

# YEAR 9 OPTION SUBJECTS

## ARTS

**ART:** This course aims to develop student self-esteem through an achievable and enjoyable programme. It ensures that ākonga who wish to continue with Art at other levels are well prepared in a variety of techniques, mediums and approaches. We encourage good work habits, pride in achievement and respect of our own and others' work. Ākonga will complete units of work that will engage with skills and media in Drawing, Painting, Toi ataata Māori, Photography, Design, Film, or 3D Construction. Drawing is a major component throughout the unit.

**DANCE:** Year 9 Dance aims to build on many essential skills such as sharing ideas, collaboration, and confidence. Ākonga will explore a range of different dance styles and use their creativity to apply their own movement vocabulary. Dance allows ākonga to develop their confidence, teamwork and creativity through the exploration of the Elements of Dance. Ākonga will complete units of Mahi which involve Movement, Choreography, Group Work and Exploration.

**DRAMA:** Year 9 Drama is aimed at enabling ākonga to build their confidence, get to know and trust others with whom they can share ideas. Ākonga explores their creative ideas and applies them to improvised situations while learning and developing drama techniques.

**DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION:** This course serves as an introduction to design thinking in a technology context. Students are learning visual communication skills that will enable them to explore a design context and express their ideas effectively. Students are encouraged to unleash their creativity and explore design possibilities to address issues in the world around them.

**MUSIC:** Year 9 Music is a taster course that aims to introduce ākonga to music at high school level. It covers learning to understand how to read music, understand a little bit about music notation, how to listen to music and how to perform music. Also covered are a variety of different music skills such as learning chords on a guitar and keyboard and learning about different aspects of music including lyric writing.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY:** This course introduces ākonga to a broad range of topics within Digital Technologies. Topics covered include: Web development, programming, digital media editing and manipulation and computing fundamentals. Ākonga will use problem solving, computational thinking and creativity to design and develop solutions to issues in the world around them.

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY:** This course aims to develop practical skills and enable you to investigate the function of ingredients so that you can design your own food product to meet the needs of a brief. Modelling and evaluating your ideas will help inform your decisions so that you can produce a successful outcome.

**HARD MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY METAL:** This course introduces students to workshop procedures and skills, 2D design and workplace safety. Students will learn correct methods of construction, use of tools and equipment and processes. It is an excellent skills-based course with the opportunity for students to learn and use the design process to make a product.

**HARD MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD:** This course introduces students to technological practice, workshop procedures, skills and concept sketching. All aspects of health and safety are covered. Students will have the opportunity to design and make a product.

**MIXED MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY:** This course is for students who enjoy designing and making things. Students will design and create their own projects such as, jewellery, clothing, cushion, candles, lamps, hats, dream catchers, bags, cushion, cultural accessories. You will use design and making skills to create your chosen product.

## LANGUAGES

**FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE:** Bonjour! Want to learn how to speak to over 300 million people in over 50 countries and territories around the world? Then this is the course for you! Learn how to talk about yourself and your family, learn more about your own culture and language and start your journey into the awesome and diverse French-speaking world. And you get to try some French food too!

**JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE:** Konnichi wa! Fascinated by Japanese culture and writing? Love all things kawaii? Watch anime and want to understand them without the subtitles one day? Explore Japan and start your journey in Japanese in this course. Learn how to talk about yourself and what to do when meeting a Japanese person for the first time. You'll also get to read and write some of the characters as well as deepening your knowledge of Japanese culture, food and history.

**TE REO MAORI:** In this course, students will learn how to give basic personal information about themselves when meeting people for the first time and will begin to learn how to communicate about their likes and dislikes. The course will also begin to look at the marae protocol for our school marae and learn the history of the whareniui.