

Year 8



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Elective Subject Guide 2026



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YEAR 7 INTO 8 ELECTIVE SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 8 students study six elective subjects across the year. Each elective runs for two terms (one semester). The courses are designed to provide Year 8 students with experiences in both the Arts and Technologies, in line with Australian Curriculum requirements, but allows students to begin to have some choice in which subjects they want to study.

Students are required to complete two Technology subjects and two Arts subjects within the year. The two remaining subjects can be from the Arts *OR* Technologies subjects.

THE ARTS

Arts Subjects available are:

- Dance
- Drama
- Digital Art (Media)
- Music
- Visual Art

TECHNOLOGIES

Technology subjects available are:

- Design and Technologies Textiles
- Design and Technologies Wood
- Digital Technologies
- Food Technologies

It is recommended that parents/caregivers work with students to complete their elective choices for Year 8. The Year 7 into 8 Subject Selection process is completed via the Edval system, with individual login details being emailed to each student.*

When students enter the subject selection system they will be presented with instructions on how to complete the survey. It is critical that students carefully read the instructions in each section to ensure they complete it correctly. Students will print out a copy of their 'receipt of subjects selected' (sent automatically via email) and this *must be signed* by the student and the parent/caregiver and returned to the front office.

It is important that students select their SIX subjects in order of preference (Elective 1 = 1st choice, Elective 2 = 2nd choice, etc) and TWO reserved electives, also in order of preference.

*For support with the digital forms or email links please contact
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THE ARTS

Dance

In Year 8, students who choose Dance will develop an understanding about how Dance functions in society. They will learn about Social, Ritual and Artistic dance. They will be exposed to a variety of performance and choreographic activities that will allow them to experiment with new ways of moving. Students will also examine dance styles of different decades and perform and choreograph a routine that captures the essence of a particular decade. Additionally, students will enhance their knowledge of Dance by participating in workshops designed to expand their understanding of popular dance and how it reflects in many contexts.

Drama

In Year 8, students who choose Drama will deepen their confidence and mastery of the elements of drama by exploring diverse performance styles and techniques. They will enhance their understanding of character and context in scripted performances and will learn about the elements of comedy which they will apply in their own devised performances.

Digital Art (Media)

In Year 8, students who opt for Digital Art will explore various media, working in small groups and individually, to create works that convey ideas and perspectives. They will utilise digital cameras and editing software to produce pieces demonstrating their comprehension of specific themes. Areas of focus include Digital Photography and Graphic Design.

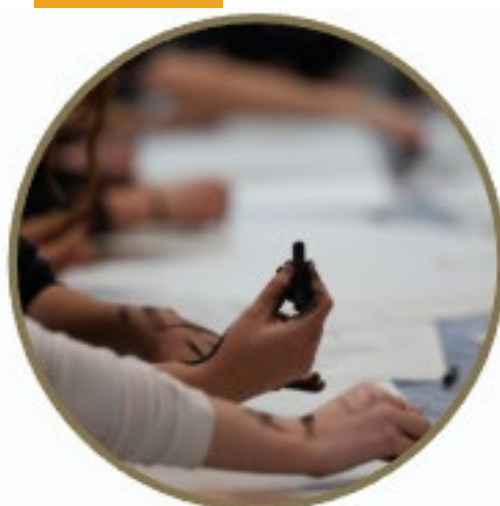


Music

In Year 8, students who choose music will be giving themselves the best possible chance to be the legends they dream of being. We will work towards mastering the fundamentals of playing guitar, as well as a number of other rock band instruments. Students will also explore the way music is created and the impact of music on culture and society. The semester will culminate in a band project in which students rehearse and perform in an ensemble with their peers.

Visual Art

In Year 8, students who choose Visual Art have the opportunity to build upon their understanding of artistic elements from Year 7. They will delve into various artistic mediums, including mixed media artworks, clay sculpture and printmaking. Additionally, students will enhance their observational drawing skills and explore the distinctive styles and techniques of influential artists.



TECHNOLOGIES

Design and Technology Textiles

If you love being hands on, thinking creatively and bringing your ideas to life, this subject is for you! In Textiles you'll explore how to design and make unique products using fabric, thread and yarn. You'll follow a design process to solve real world problems and create projects that reflect your personal style and interests.

Why choose Textiles?

- You enjoy practical, hands on activities.
- You love sketching, journaling and exploring creative ideas.
- You want to learn skills like sewing, embroidery and fabric decoration.
- You're passionate about up-cycling and transforming old materials into something new and exciting.

This subject is a great way to develop creative thinking, problem solving and technical skills that can be applied across many areas of design and innovation. Whether you're creating for fun or thinking about future pathways, Textiles offers a space to experiment, express yourself and make something truly your own.

Design and Technology Wood

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and get creative! In Year 8 MDT, you'll dive into the world of design and woodwork by making your very own wooden box using stunning Tasmanian minor species veneers. Along the way, you'll learn how to stay safe in the workshop, use real tools and equipment, and think like a true designer. From sketching ideas to choosing your materials and bringing your project to life, you'll follow the Design Process and document each exciting step. You'll even get the chance to experiment with our laser engraver – turning your graphic design ideas into unique, engraved features on your project. It's all about imagination, hands-on learning, and building something you can be proud of!



Digital Technologies: Year 8 Robotics & Game Design

Unleash your digital creativity! In this engaging Year 8 robotics and game design course, students will dive into the exciting worlds of engineering, programming, and game development. Using LEGO Spike Prime robots, they will learn to design, build, and code their own robots to solve real-world challenges, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork. Additionally, students will explore the fundamentals of game design, creating their own interactive games and learning about game mechanics, storytelling, and user experience. Through hands-on projects and interactive lessons, students will gain valuable STEM skills while having fun and bringing their ideas to life. This course is perfect for budding engineers, tech enthusiasts, and aspiring game designers eager to explore and innovate!



Food Technologies

Step into the exciting world of food and flavour! Whether you're dreaming of becoming a chef or simply want to feel more confident in the kitchen, this course is designed to ignite your passion for cooking and healthy living.

What's on the Menu?

Your Own Recipe Collection: Build a personal recipe folder filled with tasty ideas -from fluffy omelettes to sizzling stir-fries.

Hands On Cooking: Each week, step into the kitchen to chop, sauté, bake, and plate delicious, healthy meals.

Kitchen Confidence: Learn essential safety and hygiene skills, from knife handling to stove smarts.

Food & Fuel: Discover how ingredients power your body and explore the hidden superpowers in everyday foods.

Food with Impact: Understand how your food choices affect your health, your community, and the planet.

Why Choose Food Technologies?

This subject is more than just cooking—it's about creativity, curiosity, and building life skills that will serve you for years to come. You'll leave the course with a deeper appreciation for food, a stronger sense of independence and the ability to prepare meals that are both delicious and nourishing.

So grab your apron, bring your enthusiasm, and get ready to cook up something amazing!





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