



2027

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 2027.

Please take the time to carefully consider all of the Arts, Technologies, Physical Education, Languages and Business 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
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THE ARTS

Course	Course Code
Digital Studio	9DS

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Step into the role of a graphic designer and learn how to turn ideas into professional digital designs. Create your own logos and branding, photograph and advertise products, and design promotional material for events. You will develop practical skills using industry-standard programs such as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator while working on real-world style design briefs. No previous design experience or drawing skills are required, just creativity and a willingness to experiment!

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
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; 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 General Outdoor Education. 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.



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- Yearlong subject

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	9VB

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.

LANGUAGES

Course	Course Code
French	9FR

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Get a taste of France with this exciting new Year 9 elective! Students are invited to explore the exciting topic of French cuisine through immersive activities such as setting up a French market and cooking crêpes. Participants will learn the language skills needed to shop for groceries, follow recipes, and order food and drinks. The course features authentic off-campus experiences such as dining and cinema excursions.



BUSINESS

Course	Course Code
Marketing	9MKT

PRE-REQUISITES: NIL

Ever wondered how products go viral, why we choose certain brands, or how advertisements influence our daily choices? In this practical course, students step into the role of marketing experts and explore the world of modern advertising. Participants will learn to create persuasive promotional campaigns and script engaging advertisements. If you enjoy creativity, visual media, and real-world skills, this course is for you!



ELECTIVE CHARGES

Course	Course Code	Voluntary Contributions	Charge
Digital Studio	9DS		\$50.00
Visual Arts 2D	9VA2D	\$17.50	
Visual Arts 3D	9VA3D		\$62.00
Media	9MED		\$47.00
Music Excellence	9MU - Year-long subject		\$90.00
Music and the Arts	9MATA	\$21.50	
International Foods	9IF		\$123.00
Caring for Children	9CFC	\$21.50	
Mobile Food Trends	9MFT	\$21.50	
Textiles	9TX	\$17.50	
Metal Technology	9MT		\$110.00
Wood Technology	9WT		\$100
Technical Graphics	9DG	\$21.50	
Digital Technologies	9DT	\$17.50	

ELECTIVE CHARGES (CONT.)

Course	Course Code	Voluntary Contributions	Charge
(COMPULSORY) Physical Education	9PE - Year-long subject	\$25.00	
Outdoor Recreation	9OR		\$74.00
Basketball Excellence	9BE - Year-long subject		\$52.00
Soccer Focus	9SF - Year-long subject		\$52.00
Volleyball Focus	9VB		\$52.00
Languages- French	9FR		\$21.50
Marketing	9MKT		\$21.50

Subject - Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions apply to the Year 7 to 10 subjects of: English; Humanities; Mathematics; Science; Health; Physical Education; and some electives. The payment of Voluntary Contributions enables the College to buy resources that are used in the classroom such as: text books; IT infrastructure; materials such as food, wood, and metal; and equipment used in science labs and technologies.

Subject - Compulsory Charges

Compulsory Charges apply to all Year 11 and 12 subjects and some Year 9 and 10 electives. The payment of Charges is compulsory, and non-payment may result in your student being assigned to an alternative elective. Subject Charges that remain unpaid at the end of each year will carry forward to the following year and will remain on your financial Statement until paid in full. Should Charges continue to remain unpaid at the end of Year 11 and 12, they will be referred to our external debt collection agency for collection.