



DIANELLA
SECONDARY COLLEGE

2025

Year 10 Subject Information

We acknowledge and respect the Whadjuk Noongar people, the traditional custodians of the boodja (land) on which we work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to the boodja, bilya (rivers), ngamma (waterholes) and karda (hills) and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Curriculum Overview

The Year 10 programme at Dianella Secondary College (DSC) follows the WA Curriculum, which is, in turn, based on the Australian Curriculum. In Year 10, all students study a combination of year-long compulsory and semester-long compulsory and optional courses.

Year-long Compulsory Courses at Dianella Secondary College

- English (4hrs per week)
- Mathematics (4hrs per week)
- Science (4hrs per week)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (4hrs per week)
- Physical Education (2hrs per week)
- Aspire (1hr per week)

Semester-long Compulsory Course

- Health studies (2hrs per week)

Semester-long Optional (elective) Courses

- Please see the option course list, you **MUST** select **five option** courses and **two reserve** option courses.
- You **cannot** select **more than 2** courses **per group**

Note: The Soccer Academy and the STEM Academy will be running as year-long courses.

Literacy and Numeracy support classes will continue to run for selected Year 10 students, based on NAPLAN and other standardised testing results, and will be conducted with a view to enhancing students' chances of achieving Category Three in OLN testing before the end of Year 12. This is part of WACE achievement.

Option (elective) Courses Overview

All option courses are semester-long courses and will occur for two periods per week. Students currently enrolled in the Soccer Academy (four sessions per week) and STEM Academy (two sessions per week), will automatically be enrolled in these specialist programs. New students wishing to enrol in these programs will need to approach the Head of Learning Area (Physical Education) and the STEM Coordinator, respectively for approval. Soccer program students are not required to do Physical Education classes.

All option selections need to be submitted using the **2025 Year 10 Course Selection Form**. Information about each course being offered is contained in this Year 10 Subject Information Handbook, available online.

Forms must be returned by the due date that is stated at the bottom of the form, after which the student preferences will be collated, and decisions will then be made by the school about which subjects will be running in 2025. This is dependent on several timetabling factors, including the number of students wishing to do the course as a primary preference, so it is essential that students follow the directions on the Subject Selection Form carefully and make sure that they rank the subjects they wish to do in order. They must also select two reserve courses in case a subject that they wish to study does not run.

Students should select courses that they find interesting and will lead to a pathway in Upper School that prepares them for their chosen career or course. If there are questions regarding pathway planning, students should speak to their House Coordinator or the Head of Learning Areas.

Once it has been decided which courses will run, classes will be created according to student preferences. Every effort will be made to place students in their most preferred courses but as this is not always possible, it is important that ALL choices, including reserves, are ranked in order of choice.

Students and parents need to choose courses carefully, as once the school year commences, subject changes are difficult. The timetable is constructed on student preferences so changes also become difficult for class sizes to accommodate once staffing and rooming are finalised.

Invoices for compulsory and option courses are sent out in early December once the timetable and staffing are completed. **High-cost option courses will require a 50% deposit to be paid against this invoice to secure a position in the class.** If this is not received, there is a chance that students will be removed and placed in a similar, but lower cost, elective.

Option (elective) Subject Selection Form Sample

Below is a sample of the 2025 Year 10 Course Selection Form which accompanies this handbook. You will be required to rank your preferred semester-long optional elective courses, sign and return the form to Student Central before the due date.

Courses	Ranking
Teaching Areas	
Group 1: Health & Physical Education	
10 Soccer Academy by invitation only* (See Head of Learning Area)	
10 Sport Science	
10 Sport and Recreation	
Group 2: Humanities	
10 Crime and Criminology	
10 STEM Academy by invitation only* (See Head of Learning Area)	
Group 3: Home Economics	
10 Clothing, Craft and Fashion - Sem 1 only	
10 Fashion and Craft Technology – Sem 2 only	
10 Caring for Babies and Children	
10 Food of the World -Sem 1 only	
10 Easy Entertaining & Café Culture – Sem 2 only	
Group 4: Design & Technology and Digital Technologies	
10 Engineering with Metals	
10 Furniture Design Woodwork –Sem 1	
10 Furniture Design Woodwork - Sem 2	
10 Applied Computing	
10 Digital Technologies Immersion	
Group 5: The Arts	
10 Music	
10 Media Arts – Sem 1	
10 Media Arts – Sem 2	
10 Visual Arts	
10 Drama	
10 Design Photography	

Option (elective) Courses

Option courses are from the learning areas of Health & Physical Education, Humanities, Technologies and The Arts.

Health & Physical Education

Option (elective) Courses

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
Soccer Academy	Soccer Academy	Soccer Academy	Soccer Academy	General Physical Education	General Physical Education	General Physical Education
Sport and Rec	Sport and Rec	Sport Science	Sport Science	Cert II Sport and Recreation		
		Sports and Rec	Sports and Rec			

Soccer Academy

10SOC

By Application only

The Soccer program gives students the chance to pursue their passion for Soccer. Students will develop skills, fitness, game understanding and tactical knowledge. The class is timetabled for 4 periods each week, plus additional opportunities for competitions and excursions. The program provides students with quality coaching to assist them in reaching their potential as well as opportunities to prepare for elite level competition outside of school.

Cost: \$30.00 per semester

Sport Science

10SSC

This course delves into the exploration of physical movement from both a practical and theoretical perspective, making it an ideal choice for student who wish to study General Physical Education in Senior School.

Emphasising a balanced approach, Sport Science encompasses both practical and written components. The course encompasses key areas of learning such as Biomechanics, Functional Anatomy, Sports Psychology, Sociology, Skill Acquisition, Training Theory, and Coaching. Students have the opportunity to play an array of sports such as Touch Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Badminton.

Cost: \$20.00 per semester

Sport and Recreation

10SREC

In 2025, our school is introducing the Year 10 Sport and Recreation course. This course allows students to engage in game-based physical education lessons. It offers a unique opportunity to explore sports that are often outside their usual repertoire. The course aims to help students excel in various physical activities and sports while engaging in a positive environment with their peers.

Cost: \$20.00 per semester

Humanities

Option (elective) Courses

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
HASS	HASS	Year 10 Crime and Criminology	Year 10 Crime and Criminology	ATAR / General Modern History	ATAR / General Modern History	ATAR / General Modern History
				ATAR / General Psychology	ATAR / General Psychology	ATAR / General Psychology

Crime and Criminology

10CRI

This course is focused on the study of human behaviour and forensics. In this subject we examine the ways psychology is used in our lives. It is an accessible introduction to the science of psychology through specialised fields of clinical and forensic psychology and how forensics is used to solve crimes. This includes the collection of evidence and analysis of the crime scene, and techniques to collect evidence including DNA, Fingerprints, Blood splatter and more. The course also examines the processes of criminal law in and out of the courtroom and how evidence is used in criminal cases. Forensics Gone Wrong looks at famous cases involving persons who were wrongfully convicted by law. Students will work through a mock crime from collecting the evidence to presenting it in a mock trial.

Cost: \$30.00 per semester

Technology & Enterprise

Option (elective) Courses

Home Economics

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
Clothing, Craft and Textiles	Creativity with Clothing and Craft	Clothing, Craft, and Fashion	Fashion and Craft Technology	General Children Family and the Community Unit 1	General Children Family and the Community Unit 2	General Children Family and the Community Unit 3 and 4
About Babies and Children	About Babies and Children	Caring for Babies and Children	Caring for Babies and Children			
Cooking Up a Storm	Ready Steady Cook	Foods of the World	Easy Entertaining – Café Culture	General Food Science & Technology Unit 1	General Food Science & Technology Unit 2	General Food Science & Technology Unit 3 & 4
				Certificate II in Cookery		

Clothing, Craft and Fashion

10CCF

This is a practical based course with students sewing a variety of items that will develop student's skills in the use of textiles. Some practical projects may include the production of garments such as inserting collars, sleeves, pockets, waistbands and fasteners while using sewing machines and overlockers. This course leads into the Senior School course Children Family and The Community.

Cost: \$45.00 (Students will need to pay extra for patterns, fabrics, notions (zippers, buttons, etc.) and matching thread).

Fashion and Craft Technology

10FCT

This is a practical based subject that provides students with the opportunity to explore the history of fashion and fashion trends. Students will continue to develop their sewing skills to create a garment tailored to suit themselves. This course leads into the Senior School course Children Family and The Community

Cost: \$45.00 (Students will need to pay extra for patterns, fabrics, notions (zippers, buttons, etc.) and matching thread)

Caring For Babies and Children

10CB

Students will learn about contraception, conception, pregnancy, and birth; the development of a child; meeting physical needs of babies and children through a range of practical activities. Some practical activities include making an item for a nursery, for the impending parents or meals for the lactating women. Through practical activities students will develop an awareness of the responsibilities of parenting and explore the stages of child development from 0 to 5 years. The focus is placed on the role of parents providing for the child's needs. Student will be exposed to a range of guest speakers including new mothers and simulations. Some practical activities may include toys, room decorations and meal for babies and children. Students will also have the opportunity to raise money for SIDS WA by running a Red Nose Day stall. This course leads into the Senior School course – Children, Family and Community – Caring for Others.

Students can elect to study CFBC (Caring For Babies and Children) for one or two semesters. If a student would like to study CBFC for both semesters, they must select both 1A and 1B. If they would like to study CBFC for only one semester, please select 10CBFC1A only.

Cost: \$40.00 per semester (Students will need to pay extra to supply own materials)

Foods of the World

10FOW

Send your taste buds on an around the world trip. Join us on a culinary tour, creating a variety of dishes from curry puffs, stroganoff, brownies, nasi goreng and an Aussie classic the meat pie. Students will research a country of their choice and explore the foods, the people and the celebrations and then plan and prepare dishes. This course leads into the Senior School course Food Science and Technology or Certificate II in Cookery.

Cost: \$65.00 per semester

Easy Entertaining & Café Culture

10ECC

This course examines food as a symbol of hospitality and involves students planning and preparing food for social occasions. Students will develop specialised food preparation and formal entertaining skills, culminating in students preparing a meal to be served to guests. The social aspect of food is a key focus of this course such as brunches, morning tea treats, café culture and an introduction to the barista coffee machine. The semester will wrap up with our Dianella's Desserts Challenge! This course leads into the Senior School course Food Science and Technology and Certificate II in Cookery.

Cost: \$65.00 per semester

Design & Technology

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
Envision, Design & Build with Wood A	Envision, Design & Build with Wood B	Furniture Design Work	Furniture Design Work	General Materials, Design & Technology (Wood) Unit 1	General Materials, Design & Technology (Wood) Unit 2	General Materials, Design & Technology (Wood) Unit 3 & 4
Technology Product Design A	Technology Product Design B					
No Metals Elective	No Metals Elective	Engineering with Metals	Engineering with Metals	Cert II Engineering Pathways		

Engineering with Metals A

10EMA

Students will work with different metals to produce a range of products whilst learning industry skills, including the use of metalworking hand tools machinery, power tools, oxy acetylene welding, MIG welding, thread cutting, and basic lathe operation. Students will learn to read workshop drawings and follow the design process to construct a range of skill-building exercises aimed at developing their confidence and skill in the metalwork workshop. Students will then be introduced to the design process whereby they will be required to use the skills that they have gained to research, design and produce a project, factoring the limitations and task scenario set by the teacher. They will also learn to communicate their design thinking through the use of drawing and sketching techniques.

As part of the industry skills, students will also learn to cost projects and assess risks through occupational health and safety skills. They will develop an understanding of both the positive and negative impacts of mining and its importance to the Australian economy and society.

This course gives the students excellent preparation for years 11 and 12 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

COST \$48 per semester

Furniture Design Woodwork A

10FDW

In this course, students are exposed to more advanced furniture-making techniques using traditional and modern shaping and joining techniques. There is a strong emphasis on the safe use of machines and power tools as well as increasing advanced drawing skills and design production planning to develop increasingly sophisticated designs and prepare students for years 11 and 12 Materials Design and Technology.

Students will also learn about the environmental consequences of forestry practices and methods to improve sustainability including the ideology of reducing, renewing, and recycling timber products.

(Students will need to purchase additional materials if they choose a higher-cost product to make)

COST \$48 per semester

Digital Technologies

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
Year 9 Computing – Exploring Technology	Year 9 Computing – Digital Discovery	Digital Technologies Immersion	Digital Technologies Immersion	Cert II Applied Information Technology Cert II Workplace Skills		
		Applied Computing	Applied Computing			

Applied Computing

10APC

Digital Technologies have a significant impact on our lives and society at large. Today's world demands students who aren't just comfortable with computers, but who also have the skills and knowledge to leverage technology for solving complex problems and contributing to sustainable ways of life.

In this program, students will explore a variety of software applications to tackle real-world challenges, helping them grasp how information is gathered, presented, and analysed effectively. Through these hands-on experiences, students will build a strong foundation in information technology, learning to use industry-standard software packages. They will also delve into the critical realm of Cyber Security, understanding how to address online threats and protect digital assets. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to create and design websites using HTML and CSS, gaining essential skills for the digital age.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Digital Technologies Immersion

10DTI

Digital technology is woven into our daily lives, and in order to harness its potential, students must possess digital literacy and a comprehensive understanding of its applications. This empowers them to navigate the digital landscape effectively and utilize technology to its fullest.

In this course, students will embark on a journey of advanced data skills, cyber security, and coding by engaging with various programming environments. Additionally, they will immerse themselves in the world of digital electronics through hands-on experiences, creating and programming Arduino devices.

Students will develop a deeper comprehension of technology's role in our lives. By delving into advanced data handling, cyber security strategies, and coding techniques, students will be well-prepared for the challenges of the digital era. Furthermore, the exploration of digital electronics and Arduino programming offers a unique opportunity to turn creative ideas into tangible projects.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

The Arts

Option (elective) Courses

Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2	Year Long
Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama	General Drama ATAR Drama	General Drama ATAR Drama	General Drama ATAR Drama
Music	Music	Music	Music	General Music	General Music	General Music
Media A	Media B	Media	Media	General Visual Arts	General Visual Arts	General Visual Arts
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts	General Media Production Analysis	General Media Production Analysis	General Media Production Analysis
Design Photography	Design Photography	Design Photography	Design Photography	General Design Photography	General Design Photography	General Design Photography

Music

10MUS

Music offers a unique opportunity to develop confidence, creativity, and communication skills. This course focusses on performance, with students getting regular opportunities to perform an increasingly individual choice of songs in band and ensemble settings. Students are able to play a range of instruments such as voice, piano, guitar, drums and bass. Students will explore in more detail how to create their own music using software such as Garageband, combining performance skills with recording techniques. Students will listen to and analyse a variety of pieces, learning how the best music artists become successful. Eventually, they prepare for more challenging performances in the Performing Arts Centre, and to larger audiences.

This course leads to Upper School courses in General Music. Careers supported by the study of Music include Performing – bands, Game Design – Music, Advertising (creating music for social media), Composer (Films), Sound Design, Artistic Director, Event Production & Management, Music Therapy, Public Relations and other careers requiring creativity, innovation and the ability to problem solve and work in teams.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Media Arts Semester One

10ME

Students examine the forms of Radio and Podcasting including their history and impact on culture as forms of audio entertainment in Term 1. In Term 2 students examine Music Video and its impact on the Music Industry. Students continue to build on the concepts of representation and context.

Students get the opportunity to create a Radio or Podcast show and a Music Video. Emphasis will be placed on developing technical skills relating to Radio and Video Production. Skills will be assessed using written and production tasks.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Media Arts Semester Two

10ME

Students examine the form of Film, focussing on popular Genre Film including its history and impact on culture as a form of popular entertainment. Students continue to build on the concepts of representation and context and link genre to audience expectation.

Students get the opportunity to create film scenes and a short Genre Film. Emphasis will be placed on developing technical skills relating to Film and Video Production. Skills will be assessed using written and production tasks.

This course leads to Upper School courses in Media Production and Analysis. Careers supported by the study of Media include Screen/Television/Radio Production, Digital and Web Production, Graphic Design, Sound Production, Teaching, Journalism, Public Relations, Market Research, Event Management. and other careers requiring creativity, innovation and the ability to problem solve and work in teams.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Visual Arts

10VAR

This is a highly practical course designed to provide students with a stimulating, engaging and hands-on learning experience. Throughout the course, students will develop skills working with a range of 2D, 3D and 4D art forms such as sculpture, drawing, painting, print-making and ceramics. They will learn how to create visual representations that communicate, challenge and express their own and others' ideas, both as artists and audience members. Students are provided with opportunities to reflect on traditional and contemporary art works. These skills will form the basis for all future Visual Arts courses studied at school.

This course leads to Upper School courses in Visual Art, Photography, Media and the Certificate II in Visual Art and Creative Industries. Careers supported by the study of Visual Arts include Illustrator, Teaching, Art Therapist, Graphic Designer, Gallery Manager, Community Arts Director, Concept Artist, Jewellery Designer and other careers requiring creativity, innovation and the ability to problem solve and work in teams.

Cost: \$25.00 per semester

Drama

10DRA

Drama is a practical course designed to build students confidence in the performing arts, both on stage and behind the stage. Students will create improvised drama as well as perform works from Absurdist Theatre playwrights. In this semester students will create their own piece of drama to perform in front of an audience, honing their communication skills both as actors and audience members. Students will develop skills in verbal and non-verbal communication which are necessary in many careers. This course teaches students how to think quickly and communicate their ideas, responding to arts works in interviews as well as written forms.

This course leads to Upper School courses in General and ATAR Drama, and compliments other courses such as Media, Music and Visual Arts. Careers that are supported by this course are Lawyer, Politician, Journalist, Events Coordinator, Stage Manager, Actor, Public Relations and other careers requiring clear communication, creativity, innovation and the ability to problem solve and work in teams.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Design Photography

10DPHO

Students in this course will have an introduction to using cameras to create photography with a design focus, getting to work with DSL cameras and other technology. Students will create magazine covers using the basics of Photoshop and photography editing software, as well as take photos for a wide variety of design applications.

This course can lead to careers in photography, media and marketing, design and other creative careers using editing applications.

Cost: \$15.50 per semester

Year 10 Option (elective) Subjects Preliminary Costs for 2025

Learning Area	Cost per Semester
Health & Physical Education	
10 Soccer Academy– by invitation only (See Head of Learning Area)	\$30
10 Sport Science	\$20
10 Sport and Recreation	\$20
Humanities	
10 Crime and Criminology	\$30
STEM Academy - by invitation only (See Head of Learning Area)	
Technologies	
10 Clothing, Craft and Fashion	\$45 **
10 Fashion and Craft Technology	\$45 **
10 Caring for Babies and Children	\$40 ***
10 Food of the World	\$65
10 Easy Entertaining & Café Culture	\$65
10 Engineering with Metals	\$48
10 Furniture Design Woodwork	\$48
10 Applied Computing	\$15.50
10 Digital Technologies Immersion	\$15.50
The Arts	
10 Music	\$15.50
10 Media Arts	\$15.50
10 Visual Arts	\$25
10 Design Photography	\$15.50
10 Drama	\$15.50

Note: Costs above are preliminary costs only and may change prior to billing

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*** Students will need to pay extra to supply own materials