

Wollongong



High

SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

2024

YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION BOOKLET

A message to parents and students about Year 8 electives

In addition to the study of mandatory courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History PDHPE, Visual Arts and Technology, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to **study 2 elective courses**. This is an exciting opportunity for junior students to diversify their learning, broaden their educational experience and develop their learning outcomes.

The courses on offer are described below. WHSPA students have two elective lines in Year 8.

Courses on each line will appear on a student's timetable three times per cycle, giving them 3 x 80 minute lessons in each elective course, per cycle.

Performing Arts (PA) and Visual Arts Collective (VAC) students will have their auditioned subject on one line. PA and VA Collective students must choose their auditioned subject first, then a second elective of their choice. E.g. A student who has come into the school as an auditioned Drama student, must choose Drama (Auditioned) as their first choice.

Dance, Drama and Music electives are open for students except those already studying that subject as a PA student. For example, an auditioned Drama student cannot elect to study Drama elective.

Example: auditioned student

1. Drama (Auditioned)	2. Any Elective (except Drama Elective)
3. Reserve	4. Reserve

Example: non-auditioned student

1. Elective Choice 1	2. Elective Choice 2
3. Reserve	4. Reserve

Process for Online Selection

Our school is using the WebChoice system by Edval Timetables, to capture subject selection preferences online. Instructions, together with a web-code will be emailed to each student. Instructions are as follows:

STEP 1: Click: <https://spring.edval.education/login> and enter your code:

STEP 2: Select the subjects you want from the online drop-downs, *in order of your preference*.

Select your reserve subjects in order of preference, which may be used if some courses are full, or there are clashes. There is no guarantee all your subject requests will be granted.

STEP 3: Click to register your preferences online.

STEP 4: Click and keep a copy for your records.

Selections must be made before Monday 7th August 2023 at 9 am

Year 8 Electives

Big Science

Do you love all the fun and practical aspects of your Science class? Do you love getting hands-on with scientific equipment, computers, and field work? Big Science expands on what you already do in Science, getting you more involved in group and project work. Plan, research and present your Shark Tank ideas, attend excursions to university STEM days and improve your critical thinking skills in Big Science!

Course Fees: \$20.00

Dance Elective

The Year 8 Dance Elective is a dynamic course for students who enjoy dance and would like to improve their knowledge and skills. Elective Dance is an active learning environment and provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of dance styles including hip hop and jazz through performance and choreography. Elective students can participate in the dance extra-curricula company program performing in the Dance Festival and Southern Stars, as well as Dance showcase.

Course Fees: \$60.00

Drama Elective

The Year 8 elective course in Drama introduces students to the world of Dramatic Art. Year 8 Drama is a very practical course designed around workshop activities that develop a student's confidence and expressive skills through performance. Students explore the origins of theatre investigating improvisation, comedy, tragedy, creative movement and verbal dynamics and staging. Students have the opportunity to participate in the drama extra-curricular company programs and perform in the Drama Showcase.

Course Fees: \$60.00

History Elective

History Elective will look at various historical mysteries and the role of evidence in proving or disproving theories on the past. Areas to be studied may include an exploration of whether historical people such as King Arthur and Robin Hood were real and historical controversies such as who killed JFK and whether the moon landing really happened. The course will then explore the role of history in popular culture and film as history and an exploration of world myths and religions. This course will provide students with the skills of applying and testing theories of the past, using evidence to support ideas and a broader understanding of the world around them.

YEAR 8 – FRENCH CULTURE AND LANGUAGE STUDIES

The aim of this course is to broaden students' knowledge of France and the many other French-speaking countries throughout the world as well as to develop an understanding of the varied cultural identities associated with being a French speaker. This will be achieved chiefly through project-based learning where students will be guided to research effectively and ethically. Language content will relate to the project being researched and students will be encouraged to use this content in context.

Topics may include:

- the French-speaking world with focus on New Caledonia, Canada and the French-speaking countries of the African continent, their music, film and culture
- famous French-speaking people of the past and present
- sport and leisure activities
- the castles of the Loire Valley
- history and popular culture of French speaking nations

Course fees: \$25 for annual subscription to Education Perfect (online learning program). Please note fees are subject to change)

Mixed Materials in the Workshop

Primarily this will be a practical course. The practical projects will focus on giving students the opportunity to use a range of equipment in the Industrial Technology workshop. The projects will enable students to develop skills and learn techniques in the production of products made from a variety of materials including metal, timber and plastics.

Course Fees: \$70.00

Money Smart

Money Smart provides students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to become informed consumers through a study of the fundamentals of sound financial management. The course will engage students in financial literacy with a focus on saving and budgeting, the basics of borrowing, the workings of the stock market, how to avoid scams, the essentials of entering into contracts and planning a holiday. The aim of the Money Smart course is to develop students' ability to research information, evaluate financial options, and participate in individual and collaborative decision-making.

Music Elective

The study of Music in Year 8 is a continuation of the Year 7 Music course. Still focusing on the use of the Concepts of Music students explore a range of Music styles including Rock Music, Jazz, The Role of music in Film and complete the year with an intense study of an Instrument and its repertoire. Throughout the year students perform on their chosen instrument, compose music and analyse various styles of music. While Auditioned students continue to study their auditioned instrument, Elective students are encouraged to learn guitar, piano, vocal or drums.

Course Fees: \$80.00

Musical Theatre

The Music Faculty is excited to offer the fabulous Musical Theatre Elective.

Are you passionate about musical theatre? Are there roles you dream of playing? Songs you want to sing? Dance routines you want to perform? Then here is the elective for you!

This is a fun, practical and creative experience where students can personalise their learning whilst working collaboratively with others.

Each term we will concentrate on a specific area of performance practice to ensure that students develop a range of essential creative skills. Take your turn in the spotlight and perform well-known Broadway musical numbers in a variety of extra-curricular and performance opportunities, including Music and Musical Theatre Showcases.

Stop dreaming about being a triple threat, be done!

Course Fees: \$60.00

Physical Activity and Sports Studies

Physical Activity and Sports Studies aims to enhance each student's capacity to participate effectively in physical activity and sport, leading to improved quality of life for themselves and others.

Students engage in a wide range of physical activities in order to develop key understandings about how and why we move and how to enhance quality and enjoyment of movement.

Throughout the course students will develop skills that develop their ability to:

- work collaboratively with others to enhance participation, enjoyment and performance in physical activity and sport
- display management and planning skills to achieve personal and group goals in physical activity and sport
- perform movement skills with increasing proficiency
- analyse and appraise information, opinions and observations to inform physical activity and sport decisions

Course Fees: \$10.00 (please note fees are subject to change)

Textiles and Digital Technologies

Primarily this course will be a practical course. The course will give students the opportunity to use a range of textiles manufacturing equipment and develop skills in producing textile products in a range of textile focus areas. The course will also incorporate a range of digital technologies to enhance the student's design capabilities and develop digital projects with a textiles focus.

Course Fees: \$70.00 (please note fees are subject to change)

SCHEDULE OF FEES – 2024

FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEAR 8	
General School Contribution	\$75
Big Science Elective	\$20
Dance PA	\$220
Dance Elective	\$60
Drama PA	\$70
Drama Elective	\$60
Maths	\$10
Mixed Materials in the Workshop	\$70
Music Subject Fee	\$80
Musical Theatre	\$60
PASS Levy	\$10
PE/Sport Levy	\$10
Additional Dance/Drama Company	\$60
Dance Company Levy	\$220
Drama Company Levy	\$200
Music Ensemble Levy **	\$300
Additional Music Ensemble	\$50
Sound and Lighting Levy	\$160
Technology	\$80
Textiles & Digital Technologies	\$70
Visual Arts	\$50
Visual Arts Collective	\$30
Visual Arts Elective	\$30