

YEAR 7 - 10 COURSE SELECTIONS

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

As a student at John Tonkin College, you are growing up in a community that has amazing opportunities and potential for you to lead change. As you move through your teenage years, your confidence will grow and you will discover your potential. It is our job as educators to provide you with a learning environment where you are continually challenged to be the best you can be and where your individual needs and aspirations are recognised.

In Years 7 through 10, much of your educational program is comprised of compulsory courses. However, throughout these years, you have the option to personalise your learning experience by selecting elective courses that reflect your interests and talents. When choosing your electives, consider your strengths and learning style to make the most of your educational journey.

Some of you may already have an idea of what you want to do when you leave school in the future. You can look at the range of courses available and select those that will help you pursue the pathway to your chosen career. Alternatively, you may want to keep your options open and select a range of electives that will allow you to further explore different pathways.

Ultimately, we provide you with the opportunity to find success and meaningful pathways beyond school. It is up to you how much effort you put in and therefore how much success you have. Seize the opportunities you have at John Tonkin College and your future will be bright!



Kim Savins

PRINCIPAL

COURSE SELECTIONS

Year 7 - 10 (2025)

Compulsory Courses

In Years 7-10, students complete a variety of compulsory subjects and programs which provide the foundation of secondary education.

Several of these subjects are completed across all four year levels whilst others are only encountered in some. The list to the right shows the core subjects covered in years 7-10.

Compulsory Courses 2024

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓	✓	✓
Humanities and Social Sciences	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health and Physical Education	✓	✓	✓	✓
Digital Technologies	✓	✓		
Technologies	✓	✓		
LOTE	✓	✓		
The Arts	✓	✓		

COMPULSORY ELECTIVES

Course Selection (Year 7 & 8)

Year 7 and 8 (General) students will choose 8 electives from the subject/course selections. Students will choose the compulsory subjects first, then the remaining 3 subjects can be chosen from throughout the entire catalogue of Year 7 and 8 subject/courses on offer.

Students can not select the same subject twice.

Compulsory Subjects

- Digital Technologies
- Japanese

then choose...

Compulsory Subject one from each set

- Music or Performing Arts
- Multimedia or Visual Arts
- Home Economics or Design & Technology or STEM

Finally Choose

After selecting 5 subject/courses above, please select another three from the full catalogue. Students cannot select the same subject twice.

Subject	Electives		
Elective 1	Digital Technologies (Compulsory)		
Elective 2	Japanese (Compulsory)		
Elective 3 (Choose 1)	Music	Performing Arts	
Elective 4 (Choose 1)	Multimedia	Visual Art	
Elective 5 (Choose 1)	Design & Technology	Home Economics	Stem
Elective 6	Choose any subject that you have not already selected		
Elective 7	Choose any subject that you have not already selected		
Elective 8	Choose any subject that you have not already selected		

Surf Science?

Year 7 and 8 (Surf Science) students will be placed into compulsory subjects first (this includes Outdoor Education and Marine Aquaculture Science), then choose from electives 6-8.

Subject	Electives		
Elective 1	Digital Technologies (Compulsory)		
Elective 2	Japanese (Compulsory)		
Elective 3/4	SA/SB Outdoor Education (Compulsory)		
Elective 5	Aquaculture (Compulsory)		
Elective 6 (Choose 1)	Music	Performing Arts	
Elective 7 (Choose 1)	Multimedia	Visual Art	
Elective 8 (Choose 1)	Design & Technology	Home Economics	Stem

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YEAR 7

Subject	Electives
Elective 1	Digital Technologies (Compulsory)
Elective 2	Japanese (Compulsory)

In Year 7, students are able to select from a range of electives which allow for a more individualised program to be created. This provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in areas of their own choosing.

* For more information on Year 8 process of choosing electives, please see page 6.

- **Japanese and Digital Technologies are compulsory electives.**
- **Both must be included in your selections.**



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Overview

This elective will introduce you to the exciting world and possibilities of coding, networking and finding solutions to teacher-generated problems. You will learn in an online environment using computer technology to develop an understanding of how to apply digital processes for a range of creative design purposes.



JAPANESE

Overview

In the Japanese elective, you will be introduced to the culture and language of Japan. Through the unit, you will learn about Japanese cooking, martial arts, music and anime while you develop your ability to communicate and understand the Japanese language.

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Subject	Electives	
Elective 3 (choose 1)	Music	Performing Arts

These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.



MUSIC

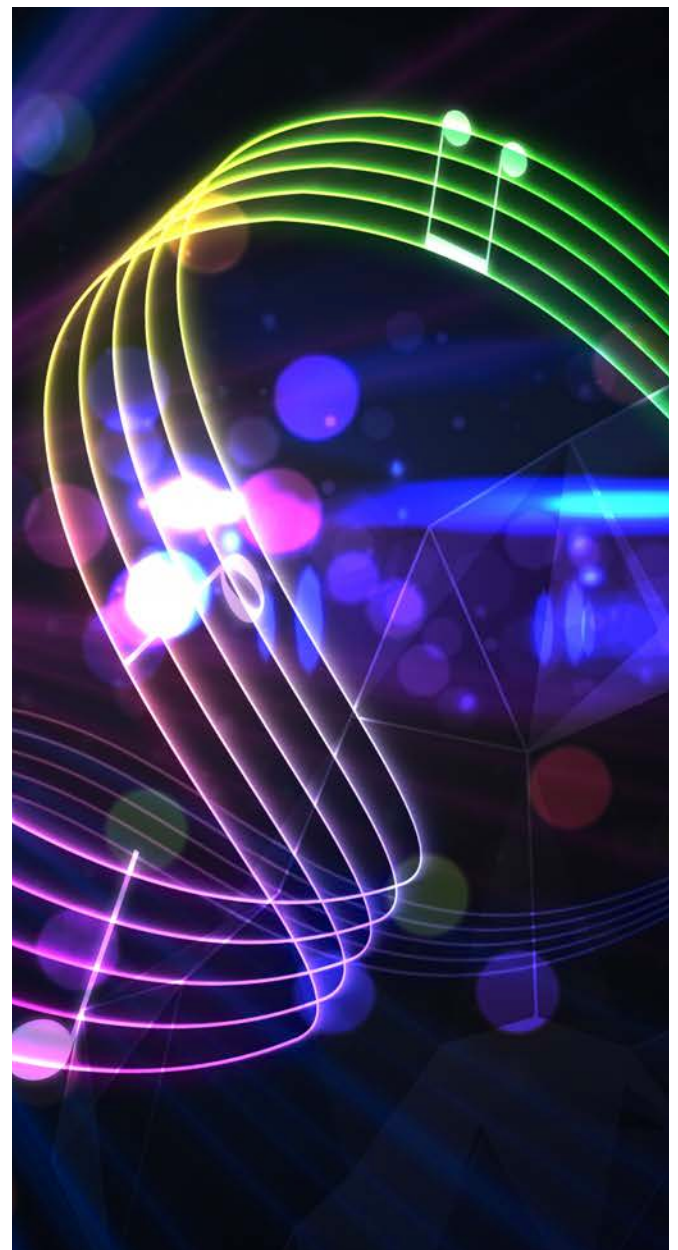
Overview

Music is a fun, creative elective that allows you to learn how to play a variety of instruments. You will have the opportunity to create and perform music by yourself or with others. You don't have to sing, but if you like to use your voice, you certainly can! You will also have the opportunity to apply for separate lessons on a chosen instrument and perform at events such as assemblies and community events.

PERFORMING ARTS

Overview

In the Performing Arts elective, you will have lots of opportunity to be creative. You will engage in a variety of activities aimed at developing your knowledge of theatre skills. You will also learn how to use your voice for effect and employ body language to communicate ideas. Opportunities to develop your acting and performance skills will also be provided.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 7

Subject	Electives	
Elective 4 (choose 1)	Visual Art	Multimedia

These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.



MULTIMEDIA

Overview

Year 7 Multimedia, students dive into the exciting world of digital communication and creativity. Through a blend of theory and hands-on projects, they explore multimedia concepts, tools, and techniques. The central focus is crafting impactful campaigns that raise awareness about local issues.

VISUAL ART

Overview

In the Visual Art elective, you will be taught how to create interesting art pieces where you can apply your creativity and imagination. This elective will suit anyone who loves to be creative and enjoys painting, drawing and model making. You will learn about different types of art and will acquire a range of skills in creating both 2D and 3D artworks.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 7

Subject	Electives		
Elective 5 (choose 1)	Home Economics	Design & Technology	STEM

**These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.**



HOME ECONOMICS

Overview

You will love this elective if you have a desire to learn how to make delicious food and use your creative skills to design a variety of craft products. You will learn how to safely prepare meals as well as gain an understanding of food hygiene practices. You will also develop skills related to craft design such as sewing and construction.

STEM

Overview

In STEM elective, you will have the opportunity to build and design a variety of projects. You will utilise hands-on skills to work both individually and in teams to solve problems and develop new things. STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are the foundation for this subject and by taking part, you will develop key skills for the future.



MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Overview

Materials Design Technology is a hands-on elective where you will construct interesting small projects. You will learn how to safely use a variety of tools, machines and finishes. You will have the opportunity to work with a range of materials including wood, metal and plastics. Best of all, you get to take your finished product home!

ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 7

Subject	Electives
Elective 6, 7, 8	Choose any subject/ course throughout the Year 7 catalogue. You can not select the same subject twice.

MARINE AQUACULTURE SCIENCE



Overview

The Year 7 Marine Aquaculture Science programme introduces students to basic marine biology and aquaculture concepts. Topics include marine ecosystems, water testing, fish tank setup, and basic fish care. Hands-on activities, such as setting up and maintaining fish tanks, help students understand the fundamentals of aquaculture and its environmental impacts. This course lays the foundation for more advanced studies in marine science.

FITNESS CLUB

Overview

The Fitness Club elective fosters a healthy lifestyle by enhancing your physical fitness and overall wellbeing. Through fitness testing, personalised training programs, exploration of body systems, and engaging fitness challenges, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the importance of physical activity and informed lifestyle choices. Enjoy participating in a diverse array of fun and invigorating fitness activities.

ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 8

Subject	Electives
Elective 1	Digital Technologies (Compulsory)
Elective 2	Japanese (Compulsory)

In Year 8, students are able to select from a range of electives which allow for a more individualised program to be created. This provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in areas of their own choosing.

* For more information on Year 8 process of choosing electives, please see page 6.

- **Japanese and Digital Technologies are compulsory electives.**
- **Both must be included in your selections.**



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Overview

Digital Technologies will further develop your knowledge and skills in all aspects of computer networking. You will use your creativity to explore digital technologies and their uses for design purposes. This is a practical elective and the skills you develop can be applied elsewhere.

JAPANESE

Overview

In the Japanese elective, you will be introduced to the culture and language of Japan. Through the unit, you will learn about Japanese cooking, martial arts, music and anime while you develop your ability to communicate and understand the Japanese language.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 8

Subject	Electives	
Elective 3 (choose 1)	Music	Performing Arts

These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.



MUSIC

Overview

Music is a fun, creative subject that allows you to learn how to play a variety of instruments at your own pace. You will build on your skills and knowledge from Year 7 and begin to work collaboratively with others so you can make music in an ensemble or band. You will learn how to use technology to improve musical sound and quality.

PERFORMING ARTS

Overview

This elective allows you to experience all aspects of the Performing Arts including dance and drama. You will learn basic choreography and different styles of dance. You will engage in drama activities that hone your acting skills and allow you to create believable characters. This is a fun subject that encourages self-expression and creativity.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 8

Subject	Electives	
Elective 4 (choose 1)	Visual Art	Multimedia

These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.



VISUAL ART



Overview

The Year 8 Visual Arts elective will draw on your creativity to develop an individual portfolio of art work. You will be encouraged to explore a range of art mediums and further develop your creative potential by producing artworks to showcase at community and school events. You will learn the skills to produce high quality pieces of art that you can be proud of.

MULTIMEDIA

Overview

If you are creative and like to use technology then the Year 8 Multimedia course is for you! You will learn about the fascinating art of textual adaptation and stop-motion filmmaking. Along with gaining an understanding of the history of stop-motion films, you will also develop, direct and film your own original stop-motion film.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 8

Subject	Electives		
Elective 5 (choose 1)	Home Economics	Design & Technology (Metals or Woodwork)	STEM

**These are compulsory electives.
You must select one of these subjects.**



MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - Metal Focus



Overview

You will work on a project that allows you to hone your skills using metal as the main material. You will learn how to use a wide range of tools so you can construct a high quality project piece to take home. You will develop skills in all aspects of metalwork and will understand how different finishes can be used for effect. This is a hands-on subject that allows you to be creative.

HOME ECONOMICS



Overview

You will love this subject if you have an interest in preparing and eating delicious food. You also have the opportunity to expand on your creative skills by sewing and making craft products. You will learn how to prepare healthy, nutritious food and the best thing is you get to eat it! You will learn the importance of food hygiene and how to present food in an appealing way.

MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - Woodwork



Overview

You will work on a project that allows you to hone your skills using wood as the main material. You will learn how to use a wide range of tools so you can construct a high quality project piece to take home. You will develop skills in all aspects of woodwork and will understand how different finishes can be used for effect. This is a hands-on subject that allows you to be creative.

STEM



Overview

In the STEM elective, you will have the opportunity to build and design a variety of projects. You will utilise hands-on skills to work both individually and in teams to solve problems and develop new things. STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are the foundation for this subject and by taking part, you will develop key skills for the future.

ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

YEAR 8

Subject	Electives
Elective 6, 7, 8	Choose any subject/ course throughout the Year 8 catalogue. You can not select the same subject twice.

BUSHRANGERS

Overview

The Bushrangers elective will provide you with the opportunity to develop your understandings of environmental conservation and sustainability. Through multiple projects, you will work in teams to improve environmental conditions and develop awareness of environmental protections.

FITNESS CLUB

Overview

The Fitness Club elective fosters a healthy lifestyle by enhancing your physical fitness and overall well-being. Through fitness testing, personalised training programs, exploration of body systems, and engaging fitness challenges, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the importance of physical activity and informed lifestyle choices. Enjoy participating in a diverse array of fun and invigorating fitness activities.



MARINE AQUACULTURE SCIENCE



Overview

The Year 8 Marine Aquaculture Science programme builds on earlier knowledge by exploring marine habitats, food webs, and species diversity. Students engage in practical activities like water quality testing and fish tank maintenance. The course also covers the history of aquaculture and its evolution, providing a deeper understanding of its role and environmental impacts. This programme prepares students for more detailed studies in marine science and aquaculture.

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BUSHRANGERS

Overview

The Bushrangers elective offers students the opportunity to undertake personal development training while developing your conservation skills and knowledge through involvement in practical nature conservation projects. Bushrangers is a Cadet Unit Structure.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Overview

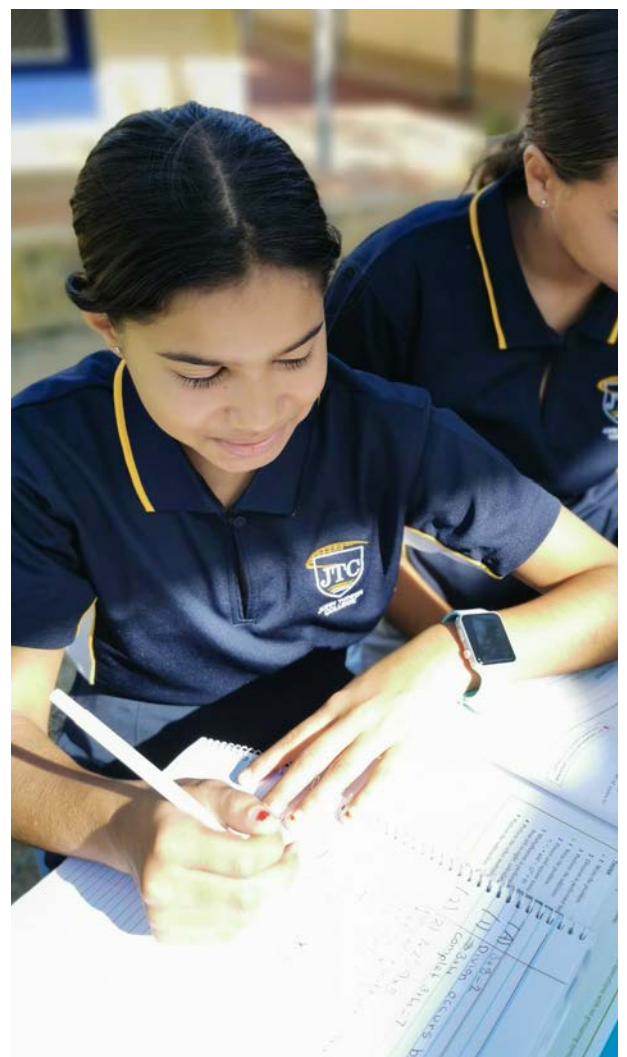
The Year 9 Digital Technologies elective will allow you to learn more sophisticated skills in computational thinking such as precisely and accurately describing problems and using your creativity to find appropriate solutions. You will further develop your knowledge of networked devices and learn how to use them for a broad range of purposes .

JAPANESE

Overview

The Year 9 Japanese elective will allow you to explore the rich culture and language of Japan with cultural study as an integral part of the curriculum. In an increasingly globalised world, language provides you with study skills to broaden your world view through greater cultural understanding. This elective brings Japanese to life.

Year 9, students are able to select two electives per semester which they will attend for four periods per week. This will enable them to individualise their program by choosing electives within their areas of interest, provide greater depth of study in each unit and help develop skills and knowledge in preparation for senior school studies



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MARINE AQUACULTURE SCIENCE

Overview



The Year 9 Marine Aquaculture Science programme covers genetics, selective breeding, disease management, sustainability, and aquaculture business. Starting with genetic basics, students learn about improvement methods and practical skills through case studies and disease prevention. It also includes lessons on certification, regulations, and business planning. This comprehensive course gives students a solid understanding of aquaculture, preparing them for future studies or careers in marine science and the aquaculture industry.



MASTERCHEF

Overview



In the Masterchef elective you will learn the tricks of the hospitality trade. There is a focus on basic chef skills and you will gain confidence in presenting food creatively. You will prepare and present food for special school events and gain experience in serving food just like in a real café or restaurant. You will learn basic knife skills and apply appropriate food hygiene.



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MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - Metal Focus



Overview

The metal focus Materials Design Technology - Metals Focus elective will allow you to hone your skills in metalwork design. You will learn how to use a variety of tools to construct a high quality project that you can take home. This is a hands-on subject that allows you to be creative.

MATERIALS DESIGN TECHNOLOGY - Wood Focus



Overview

In this elective, you will work on a project that allows you to hone your skills using wood as the main material. You will learn how to use a wide range of tools so you can construct a high quality project piece to take home. you will develop skill in all aspects of woodwork and will understand how different finishes can be used for effect.

MUSIC

Overview

Music is a fun and creative elective that allows you to develop your skills further by focusing on a particular instrument. You will use technology to enhance your musical compositions and will work collaboratively with other creative musicians to form a band. You will be encouraged to become involved in numerous performance opportunities.



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OUTDOOR EDUCATION Land



Overview

In this elective, you will participate in a range of outdoor and physical activities which may include bush and camping survival skills, cooking, bike riding, and orienteering.

You will have a lot of fun exploring the local and surrounding area's bush settings.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION Water



Overview

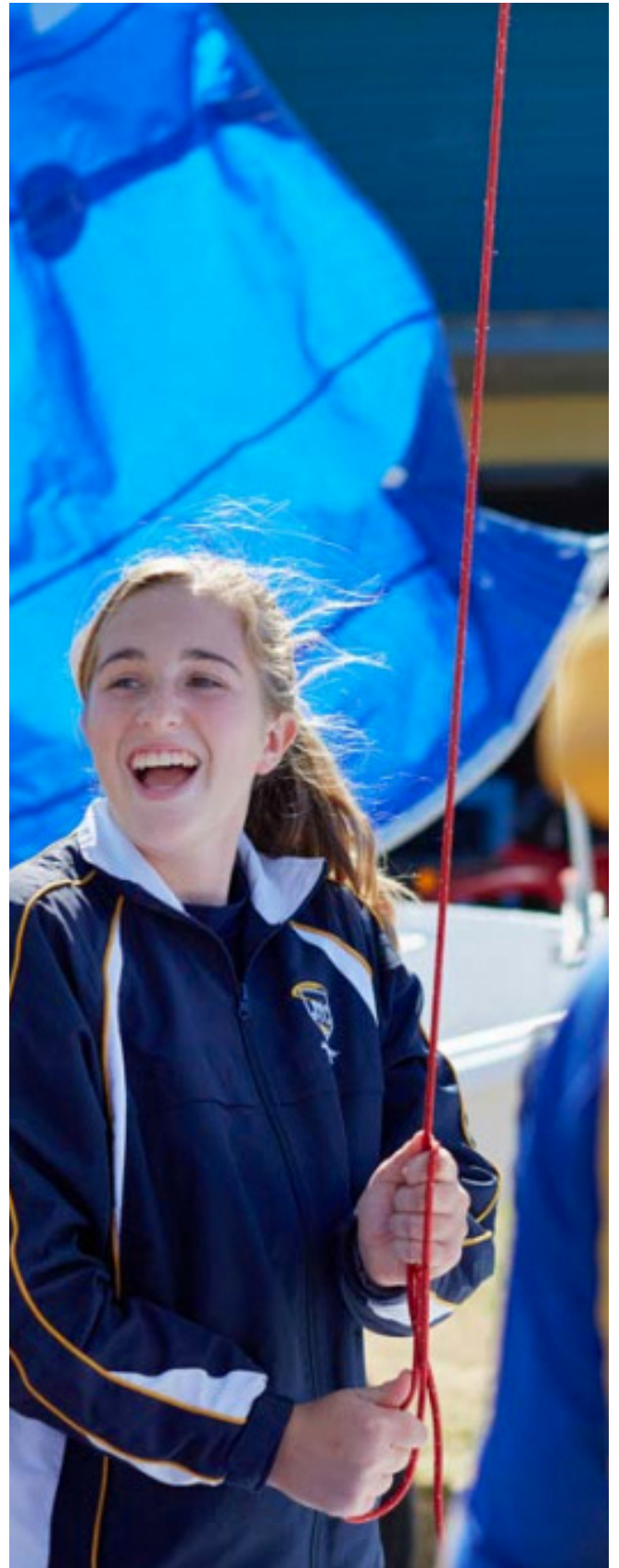
In this elective, you will participate in a range of outdoor and physical activities which may include canoeing, surfing, stand up paddle boarding and snorkelling. You will have a lot of fun exploring Mandurah's beautiful waterways and bush settings.

Ability to swim 200 m required.

PERFORMING ARTS

Overview

This elective allows you to experience all aspects of the Performing Arts and Drama. There is a focus on movement skills, character development, staging and all aspects of performing for an audience. This is a fun subject that encourages self-expression and creativity.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

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STEM ENGINEERING STUDIES



Overview

Engineering is a practical course focusing on real-life engineering contexts. Students will apply a design process to research and present information about materials, engineering principles, concepts and ideas. Students will then put these skills into practice to produce a working prototype of their designed solution.

SPORTS FOCUS

Overview

The Year 9 Sports Focus elective encourages a healthy lifestyle by broadening your knowledge and skills in a variety of unique sports that are not typically covered in regular physical education classes including, golf, squash, and floor ball. You will engage in skill development and game play while also developing your knowledge and understanding of strategies and tactics, coaching, and umpiring.

VISUAL ART



Overview

Music is a fun and creative elective that allows you to develop your skills further by focusing on a particular instrument. You will use technology to enhance your musical compositions and will work collaboratively with other creative musicians to form a band. You will be encouraged to become involved in numerous performance opportunities.



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BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Overview

This program involves conservation projects, adventure camps, personal development and community service. Further information is provided in the Duke of Edinburgh Award information page. This is a whole year program.

For a thorough overview of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, refer to page 26.

In Year 10, students are able to select two electives per semester which they will attend for four periods per week.

This will enable students to individualise their program by choosing courses within their areas of interest, provide greater depth of study in each unit, and help to develop skills and knowledge in preparation for senior school studies.

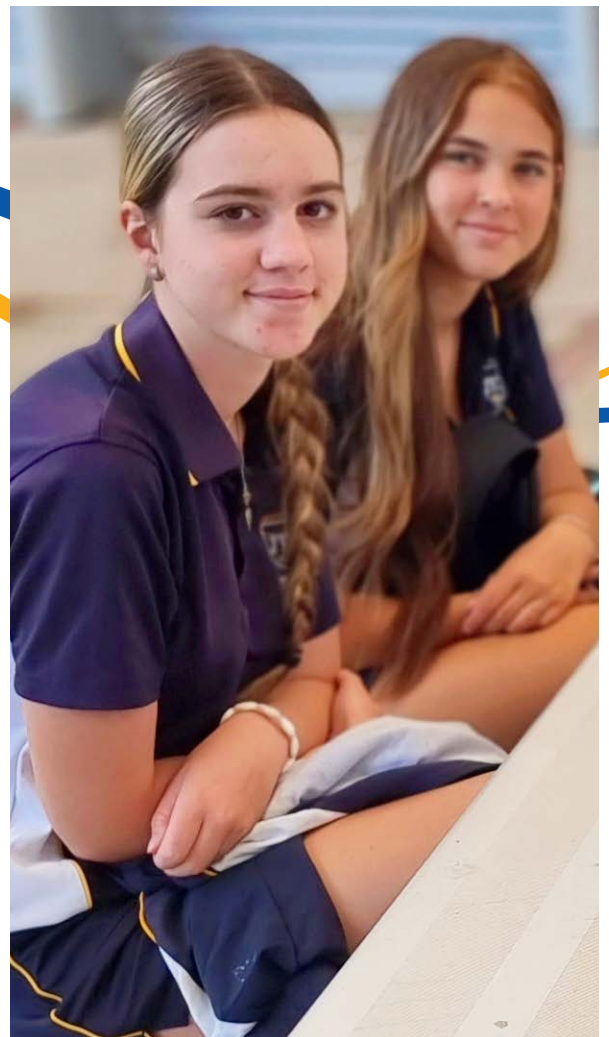
BUSH RANGERS WA



Overview

Bush Rangers WA is a nature conservation program supported by the Department of Communities with statewide coordination provided by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. Bush Rangers get involved in a range of practical activities and training opportunities to develop self confidence; teamwork and leadership skills; problem solving and critical thinking skills as well as demonstrating commitment to community service through involvement in nature conservation and other environmental projects Community Groups, DBCA and City of Mandurah.

Year 10s will build on knowledge learned in Years 8 and 9 and aim to complete Level 1. Completion of Levels 1 by Bush Ranger cadets in Year 10 counts towards the meeting of requirements for the WA Certificate of Education (WACE).



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BUSINESS

Overview

In the Business elective, you will explore tactics used to attract consumer attention to products including: advertising, use of social media and product design. You will also learn about how to act and think safe when at work along with how to effectively budget and spend. Extensive use of technology prepares you for the future workplace.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Overview

In the Design and Technology elective, you will work with a range of materials including metal, wood and plastic. You will learn how the design process is crucial to the production of high quality models and you will use a variety of tools, fixtures and finishes. You will work in an industry standard workshop and be expected to adhere to safety protocols and conform to the Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) requirements.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Overview

In the Year 10 Child Development course, you will build a greater knowledge of the fascinating development of young children and the important impact of nutrition and self-esteem. You will develop an understanding of how children grow and change through play experiences. There is a focus on child health, first aid and toy safety. You will enjoy this subject if you have an interest in pursuing a career involving young children.



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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Overview

The Year 10 Digital Technologies elective will further develop your ability to employ sophisticated computational thinking skills. This includes precisely and accurately describing problems using your creativity to find appropriate solutions. You will further develop your knowledge of networked devices and learn how to use them for a broad range of purposes. You will focus on coding, web design and graphics manipulation.

FOOD OF THE WORLD



Overview

The World Table Tour elective will introduce you to the cuisines and cultures of the world through the exciting exploration of different countries. You will plan and prepare delicious food that originates from a different country each week and the best part is, you get to eat it! You must be willing to engage in the important theory aspect of the course as well as the practical.

JAPANESE

Overview

The Year 10 Japanese elective builds on the topics covered in 7-9 courses including the Japanese language. The study of Japanese culture is an integral part of the curriculum. You will continue to develop and refine your reading and writing skills through exposure to a range of documents in the the Japanese script and structured study of grammar.

DRAMA

Overview

Year 10 Drama will provide you with the opportunity to further develop your confidence and self-expression as you explore improvisation, physical theatre, production design, different stages in theatre history and learn to use stage makeup and special effects. You need to be aware that there are essential practical and written components in this subject.



ELECTIVE Course Descriptions

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MULTIMEDIA

Overview

In Multimedia, you will have the opportunity to star in your own media production. The Year 10 Multimedia course focuses on the genres of music videos and mockumentary films. Throughout the course, you will develop your understanding of the history of these two extremely popular media genres along with the concepts of parody and satire. You will also develop your ability to use film technology and editing software. Critical and creative thinking are key aspects of this course.

MARINE STUDIES



Overview

This course offers students the opportunity to study the ocean and human interactions with it. Through hands-on learning experiences, students will gain a wide range of skills and knowledge. They will develop seamanship and water-based skills through activities such as kayaking, snorkelling, sailing and surfing. Students will also explore oceanography concepts to understand how different aspects of the marine environment depend on each other. This course serves as a valuable foundation for further studies in Marine and Maritime studies in year 11.

MARINE AQUACULTURE SCIENCE



Overview

The Year 10 Marine Aquaculture Science programme dives deeper into advanced aquaculture practices. Students learn about sustainable aquaculture, environmental impacts, and complex systems like ponds, tanks, and cages. Practical components include advanced water quality testing, disease management, and understanding global and Australian aquaculture industries. This course equips students with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills for future studies or careers in marine science and aquaculture. This course readies students to complete Aquaculture Cert 2 in year 11.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Overview

This course focuses on outdoor activities in various environments, such as bushwalking, climbing, mountain biking, and orienteering. It gives students a chance to develop important life skills and physical activity skills, as well as gain a comprehensive understanding of the environment and cultivate a positive relationship with nature. This course lays a solid foundation for advancing to General Outdoor Education in year 11.

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MUSIC

Overview

Year 10 Music will provide you with the opportunity to become a proficient performer on a chosen instrument. You will also have the chance to perform in a variety of ensembles, musicals and bands. You will further develop your understanding of musical theory and your use of technology will improve composition and sound. All musical abilities will be catered for so you don't have to be an expert. You will have fun collaborating with other musicians and be encouraged to perform at numerous extra-curricular activities such as assemblies, award ceremonies and community events.

PHOTOGRAPHY



Overview

Photography is an interesting and hands-on elective that allows you to explore some of the photography techniques developed over time. You will learn how photographs can be developed in a traditional darkroom and participate in project work using the latest digital technologies. You will learn the basics of good image composition and produce fantastic prints. You will discover that great photographs can be produced by using everyday technology that is accessible to most of us.



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SPORTS FOCUS

Overview

The Year 10 Specialised Sport elective promotes a healthy lifestyle by expanding your knowledge and skills in a variety of unique sports not typically covered in regular physical education classes, including flag football and spike ball. You will engage in skill development and gameplay while also enhancing your understanding of strategies, tactics, coaching, and umpiring. This course leads to a pathway into General Physical Education studies and Certificate Two in Sports Coaching.

VISUAL ART



Overview

This hands-on elective focuses on the elements and principles of Art and Design. You will explore a range of artworks across a diverse range of styles and cultures. You will broaden your art experience by participating in the process of art exhibitions and by developing your portfolio in preparation for senior school. This course will provide you with a firm foundation for developing creative understandings and no previous art experience is required. You will be encouraged to explore your creative side.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

YEAR 10



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a nationally recognised program that fosters a deep appreciation for the natural environment among students. Those who complete this prestigious award are known for their adventurous spirit and their commitment to building strong connections with peers and community organisations.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an elective for Year 10s and embedded into the Year 9 Surf Science Program. Closely linked to this award is the Bush Rangers elective, which is currently offered in Year 8 & 9.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an international, structured, self-development program comprising of four sections; skill, physical recreation, service and adventurous journey. The program connects you with other young people, adult mentors and with the wider community. Through completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award, you will be empowered to challenge yourself and realise your true potential. You will meet new people, discover your sense of adventure and create unforgettable memories along the way.

You will undertake various physical activities such as surfing, mountain biking and snorkelling and learn new skills including lifesaving while completing the Bronze Medallion Lifesaving Award. You will volunteer with local community organisations and participate in conservation and wildlife projects through the Bush Rangers Cadet Program. You also develop leadership skills and team work through adventure/camping activities. Self-reliance and commitment, sharing, adventure, cooperation and organisation skills are just some of the personal qualities developed through participation – skills which not only support your learning at school but also prepare you for work and study opportunities after school. Through The Duke of Edinburgh Award program at John Tonkin College, more than 100 students have gained skills for life as they complete the sections of the award.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award will include completing a Cert II in Conservation & Land Management. Additional fees apply due to this component of the course.



Surf Science Specialist Program

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SELECTION PROCESS

An interview process is used in determining student suitability for the program.

Initial application forms can be collected from John Tonkin College – Tindale Campus.

- ✓ Achievement with at least C grade achievement in all Subjects. Higher grades will be best suited for the program (confirmed by final report)
- ✓ NAPLAN results reflecting achievement at standard. Higher NAPLAN results will be best suited for the program.
- ✓ Strong records of positive and appropriate behaviour.
- ✓ Regular attendance.
- ✓ Leadership qualities such as Student Councillor, Faction Captain and Head Boy/Girl.
- ✓ References from staff.
- ✓ Strong interest and involvement in water based, environmental and/or local community activities
- ✓ Satisfactory swimming ability.

Surf Science Specialist Program

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Students in the Surf Science program have a keen interest in outdoor recreation, environmental conservation and contribution to the community.

This Department of Education approved Surf Science Specialist Program facilitates the studies of marine science and outdoor education for students in year 7 to 9 at John Tonkin College. The program accommodates an academically challenging pathway, whilst also nurturing students who may already have a pro-active interest in the outdoors and marine environment. Students studying Surf Science may be curious in pursuing an environmental-science career pathway.

Students within the Surf Science Specialist Program are privileged to unique learning opportunities and facilities throughout our college and within our wider community.

Our students have access to well-equipped science learning areas and aquaculture laboratories, IT ready classrooms and also have an assigned school bus which supports transport for ongoing marine and coastal field work.

Additionally, John Tonkin College has a purpose-built Marine Centre in Dawesville, which provides our students with exclusive access to an off-site classroom and learning area.

Aquaculture Centre - Tindale Campus

An all new JTC Aquaculture Centre is scheduled to be built May 2023.

John Tonkin College Surf Science Specialist Program students are offered a variety of skilled teaching within each of the curriculum disciplines and will enjoy the support of many professional and community based partnerships and partner organisations, which have included;

- Coast Care WA
- St John's Ambulance
- Mandurah Make Place
- Eco Ocean
- AQUA
- The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction
- Curtin University
- Murdoch University
- City of Mandurah
- Peel Harvey Catchment Council
- Mandurah Environment and Heritage Group
- Tangaroa Blue





CONTACT US

John Tonkin College we believe that communication between the College and parents is vital to ensure that you are supported to meet your academic and personal potential.

Throughout the year the College will contact parents for a variety of reasons, including verification of absences, invitations to special events, notification of parents evenings, feedback about your performance and to help resolve issues that may arise.

Parents should also feel comfortable to contact the College. We are happy to assist with your enquiries and to direct you to the people who can help you. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Tindale Campus

Reception Hours

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