Elective subjects are all of one semester in length. Students study 2 electives each semester. Music should be studied for the whole year.

**ART**
Six to seven main pieces of artwork will be produced for the semester as a result of idea development and experimentation with a variety of different media. The areas of production that students may be involved in creating their final works will be through the process of Painting, the study of Portraiture and the human form, Design and three-dimensional forms. Assessment will be based on the level of skill displayed in construction of artworks – the process followed in analysing and organising ideas while communicating these throughout the production of the artworks. It also includes documentation of lead up work and the quality of finished work. The theory aspect of the course will focus on the History of Art throughout the 20th Century. Students will spend time researching an artist and art movement and present it in poster format, accompanied by an oral presentation.  
Assessment Criteria: 70% Practical and 30% Theory

**CLOTHING & TEXTILES**
This semester length course caters to students with varying skills and abilities. The students learn how to use a sewing machine & overlocker as they make a hold-all bag and boxer shorts. Students are taught some basic embroidery skills as they use their sewing and over-locking skills make up a cushion. They learn practical skills such as sewing on a button and taking up a hem. Students also do an assignment on the history of fabrics.  
Assessment Criteria: Practical 60% and Theory 40%

**COMMERCE**
This subject introduces students to a wide range of topics, which can lead them to a business education pathway in Years 11 and 12. Students will be able to understand and evaluate Australia’s economic and legal systems and how these impact upon the business environment. Introductory economics, legal studies and budgeting are the focus and students are required to develop their understanding of the business world.  
Topics covered will include:  
- Australian legal system and political groups and system  
- Budgeting, Personal Finance, Money and tax  
- Advertising and basic marketing  
- E-Commerce  
- Small Business Management  
Students will be assessed in a variety of ways including: tests, assignments, case studies, group work and research assignments.

**DRAMA**
Through practical lessons the study of Drama allows students to develop a greater self-confidence. They learn acting skills, voice production and stage presentation. Through theory lessons students learn the art of script writing and gain some knowledge of theatre types. The study also enables students to understand the work that is necessary before a performance on stage or film can take place and to develop an appreciation of theatre techniques. Critical appreciation of contemporary entertainment available through the media is developed throughout the course.  
Assessment Criteria: Practical 80% and Theory 20%

**ELECTRONICS**
Students learn about basic circuitry and construct various circuits to control set procedures i.e. lights, gates, temperatures, sensors etc. Theory associated with electronic components is also included as are electrical drawing skills and current electronic issues. Assessment Criteria: 60% Practical and 40% Theory

**FOOD & NUTRITION**
This semester length course “Food and Culture” explores the multicultural nature of Australian cuisine; influences on food selection; the effect of food choices on health; and the phenomenon of Take-away foods. The Dietary Guidelines are addressed, and students develop independence in planning practical sessions through food orders and designing meals. Assessment Criteria: Practical 60% and Theory 40%
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)
The world is becoming dominated by the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT), which influences every aspect of our daily lives. This subject introduces students to current software programs used in education and employment. Topics may include: OH&S issues, Computer Ergonomics, Touch Typing, Word processing, History of Computing and Internet, Components of a PC, Spreadsheets, Database, Publisher, Website creation, Graphics and many others.
Assessment Criteria: Practical 60% and Theory 40%

MUSIC
Students wishing to study Music for a single semester should choose this elective for the first semester only. All students electing music in Year 9 are encouraged to participate in the Instrumental Tuition Programme either privately or at the College. Musicianship is enhanced up to three sharps and flats. Students are exposed to different forms of music - besides their chosen instrument - with a focus on Rock. All students will learn basic skills on the electric and bass guitar and the drum kit. In practical lessons, students will form an ensemble, playing through different styles of music to help develop their confidence as an ensemble performer. As a class, students will sing through a variety of musical styles along with other vocal experiences. The introduction of basic music sequencing is taught in a unit called Music in Technology. Students are able to compose simple ‘techno’ songs and then master the final product onto CD.
Assessment Criteria: Musicianship 30%, Practical 40%, and Unit work 30%

OUTDOOR LIVING
This course concentrates on safe and healthy outdoor living and outdoor recreation skills and the study of natural history in a natural environment. It aims to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes in relation to the students themselves, as well as to other people and the environment. Some Health Studies topics are included to develop an awareness of the importance of nutrition, exercise and training for physical activities and survival. Students will have the opportunity to experience some of the following:

- Bushwalking
- Camping (a 2-night camp is planned – Approximate cost is $170)
- Team Building
- Navigation
- The weather
- Kayaking
- Orienteering
- Environmental Awareness
- First Aid
Assessment Criteria: 50% Practical and 50% Theory

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES
This Semester length elective will be in the area of Wood Technology. The Year 9 course is heavily practical based and the students will be developing competent and safe machining skills enabling them to construct a DVD Tower. They will have the opportunity to develop an understanding of jig construction and theory ranging from Timber Structure to Surface Preparation also drawing to an Australian Standard will be achieved.
Assessment Criteria: Practical 70% and Theory 30%