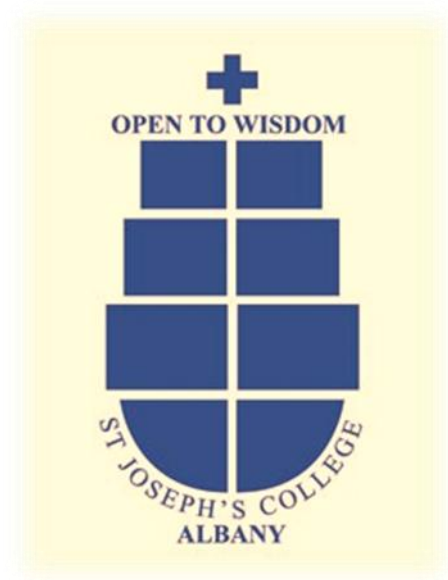


Year 9

Electives

2027

St Joseph's College



Elective Selection Information

In Year 9, students study four electives across the year, with two electives each semester. Students rank all available electives in order of preference through the College's online selection portal, and allocations are made during the timetabling process. While every effort is made to accommodate student preferences, allocations are influenced by factors such as class capacities, timetable restrictions, semester availability, and subject popularity. As a result, students may not receive all of their highest-ranked choices. Popular electives in recent years have included **Food for Now**, **Mountain Biking**, and **Outdoor Education**.

THE ARTS

Drama

Students explore drama and theatre through practical activities, improvisation, performance, and production. The course includes class and group performances, short film production, and an introduction to technical theatre elements such as lighting, sound, make-up, and set design. Available in both Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Visual Arts

Both Year Nine Visual Arts electives are designed to lead into the Certificate II in Visual Arts.

3D Art: Ceramics and Mixed Media Sculpture

Students explore creative expression through sculpture and ceramics, developing practical skills in contemporary and traditional 3D art techniques. They document and refine ideas in a visual diary, respond to design briefs, and analyse the work of contemporary artists while creating functional or sculptural artworks. Offered in **Semester 1 only**.

2D Art: Drawing, Painting & Printmaking

Students develop creativity through drawing and painting or printmaking, exploring both traditional and contemporary techniques. They document and refine ideas in a visual diary, respond to design briefs, and build their understanding of artistic conventions and creative processes. Offered in **Semester 2 only**.

Musical Performance

Designed for vocalists and instrumentalists of all experience levels, this elective develops contemporary music performance skills, confidence, communication, and collaboration. It provides a pathway to the Certificate II in Music Performance and encourages active participation in the College's music program. Offered in one semester only.

Photography

Students develop fundamental digital photography skills, exploring camera functions, composition, lighting, colour and image editing. Through practical projects, they build a personal portfolio while studying photographic history and the work of professional photographers. Offered in one semester only.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

Materials Design and Technology - Wood

Students develop practical woodworking and design skills through furniture making, woodturning, product design, and technical drawing. Projects include designing and constructing a timber chessboard, a small table, and a woodturning piece, while building skills in sketching and isometric drawing. Available in **Semester 1 and Semester 2**.

Materials Design and Technology - Metal

Students develop skills in metal engineering, fabrication, welding, and sketching through product design. Through practical projects, they learn metalworking techniques, such as threading, and safe operations using MIG welders, power tools and hand tools while designing and constructing a range of metal products. Offered in one semester only.

Creating with Textiles

Students design and create a range of contemporary textile projects using fibres, threads, and fabrics. Through practical activities such as felt making, machine embroidery, garment construction, and fabric dyeing, they further develop their creative and textile skills. Offered in one semester only, and in the semester when Food for Now does not run.

Food for Now

Students develop food preparation skills and creativity while exploring nutrition, international cuisines, and informed consumer choices. This hands-on elective is ideal for students with an interest in food and cooking. Offered in one semester only, and in the semester when Creating with Textiles does not run.

Specialised Physical Education

Mountain Biking

Students develop mountain biking skills, fitness, and basic bike maintenance through practical training and trail excursions. Assessment includes practical performance and written tasks. Students must have access to their own mountain bike.

Outdoor Education

Students develop outdoor skills, confidence, and environmental awareness through practical experiences. The course covers navigation, first aid, minimal impact practices, teamwork, and leadership while encouraging personal growth and resilience.