



**KINROSS
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Year 8

Elective Subject Selections 2017



Year 8 – 2017

Kinross College Vision:

“Developing inspired, ambitious and considerate adolescents to work with integrity towards excellence”

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Welcome

Kinross College is proud to offer students entering Year 8 a range of high quality courses, providing essential skills and learning outcomes.

The study program for Year 8 students reflects their growing interest in vocational options after school and the pre-requisite learning area development for senior schooling.

Ideally, students should complete at least one course from both The Arts and Technology and Enterprise throughout the year. In Year 8, students undertake compulsory Health and Physical Education. There are also electives available in this area.

Students are advised to choose wisely and in the areas that they enjoy, are good at and may assist with future career paths.

PRESCRIBED COURSES:

All students will study the following compulsory courses:

- English
- Mathematics
- Health and Physical Education
- Science
- Society & Environment

ELECTIVES:

In Year 8 students should still try new things in The Arts and Technology based subjects choosing what will best develop specific skills toward their future goals. In general students should be looking toward what they are interested in and looking to continue in Year 9. Physical Education and other learning areas offer a few subjects in order to fulfil varying needs. Electives bring about varying costs that are due to the needs of different subjects, whether transport costs to external venues, food products or expensive consumables. Please be aware that the consumables and some non-consumables are purely dependent on paying the allocated fee.

PAYMENT AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINE:

Students, please ensure your parents are prepared to meet the costs associated with the courses you choose, prior to your selection.

- Both the Elective Agreement and Yr 8 Selection sheet 2017 must be signed by student and a parent or guardian.
- Submission deadline (Yr 8): **Thursday 15 September 2016**. A **50% deposit** is required on submission. ***Please note: Elective selection forms cannot be accepted without the payment included.***
- **Payment plans are available.** If parents wish to undertake a payment plan arrange this with the Finance Assistant at your earliest convenience. The College does not approach families to organise time payment. Email: Kinross.college.finance@education.wa.edu.au
- Early submission will increase your chances of obtaining the electives that you most desire. Students who do not include payment will be placed in alternative courses – NOT THEIR ELECTIVE SUBJECTS.
- The remaining 50% balance will be due by **Thursday 16 February 2017**.

The cost of Electives on offer varies, based on the volume of materials used, transport costs and associated costs with changes to resources used. It is important to note some courses have additional costs to cover the purchasing fabrics in the case of textiles and a camp in the case of Outdoor Education.

Classes will be determined by demand and the availability of resources, therefore not all courses will run. It is for this reason that you must nominate reserve electives.

Elective Descriptions

Technologies

WORKING WITH WOOD

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline: This course is the foundation course for all your woodwork classes in year 9 and 10. Year 8 woodwork students will design and construct a pinball machine and a lolly-dispensing machine. Students will also learn to develop good hand skills and work safely in the workshop. Cordless power tools and power tools will be a key focus point during the construction phase of these projects. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline:

- Workshop safety
- Design
- Use of hand tools
- Safe use of power tools
- Correct use of cordless tools
- Use of static machines

Further Study:

Woodwork (Year 9)

Woodwork (Year 10)

INTRODUCTION TO MODEL MAKING

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline: This course is an introductory course to year 9 and 10 Model Making. Students will learn the same skills and process and safety requirements as in woodwork and will have the opportunity to develop more advanced skills including finishing timber to a very high standard using wood sealers and lacquers. In this course, students will showcase their skills through a hot rod project, which will be the foundation learning required to complete the Wooden Trucks and Tanks crafted in the Year 9 and 10 Model Making classes. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline:

- Workshop safety
- Use of hand tools
- Safe use of power tools
- Correct use of cordless tools
- Use of static machines

Further Study:

Model Making (Year 9)

Model Making (Year 10)

INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL GRAPHICS

Cost: \$20

Subject Outline: Technical Graphics involves the ability to communicate intentions accurately. Accuracy is an essential skill applied in many careers such as Engineering, Architecture, Product Design, Industrial Design, Draughtsmanship and Computer Aided Design.

The aim of this course is to instil knowledge and understanding of Australian Drawing Standards, including International Standard Organisation (ISO). Students are expected to refine present drawing skills, using technical drawing instruments and aspire to a level of accuracy, completing a portfolio that reflects these standards. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Students complete a series of drawings that include:

- Types of Line
- Construction of basic shapes
- Drawing conventions and dimensioning
- Read and interpret drawing
- Pictorial Drawing- Isometric and Oblique Parallel Projection
- Foreshortening
- Crating as an aid to sketching
- Rendering techniques (shading)
- 3rd Angle-Orthographic Projection
- One point perspective

Further Study:

Technical Graphics 1 (Year 9)

Technical Graphics 2 (Year 10)

WORKING WITH METALS

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline: In this course students will learn how to work with machinery and hand tools to develop the skills to cut, shape and join metal. Students will have the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in workshop Health and Safety, identifying materials and machinery processes based on product suitability. Students will learn how to operate the Drill Press and Bending Machines, various mini welding projects and will work towards producing products that meet project briefs.

LET'S COOK

Cost: \$55

Subject Outline: This practical course is designed to introduce students to the kitchen. The course focuses on kitchen safety and hygiene; washing up, following a recipe & the selection of foods in the making of healthy meals. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline: Plan and prepare meals of breakfast, lunch, a family dinner and after school snacks Select ingredients based on the Food in Schools Policy Gain competency in various cooking techniques which preserve nutrients. Students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively and individually.

Further Study:

Cultural Foods, Sweet Treats and Food for Sport (Year 9)

Food For Fun, Creative Cooking, Food Production (Year 10)

ICT

Cost: \$15

Subject Outline: This subject is for students interested in learning the basics of coding, structural design of software and their applications. Students will also use Excel and a range of interactive software to learn about the relationship between different applications. Students need to like the idea of coding, have a good understanding of Mathematics, like solving problems and possess the ability to be patient.

Skills Outline:

- Basic visual coding
- Macros in Excel
- Game design
- Interactive software analysis
- Mathematical problem solving

Further Study:

CAD (Year 9)

CAD (Year 10)

CAD & IT related subjects (Years 11 & 12)

FILM STUDIES AND PRODUCTION

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline: In this course students will learn the fundamental skills to respond to films, explore meaning and interpretations and present their own ideas. Students will work both collaboratively and individually to produce assignments based on animations and investigate feature films. Students will examine the ways in which audiences make meaning and how they engage in and share film. In Film Studies and Production 1 students will gain a range of practical and analytical skills in the following areas:

- Basic camera care and operations
- Pre-production; basic camera care and operations, storyboard development
- Production; shooting video footage
- Post-production; editing techniques
- Analysis of a range of Media texts (film, television, radio)

Semester 1 projects include an introduction to animation, GIF file animation, developing a flip-book, completing an analysis of a feature film, character and set development, and production of stop/start animation film. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

English

WRITER'S CORNER

Cost: \$15

In this fun class you will become a real publisher. You will be able to write your very own novel or graphic novel.

Health & Physical Education

PLAYING THE GAME

Cost: \$20

Subject Outline:

Students who enjoy physical education and are keen to pursue various aspects of team and racquet sports in a competitive environment. This is a great preparation for students looking to take on PE courses in Years 9 and 10.

Humanities & Social Science

OCEANOGRAPHY: *'Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?'*

Cost: \$20

Subject Outline:

Oceanography is simply the study of the ocean. This unit covers many interesting topics such as Pirates, Ocean Myths, Creatures of the Deep, The Lost City of Atlantis, Tsunamis and of course whales!

Skills Outline:

- Propose theories based on research
- Use the internet as a research tool
- Collect and review information, images and artifacts
- Use cooperative tactics and engage in group work
- Share discoveries in a creative way

Minimum Entrance Requirements: An interest in marine environments and the desire to work collaboratively and positively with others.

NB: There may be additional costs involved with excursion opportunities.

Further Study:

Year 9 Destination Earth

Year 10 KC Ecology

THE ARTS - Performing Arts

DRAMA

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline: Year 8 Drama is a practical based course designed for students with a passion for performance. In this course students will have the opportunity to learn about and develop acting and performance skills through short scripts and playbuilding. This course will also provide students with the opportunity to experience scriptwriting, improvisation and theatre games. It aims to be a fun, creative and practical course that allows students to gain an introduction to drama and theatre arts. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Further Study:

Play building, Scripts, Musical Theatre (Year 9)

Scripts in Production, Musical Theatre (Year 10)

CREATING CHOREOGRAPHIES

Cost: \$20

Subject Outline:

Creating Choreographies is a practical-based course designed for students with a passion for Dance. The students will be learning about the elements of dance and how to create their own choreographies. They will also be immersed in dance production and begin to build the skills required to perform in front of an audience of their peers. The students will also be learning about the Modern Dance (contemporary) and Jazz dance genres and how to execute a learnt routine. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline:

- Musical theatre, jazz and social dance
- Public performances in a variety of dance styles
- Writing dance reviews
- Study of dance in society
- Small group and whole class choreography tasks
- Anatomy and safe dance practices

Further Study:

Dance Studies (Year 9)

Dance Studies (Year 10)

Years 11 & 12 Dance ATAR and General

GENERAL MUSIC

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

This course is for students who have a love of music and wish to; learn about its history, experiment with instruments, work in groups and most importantly would like to perform.

Skill Outline:

- Learn the historical development of music.
- Develop rhythm and beat.
- Experiment with sound using various instruments.
- Cooperative group skills.
- Performance to a deadline.

Further Study:

Music (Year 9)

Music (Year 10)

SPECIALIST MUSIC

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

This class will be selected on Musical proficiency and it will be expected that these students are currently learning a musical instrument or vocals. This subject involves reading and writing music, music history and developing musical interpretation and applications using instruments.

Skill Outline:

- Musical composition
- Reading and writing music
- Instrumental skill development
- Aural development

Further Study:

Specialist Music (Year 9)

Specialist Music (Year 10)

THE ARTS – Visual Arts

VISUAL ARTS

Cost \$40

Subject Outline: In this course students will learn how to develop fundamental skills and practice techniques and processes in art-making. Students will learn about artists, how to respond to and interpret artworks and they will experiment through a variety of techniques to represent a theme, concept or to communicate ideas in their artwork. Students will experiment in the disciplines of painting, drawing and printmaking. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Further Study:

Visual Art and 3D Art (Year 9)

Art and Design, Extension Art (Year 10)

Years 11 & 12 Visual Art ATAR and General

TEXTILES

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline: In this course students will use the technology process which encourages them to investigate, plan, produce and evaluate a range of practical and problem solving activities. Students will learn the fundamental skills in hand sewing and will be introduced to specialist equipment and materials commonly used to construct garments and textile based items. Students will learn how to applique, construct a pencil case and develop a series of texta toys. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline:

- Hand sewing basics
- Knotting and threading
- Embroidery techniques
- Sewing machine set up and use
- Button application

Further Study:

Fashion and Textiles (Year 9)

Fashion and Textiles (Year 10)

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline: Students will learn how to use a DSLR camera to apply the Elements and Principles of Composition and Design to create aesthetically pleasing photographs. Students will also learn how digitally manipulate their images through using Photoshop software. Students will complete a series of workshops and assignments and present a portfolio of their work. This course follows the current ACARA curriculum.

Skills Outline:

- Pre-production; basic camera care and operations
- Production; shooting still images in manual mode and raw format
- Post-production; editing techniques in Photoshop
- Software navigation
- Computer network systems

Further Study:

Photography, Creative Photography (Year 9)

Photography, Creative Photography (Year 10)

Contributions and charges

COLLEGE CHARGES AND THEIR PART IN SCHOOL FUNDING

The reason for College charges:

The College receives from the government a one-line monetary allocation based on the student centred funding model each year to cover the basic costs of running the College. The College uses these funds for a range of whole-of-College expenses, including the following:

- Maintenance and minor repairs of equipment, grounds, classroom furniture and buildings
- Minor structural improvements
- Professional development of the College's staff
- Day-to-day administration costs (eg postage, printing, stationery, College promotion)
- Payment for utilities (electricity, telephone, water and gas)
- Purchase of major equipment items.
- Wages of teachers and other College staff.

Funds received from donations by the P & C, hire of facilities, savings on utilities and bookshop commission help to offset the course costs for students. However, the costs of "extras" for courses are not included in the monetary allocation. Because of this shortfall, the College levies a charge on students taking such courses to cover the cost of those "extras" and so ensure the College can offer the best possible education to its students.

The government acknowledges that this situation affects all government-funded schools. As a result, secondary colleges have a legal right to charge for goods and services that are used by students in a course of study and for which the College's funding does not cover. The Department of Education also requires schools to make every endeavour to recover outstanding charges and costs.

Determining College Charges

The College endeavours to keep its charges to a minimum while maintaining a high standard of curriculum delivery. The government endorses the levying of a charge that covers basic needs associated with teaching the essential curriculum, such as photocopying, access to textbooks and use of specialised equipment.

Each student is also charged for items that are specifically used in various elective courses, such as: ingredients for food preparation; transport to and from option venues; art materials; use of computer and photographic equipment and associated materials; timber; metal; tools; specialised sporting equipment and photocopies of course handouts. The amount of these costs will vary according to each student's choice of courses.

PAYING COLLEGE CHARGES

Who should pay college charges?

It is government policy that parents should contribute towards the cost of educating their children. Given that students are able to choose the courses that will offer them the learning outcomes they desire, it is considered fair and equitable that all parents should pay for the courses that their children select. Similarly, it is generally considered unfair that some families could be expected to pay for the consumable components of courses for another family's student. This College believes all parents should pay the charges that will cover the expenses resulting from children's selection of courses and is committed to maintaining an even-handed and reasonable approach to serving that ideal.

Collection of College Charge Payments:

Paying parents expect not to subsidise non-paying parents. The College is required to actively pursue the collection of charges and will do so. This policy is strongly supported by the School Board and is a requirement of the Department of Education. Where there is an outstanding debt the College will take the following steps to recover the charges due:

1. Four (4) reminder notices are sent to parents

2. The fourth notice will be to advise that unless payment in full is made by a specific date which will be indicated, legal action will be taken through a debt collection agency.
3. If payment is still not made by the prescribed date, a debt collection agency will be engaged to pursue recovery of charges directly from the parent.
4. Any outstanding debts are carried over to the following year.
5. Where parents with outstanding charges debt have failed to arrange and commit to a payment plan, the student will be removed from their chosen Elective course and placed in an alternative low cost program.

In stating the College's policy on collection of course charges, it is also acknowledged that charges can be difficult to pay for some families. Also, the College is keen to help parents select options that they can afford. Our college subject selection book always shows the cost for each course.

If parents wish to undertake a payment plan, they may arrange this with the Finance Assistant, but they must make contact **immediately** to set up those arrangements. The college will not approach families to organise time payment. Email: Kinross.college.finance@education.wa.edu.au

THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PERSONAL ITEMS LIST

Course Charges

The charge for each course is included with the description of each course in this book. Information about course charges is also available from the college, either by ringing the college or by asking your child to obtain a schedule of charges from the college office.

Personal Items List

Once all the courses in a program of study have been chosen and the Electives Agreement and Selection Year 10 – 2016 has been submitted to the college with 50% deposit, the college will place all students in their chosen courses where possible, or a negotiated alternative. When that task is completed, the family of every student will receive a fully detailed list of the final charges associated with their chosen program. This schedule will include:

- The charges associated with each course selected
- Any other compulsory charges levied by the college
- Any voluntary contributions approved by the School Board

The Personal Items list and schedule of charges is posted out to families prior to the Christmas break.

Please refer to **page 4 for details on submitting selections** and making payments
(Payment and submission guideline).

Any queries about College charges should be made by contacting
the Finance Assistant, on **9306 6000** or by email:
Kinross.college.finance@education.wa.edu.au