



**KINROSS
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Year 9

Elective Subject Selections 2017



Year 9 - 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 9 a range of high quality courses, providing essential skills and learning outcomes.

The study program for Year 9 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 9, students will 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 are likely to pursue in Years 10, 11 and 12. Generally these will be areas in which the student has skill, interest or both.

PRESCRIBED COURSES:

All students will study the following compulsory courses:

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

ELECTIVES:

In Year 9 students should begin to specialise 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 10. 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 9 Selection sheet 2017 must be signed by student and a parent or guardian.
- Submission deadline (Yr 9): **Thursday 8 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

Health & Physical Education

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Cost: \$210

Subject Outline:

Outdoor Recreation is designed to be an introductory course to both Outdoor Education and Water-based Physical Recreation in Year 10. It aims to introduce a range of practical Outdoor Education skills (eg - cycling, kayaking, snorkelling, orienteering, camp cooking) and skills for Aquatic Recreation (surfing & water rescue). Course time will be divided into 80% practical and 20% theory and will run for two sessions per week for a semester.

Skills Outline:

- Cycling
- Kayaking
- Orienteering and Navigation
- Camp cooking
- Team building
- Surfing
- Aquatic safety / aquatic rescue
- Snorkelling
- Rock climbing

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- B grade or above skills for physical activity
- B grade or above self-management skills
- B grade or above interpersonal skills
- Must be a competent swimmer

Further Study:

Outdoor Education and/ or Water-based Physical Recreation in Year 10 leading into Outdoor Education in Years 11 and 12.

SPECIALISED RACQUETS

Cost: \$80

Subject Outline:

Specialised racquets is for those students wanting to develop their hand eye co-ordination, improve their fitness and further their skills relating to racquet sports. Students will be taught the rules, specific skills, tactics and game strategy in badminton, tennis and squash. The students will have access to facilities both at school and at local recreation facilities such as Mullaloo Squash Courts. This course is designed to be an introduction to the practical component of Phys. Ed Studies in Year 10. Course time will be divided into 90% practical and 10% theory and will run for two sessions per week for a semester.

Skills Outline:

- Badminton and tennis both at school
- Squash at off-school site venue (Mullaloo Squash Courts)

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- B grade or above skills for physical activity
- B grade or above self-management skills
- B grade or above interpersonal skills

Further Study:

Physical Education Studies in Year 10
Physical Education Studies Course of Study

SPECIALISED TEAM SPORTS

Cost: \$80

Subject Outline:

Specialised Team Sports is designed to provide opportunities for students to be extended in a range of sports (Hockey, Basketball and Soccer). Students will also be provided with an opportunity to play on the correct surfaces (i.e. turf for hockey) for finals. The course focuses on developing sport-specific skills and strategies and high level self-management and interpersonal skills through coaching and umpiring opportunities. This unit will serve as an introduction to the practical and coaching components of Physical Education Studies in Year 10. Course time will be divided into 90% practical and 10% theory and will run for two sessions per week for a semester.

Skills Outline:

- Hockey
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Teamwork

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- B grade or above skills for physical activity
- B grade or above self-management skills
- B grade or above interpersonal skills

Further Study:

Physical Education Studies in Year 10
Physical Education Studies Course of Study

Technologies

MODEL MAKING

Cost: \$65

Subject Outline:

Year 9 Model Making builds on the skills that students have developed in Year 8 and extends these skills in an interesting and challenging way of model making. This subject follows a theme of planes, trains and automobiles, which focus on the construction of a Monster Truck.

Skills Outline:

- Plan reading and hand sketching
- Working with a variety of timbers
- Developing hand and machine skills
- Developing finishing techniques for a variety of timbers.

COMPUTER ASSISTED DESIGN C.A.D.

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

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 Autocad and other assistive software. Students complete a series of 2D drawings while learning the basic tools in CAD. This subject is essential for Year 10 CAD in order to progress into Year 11. This subject requires focus and the ability to problem solve.

Further Study:

Year 10 Computer Assisted Drawing

WOODWORK

Cost: \$65

Subject Outline:

Woodwork is a continuation of Year 8 Woodwork, further developing the students' hand skills and workshop safety with the introduction of new static machines and power tools. The models that the students will complete reflect the challenge of extending their workshop skills and understanding the diversity of the materials that they are working with.

Skills Outline:

- Developing specialised hand skills with timber
- Using natural timbers and man-made timbers
- Increasing skills with static machines
- Improving skills with power tools

Further Study:

Year 10 Woodwork

FASHION & TEXTILES

Cost: \$55

Subject Outline:

Students in this course will learn the basics of printing on fabric. They will learn how to block print, silkscreen print and use stencils to create their own original fabrics. Students will print on tea towels and bags. They will also learn how to embellish fabrics using sequins and beads. Students will be involved in basic hand sewing and machine activities.

CULTURAL FOODS

Cost: \$65

Subject Outline:

This practical course is designed for students who enjoy cooking and have an interest in cuisine from other countries. The course focuses on investigating cultural celebrations and foods from all over the world. As part of their assessment students will be required to research a cultural celebration and prepare a dish to celebrate.

Skills Outline:

- Why we eat different foods
- How other countries celebrate special occasions
- Study various cooking techniques
- Plan and prepare meals and snacks
- Select ingredients based on the Food in Schools Policy
- Work in groups and individually
- Complete practical tasks hygienically and safely

Minimum Entrance Requirements: Nil

Further study:

Year 10 Food Production, Year 10 Food For Fun and Year 11 Food Technology

SWEET TREATS

Cost: \$70

Subject Outline:

This practical course is designed for students who enjoy cooking and have an interest in desserts, cakes and cake decoration. The course focuses on recipe following, decoration techniques and adapting recipes.

Skills Outline:

- Baking methods
- Cake decoration tools
- Study various cooking techniques
- Fondant work
- Work in groups and individually
- Complete practical tasks hygienically and safely

Minimum Entrance Requirements: Nil

Further study:

Year 10 Food Production, Year 10 Food For Fun, Year 10 Creative Cooking
Year 11 Food Technology

English

POPULAR CULTURE

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline:

Horror versus action/romance; Looking at popular novels, movies, T.V series and understanding the language, film shots and music that help these genre's become a hit.

Mathematics

MATHS ENRICHMENT

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

A problem solving course using nine separate problem solving strategies, the application of which will allow entry to a range of state and national mathematics competitions, including Westpac, UNSW and MAWA.

Further Study: Maths Enrichment in Year 10.

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- High interest in Mathematics

Science

SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS 1

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline:

Do you like doing experiments and activities? “All the fun Science stuff without all of the theory?” The Science Exploration electives allow for classes to negotiate the curriculum with the teacher to select their own topics of interest and explore them. The course focuses on skill development and the scientific process, allowing students to participate in experiments and activities designed to investigate the scientific principles that interest them. Working in small groups they can find out how theatre lights are used to change the look of clothing, what happens when acids are mixed with different substances, or discover the skills needed to become a Forensic pathologist.

Further Study:

Science Explorations in Year 10.

Humanities & Social Science

ANCIENT HISTORY: Mysteries, Myths and Moments

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

Mysteries, Myths and Moments enables students to explore lost cities, myths and legends of ancient civilizations, temples and tombs and unbelievable artefacts. If you have just a little ‘Indiana Jones’ lurking within, then this course is for you!

Skills Outline:

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

Minimum Entrance Requirements:

- An interest in Ancient History and the desire to work collaboratively and positively with others.

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

Further Study:

Year 10 Ancient History
Year 11 Ancient History

THE ARTS - Performing Arts

DANCE STUDIES

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

Dance Studies is largely a practical-based course designed for students who have an interest or passion for dance. The course focuses on many areas and styles of dance and encourages artistic creativity in choreography. As part of their assessment, dance students will be required to view and perform in a number of dance works. 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:

Year 10 Dance

Years 11 & 12 Dance ATAR and General

DRAMA - PLAYBUILDING

Cost: \$30

Subject Outline:

Students will have the opportunity to create original performances both within groups and individually. Playbuilding allows students to focus on developing their own characters and storylines using a variety of performance styles and techniques.

Skills Outline:

Specific Playbuilding skills include improvisation, script writing, characterisation, verbal and non-verbal communication, simple backstage roles and performance. Students will learn to work collaboratively with their peers as well as having the opportunity to take on leadership roles.

N.B. There may be additional costs involved with incursion or excursion opportunities.

Further study:

Year 10 Drama

Years 11 & 12 Drama ATAR and General

THE ARTS – Visual Arts

3D ART - CERAMICS

Cost: \$60

Subject Outline:

In this course students will create a wide range of clay pieces using sculpting techniques. Each project will require research, design sketching and hands on practical work. It is important that students who choose this subject are patient and able to work safely and carefully when needed.

Further study:

Year 10 Art and Design
Year 10 Extension Art

VISUAL ART (Painting and Drawing)

Cost: \$60

Subject Outline:

Students will begin the semester by learning and exploring various strategies and techniques to improve and develop their drawing skills. Students will experience different media such as charcoal, ink, pastels and graphite to create successful artworks. Students will also be introduced to the basics of acrylic painting. They will learn how to develop ideas, mix colours, create tones and be inspired by great painters both past and present. Students paint on a range of different surfaces such as paper, card, canvas board and stretched canvas.

Further study:

Year 10 Art and Design
Year 10 Extension Art

PHOTOGRAPHY

Cost: \$40

Subject Outline:

This course is an introduction to the basic mechanics of digital photography. Students will develop an appreciation of photography as an art form.

Skills Outline:

- Photography hardware
- Photography software programs
- Computer network systems
- Photoshop

Further Study:

Photography

EXTENSION PHOTOGRAPHY (Semester 2 only)**Cost: \$40****Subject Outline:**

Extension Photography is a Visual Arts based subject that explores Art through the medium of photography and image manipulation techniques. Students will work in visual diaries exploring imagery, elements and principles of photographic composition, light, texture, colour and special effects to create artworks. Students will also expand their knowledge on a range of art movements and produce 'artist statements' for their creations.

Further Study: Year 10 Extension Photography**Minimum Entrance Requirements:**

- Have studied Year 9 Semester 1 Photography and received at least a 'B', it would be advantageous to have also studied Year 9 Visual Art (Painting and Drawing).

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. The 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

