

# 2018 YEAR 9 COURSE INFORMATION



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Lynfield College offers a wide range of courses at both junior and senior levels. Further details are on the College website. For subjects where materials are taken home, a materials fee is charged to recover costs.

## At Year 9 all students study:

- **English, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Materials Technology** (two terms - choose **either** Hard or Soft Materials) and **Foods** (two terms)
- **Computer Applications** (one term - choose **either** Computers or Robotics)
- **Business Studies** (one term)
- Two **Arts** courses (two terms each – select **2** courses from the list below)
- One **Language** course (two terms – select your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preferences from the list overleaf. Only one language will be studied)

### MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY OPTION COURSE INFORMATION

Select **ONE** Materials Technology course (two terms)

**Hard Materials:** Students will develop and construct projects using wood, metals, plastics and electronics. They will learn correct construction methods and knowledge of material processes. Students will also complete a graphics and computer graphics course.

**Soft Materials:** This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills to competently operate specialised equipment used for the development of textile products. Students will design and develop outcomes through individual and/or collaborative work. They will learn construction techniques, pattern work, fabric layout and applied design techniques. These techniques could include – tie dying, screen printing, applique, beading and fabric manipulations.

### COMPUTER APPLICATIONS COURSE INFORMATION

Select **ONE** Computer Applications course (one term)

**Computers (9CAP):** This course aims to help students to progress their computer skills and knowledge through a hands-on approach to image manipulation, web design, desktop publishing, spreadsheets and cybersafety.

**Robotics (9ROB):** This course aims to help students to progress their computer skills and knowledge through a robotics focused context. It involves a hands-on approach in which students learn how to build and program a robot. The course also reinforces key cybersafe practices.

### ARTS OPTION COURSE INFORMATION

Select **TWO** of the following Arts courses (two terms each)

**Drama (9DRA):** This course aims to introduce students to basic acting techniques and practical drama skills through group work, improvisation, script work and theatre history. The course will explore the elements and conventions used in devising drama based on visual starters, while the theatre history studied is Greek theatre.

**Dance (9DAN):** This course is designed for students with an interest in dance performance and choreography. Students will work in small groups to create original dance works and learn set choreographies. A range of dance styles including cultural, social and contemporary will be studied through research and practical exploration. The course will be tailored to develop students' specific interests and strengths in dance.

**Music (9MUS):** Students will develop or further their skills on one of the following instruments: voice, guitar, piano, cello, flute, saxophone, trumpet or trombone. They will also use music technology to notate and sequence music, as well as gain an understanding of basic music theory. A study of a current New Zealand song will also be included.

**Pacific Arts (9ARP):** This course offers students a programme of creative work based on traditional Māori and Pacific art forms. Students research motif and pattern which informs their woodcut printmaking and some 3D art practice. Painting techniques are studied to provide students with a range of skills if they wish to continue with study in the Visual Art department.

**Visual Arts (9ART):** This course offers a range of theoretical and practical art-based activities. It includes drawing, design, construction and painting based on the local coastal landscape, and references New Zealand artists and art history.

## **LANGUAGE OPTION COURSE INFORMATION**

Select a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> preference (only **ONE** Language course is studied in Year 9 for two terms)

**ELS English (9ELS):** English Language Support. Extra support is provided to cater for students who are speakers of other languages. Students develop their writing, reading, speaking and listening skills and accuracy. The ELS teacher also helps students with language problems that they may encounter in their mainstream classes. After reviewing the data from our entrance testing the ESOL Department will advise which students will be placed in 9ELS. Some students may require only Terms 1 and 2, but for most students the course is for the whole year.

**Literacy Development (9LDV):** Extra language support is available for those students who are 2-3 years behind in their reading age to help them on the pathway to NCEA. These students will be given extra support in the areas of spelling, grammar, vocab development and reading. Students who are speakers of other languages and need this support should select ELS.

**Chinese (9CHI):** Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin). Students will be working at Curriculum Levels 1 & 2. The Hanyu Pinyin (romanised) writing system will be used in conjunction with Chinese characters. Cultural aspects will be integrated with the teaching of the language. By the end of this course students will be able to speak, read and type in Chinese about themselves and their family.

**German (9GER):** This course aims to develop basic communication skills related to daily life situations. At the end of the semester students understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary. They also learn about culture and the interrelationship between culture and language. Students who study German will have the opportunity to participate in the German exchange programme.

**Japanese (9JAP):** This course is a general introduction to Japanese. An equal weighting is placed on language and cultural components. By the end of the course students will be able to write and type in Japanese script and talk about themselves, their families, school and weather. Etiquette, calligraphy, manga, anime and the Japanese school system are some of the cultural points explored. Students who take Japanese will be given priority for the exchange programmes in Japan.

**Māori (9MAO):** This course gives students an introduction to both Te Reo Māori language and Ahurea culture. Pōwhiri, Waiata and Karakia will be learned by all students including Kōrero, karanga, kupu, rerenga and kemu. Students will learn about ture, tikanga, kawa and Te Ao Māori through e-learning, speaking, listening, reading and writing. Basic sentence types, key concepts and important words will be used to develop conversational skills, simple greetings and responses will add to the students' ability to Kōrero Māori.

## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES**

Lynfield College has an excellent reputation for its well established programmes for very able students and for those who are requiring learning support or second language support.

### **• LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Identification of learning difficulties and ongoing monitoring of progress are the key elements. Some students may be eligible for in-class help, individual or small group tuition and individual education programmes. Specialist staff work with the students and are in regular contact with parents and other appropriate outside agencies.

### **• ADVANCED LEARNERS PROGRAMME**

We seek to provide a programme which allows acceleration and enrichment in core subjects at a junior level. Year 9 students enrolling at Lynfield sit an entrance exam at the end of Year 8. The results from this, coupled with recommendations from feeder intermediate schools and parents, inform the two advanced learner classes in Year 9. These classes follow an enriched programme of study. In Year 10 our most able academic students are offered the opportunity to include one, or more, NCEA Level 1 course in their programme of study. Currently these courses are selected from Science, Geography and Mathematics, are offered on the basis of demonstrated strength in a subject after the Year 9 results have been analysed. Our most able academic students are also encouraged to extend themselves through a variety of external exams, competitions and submissions.

### **• ESOL PROGRAMME**

Students with ESOL needs are catered for. Those with very limited English language are placed in an intensive English language programme where the students spend a large part of their day. The aim of this programme is to raise the students' level of language so that they may be placed into regular classes. Language skills are acquired and strengthened through classes in ESOL, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Maths. Students who are capable of mainstream study, but who require language support, will study 9ELS as an option for either two or four terms.