



HAMPTON
Senior High School

Year 9 Course Selection Handbook 2024



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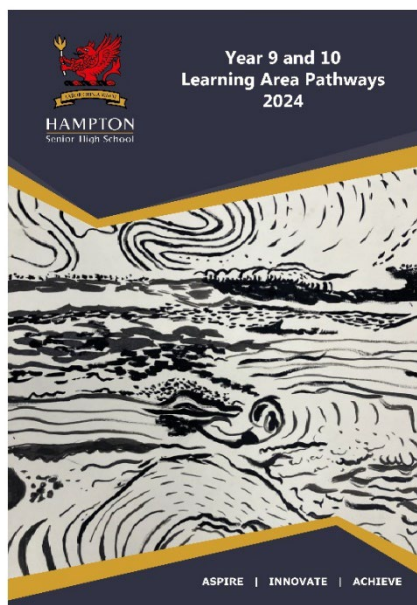
Learning Area Pathways

For Information regarding the Learning Area pathways required for:

- Year 11
- Year 12
- Post School – University
- Post School – Further training or employment

Please view the Learning Area Pathways booklet on the Hampton SHS website

<https://www.hampton.wa.edu.au/course-selections/> or by clicking on the image if viewing this document online.



(The Hampton SHS 2023 Year 10 Handbook cover features the artwork of Year 11 student Makaylha Moore)



Introduction

This booklet provides information about all the courses available at Hampton Senior High School for students in Year 9, 2024. Please read it carefully, so that informed choices are made. If you would like more detailed information about a particular course, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher or Head of Learning Area.

All Year 9 students are timetabled into year-long classes (four hours per week) of English, Mathematics, Science, and Humanities & Social Science, two hours of Physical Education and one hour of Health Education. **The remaining time is devoted to a very broad selection of electives.**

Students studying Gifted and Talented Dance, Specialist Cheer Dance, Specialist Performing Arts (Drama), Specialist Digital Technologies and Athletics Academy must read closely the specific information provided regarding course selection.

It is highly recommended that if students are planning on undertaking a course in Year 11 that they also select the Year 10 courses.

Electives are **semester-based courses** and are studied for 2 periods per week. This is to provide students with the flexibility to study a wide breadth of subjects. Alternatively, students who would like to refine their choices can also do so, by electing to study a course over two semesters.

For example: If you would like to study Recreation General for both semesters you must select both 9RECGA and 9RECGB

Students select three (3) electives each semester and two (2) reserves (R1 and R2)) each semester.

Academic Standards Plan

- A. It is desirable that students in Year 9 and 10 achieve C grades to enable their successful transition into Senior School.
- B. Students enrolled in Year 9 and 10 extension classes need to achieve a B grade or better to select that course as part of their ATAR course in Year 11. As Year 11 selections are made following the Semester 1 Year 10 results, the course selections will be based on the Semester 1 report. However, if the student then achieves a B grade by the end of Semester 2 in an extension course, an ATAR selection in the course can be re-selected.

Students with diagnosed learning disabilities or other students with exceptional circumstances may be exempt from the requirements as set out above. There will always be discretion over individual circumstances that may influence a student's situation.

Course Charges – Please read carefully

Hampton SHS provides high quality and a variety of courses to all students. Charges apply to all courses. These charges are kept as low as possible and reflect the cost to deliver the program. We suggest early payment to ensure the program has sufficient uptake to run.

We will work with you in any capacity to assist students in their chosen courses. Please contact the school if you require any financial assistance or to discuss a regular periodic payment plan. Please note that for your budgeting purposes, 2024 Charges payments can commence at any time, from as little as \$10 per week.

Contact by **Phone:** Admin Services 6235 7106 or **Email:** hampton.shs@education.wa.edu.au

A 50% course confirmation charge is required by **Friday 24 November 2023**. If the 50% course confirmation charge has not been received by the required date, your child may be placed in another lower cost elective. Alternatively, your child can pick up a Course Change Request Form from Reception to request a change. **The balance due date is Friday 16 February 2024**. If you are experiencing financial hardship at any time with regards to paying Contributions and Charges, please contact Administration Services Office on 6235 75106 to see how the school may be able to assist you during this time.

- Course costs are correct at time of printing and approved by the Hampton Senior High School Finance Committee and the School Board.
- Charges may be paid by QKR, cash, credit card or direct credit transfer. The new Qkr application will be in place this term, more information will be shared directly with families if you would like to choose this option for making payments.

Tel: 6235 7106	Email: Hampton.SHS@education.wa.edu.au	
BSB: 066 040	Account Number: 1990 6707	Reference: PIA and Student Name

Secondary Assistance Scheme – [Applications open Term 1, 2024](#)

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs, each year.

To be eligible for the allowance, the parent/guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The card needs to be valid during Term One of the new school year.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance, paid directly to the parent/guardian or transferable to the school
- \$235 Education Program Allowance, paid directly to the school

Applications are processed electronically by our Admin Services staff who will assist you to apply online.

For further information regarding the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please contact either Hampton Senior High School Admin Services on 6235 7106 or the Department of Education on 9264 4516.



Specialist Programs

The Specialist and Enrichment programs need to be selected for both Semester 1 and Semester 2.

1. Participation, preparation and family support with performances and competitions which may occur out of school time and at weekends is needed. Student participation is **COMPULSORY**.
2. If you would like to apply as a new participant to one of these programs, please see the HoLA.

Gifted and Talented Dance

Cost: \$110

Students are pre-selected for this course in Year 6 with additional opportunities to audition in Years 8 and 10 for the following year.

Students study Contemporary dance in the areas of technique, improvisation and performance, with an emphasis on the development of composition. The theoretical focus is on dance analysis and Australian contemporary dance companies. Students are also provided with the opportunity to develop skills in Hip Hop, Jazz and Contemporary dance.

Specialist Performing Arts (Drama)

Cost: \$100

This module focuses on play building, playwriting and the structure of drama. Theatre history and style along with written skills are a focus in this course. One period a week is dedicated to language and vocabulary development, response writing and research skills.

Students will learn backstage basics such as lighting, set design, costume, make up and dramaturgy.

Specialist Cheer Dance

Students continuing in Specialist Cheer Dance must select the Cheer Dance electives in Semester 1 and Semester 2 (Page 5). Students who choose to compete in school-based and external competitions will be required to make an after-school commitment by attending a Period 6 class each week.

Athletics Academy

Cost: \$100

Hampton Athletics Academy exposes students to a professional format of training, with high level testing and program development. There will be a focus on developing speed, power and strength while also refining the technical aspects of each event. This program is designed to give students a competitive edge when participating in athletic events at school and state level.

Hampton Athletics Academy looks to develop more than just athletic ability. It also looks to develop the following traits that are beneficial in all aspects of life:

- Teamwork
- Attitude
- Courage
- Knowledge
- Focus
- Intensity
- Dedication

Students in the Athletics Academy will also be given the opportunity to participate in a range of local, state and national athletics competitions.

Specialist Digital Technologies

AI (Artificial Intelligence) is very much the way of the future. **Robotics** is one aspect of AI and you will develop your skills with designing, building and programming a robot. You will challenge each other in a Battle of the bots and then prepare for a robot soccer match! With AI, you will learn the importance of ethical practices and Intellectual Property, the impacts of cyber crime and future careers in AI.

Data is almost the MOST valued commodity in the world today. Managing, interpreting and using data effectively is essential to every business. You will create simple databases and complex spreadsheet functions; commonly used in business. You will widen your programming skills and learn the basics of Python.

The Arts

In the Arts Learning Area students develop creative skills, critical appreciation and knowledge of artistic techniques and technologies in Dance, Drama, Media, Photography, Visual Arts. The Arts develop students' sense of personal and cultural identity and equip them for lifelong involvement in and appreciation of the arts. Most importantly, the arts reflect our humanity and our sense of wonder and awe.

Media and Visual Arts

Media – Film Genre

Semester 1

9MPAA

Cost \$40

In this course you will explore and experiment with the conventions and features of the world's most popular film genres. You will study a wide range of genres, unpacking the stereotypes and story devices that feature prominently in popular cinema. Students will begin to master the art of cinematography and editing, while expanding their creativity in the areas of scriptwriting and problem solving.

Media – Television Advertising

Semester 2

9MPAB

Cost \$40

In this course you will develop your understanding of the techniques used in television advertisements to persuade you to buy or engage with a product. Through studying a wide range of television advertisements and producing your own, you will gain an insight into some of the tricks of the advertising trade. Students will expand upon their production skills in the areas of lighting, motion graphics and special effects.

Photography – Composition & Design

Semester 1

9PHOA

Cost \$40

In this course you will gain an understanding of the rules of composition and the elements of design that make for good photography. There will be many opportunities to apply your photographic skills to demonstrate your knowledge of these principles.

Photography – Portraiture & Print Media

Semester 2

9PHOB

Cost \$40

This course looks at the many and varied applications of photography in print media, including newspaper, magazines and display advertisements. You will develop your skills in portrait photography and learn how images are manipulated to convey meaning.

Surrealism: Ceramics and Painting

Semester 1

9VARA

Cost \$40

This course is designed for students who have an interest in developing their arts skills while exploring the imaginative world of Surrealism. This art style is based on imagination and encourages the artist to look at the world differently. You will be given an opportunity to work in both 2D and 3D art forms, including ceramics and painting. Examples of projects include a surreal ceramic sculpture and unusual watercolour portraits. This course has a strong practical component where students are encouraged to be experimental and develop their own individual style. Visual Arts is recommended for students who love art, and for those who want to try something new.

'Pop Art': Illustration & Sculpture

Semester 2

9VARB

Cost \$40

This course is designed for students who want to continue developing skills in both 2D and 3D art forms, while exploring the vibrant and fun art movement, Pop Art. You will be inspired by the world of commercial or 'popular' images and designs. Examples of projects include mask or costume design and contemporary still life illustrations. This course has a strong practical component where students will work collaboratively at times, to produce very hands-on tasks. Visual Arts is recommended for students who are wanting to continue with the subject in senior school, and for those who are wanting to try something new.

Performing Arts Electives

Cheer Dance	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$40 per semester
	9CDA	9CDB	

Cheerleading is a competitive team sport that involves tumbling, stunting and dance skills. Throughout the course, students will gain the knowledge and understanding of how to perform a group stunt routine as well as build the confidence to choreograph their own short dance. Students will have the opportunity to compete and perform at a range of events in the school and wider community.

Students who choose to compete in school-based and external competitions will be required to make an after-school commitment by attending a Period 6 class each week and will incur an extra compulsory competition/uniform fee.

Health and Physical Education

In Year 9 the Health and Physical Education Learning Area encompasses the subject areas of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. General Physical Education is compulsory for all Year 7 – 10 students and students will be placed in those courses automatically.

Student Requirements:

1. *Correct Physical Education clothing must be worn by students at all times, unless advised otherwise.*
2. *Students must be fully committed to all aspects of the course, especially any water-based components.*
3. *Students must maintain Good Standing, including behaving appropriately and being safety conscious at all times. Anyone showing disregard for the safety of others or a lack of respect towards course participants will be removed from the course.*

Recreation General	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$40 per semester
	9RECGA	9RECGB	

The course prepares students for worthwhile use of leisure time. It provides students with the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge in the recreational pursuits such as Table Tennis, Badminton, Indoor Soccer, Basketball extension, Handball, Frisbee, Floorball, Softcrosse and Flag-belt Rugby.

Languages

By studying Italian students at HSHS have the opportunity to view the world with a different lens, observing the rich Italian culture for its various wonders of art, music and Italian cuisine. Students have many opportunities to improve their communication skills, investigate the history of the Italians, and develop transferable skills which will help support future endeavors including; working in a more globalised and inter-connected workforce.

Italian	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$45 per semester
	9ITALA	9ITALB	

In this course students communicate in Italian, initiating and maintaining interactions with others to discuss and compare events of significance in the lives of young people, including holidays, planning special events and travel. They engage in individual and collaborative tasks that involve exchanging information, making arrangements or obtaining goods or services.

Digital Technologies

Technologies enrich and impact on the lives of people and societies globally. Society needs enterprising students who can make decisions about the development and use of technologies, develop solutions to complex challenges and contribute to sustainable patterns of living.

The Digital Technologies curriculum empowers students to shape change by influencing how contemporary and emerging information systems and practices are applied to meet current and future needs. A deep knowledge and understanding of information systems enables students to be creative when they select, use and manage data, information, processes and digital systems to meet needs and shape preferred futures.

With practical opportunities embedded to use design thinking and innovative developers of digital solutions students become creators, effective users and critical consumers of information in digital systems.

It is compulsory for Specialist Digital Technology students to select the following two courses 'Robotics' and 'Programming'. Any other students who are interested in these courses are also encouraged to select them. It is desirable that students selecting these courses should have achieved an A or B, in Digital Technologies in Year 8, strong literacy and numeracy skills and be willing to work both independently and with others.

Robotics

Semester 1

9ROBA

Cost \$50

This course will focus on programming with robotics. Students will work collaboratively to design, build and program a robot. You will have an opportunity to compete in the RoboCup Junior competition in OnStage, Soccer or Line Following categories.

Programming

Semester 2

9PROGB

Cost \$50

The main focus of this course is coding and game development (using Godot or Python). Students will have an opportunity to showcase their games to others at the school level and/or at the Game Changer competition.

Smart Technologies

Semester 1

9HTEC

Cost \$55

A 'smart technology' is one which can be remotely controlled, often via the internet. Home security, air conditioning, voice activated lighting and garden watering systems to name a few. Create your own intelligent home system using simple hands-on kits to program some of these functions. You will learn basic security measures to secure your home network and safeguard against online threats such as phishing and scams. [Cost includes one Microbit per student \$36.00. Additional Microbit cost \$36.00] Students will be responsible for their Microbit and take it home at the end of the course.

Game Design

Semester 2

9GDES

Cost \$50

Game designers usually work in teams, but each member needs to understand all aspects of the process. You will learn design and planning techniques leading to creating a digital game. This will require an understanding of User Experience, User Interface and the Target Market to make your game a success. You will learn about ethical principles related to Intellectual Property so that you can protect your rights as a game developer.

Design and Technologies

Product Design	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$60 per semester
	9PDA	9PDB	

Students work with different types of wood, plastics and other materials where appropriate such as smart materials. The main focus of the course is for each student to design and manufacture his or her own product in response to a design brief provided by the teacher. Students will be trained in the workshop predominantly using hand tools and be introduced to some machinery to support the production of their projects.

Students have the opportunity to develop and practise skills that contribute to creating a physical working product, while acquiring the knowledge and understanding of the design process. Students will learn effective methods in which to research existing products, how to develop their own ideas by learning various drawing techniques and effective time management to create their own designs.

There is also a focus on developing student numeracy skills allowing them to understand the importance of accurate measuring.

Engineering with Metals	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$60 per semester
	9EMA	9EMB	

This course draws on and expands transferable skills developed in Year 7 and 8 STEM and introduces students to the manipulation of metals using a wide range of tools, processes, materials and systems. Some new processes to be developed will include, but not be limited to, fuel gas and electric welding processes, forging, machining, fitting, drilling, grinding and polishing of a range of metals.

Some of the work will require design and planning using the Technology Process with literacy and numeracy skills consolidated in practical applications such as quantity and cost estimations. Health and Safety aspects will be taught and reinforced at all times. Students will learn how to conduct a risk assessment and job safety analysis in a range of industrial settings.

Electronic Engineering	Semester 1	Semester 2	Cost \$60 per semester
	9EEA	9EEB	

This course provides students with an introduction to the electrical trade field. Students develop knowledge of electrical theory and principles as well as construct electrical circuits, installation, solder electronic circuits and use test equipment.

The course will provide a solid foundation and creates opportunities for students who wish to work with the latest in computer technology, software, control systems, building automation, audio-visual technology and electronic components and appliances.

Home Economic Electives

Home Economics Electives - students will be required to purchase fabric and notions (zippers, buttons etc.) as required for each project (optional to purchase pattern of choice). Cooking aprons and food containers are required for Cooking up a Storm and Ready, Steady Let's Cook.

Creativity with Clothing

Semester 2

9TEXB

Cost \$40

This practical subject provides students with opportunities to understand and implement process and production skills through self-paced, student centred projects using textiles as a material. Students use the concept of upcycling and commercial patterns to complete a unique outfit for themselves. Students use design briefs to research, design, make and evaluate textile products and a design portfolio accompanies each project. If time permits students will have the opportunity to make an additional item of their own choosing.

Cooking up a Storm

Semester 1

9ABACA

Cost \$35

With an emphasis on practical activities, students will briefly investigate the care of infants through pregnancy and the stages of child development from birth onwards. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with young children in our local community. During semester 2, 9ABC1B provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the safety of very young children and how we can safeguard our homes and these investigations will be included in a baby-sitter's package. In both courses students will design and create several practical items such as 3D Dolls and a variety of soft toys suitable for young children.

Cooking up a Storm

Semester 1

9FOODA

Cost \$60

This course allows students to build on and develop their cooking skills taught in previous years. Students will prepare foods for enjoyment and good health. The course focuses on home-made versus commercially prepared foods in terms of cost, nutritional value, time, taste and appearance. Students will learn to analyse personal food intake, interpret food labels and understand health effects of fast food and convenience foods. This is a hands-on, practical course that promotes the development of independence, encourages working cooperatively and allows students to develop confidence in the kitchen.

Ready, Steady, Let's Cook

Semester 2

9FOODB

Cost \$60

This course will give students the opportunity to develop their culinary skills and techniques to prepare a variety of dishes that are delicious. This subject allows students to develop an awareness of health issues related to diet and investigates healthy eating habits. Students will learn about the different food groups and the effect each food has on the body. Students will explore a variety of eating models that encourage Australians to make healthy food choices. This is a hands on, practical course that promotes the development of independence, encourages working collaboratively and allows students to develop confidence in the kitchen.