



HALLS HEAD COLLEGE



Learning for Life

YEAR 9
COURSE ELECTIVE HANDBOOK

2024

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Year 9 Students at Halls Head College are required to study the following Core Courses:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Science
- Health and Physical Education Studies**
- Advocacy

** Students approved to participate in Sports Academy will not do Health and Physical Education separately; this will be incorporated into their Sports Academy classes.

Elective Course Selections

Students will choose four (4) Elective courses in each Semester (one of which will be Health and Physical Education or Sports Academy). The selection descriptions are provided in this booklet. Allocation of courses depend on timetable restrictions and student selection. Student course selection does not guarantee acceptance into the course. Students are encouraged to hand in their selections quickly, as failing to submit choices on time and late, may result in a student missing out on high demand courses.

A \$50 deposit is requested upon submitting student selection forms and can be paid via cash, EFTPOS, credit card details or Payment Plan arrangement (through the Finance Office). If you are unable to pay the deposit at selection time, please still hand in the Elective Course Selections which include:

Department	Courses on Offer
Arts	Art Academy Art and Design Drama Make-Up and Effects Media Music Performing Arts Workshop Stagecraft Visual Arts
Design and Technology	Computer Science Design Technologies – Food Design Technologies – Metalwork Design Technologies – Woodwork Digital Design and 3D Modelling, Animation and Games Introduction to Engineering
Health and Physical Education	Outdoor Education Sports Academy (AFL, Basketball, Netball, Soccer)
Humanities and Social Science	Ancient History Criminology and Law Philosophy: Ethics in Games and Gaming Sustainability – Fool Proofing the Future
Language	Japanese
Science	Forensics Psychology Zoology/Animal Studies

THE ARTS

ART ACADEMY

Application required if not currently in Year 9 Art Academy.

Art Academy Year 9 2024 will involve 2 periods a week of direct instruction. Time during the Semesters will be divided up to include the following content:

- Visual Arts curriculum including painting, drawing, sculpture, and wearable art
- Personal Interest Project (PIP) focus, with opportunities given for students to explore Visual Arts related inquiry-based learning. An emphasis on preparing work for exhibition and multi-media opportunities focused on student-directed subject matter and mediums used will occur.
- Media Arts curriculum based on skills that artists need for self-promotion and business, including photograph, media (film making) and social media marketing.

DURATION

Year-Long Course

COURSE COST

\$100 per year

ART AND DESIGN

Welcome to the exciting world of art and design! This course is designed to introduce Year 9 students to various artistic techniques, concepts, and design principles in Photography, Graphic Design, Desktop Publishing, and Printing. Through a combination of hands-on projects, engaging discussions, and exploration of famous artists and designers, students will develop their creative skills and gain a deeper understanding of the art and design field.

The skills and understanding that students gain from this course are transferable to a range of creative professions which include: photographers, fashion designers, interior decorators, event organisers, book cover designers, magazine editors, game designers and contents creators.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$65 per semester

DRAMA

Units include:

Semester 1 – Improvise Your Arts Off

Semester 2 – Creating Mood and Horror

Students will take part in Drama Processes to allow them to create original Drama and interpret a range of texts written or devised by others such as:

- Improvisation
- Play building
- Text Interpretation
- Play Writing

This course includes production and design aspects involving sets, costumes, makeup, and props.

New technologies such as digital sound and multimedia are introduced with authentic learning experiences applying these skills to community events such as 'YOH Fest'. These experiences are undertaken as a class. Students will be provided with the opportunity to be involved in the College production.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$35 per semester

MAKE-UP AND EFFECTS

Stage Make-up includes investigating and creating:

- Make-up for Stage
- Face Painting and Design
- Animal Designs
- Techniques of aging
- Special FX (bites, cuts, prosthetics)
- Occupational Health and Safety

Students must be prepared to be a model as well as an artist in this Course.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$75 per semester

MEDIA

Media students study authentic media forms including:

- Creation of Video/Movie Collage/Montage based on themes or genres – AFL, MotoX, Surfing
- World Poverty
- Endangered Animals
- Best Friends

Students use video and still images, music, text as well as titles and end credits. Students can participate in the creation of trailers for film and TV series, set design, film analysis, live Radio DJing and song playlist creation, Advertising Posters A3, storytelling, hair/makeup/lighting/dollies/sound usage, YouTube video production/ publishing, Facebook/ Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat usage.

Software used is the latest version of Mac iMovie and Premiere Pro.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$65 per semester

MUSIC

Units include:

- Rock with Indi Pop
- Emotional journeys in music

Does music help you relax? Deal with things? Reflect? In the course you will be able to:

- Create original music
- Record pieces
- Explore different musical styles

By choosing this course you will have a fun and stimulating time where you will develop as a musician to prepare you for any musical journey you wish to take.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$45 per semester

REQUIREMENTS

Students who are enrolled in IMSS are required to choose Music as one of their Electives in both Semesters

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

Students will embark on an exciting journey into the world of Performing Arts. This course is designed to foster creativity, self-expression, and a deep appreciation for performance within the context of the West Australian curriculum.

Students will explore various styles and techniques, from contemporary to traditional, and develop their skills in dramatic choreography and performance. Through practical exercises and projects, students will discover the power of movement as a means of storytelling and artistic expression.

This course allows students to develop their performance skills, explore character development, and engage in script analysis. Students will enhance their confidence and communication abilities and gain an insight into the historical and cultural contexts of performance, both locally and globally. They will learn how these art forms have evolved over time and how they reflect the diverse cultures of our world.

Throughout the year students will have the chance to showcase their talents through live performances, whether in school productions, showcases, or community events. These experiences will build their confidence and stage presence.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$35 per semester

STAGECRAFT

Discover the captivating world of stagecraft in this engaging Year 9 course. Through hands-on projects and interactive lessons, students will explore the essential elements that bring theatrical productions to life. From designing intricate sets to mastering lighting techniques, this course will ignite creativity and build practical skills that are crucial in the world of theatre and film making.

Students will collaborate on various projects, gaining insights into prop creation, set construction, costume design, and more. Join us on this exciting journey as we unravel the magic behind the scenes of unforgettable performances. No prior experience is necessary – just a passion for creativity and curiosity about the art of stagecraft.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$50 per semester

VISUAL ARTS

Painting and Drawing

Do you love art, whether is is making or appreciating? Improve your drawing abilities no matter what level of an artist you aspire to be. Students will learn about and apply the elements and principles of art and design by building a portfolio of drawings exploring a range of 2D media. Students will explore popular and iconic art movements culminating in the creation of a portrait painting.

Ceramic Sculpture

Gargoyles, dragons and fairies, oh my! Develop your ability to draw and render 3D forms in this art class with a sculptural focus. Learn about sculpture 'in the round' and build your own anthropomorphic clay friend to guard your house or watch over your garden.

Art is about using a design process to develop artworks in different styles and using different materials. This course will allow students to develop their skills and ideas in a fun well-resourced environment.

Students will be able to:

- Create dynamic artwork
- Participate in Artist visits
- Participate in Artist workshops
- Attend gallery excursion/s
- Attend exhibitions in school and within the community

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$50 per semester

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

This is an introductory course that will lead students toward upper-school studies in computer-based courses. Students will be introduced to a range of topics and concepts that will help them develop fundamental principles, concepts, and skills within the field of computing. Students will be introduced to principles related to the creation of computer and information systems, the connectivity between computers and the basic management of data.

The Course is designed for students who may in the future aspire to work in IT Support, Network Management and develop skills in the use of software such as those contained within the Microsoft Office suite and presentation software. Some basic coding will also be included.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$35 per semester

RECOMMENDATIONS

Students who choose this elective should have a higher level in Mathematics and English

DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES - FOOD

During this course, students will examine the relationship between their diet and their health whilst cooking a range of foods originating from different cultures. They will take a critical look at what is in the foods they eat, the role of food in everyday life, how to make wise food choices and food presentation techniques. Students will cook foods which are tasty and nutritious, economical, accessible, easy, and time-efficient to make. Adhering to kitchen protocols will be a key part of this course, as this practice applies to hospitality employment.

As with all Design and Technology classes there is a requirement that students abide by all Workplace Health and Safety requirements whilst in the workshops. Failure to comply with requirements could result in students being withdrawn from the course.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$60 per semester

DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES - METALWORK

Students will further develop hand and machine tool processes as well as gain an introduction to designs involving welding and other fabrication techniques. Core skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques related to metalwork will enable students to produce some exciting practical projects to take home.

This practical course provides opportunities for students who have an avid interest in developing knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to metalwork and associated industries.

Topics Covered:

- Safety
- Sheet metal fabrication
- Use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery
- Oxy/Acetylene braze welding
- Spot welding
- Polishing

As with all Design and Technology classes there is a requirement that students abide by all Workplace Health and Safety requirements whilst in the workshops. Failure to comply with requirements could result in students being withdrawn from the course.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$60 per semester

DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES - WOODWORK

Students will design and learn skills relating to working in wood, with the opportunity of producing a series of practical projects, incorporating hand skills and the use of power tools and other supplementary materials.

The emphasis of this course is to further develop the student's hand skills, understanding about the design process, related course knowledge and working safely and collaboratively to grow their levels of confidence and competence in a practical workspace. This course is well suited for any student who has a keen interest in working with wood or who has a future interest to pursue a career in the construction industry.

Passive Speaker, Wood Turned Bowl, Photo Frame, Cutting Board, Wooden Snack Tray and Bathroom Caddy are some of the models students will design and manufacture.

As with all Design and Technology classes there is a requirement that students abide by all Workplace Health and Safety requirements whilst in the workshops. Failure to comply with requirements could result in students being withdrawn from the course.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$65 per semester

DIGITAL DESIGN AND 3D MODELLING, ANIMATION AND GAMES

Students will be introduced to **2D** and **3D** game development at a beginner level. This includes using a Wacom graphics tablet to create digital drawings; designing characters for 2D games using vector art; 3D modelling; animating characters; and making games (2D and 3D) with no coding experience required. Students will also create promotional art or a video trailer to advertise their game. Software such as Affinity Photo, Affinity Designer and Blender will be used.

This course is ideally suited to students who have a passion for computer games, drawing, creating, and designing using digital technologies. It provides students with the requisite skills for the Year 10 Digital Design and 3D Modelling, Animation and Games course where they can specialise on a particular job role such as concept artist, 3D modeller, animator or game developer for their final group project.

The skills learnt in this course will also provide students with a core foundation of knowledge that over time could potentially lead them into future pathways in Digital Design, Game Art, and Animation at University.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$37.50 per semester

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING

Students will be introduced to Engineering principles using a range of technologies. Students will study engineering fields such as mechanical, electrical and robotics. This course provides opportunities for students to investigate, research and present information, design and make products and undertake project development.

The Course aims to prepare students for a future in an increasingly technological world by providing the foundation for lifelong learning about Engineering. It is particularly suited to those students who are interested in engineering and technical industries as future careers.

As with all Design and Technology classes there is a requirement that students abide by all Workplace Health and Safety requirements whilst in the workshops. Failure to comply with requirements could result in students being withdrawn from the course.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$65 per semester

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE)

SPORT ACADEMY

Students can automatically select the Sports Academy Course if they are currently in the program and have met the Sports Academy criteria during the current academic year. New applicants will need to apply and be successful in a trial to select this Course.

At Halls Head College we offer a specialised sports program in each of the following sports:

FOOTBALL (AFL), BASKETBALL, NETBALL, SOCCER

The Halls Head College Sports Academy Program is focused on enhancing the development of talented sportspeople through a well-rounded program that supports academic and social growth using a student focused approach.

Selection Process (by application only)

All Year 7-10 students can trial for selection at various times throughout the year. A student can be selected if:

- There is availability within the program.
- They demonstrate an excellent attitude towards the program, the coach, and other students.
- They demonstrate good technical ability and knowledge of their chosen sport.

The Program

4 lessons per week: 2 x practical sessions; 1 x fitness/physical education session; 1 x health lesson; opportunities to represent the College in inter-school competitions.

In addition to students developing their technical skills, tactics and strategies, each program promotes the many various roles linked with the sport such as officiating, coaching, strength and conditioning, rehabilitation, nutrition, and recovery. These areas are embedded within with the HPE curriculum so that students have a diverse range of knowledge and understanding within the whole Sporting and Physical Education area. This will support students' academic growth in a variety of courses throughout Years 11 & 12, TAFE, University and ultimately any chosen career prospects.

We believe greatly in self-reflection and evaluation to promote an understanding of where students are and what they need to do to improve. Each student will have an Individual Player Plan which they will regularly complete, along with feedback from the coach to enable continual progress.

DURATION

Year Long

COURSE COST

\$67 per year

REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to purchase a Sports Academy Training top (\$30). These are available at Hot Klobba

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to pursue outdoor activities in a safe and responsible manner through unique and stimulating educational opportunities.

The Program aims to increase the numbers of responsible users of the natural environment through awareness of minimum impact skills.

Group work, team building, and problem-solving activities allow individuals and the group opportunities to develop interpersonal relations, leadership, and promotion of a positive self-concept. Personal safety in the natural environment is emphasised to promote an educated and considered approach to potential risks associated with outdoor pursuits.

Students participate in a range of outdoor and physical activities which may include bush and camping survival skills, cooking, canoeing, bike riding, orienteering, snorkelling, and surfing.

DURATION

Year Long

COURSE COST

\$56 per year

REQUIREMENTS

Students selecting this course must be able to swim 400m comfortably, be able to tread water for 10 minutes and must be willing to participate in physical activity and water based sessions during lessons

Students will be required to purchase a HHC Rash Vest (\$50) for OHS puposes. These are available at Hot Klobba.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

ANCIENT HISTORY

The ancient world was dominated by mysterious stories of gods, mythical creatures, and mighty heroes. While these all seem like fantastical stories, many of them were in fact based on true historical events and shaped the minds of people for hundreds of years. Students will explore ancient myths such as Gilgamesh and the flooding of the world, the famous adventures of the Viking Ragnar Lothbrok, King Arthur and his Knights, fairy tales of the early Russians, and the changing role of serpents and dragons throughout history.

The Ancient History course enables students to study life in early civilizations, based on the interpretation of the physical and written remains of different ancient societies. This elective course is for students who enjoy the study of History or travel as it provides an overall broad representative of the Ancient World.

DURATION

Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$25 per semester

CRIMINOLOGY AND LAW

Ever wondered why people choose to break the law? Why do some people commit heinous crimes without any remorse? What happens when people are sent to prison? Criminology allows you to get into the psyche of some of Australia's most infamous killers. This course will explore how our criminal system works within WA and delve into past cases such as the Birnies (serial killers) or Lilley & Lenon. Investigate inter-generational crime such as the murder cases of the Walker family and the psychological complexities of people such as the wheelie bin killers. Put yourself into the shoes of famous cases and examine whether you think the judgement was correct.

This course is a great option if you have an interest in working in the criminal rehabilitation system or various forms of law enforcement. It is also beneficial to those that want an entry into WA's Legal system and core elements of Psychology.

DURATION

Semester 1

COURSE COST

\$25 per semester

PHILOSOPHY: ETHICS IN GAMES AND GAMING

Whether it is a game of football, netball or cricket, a board game, or a video game; games are a significant aspect of what it means to be a human person. The types of games we play and the way we play them says something about whom we are and what we value. Games raise many interesting ethical questions including doping in sport, cheating, fairness, discrimination, the use of and portrayal of violence in sports games and video games, the commercialisation of sports and games and many more. This course seeks to address some of these ethical issues through the study of ethics. In this course, students will study different ideas concerning right and wrong whilst honing their debating and arguing skills.

This course is a perfect choice for anyone who has an interest in talking about some of the big issues we face in our current society. The focus on constructing an argument, thinking critically and being able to communicate effectively are all valuable skills for many career pathways.

DURATION

Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$30 per semester

SUSTAINABILITY – FOOL PROOFING THE FUTURE

We only have one world, what can you do to keep it running at its best? Do you want to harness your leadership skills to help build the first Halls Head College Sustainability Hub? You will undertake a series of projects that you will design and run to help make the school, wider community, and world a better place. A key focus of your study is the importance of living sustainably and conducting research into how we can improve our carbon footprint and sustainable practices at Halls Head College. This is a hands-on course that will see you having practical lessons in growing foods sustainably, developing your problem-solving skills, and being an integral part of developing the College's Sustainability Hub.

There are also opportunities for you to be involved in geography style excursions and completing field-work research.

This course is the ideal option if you want to build your knowledge of geography and sustainability. It is also a brilliant way to develop your leadership and project management skills.

DURATION

Semester 1

COURSE COST

\$50 per semester

LANGUAGE

JAPANESE

The language Learning Area would like to welcome you to this fun and engaging course. Do you know learning another language may be good for you? It can help you to see the world from different perspectives, making your life more colourful and interesting. Learning languages can also assist you to improve your thinking and your creativity.

In this course you will learn to communicate in Japanese using a range of everyday contexts such as shopping in Osaka, ordering coffee at a cafe in Kyoto Station, booking a train ticket to Mount Fuji and having a day out at Tokyo Disney Land. The course starts with the basics so it will be OK if you are new to Japanese. The course will also offer you opportunities to learn about various cultural aspects of Japan through many different interesting and exciting cultural activities. These activities include cooking Japanese food, doing art and craft projects and having interactions with Japanese exchange students.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or 2

COURSE COST

\$30 per semester

SCIENCE

FORENSICS

This Course looks at the processes in the Forensics field where investigations and analysis of crime scenes are the focus. You will develop investigative, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This is a largely hands on course based primarily in science labs.

DURATION

Semester 1

COURSE COST

\$30 per semester

PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology course focuses on gaining an understanding of how humans think. We explore the structure of the brain and investigate concepts, including memory formation and cognition. Students also engage with psychological theory of group dynamics, obedience and personality.

DURATION

Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$30 per semester

ZOOLOGY/ANIMAL STUDIES

The aim of this elective is to explore the science of animal studies through the use of hands-on activities, research projects and real-world examples within the local Binjarub region. The course would incorporate content such as agricultural and farming perspectives of animal maintenance and studies, as well as conservation of native and non-native animals. Most importantly, there would be various opportunities for engagement with Indigenous perspectives and local wildlife conservation schemes.

Students will engage in hands-on STEM tasks such as designing and creating beehouses for the endangered native Australian bee, as well as exploring the mathematics and physics of spider webs by creating their own weight bearing structure amongst other prospective projects. Lastly, the unit incorporates the study of prehistoric creatures including Dinosaurs and the extinct Tasmanian Tiger. The course will include an excursion to the zoo and WA Museum.

DURATION

Semester 1 and/or Semester 2

COURSE COST

\$80 per semester