



2026

YEAR 9 ELECTIVE SELECTION



BALLAJURA COMMUNITY COLLEGE






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OVERVIEW

This booklet contains information on all Electives that are being offered for Year 9 2026.

Please take the time to carefully consider all of the Arts, Technologies, and Physical Education subject information contained here.

If you have any questions about the Electives that are not answered in this booklet, please see the relevant Head of Learning Area or your teacher for more information.

You will be able to choose your Elective courses for next year using Subject Selection Online (SSO). Information on how to access this has been placed in the daily notices and emailed to you. Please read this information carefully.

Students who do not choose their subjects before the SSO closing date will have their subjects chosen for them unless prior arrangement has been made with student services before the closing date.

Thank you.

Mr Smith

Deputy Principal – Years 9 & 10



THE ARTS

Course	Course Code
Design Arts	9DN

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

In this course, students work through a series of exciting projects which reflect current graphic design or photography trends and techniques used by industry professionals. Projects may include: print design (advertising games/movies), develop a portfolio of photography work, created dynamic 3D typography and company branding. Other inclusions may involve digital drawing, fashion illustration, manipulation of images, photography and illustration. Artistic and functional design concepts will be explored, and students will use products such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, as well as Apps particular to the Design or Photography industry. Students will be encouraged to use their initiative in planning and producing their original ideas.

Course	Course Code
Visual Arts 2D	9VA2D

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

A highly practical subject where students design and explore creative two-dimensional artworks that encourage personal fulfilment. Students specialise in art forms such as drawing, painting, printmaking, photo and digital media, graphics, or collage. Students will use a variety of mediums, techniques, and digital technologies to produce artworks and develop an understanding of the elements and principles of art. This dynamic course will prepare you for further studies in Visual Arts studies, including the General and Certificate II courses. It will give you the head start you need to develop strong practical and art appreciation skills to be successful right from the start! Projects may include large & small drawings, creative prints, paintings exploring identity, architecture and / or landscape, urban art, and stencilling, amongst many other project offerings.



Course	Course Code
Visual Arts 3D	9VA3D

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

A high energy, dynamic and enjoyable hands-on subject in which students specialise in the skill of creating three-dimensional artworks with ceramics and sculpture. A variety of sculptural mediums, techniques and digital technologies will be explored. This subject provides opportunities for students to gain personal fulfillment and build knowledge and skills in preparation for the Visual Arts, General and Certificate II courses.

Projects may include ceramic natural forms, human skulls, bizarre & mythical creatures, totems, and wire sculptures, functional and decorative works along with many other possibilities. The course may include group work such as installations.

Course	Course Code
Media	9MED

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Within Media Arts in Year 9, students analyse, explore, respond to, devise, and create fictional and non-fictional media productions. Students are provided with opportunities where they devise and create a movie trailer, documentary, or short film. In addition, lessons build upon their theoretical understanding of media principles relevant to the Western Australian curriculum. Successful completion of the subject will place students in good stead for further Media studies in Year 10.



Course	Course Code
Music Excellence	9MU - Year-long subject

PRE-REQUISITES: Year 8 Music Excellence or equivalent.

Students who are learning an instrument through Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) participate in the Excellence Music course for both semesters.

Students extend and consolidate music skills and knowledge across a range of performing, composing, aural and analysis activities.

The Year 9 music course is designed to further the music studies of students that have completed Year 8 Excellence music or have an equivalent background in consultation with the Head of Arts.

There is a focus on practical hands-on activities where students further develop real music skills, including composing, performing, recording, editing, and mixing. They will experience a variety of music genres including pop, modern rock, and Australian music.

Course	Course Code
Music and the Arts	9MATA

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

The Music and the Arts course offers students an opportunity to enjoy music, drama, and visual arts. Students will have the opportunity to learn short musical pieces on guitar or keyboard, learn about movie music, and immerse themselves broadly in the Arts with opportunities such as set design, costume design and mask making. Students will develop personal skills, view film clips and have the opportunity to utilise their creativity through these art forms.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

HOSPITALITY & LIVING

Course	Course Code
International Foods	9IF

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Students will explore the rich diversity of global cuisines, gaining an appreciation for different cultures through their culinary traditions. Through hands-on cooking experiences, research projects, and cultural explorations, students will develop skills in cooking international dishes. Mexican, Italian and Asian foods are some of the cuisines that will be explored and students will develop an understanding the cultural significance of food and exploring the connections between food and identity.

OTHER: A supply of reusable containers is compulsory.

Course	Course Code
Caring for Children	9CFC

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

The Year 9 Childcare course provides students with an introduction to the principles and practices of child development, care, and early childhood education. Students will learn essential skills and knowledge required for responsible babysitting and future childcare. Through a combination of theoretical study and practical experiences, students will explore various aspects of child development, safety, nutrition, basic first aid, and engaging children in crafting activities and play-based learning. This course aims to equip students with the confidence and competence to become reliable babysitters and caregivers. In addition, the course aims to foster students' understanding of the responsibilities involved in caring for young children and to develop their skills in providing nurturing and supportive environments.



Course	Course Code
Mobile Food Trends	9MFT

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

In this Year 9 food course, students will explore the exciting world of food trucks, gaining an understanding of the culinary arts, entrepreneurship, and cultural influences within the context of mobile food businesses. Through hands-on experiences, research, and practical tasks, students will develop skills in food preparation, menu planning, marketing, and customer service. They will also explore the role of food trucks in contemporary food culture, including trends, sustainability, and the impact of globalization.

OTHER: A supply of reusable containers is compulsory.

Course	Course Code
Textiles	9TX

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Immerse yourself in the world of fabric and design as students explore the art of creating and transferring unique designs onto textiles using a variety of mediums. Through hands-on projects students will learn to bring their ideas to life, from sketching intricate patterns to applying them onto fabric. This course is a journey of artistic expression and skill-building, where students will master techniques that transform simple fabrics into captivating works of art. Join us to discover the boundless possibilities of textile design and craft your own narrative through colour, texture, and imagination!



MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

Course	Course Code
Building and Construction	9BC

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Discover the World of Building and Construction in our Year 9 course. Students will embark on an exciting journey into the heart of the construction industry. From the foundations to the rooftop, participants will explore the diverse building trades that shape our surroundings. Through hands-on experience, they'll investigate the complex world of materials and tools, using them to create intricate models that mirror real-life structures. This immersive learning adventure will not only foster practical skills, but also ignite a deeper understanding of the built environment. This subject is highly recommended for student looking into trade- pathways or Building and Construction in Year 11.

OTHER: The purchase and wearing of appropriate safety glasses and PPE is compulsory.

Course	Course Code
Metal Technology	9MT

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Dive into the World of Metal Technology in our Year 9 Course! Unleash your creativity and curiosity as you step into the realm of metalwork. This hands-on course introduces students to a captivating variety of engineering hand tools and cutting-edge equipment. From shaping sheet metal with precision to crafting seamless welds, turning raw metal on a lathe, and perfecting the art of braze welding – you'll explore the core techniques that shape modern engineering. With a focus on practical skills and innovative finishes, this course is your pathway to understanding the dynamic craftsmanship in the world of metal. This subject is highly recommended for student looking into trade- pathways or Metal Technology in Year 11.

OTHER: The purchase and wearing of appropriate safety glasses and PPE is compulsory.



Course	Course Code
Wood Technology	9WT

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Embark on a Wood Technology adventure in our Year 9 Course! Unleash your inner craftsman as you investigate the world of woodwork and craftsmanship. This hands-on course is your pathway to the captivating realm of high-tech tools and timeless woodworking techniques. From precision cuts to intricate joinery, students will harness the power of modern technology to shape wood into stunning creations. With an emphasis on quality finishes and attention to detail, you'll learn to transform raw materials into works of functional art. This subject is highly recommended for student looking into trade- pathways or Wood Technology in Year 11.

OTHER: The purchase and wearing of appropriate safety glasses and PPE is compulsory.

Course	Course Code
Technical Graphics (Design)	9DG

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Step into the World of Technical Graphics Design with our Year 9 Course! Unlock the power of imagination and precision as you enter the realm of design and innovation. In this dynamic course, students will explore industry-leading software such as AutoCAD and Inventor, gaining hands-on experience in crafting intricate technical drawings and designs. From architectural blueprints to mechanical marvels, you'll learn to bring ideas to life on the digital canvas. Investigate the cutting edge of technology with 3D printing and laser cutting projects, turning virtual designs into actual creations. This subject is highly recommended for students looking into careers in Engineering, Architecture, Design and Cabinet making.



Course	Course Code
Digital Technologies	9DT

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

This hands-on, computer-based course is a friendly sampler of modern technology. No experience needed. The core focus is transferable Microsoft 365 skills, safe cybersecurity habits, and a clear introduction to the ever-changing world of Artificial Intelligence. Extension options are available for higher-level programming.

Students will also be challenged to adopt a design-then-code approach to computer games through MakeCode Arcade, complete simple robotics tasks that build problem-solving skills, and learn basic 3D modelling, with opportunities for extension. Additionally, students will apply their digital skills to work in a team to address a small problem affecting their community.

Where suitable, students' digital skills will be extended through hands-on STEM projects, and designs may be 3D printed or produced with the College CNC laser or plasma cutter.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Course	Course Code
Physical Education	9PE - Year-long subject

This subject is compulsory. Elective Health and Physical Education subjects are detailed below.

Course	Course Code
Outdoor Recreation	9OR

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

This course is a 20-week introduction to several components of the Outdoor Recreation courses offered at Ballajura Community College. Students will spend 2 hours per week on the practical and theoretical aspects of the course. Below is the outline of the course.

This course may include the following practical components; Indoor Rock Climbing, Bush Cooking, Beach Skills and Surf Awareness, Orienteering, Camp Craft and First Aid.

These activities will provide the basis for learning about “Life Skills and Leadership” and introduces students to some of the concepts delivered in the Certificate II Outdoor Recreation. This is a great lead in for students interested in pursuing this course. Theory will be based on the practical components with a focus on building a core of knowledge that students can develop in Year 11 and 12.

Please note: All students are expected to be at a swimming level of Stage 5 or above and will undertake 2 swimming tests aligned with the Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities Guidelines in conjunction with this. The tests will involve a 200m open water swim of at least 75% freestyle to be completed in less than 6 minutes, followed by a two-minute tread of water and then a 100m run - 100m swim - 100m run to be completed in less than five minutes. Tests will be conducted in the first week of their Beach Skills and Surf Awareness component of the course. Should a student fail either test they will not be permitted to enter the water in the following weeks of this component.

Camp: If students and parents are interested, a non-compulsory Leadership Camp may be offered which would attract an additional separate charge. Further information will be provided to students undertaking this course if the camp is proceeding.



Course	Course Code
Basketball Excellence	9BE - Year-long subject

PRE-REQUISITES: Membership in the Basketball Excellence Program in previous years.

This course is a 20-week introduction to several components of the Physical Education and Sports Coaching courses offered at Ballajura Community College in Year 11 and 12.

Students will spend 2 hours per week on developing practical skills and a knowledge and understanding of tactics through a basketball context. They will also be exposed to some of the core theoretical concepts that influence sporting performance. These include, but are not limited to; functional anatomy, psychology, umpiring and the history of basketball.

Participation in extracurricular basketball opportunities will be strongly encouraged within this course. Such opportunities may include interschool competitions, involvement in primary school basketball competitions/ trials, umpiring at lighting carnivals.



Course	Course Code
Soccer Focus	9SF

PRE-REQUISITES: Available to pre-identified students

This course is a year-long course designed to develop students' skills and understanding of the world's most popular sport. The program introduces both outdoor and futsal formats, with an emphasis on the fundamentals: passing, dribbling, shooting, defending, goalkeeping, movement, and basic team systems. Students will build confidence through drills, skill circuits, and small-sided games, applying simple tactics and developing their communication, teamwork, and game awareness. Across the year, students will strengthen their technical ability and decision-making while gaining an appreciation for the tactical and physical demands of soccer.

Course	Course Code
Volleyball Focus	9VF

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

An introduction to both indoor and beach volleyball, focusing on the fundamentals: serving, passing, setting, attacking, blocking, movement, and basic team systems. Students build confidence through drills and small-sided games, applying simple tactics and developing communication, teamwork, and game awareness across both formats.



Course	Course Code
Netball Focus	9NF

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

This course is a 20-week introduction to several components of Physical Education and Sports Coaching courses offered at Ballajura Community College in Year 11 and 12. These components will be taught through the context of netball, highlighting the promotion of participation within physical activity amongst teenagers assisting with fostering a positive relationship for participation in sport. There will be a focus on building interpersonal skills and a developing core subject knowledge that will be beneficial for upper school Health and Physical Education courses.

It is anticipated that students will complete two sessions per week, one hour for theory and one hour for practical aspects of the course where students will be provided the opportunity to apply theoretical concepts in a practical format.

Participation in extracurricular netball opportunities will be strongly encouraged within the course where students will continue to build the reputation for sporting performance and involvement at Ballajura Community College. These opportunities may include interschool competitions, umpiring at lightning carnivals, scratch matches against neighbouring schools and the SSWA netball cup.

This course will follow a similar structure to Physical Education Studies theoretical components including Functional Anatomy, Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology and Motor Learning and Coaching but tailored to a year 9 level of understanding.

ELECTIVE CHARGES

Course	Course Code	Charge
Design Arts	9DN	\$50.00
Visual Arts 2D	9VA2D	\$17.50
Visual Arts 3D	9VA3D	\$62.00
Media	9MED	\$45.00
Music Excellence	9MU - Year-long subject	\$86.00
Music and the Arts	9MATA	\$21.50
International Foods	9IF	\$112.00
Caring for Children	9CFC	\$21.50
Mobile Food Trends	9MFT	\$21.50
Textiles	9TX	\$17.50
Building and Construction	9BC	\$90.00
Metal Technology	9MT	\$100.00
Wood Technology	9WT	\$90.00

ELECTIVE CHARGES (CONT.)

Course	Course Code	Charge
Technical Graphics	9DG	\$21.50
Digital Technologies	9DT	\$17.50
(COMPULSORY) Physical Education	9PE - Year-long subject	\$25.00
Outdoor Recreation	9OR	\$70.00
Basketball Excellence	9BE - Year-long subject	\$50.00
Soccer Focus	9SF - Year-long subject	\$50.00
Volleyball Focus	9VF	\$25.00
Netball Focus	9NF	\$25.00