



DIANELLA
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Year 9 Subject Information

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Curriculum Overview

(subject to change without notice)

The Year 9 programme at Dianella Secondary College (DSC) follows the WA Curriculum, which is, in turn, based on the Australian Curriculum. In Year 9, 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 9 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 OLNA 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 9 Course Selection Form**. Information about each course being offered is contained in this Year 9 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 choose courses that interest them. For any questions about the courses, they should consult the relevant 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 9 Course Selection Form which accompanies this handbook. You will be required to rank (1 - 7) 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	
9 Soccer – by invitation only (See Head of Learning Area)	
9 Sport and Recreation	
Group 2: Humanities	
9 STEM Academy by invitation only* (See Head of Learning Area)	
Group 3: Home Economics	
9 Clothing, Craft and Textiles	
9 Creativity with Clothing and Craft	
9 About Babies and Children	
9 Cooking up a Storm	
9 Ready, Steady Let's Cook	
Group 4: Design & Technology and Digital Technologies	
9 Envision, Design & Build with Wood	
9 Technology Product Design	
9 Computing – Exploring Technology	
9 Computing – Digital Discovery	
Group 5: The Arts	
9 Design Photography	
9 Drama	
9 Music	
9 Media Photography and Animation (Semester 1)	
9 Media TV Production (Semester 2)	
9 Visual Art	

Option (elective) Courses

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

Health & Physical Education

Elective Subjects

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

Soccer Program

9SOC

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 two 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 and Recreation

9SAR

In 2024, our school is introducing the Year 9 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.

Technology & Enterprise

Elective Subjects

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, Fashion & Textiles	Fashion, Craft & Textiles 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 Textiles

9CCT / 9CCT2

Students studying Clothing and Textiles use the technology process which encourages them to investigate, plan, produce and evaluate a range of practical and problem solving activities. This course develops sewing skills and techniques using a variety of specialist equipment to construct simple garments such as pyjama pants using a fabric that have chosen and supplied themselves. Students use self-paced learning to design, make and evaluate their projects. They also investigate the properties of their fabric to construct an item of their choice. Students will have the opportunity to make an additional item of their choosing, if time permits.

Cost: \$40 per semester. Students will need to pay extra for fabric, thread and notions (zippers, buttons etc) for their pyjama pants.

Creativity with Clothing and Craft

9CCC

This practical subject provides students with opportunities to understand and implement the technology process through self-paced, student centred projects using scrap textiles as a material. Students use fabrics of their choice and commercial patterns to complete a unique outfit for themselves. Students use design briefs to research, design, make and evaluate textile products and a design portfolio accompanies each project. Students will have the opportunity to make an additional item of their own choosing.

Cost: \$40 per semester. Students will need to pay extra for fabric, thread and notions (zippers, buttons etc) for their design task.

About Babies and Children

9ABC

With an emphasis on practical activities, students will briefly investigate the care of infants through pregnancy and the stages of child development from birth onwards. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with young children in our local community. During semester 2, 9ABC1B provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the safety of very young children and how we can safeguard our homes and these investigations will be included in a baby-sitter's package. In both courses students will design and create several practical items such as 3D Dolls and a variety of soft toys suitable for young children.

Students can elect to study ABC (About Babies & Children) for one or two semesters. If you would like to study ABC for both semesters, you **must** select both 9ABC1A and 9ABC1B. If you would like to study ABC for only **one** semester, please select 9ABC1A.

Cost: \$40 per semester - Students will need to pay extra for fabric, thread and notions (zippers, buttons etc) for their design tasks.

Cooking up a Storm

9CUP

Teenagers who have a healthy eating pattern feel good and look good. Food suitable for adolescents can be tasty and interesting as well as healthy. This course involves food preparation work as well as looking at important issues concerning adolescents. This course has an emphasis on practical work where students can design their own recipes, covering areas such as snack foods, convenient and fast foods, label reading and meal planning while learning how to become independent and cook for themselves.

Cost: \$60.00 per semester.

Ready Steady Let's Cook

9RSC

Do you ever eat pizza, hamburgers or fish and chips? These are called "fast foods" and in this course we will study how these foods are linked with nutritional relate to diseases. This course has an emphasis on practical work where students can design their own recipes to combat world health issues with simple delicious meals while learning how to expand their cooking abilities. Are you Ready Steady Cook!

Cost: \$60.00 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		

Envision, Design & Build with Wood A and B

9EDA / 9EDB

Students will work with different types of materials and timbers within the workshop environment with the focus of this course allowing each student to explore and take part in the design process. Students will investigate, research, and design solutions in response to a design brief provided by the teacher and as part of this process will manufacture his or her project utilising the tools and machinery in the woodwork classroom. Students will be trained in safe workshop practices as well as the setup and operation of woodworking equipment to support the production process.

Students will have the opportunity to develop and practice skills that contribute to creating physical products as well as effective methods in which to research existing products and communicate their design thinking through various drawing techniques. Students will be educated on the importance of sustainable forestry practices as well as the impact that the use of timber has on the environment, community, and economy. There is also a focus on developing student's numeracy skills by allowing them to understand the importance of measurement and spatial concepts as well as time management and budgeting projects through cutting lists and costing their projects.

COST \$31 per semester.

Technology Product Design A and B

9TPA / 9TPB

The world of technology is quickly evolving and having the ability to work with Computer-aided Design (CAD) software will be a highly desirable skill. In this course, students will learn to use CAD software as well as hand drawing skills to create templates that can be transformed into three-dimensional products. By doing this they will learn to construct and test prototypes to address design briefs and real-world scenarios set by the teacher. Students will learn to use the program *TechSoft* to turn their ideas into a 3-D reality by using a laser cutter to produce scaled models from materials including MDF, Plywood, and Acrylic plastics, learning key skills in design, prototyping, and product research. There is also a focus on developing student's numeracy skills by allowing them to understand the importance of measurement, area calculation, and spatial awareness.

COST \$31 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
Computing – Exploring Technology	Computing – Digital Discovery	Digital Technologies Immersion	Digital Technologies Immersion	Cert II Applied Information Technology Cert II Workplace Skills		
		Applied Computing	Applied Computing			

Computing – Exploring Technology

9CET

Students will dive into a world of digital technology where they'll discover information systems, databases, Python coding, and Adobe Animate. They will start by understanding how information systems work – how computers handle data. They will learn about databases, where they'll organize and retrieve information.

Students will build their computational thinking skills using Python! Think of it as giving instructions to computers. They'll start simple and work our way up to creating interesting programs that can solve everyday problems.

Lastly, students will create digital animations using Adobe Animate. They learn how to create their own animations to present information capture their target audience’s attention.

This unit is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop important skills applicable to their future studies and today's tech-powered world.

Cost: \$16.00 per semester.

Computing – Digital Discovery

9CDD

Embark on an engaging journey in our year 9 computing unit that introduces students to the intricacies of networked information systems, cyber security, graphics coding using Python, and the exciting world of Adobe Photoshop.

Students will unravel the web of networked systems, understanding how data flows across the digital landscape. They'll explore cyber security essentials, learning to safeguard information in a connected world.

In the coding segment, students will venture into graphics coding with Python, crafting interactive visual experiences. They'll also harness the creative power of Adobe Photoshop, mastering image manipulation techniques.

Students will also investigate potential career pathways. From ethical hacking to graphic design, students will gain insights into professions shaped by these skills.

By the unit's end, students will possess a comprehensive grasp of networked systems, cyber security basics, graphics coding, and image editing. This unit not only fosters technical prowess but also guides students towards exciting career opportunities in the digital domain.

Cost: \$16.00 per semester.

The Arts

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 Media Production Analysis	General Media Production Analysis	General Media Production Analysis
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts	General Visual Arts	General Visual Arts	General Visual Arts
Design Photography	Design Photography	Design Photography	Design Photography	General Design Photography	General Design Photography	General Design Photography

Music

9MUSS1 / 9MUSS2

Music Class is to take small steps towards improving confidence as a performer. As a result, students will learn some of the most well-known songs, developing skills on keyboard, drums, and if they choose; electric guitar, bass guitar, and vocals. Regular opportunities will be provided for class performances, and if students demonstrate exceptional effort, will get an opportunity to perform in the Performing Arts Centre. Students also start exploring more advanced composition techniques (creating music) both on Garageband Software and using instruments. In year 9, students start to extend their ability to develop aural skills (playing by ear), and theory (Learning to read music notes) which both increase the speed of mastery. Also, they will start analysing why famous songs are so good, informing them of their own development. By the end of the course, students should feel confident to progress to the more challenging aspects of Year 10 Music, which further increases opportunities to perform and gain excellence.

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: \$16.00 per semester.

Media Arts A - Photography and Animation

9MEDS1

Semester 1

Students examine the forms of Photography in Term 1 and Animation in Term 2, their history and their impact upon culture.

Students get the opportunity to create Photo-montages and Animations. Emphasis will be placed on developing technical skills relating to Photography and the Animation making process. Skills will be assessed using written and production tasks.

Cost: \$16.00 per semester.

Media Arts B - TV Production

9MEDS2

Semester 2

Students examine the form of Television and its impact upon TV content. In particular, they investigate how television narratives are constructed to 'fit' television viewing. Students are also introduced to the concept of 'Representation' and the use of stereotypes in the media.

Students get the opportunity to create a scene for a TV drama utilising television codes and conventions as well as creating a 'pilot' for their own original TV series. Emphasis will be placed on developing technical skills relating to Television and Video Production. Skills will be assessed using written and production tasks.

Cost: \$16.00 per semester.

Visual Arts

9VARS1 / 9VARS2

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: \$30.00 per semester.

Drama

9DRA

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 looking at playing with stock characters. 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 on to the study of Drama in Year 10, and then on to Upper School courses in General and ATAR Drama. This compliments other courses such as Media, Music and Visual Arts, along with courses in the Humanities. 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: \$16.00 per semester.

Design Photography

9DEP or DPH

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: TBC

Year 9 Option (elective) Subjects Preliminary Costs for 2025

Learning Area	Cost per Semester
Health & Physical Education	
9 Soccer – by invitation only (See Head of Learning Area)	\$30
9 Sport and Recreation	\$20
Technologies	
9 Clothing, Craft and Textiles	\$40*
9 Creativity with Clothing and Craft	\$40*
9 About Babies and Children A and B	\$40*
9 Cooking up a Storm	\$60
9 Ready, Steady Let's Cook	\$60
9 Envision, Design & Build with Wood	\$31
9 Technology Product Design	\$31
9 Computing – Exploring Technology	\$16
9 Computing – Digital Discovery	\$16
The Arts	
9 Music	\$16
9 Media Photography and Animation (Semester 1)	\$16
9 Media TV Production (Semester 2)	\$16
9 Visual Art	\$30
9 Design Photography	TBC
9 Drama	\$16

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

* Students will need to pay extra for fabric, thread and notions (zippers, buttons etc) for their design tasks.