



DARGAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O TUNATAHI

Year 9 Options 2026

Year 9 Students will take one option subject for each term.

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1. Design and Materials Technology (DMT)

This course is to introduce students to the necessary skills needed for a pathway in Design Material Technology. This can lead to a wide variety of career choices later, from design and engineering to a trade apprenticeship. Students will focus on the design and making process through a series of mini-modules involving graphics and design, as well as more traditional wood and plastic working skills. This course leads into Y10 DMT and then into the senior school courses.

Protective footwear is essential, safety equipment is to be worn as necessary and safe working practices must be followed.

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

2. Art: Visual Arts

In this course, you will explore a range of artistic media, such as pencil, ink, paint, printmaking and digital art. Your work will be influenced by contemporary Pasifika, Māori 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.

It is useful to have this equipment for class: HB pencil, 6B pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener.

3. Food and Nutrition

While working in pairs or in groups, you will learn to use kitchen equipment safely, prepare food in a hygienic manner, use a range of cooking methods to prepare a wide variety of foods, and be able to express your creativity through creating your own food product.

We will be focusing on basic nutrition, meal options, and food trends. This subject promotes the ability to work in teams, good communication skills, resilience, good self-management skills, and thinking skills.

4. Performing Arts: Drama (foundation)

During the Year Nine Drama (foundation) programme you will learn how to use drama techniques in performance, enjoy playing improvisation games, and learn about physical comedy and clowning. No previous acting experience is 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!

5. Junior Music Academy

The Music Academy is for students who love listening to music, playing instruments, or creating original songs. The course will cover basic music theory, the fundamentals of music, exploring music genres, developing the musical ear, learning to play an instrument, and building confidence to perform in front of others. These topics will begin to prepare students for NCEA Levels 1-3 in Music.

Students who love to play are invited to audition for the Junior Music Academy.