Students are to begin looking at the introduction of the television and subsequently the rise of music videos and the impact it had on their radio industry. They will explore significant music videos as well as the development of music videos as works of art. Students will begin design and producing their own music video – (perhaps for music students) They will explore more advanced camera and editing techniques (such as green screen and rotoscoping).

TERM 4 - VIDEO KILLED THE RADIO STAR

Students are to be producing their music video. Students will analyse significant music videos in the form of an exam. Prior to this, students will be looking at examples and analysing them.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Investigative Report: Students are to attend an excursion to Nova and ZZZ radio stations. They are to compile evidence and research and create a case study comparing the differences between each station the strategies they apply to appeal to their chosen audiences.

Multiplatform Project: Students are to create pitch for a radio station, record a radio segment, create promotional material for the station such as a logo and website design.

Stylistic Project: Students are to create an experimental music video for a song of their choice. They must demonstrate a variety of cinematography and editing techniques. This video needs to depict their personal style as a budding filmmaker.

Exam: Stimulus provided – students are to analyse the significance of a number of revolutionary music videos. They are to identify how each music video resulted in a change in culture.



Media (Games & Interactive Media)

Course Description

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop media arts understanding and processes through game-based learning. Students will design and produce their own games and media artworks through character and environment design, coding, specialised game development software and media equipment. They will explore different genres of games and the various target audiences of different types of interactive experiences.

Course Outline

UNIT 4 – SO YOU THINK YOU CAN STREAM

Students will apply their developing knowledge of media processes to brand themselves as video game streamers. In this unit students will use the Adobe Suite to design and create a logo and an online marketing package similar to what is used by successful video game streamers. Finally, they will use media technology, such as a green screen, to produce a sample of what their streaming content would be like.

UNIT 5 – AUGMENTED AND VIRTUAL REALITY – COSPACES

In this unit, students will learn how to develop augmented and virtual reality games and experiences using CoSpaces. Through this game development application, students will apply simple coding and the tools of a sandbox environment to create an interactive 3D game or immersive experience that is intended for a virtual reality headset.

UNIT 6 – MACHINIMA

Through this unit, students will gain an understanding on how games can be manipulated and recorded to produce short films – a genre known as ‘Machinima’. They will learn the concepts of cinematography through symbolic and technical codes and will apply this knowledge in the production of a short film using game play footage from a game of choice. They will plan the film through storyboarding and scripting and use a variety of media technologies to execute the final product.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Esports Club is open every Thursday afternoon from 3pm -5pm. Students who intend to join our Esports Teams – TC RED and TC BLUE may nominate to come to this club. We participate in a number of annual tournaments through organisers such as XP HSL Esports, UQU High School Championship, Chisholm Invitationals and META High School Esports.

In year 8, students may play the following games competitively.

- League of Legends (13+)
- Super Smash Brothers
- Rocket League
- Game and film design documentation and preproduction
- Games and interactive media
- Short films and moving media
- Proposals/reflections

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Music

Course Description

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop a good knowledge of musical concepts by 'making' and 'responding' to forms of music. The course's context may reflect cultural forms (including Australian Indigenous), historical music, pop culture or other topics that may suit the interests of the students. Students will use practical skills to perform either rehearsed or improvised music, with attention to various musical elements such as dynamics, texture, timbre and expression. Furthermore, they will compose their own music, which will use various technologies to present (e.g.: software, digital sound). In addition, they will also develop their aural (listening) skills to evaluate and analyse various forms of music.

Course Outline

BACK TO BASICS

Students will explore the basics of music including reading and writing music, hearing rhythms and identifying melodies. This provides a foundation for students new to music as well as revisionary work for those who currently enjoy playing a musical instrument. The initial concepts of music composition, performing and analysing will be introduced to students in this topic.

ROCK AND ROLL

Music has played an important role throughout history. Looking back at the Rock and Roll era will allow students to understand the context and history of music as well as being able to compose and perform songs from that time. The context and history of music and its various forms is important as it allows students to appreciate the link between music and culture.

SOUND ENGINEERING

In today's current society, the need for comprehensive understanding of musical equipment and ICT based programs is high. In the modern world various pieces of technology are used by many people to compose and perform. Students will explore the processes and technologies associated with music creation and live/ studio recording.

INDIGENOUS MUSIC

The Indigenous music of each continent is important to explore as the music concepts and contexts allow students to indulge in the music of our world. The untouched examples of indigenous music is so widely available in our current society and is crucial in student learning. Analysing and responding to Indigenous music will help students gain an appreciation of music and its beginnings.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Written tasks (e.g.: exam, research report)
- Presentations
- Compositions
- Aural tasks
- Performances (e.g.: improvised, rehearsed)

Visual Art

Course Description

This course provides students with an opportunity to explore Visual Art concepts and contexts. Students will learn about and develop Art skills that they will be able to apply to designing and creating their own Visual Art folios. Furthermore, students will also build on their Visual Art skills with introductions to digital design computer programs, printmaking, clay sculpture and mixed media collage techniques.

Course Outline

SEMESTER 1 – *LANDSCAPES WITH A 21ST CENTURY TWIST*

Students are required to submit an A3 Landscape canvas which contains techniques and skills based around the Elements of Art and Landscapes. In this unit, students continue to explore the Elements of Art through the techniques and processes of vanishing points, perspectives and landscapes.

SEMESTER 2 – *PORTRAITS*

Students are required to submit an A3 Portrait canvas which contains techniques and skills based around the Elements of Art and Portraiture. In this unit, students explore the concept of Portraiture through analysing the work of other artists and applying it to make their own artwork.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Visual Process Diary
- Folios of Artwork
- Written Tasks including- Essays, Reports and Reviews
- Art Excursions
- Community Based Activities

Visual Arts Excellence (Invitation Only)

Course Description

This subject provides students with opportunities to further explore Visual Art concepts and contexts that are beyond what is offered in regular visual art classes. Students will work on large scale projects that will enhance their skills and prepare them for real life situations. All students will be engaged in projects that will see them using industry standard equipment and techniques including large scale paintings, sculpture, digital art, printmaking, textiles and wearable art. Furthermore, students will also have the opportunity to work with professional artists in residence where they will be mentored and guided to produce specialised artworks. You will also have the opportunity to attend special excursions to art galleries, artist workshops and scenic locations where you will develop artworks and group projects. As part of providing students with the most amount of time available to them there will also be an extra long class that will be held once per week from 2pm till 4:30 and as being part of this subject you will need to be able to commit to attending this class.

Choose Either DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES or
STEM

Technology
ELECTIVES



Design Technologies (One Semester)

Course Description

In this course students will study the Design and Technologies processes and production skills which develops design thinking and design processes. Design and Technologies involves creative thinking and the explicit use of design processes to propose solutions for an identified user and purpose.

This subject is designed to include two interrelated strands of:

- Knowledge and understanding of technology, and
- Processes and production skills

Students will work through one main project, designed to develop practical skills and theoretical knowledge relating to materials, tools and processes. While this subject has practical content, students must understand that theory, including digital drawing, is an essential part of this subject.

Course Outline

- On Guard safety program
- Learning how to draw 3D projections in a digital space.
- Learning how to engage with tutorial resources via Teams.
- Learning how to submit assessment via Teams.
- Creation of designs in pine timber, acrylic and simple electronics.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

The areas of study covered in this course will be:

Design Folio:

- Edge lit light
- Using laser engraver to etch designed image into acrylic.
- Photos of process
- Evaluation

Integrated within each area of study listed are:

- Safety
- Project planning and design
- Workshop graphics
- Surface finishing

Design Technologies (Food and Materials) (One Semester)

Course Description

Technologies have been an integral part of society for as long as humans have had the desire to create solutions to improve their own and others' quality of life. Technologies have an impact on people and societies by transforming, restoring and sustaining the world in which we live.

Australia needs enterprising and innovative individuals with the ability to make discerning decisions related to the development, use and impact of technologies. When developing technologies, these individuals need to be able to work independently and collaboratively to solve complex, open-ended problems. Subjects in the Technologies learning area prepare students to be effective problem-solvers as they learn about and work with contemporary and emerging technologies.

Course Outline

THE HIDDEN TRUTH

Investigating the hidden sugars and fats that are in our foods and what consumption of these food products do to our health.

REVITALISING THE WARDROBE.

Sustainability with textiles and household items. Re-make something from home to lessen the impact to our landfill and the environment.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Design Process
- Practical Exam
- Research journal

STEM

Course Description

Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) touch every aspect of today's world, and the innovations that emerge from these fields underpin the global economy. Our challenge is to ensure students prepare and take advantage of the many opportunities a knowledge-based economy offers and become the entrepreneurs of tomorrow. Trinity College harnesses the passion for change and innovation by engaging Year 8 students in STEM and providing them with the opportunities they need to develop as problem solvers, critical and creative thinkers. Each term, students will explore various fun STEM activities that are aligned to the national science, mathematics and digital technologies curriculum.

Course Outline

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

This unit focus on the foundations of electronics and expands students understanding of project-based learning methodology. Students explore programming, electronics, and mechanics through a series of playful, well-documented projects and easy-to-assemble experiments. Students will learn problem solving, computational thinking and teamwork. At the end of the unit, students will be challenged to design their very own project and pitch their solution to the class.

BOTTLE ROCKETS AND BALSA BRIDGES

Students take part in two STEM challenges to further there learning about flight and aerodynamics. Students will build a rocket that will fly and aim for the longest flight time when fired from a bottle launcher. Rockets can be made from a range of materials which can have a variety of impacts on the flight of the rocket. Students investigate, plan and test the creation of bottle rockets and its materials. Rockets can have a variety of fin shapes and sizes to act as stabilisers during and after launching. The second design challenge will have students building a bridge to span an 800mm gap and be supported by a weight in the middle. Students are challenged to get maximum weight before failure. Both STEM challenges provide hands on and design process experiences that fosters teamwork qualities.

BUILDING MODELS TO UNDERSTAND AND MITIGATE BRAIN INJURY

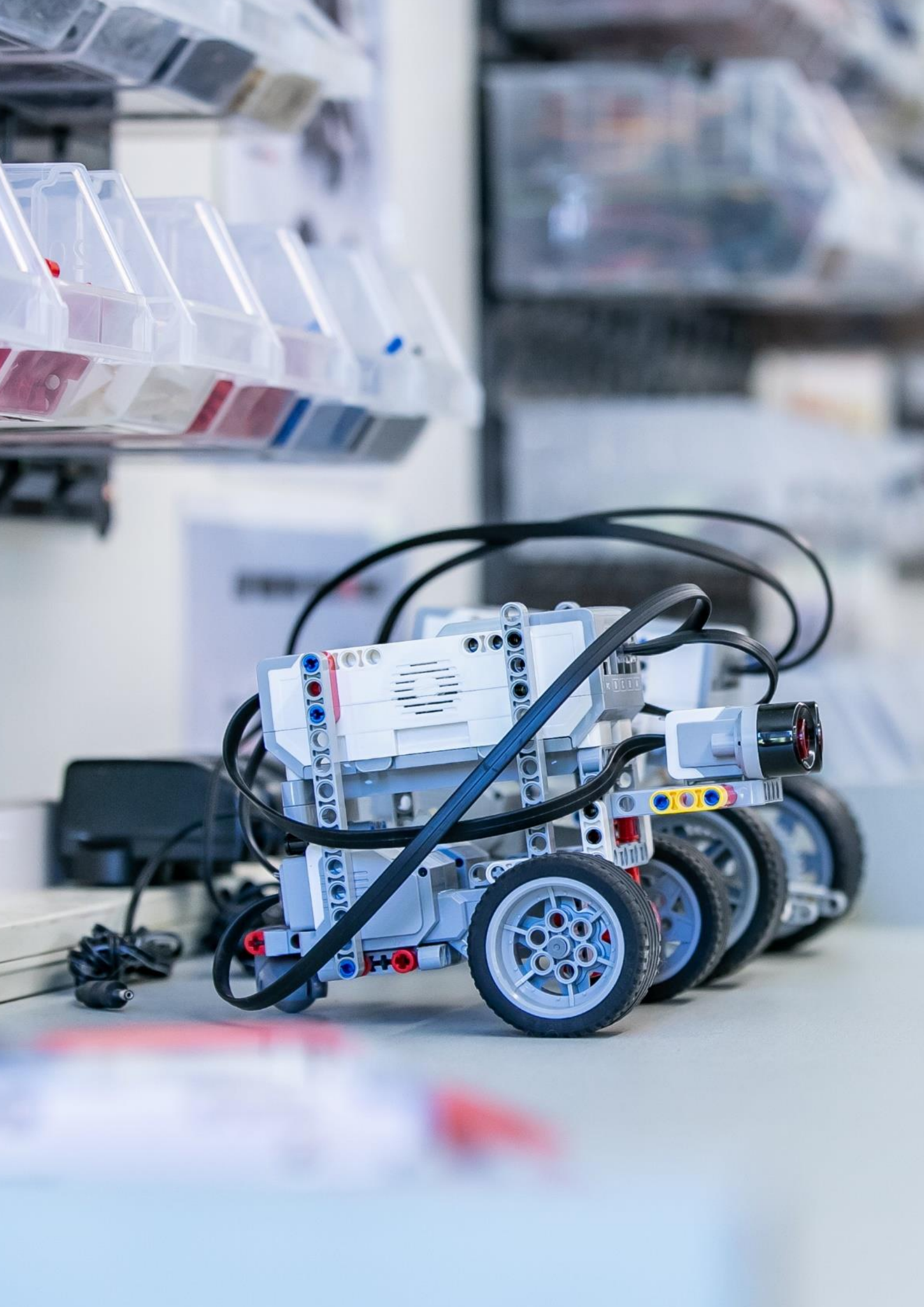
This unit sparks students' curiosity about the brain and helps them understand and mitigate brain injury. Students act as a biomedical engineer and learn about the regions of the brain and their function. Students construct a model of the human brain, equip it with impact sensors, and use data to develop and test designs for protective head gear. This interdisciplinary unit teaches physical science, life science, health, engineering design, and data science skills.

ASTEROID IMPACT

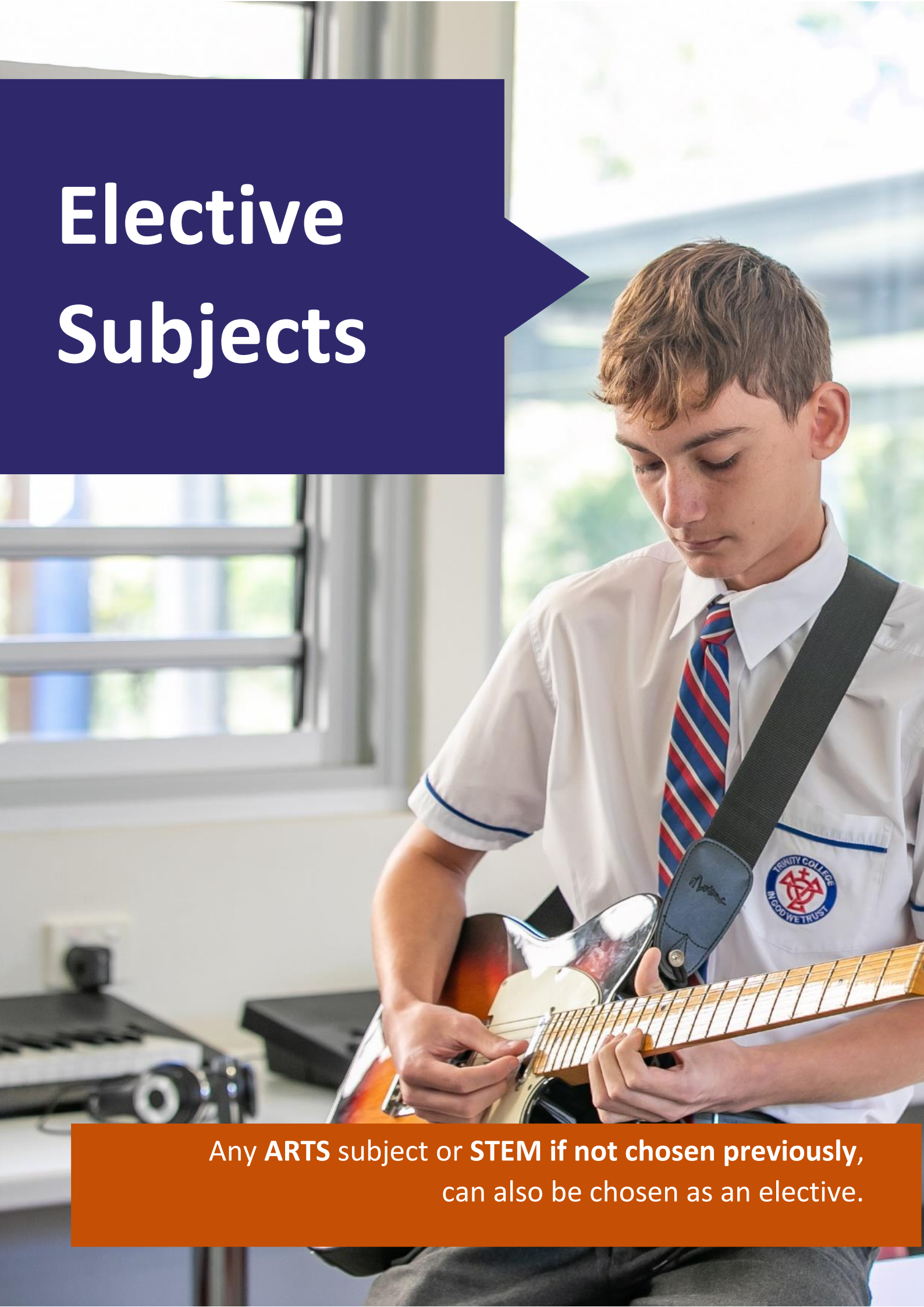
The Asteroid Impact unit provides a project framework in which student groups act as engineering teams to design underground caverns, following the steps of the engineering design process. Real-world engineers work in teams to invent and develop solutions to problems. Following the steps of the engineering design process, they first identify and define the problem or challenge. Students gather pertinent information and conduct research to learn about topics related to the problem, and they brainstorm and propose multiple potential solutions. Students then evaluate their possible solutions and select one that best meets the criteria for success. Testing is often used to verify that the proposed solution will solve the problem or challenge. And the final solution is communicated to others.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Research assignment & practical projects
- Documentation (E.g. reports)
- Presentations



Elective Subjects



Any **ARTS** subject or **STEM** if not chosen previously, can also be chosen as an elective.

Business

Course Description

Students will investigate the functions within a business which allows it to operate effectively within the economy. Students will gain an understanding of business in Australia, government involvement in business, international business, marketing and the public sector. Students will develop knowledge of and understanding relating to the business landscape.

Course Outline

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN LEAD?

In this unit, students will be able to understand how leaders inspire, motivate, plan, organise and coordinate others through learning about leadership and management as an underlying success factor in business. They will explore leadership and management in a business by examining the roles and styles of leaders and managers in 21st century business. The students also have an opportunity to investigate organisational culture and understand its importance to succeeding internally in business.

MARKETING IS COOL

Businesses undertake a lot of planning activities to make sure that a clear and positive message is communicated about their business. Students will investigate the process of preparing and executing a marketing campaign. They will then come up with an imaginary new product, create a prototype, plan for the marketing activities and present to an audience. Students will also build on their technology skills by using various programs such as Word, PPT, Photoshop and Canva.

Who exists for who, and why GBE's are so special

In this unit, students will begin to understand the Public Sector in Australia. It is imperative that young people review the accountability and role of Government Business Enterprises (GBE's) especially when the role of the Parliament is involved. Students will begin to understand policy, how the public sector operates on a national scale, the history of these organisations and their commercial activity. Ultimately, allowing the students to understand their principal function, existing for the citizens of Australia.

Internationalism and Globalisation, what is next?

This unit investigates considerations when dealing with international businesses. For one minute, think about how many things in your home are made in Australia? Where are they made? How did they get here? How much did it cost? In this topic, students will gain an understanding of an international economy – e.g. why are a lot of plastics made in China and not Australia? This unit investigates what needs to be considered in when dealing with international businesses such as exchange rates, currency, cultural communication and even tourism.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Students will complete a range of assessment items and in-class activities including:

- Interpreting case studies, planning and undertaking research and collecting and interpreting data
- Research assignments
- Short response examinations
- Oral presentations

Digital Technology

Course Description

In Year 8 students explore the digital technologies curriculum which requires students to operate and manage digital systems. Throughout this highly interactive and collaborative introduction to the field of computer science, students learn to apply computational thinking when creating digital solutions. Students will develop and apply an understanding of the characteristics of data, audiences, procedures, digital systems and learn to formulate problems, logically organise and analyse data and represent it in abstract forms. Students will learn how computers input, output, store and process information to help humans solve problems.

Course Outline

ARDUINO ADVANCED

Students design and create a complex Arduino electronic project. They will learn how to code and combine Arduino parts including LEDs, buzzers, buttons, light dependent resistors, potentiometers, and remotes. Students will also investigate how similar electronics are used in real world devices and inventions.

PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON

Students will learn the Python coding language and how to create Python games and projects from text. They will implement computer science skills such as computational thinking and debugging. Their project will address the annual theme of the Premiere's Coding Challenge.

WEB DESIGN

Students will learn the principals of website development, investigating functionality, user experience and design. Students are required to build their own website which addressed these certain client requirements.

ROBOTICS

Technology is ever evolving. This topic investigates how technology has changed the way we do things and how it will change things in the future. Students will research technologies and present to the class how it has improved or hindered on the way we live our lives. Students will also investigate the use of robotic technology in every day live and will learn the basics of coding robotics using LEGO MINDSTORM EV3's.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

- Exams
- Research assignment & practical projects
- Documentation (E.g. reports)
- Presentations

Japanese

Course Description

Japanese focuses on the four areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening and also aims to teach language through culture. Japanese uses three scripts, Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji which are introduced at varying stages throughout the course. Japanese is a challenging yet enjoyable subject that is significantly different from European languages.

Course Outline

In Japanese students will be exposed to a variety of real life situations. The focus of the course is communication in the foreign language.

During the Year 8 Japanese course, equal emphasis is placed on the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Classroom activities are designed to enhance each of these four skills.

ARE YOU BUSY?

This unit sees students describe and elaborate on their daily routines and habits. Emphasis is placed on learning new Kanji. Assessment in this unit focuses on reading and writing skills.

GOOD LUCK AT SCHOOL

This unit allows students to explore Japanese school life and major events, giving them an understanding of how students in Japan experience a school year. Assessment in this unit focuses on listening and speaking skills.

WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

This unit focuses on having students describe and explain their hobbies and favourite activities, while also teaching them about the common hobbies and interests of Japanese students. Assessment for this unit focuses on reading and writing skills.

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

This unit focuses on the important cultural practices and events in the Japanese calendar. Students will be given a more in-depth view of Japanese culture, allowing them to compare and contrast it with our own. Assessment focuses on speaking and listening skills.

Why Study This Subject?

The study of Japanese until Year 10 is not just beneficial but a vital part of any education. Briefly, learning a language is important for:

Future Job Prospects:

Languages are needed in the fields of Education, Hospitality, Tourism, Commerce, Industry, Trade, Banking, Defence Forces, Journalism and the Diplomatic Service.

Understanding How People Live in Australia and Other Parts of the World:

As people living in a multicultural Australia, we need to understand the values of all members and visitors in our community.

Better Understanding How Our Own Language Works:

Foreign language learning encourages flexibility of thought and enhances problem-solving skills.

Most importantly, being able to communicate in another language is a rewarding experience and fun!

Examples of Activities and Assessments

Year 8 Japanese also includes a Japanese Lunch Box day and participation in Japanese Food and Culture Day.

Spanish

Course Description

Spanish focuses on the four areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening and also aims to teach language through culture. The course has been designed to expose students to the Spanish speaking world including the countries in which Spanish is spoken, the diversity of cultures, foods, sports, music and the impact this is having on global culture

Course Outline

In Spanish, students will be exposed to a variety of real life situations. The focus of the course is communication in the foreign language.

During the Year 8 Spanish course, a equal emphasis is placed on speaking, listening, reading and writing. Classroom activities are designed to enhance each of these four skills.

SHOPPING AND CATCHING UP

In this unit, students will be learning the vocabulary around shopping and explaining their activities to others. They will write descriptive recounts or journal entries about their weekends and holidays.

HEALTHY LIVING

This unit sees students explore links between food and culture, along with developing their understanding of how to discuss their health with friends and professionals (ie. Doctors, dentists, etc.).

WORKING AND MAKING PLANS

This unit focuses on teaching students to discuss their part-time work and career aspirations, comparing and contrasting them with common practices in Spanish-speaking countries.

TRAVEL

Students will learn about Spanish-speaking countries, planning potential holidays and identifying cultural differences.

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Examples of Activities and Assessments

In Year 8, students write descriptive journal entries, create films of both formal and informal dialogue in role plays, and complete basic reading and listening tests. Year 8 Spanish also includes Spanish Food and Culture Day.

Talented Athlete Program – General Sport, Basketball, Netball, Rugby League, Soccer and Touch Football

Course Description

Development Program in Sport – skill development, rule knowledge and strategy knowledge in their chosen sport. The course will also include units on sports psychology, nutrition, and exercise physiology.

Eligibility

Students must be playing or be able to demonstrate an ability to play their chosen sport.

Students must commit to attending training sessions held before/after school and competing in appropriate competitions as part of the TAP program

Competitions include: District and Regional tournaments (in all sports), All Schools Touch, Confraternity Rugby League, Titans Cup Rugby League, Catholic and Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Champion, Schools Basketball, National Schools Basketball, the Elite 8 Tournament and various Marist competitions. The school competitions may be “age” or “Year level” based and teams will be selected based on the appropriate criteria.

Being in the TAP program does not guarantee selection in a school representative team. Trials are held for all elite teams, and students outside the TAP program may trial for these teams.

Students enrolled in the TAP program are continually assessed and students not meeting the subject requirements and/or level of achievement may be required to choose an alternative subject.

Students not meeting the commitments and aims of the program may be asked to change elective classes.

Aims of the Talented Athlete Program

The aim of the Talented Athlete Program (TAP) is to provide students with the opportunity to develop their sporting potential whilst maintaining their performance in academic studies.

The program aims to provide students with quality coaching and feedback on their development within the sporting and school environment, allowing students to access opportunities to compete in elite competitions across South-East Queensland and beyond.

Students will also gain skills in goal setting, teamwork and accountability and will be taught techniques to apply these skills to their daily routines. Students will gain an understanding of the rules and strategies relevant to their chosen sport.

Where numbers permit TAP classes may be split into Extension and Development squads. These selections will be at trials advertised within the College. Students may be required to move between Extension and Development based on performance and commitment.

Examples of Activities and Assessment

Each class will be sport specific where numbers permit, together where the skills overlap and separately where the skills diverge. Practical areas include skills, strength and conditioning, speed, and agility development. The students will have fitness assessments in Term 1 and Term 3. Assessment will encompass diet and nutrition, coaching and refereeing, training principles, goal setting, video analysis, rules and strategy and exercise physiology and this will be in the form of research assignments, projects and class activities. Subject assessment will involve both a practical and theoretical component. Theory assessments align with the requirements in senior subjects such as the Certificate 2 and 3 in Sport and Recreation and the Diploma of Sport Administration. This enables pathways for students in both university entrance and the workplace.



