



# LYNFIELD COLLEGE

## Year 9 Course Information 2019

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

### AT YEAR 9 ALL STUDENTS STUDY:

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

### Materials Technology Options

**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 Design and Visual Communication and/or a Computer Aided Design unit.

**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.

### Digital Technologies Options

**Select ONE Digital Technologies Course (one term)**

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (9DTG)** 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 program a robot. The course also reinforces computer skills and key cybersafe practices.

### Arts Options

**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 (students with previous experience preferred), violin, cello, flute, clarinet, 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.

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ACADEMY (9MAC)** Students with prior experience on drums, guitar, bass, piano/keyboard, guitar, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, flute, clarinet or voice can audition to be in this class. The course will focus on extending students skills through rehearsing a range of contemporary music in an ensemble. Students will also gain an understanding of basic music theory and use music technology to create music.

**MĀORI AND PACIFIC ARTS (9ARP)** This course offers students an in-depth 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 is designed for students who have an interest in Visual Art and wish to develop their skills in painting, drawing, and printmaking. The work students produce is in a project format and is inspired by New Zealand artists who use imagery from NZ beaches. This foundation course prepares art students for Year 10 Visual Art.

## *Language Options*

*Select a 1st and a 2nd 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 introduces akonga 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.

**ADVANCE LEARNERS PROGRAMME** We 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 intermediate schools and parents, form 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 (ELIP Foundation) where they 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. Year 9 students in this programme also study Physical Education and one option subject. Students who are capable of mainstream study, but who require language support, will study 9ELS as an option for either two or four terms.