



Dargaville High School

Year 9 Options 2021

Semester One

Tuesday 9th February – Friday 9th July (End of Term 2)



Dargaville High School Year 9 Subjects

Option 1:

Performing Arts: Music

In Year 9 Music there is a focus on practical and creative music-making with an emphasis on group-work. No experience is necessary.

You will:

Learn to play an instrument as part of a group. Play marimba and learn a variety of styles of music.

Learn to read chord boxes and guitar tablature. Discuss and analyse a variety of music.

Learn about the history of music and a little music theory.

Create digital music using Mixcraft 7 on computers.

Performing Arts (Dance)

During this module you will learn about different dance styles, you will create and perform a dance from a chosen time period. This module is not just for people who can already dance! All you need is a love for dance and a great attitude. At the end of the module, we will be hosting a dance evening for the community.

Textiles: Rags to Riches

This course is designed to cater for students who want to explore creativity through Textiles. Students will be working on a variety of small projects with variable outcomes. Students will work within the context of sustainability, predominantly using recycled or upcycled materials. There will be opportunities for students to showcase their work in competitions.

Cost: \$40 (consumables and take home items)

Social Sciences: I want to Travel

This course introduces the global principles that structure tourism, the nature and operation of the tourist industry, and the impact, development and management issues that arise from tourism. We will look at destinations (New Zealand and worldwide) and issues that affect tourism, trends and tourist behaviours. Students will have the ability to demonstrate manaakitanga in practice through leadership and support roles within various tourism Māori environments; Students will develop the skills, knowledge, and ability to plan, implement and manage a tourism Māori experience and activity.

Food and Nutrition: Food for Me

In this class, you will learn how to plan and cook healthy food for you and your family. You will use your creative skills to design, cook, and eat foods that are nutritionally balanced, cost-effective, taste great, are safe to eat, and look appetising. Studies in Food and Nutrition lead to Year 10 Food & Nutrition, heading to either Home Economics or Hospitality in the senior school.

Option 2:

Languages: Survival Japanese

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.

If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

This course will give you a mix of the skills you may need to survive in Japan and around the world. With Japan having hosted the Rugby World Cup in 2019, the Olympics and Paralympics being held in 2021 (fingers crossed), there are plenty of opportunities for Kiwis to go and experience life and work in Japan. This course will give you the foundation skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in simple Japanese. You will learn about the culture too, of course, and you will get to taste and make some Japanese food dishes as well. Foreign language skills are an excellent way to enhance your literacy and numeracy skills, problem-solving skills, and, of course, broaden your horizons by becoming a global citizen; skills highly valued by employers.

This course is the foundation for Year 10 Japanese and then onwards all the way through NCEA Levels 1-3.

Cost: \$10 (for a workbook and consumables - optional)

Languages: Te Reo Māori

“Tōku reo, tōku ohooho

Tōku reo, tōku māpihi maurea”

My language is my strength, an ornament of grace

This course will give you the foundation skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in simple Te Reo Maori. You will learn about the culture through toi Māori (art forms), pūrakau (stories) waiata (songs), whakatauakī (proverbs or sayings), rongoa (natural medicine) and kai (food). A Noho Marae (a marae stay) will help you understand the aspect of pōwhiri and you will participate in the harvesting of seafood and preparation of hangi. You will be encouraged to do kapa haka and experience this art form of cultural dance and expression.

Te Reo Māori is your language as a New Zealander, helps ground you in your identity and career pathways. Te Reo also provides opportunities for numeracy & literacy as well as problem-solving skills.

This course is the foundation for Year 10 Te Reo Maori and then onto NCEA Levels 1-3.

Performing Arts: Drama (foundation)

During the Year Nine Drama(foundation) programme you will learn about how to use drama techniques in performance, you will enjoy playing improvisation games and learning about physical comedy and clowning. No previous acting experience needed. In this drama class, you will be performing in front of the class. If you don't feel confident performing to a larger audience, this module is for you!

Art: Visual Arts

In this course you will explore a range of artistic mediums, such as pencil, ink, paint, printmaking and digital art. Your work will be influenced by contemporary Pasifika, Maori and New Zealand Artist Models. This course is recommended for students who have a creative side and a passion for the arts. This course is the start of your journey in Art, preparing you for Year 10 and NCEA Levels 1-3.

Cost: \$20 additional Art pack (optional - parents/students can source own supplies)

Technology: Designing and Making Technology

This course is to introduce students to the necessary skills needed for a pathway in Design, Graphics and Making. This can lead to a wide variety of career choices later. Students will focus on the design and making process through a series of mini-modules involving graphics and design, computer-aided design and manufacture, as well as more traditional wood and plastic working skills.

Cost: \$60 (consumables and take home items)