



No Reward Without Effort



YEAR 9 CURRICULUM BOOKLET

2025

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Cooperative

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Year 9 Electives for 2025

Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this booklet is to provide a brief, but comprehensive overview of courses provided at our school for Year 9 students in 2025 leading to Year 10 in 2026.

You will need to complete the online elective choice form and return the signed parent acknowledgement form. Students will be asked to select five (5) subjects from the list of electives offered and place them in priority order. Every attempt will be made to give students their first three (3) choices.

Once the selection process is completed, a decision will be made based on student selections and our capacity to staff the model. Students will then receive notification of entry into (3) subjects which will run on the 'X' 'Y' and 'Z' Lines. Students will be undertaking these subjects for two years, so it is important that students choose carefully as it is not possible to change subjects.

Every attempt will be made to meet student needs, however, when selected subjects are not offered, each child will be given the option of re-selecting from the offered curriculum.

If you require any assistance, please contact the school on 08 8088 1522.

Looking forward to a great year.

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Vision

A caring inclusive school where students are supported to reach their potential in a changing world.

Year 9 and 10 Curriculum Organisation

Key Learning Area	Curriculum Organisation Periods Per Cycle	Comment
English	8	Mandatory
Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)	6	Australian History and Australian Geography Mandatory
Mathematics	8	Mandatory
Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE)	6	Mandatory
Science	7	Mandatory
Careers	1	Mandatory
Numeracy	1	Mandatory
Literacy	1	Mandatory
Elective X	6	X ***
Elective Y	6	Y ***
Elective Z	6	Z ***
Sport	2	Mandatory
Total	58	

*** **Electives:** These subjects are chosen by the student to follow their personal interests or to achieve long-term career goals. Students study three (3) elective courses covering 200 hours each over Years 9 and 10.

What is required to satisfactorily complete Year 10?

1. English, Mathematics, Science, PD/H/PE, Australian History and Australian Geography at Broken Hill High School must be **satisfactorily** studied.
2. Students must satisfactorily study at least six courses in Years 9 and 10.
 - In satisfying this requirement students must study courses in Years 9 and 10 for at least 200 hours. Hence students may change elective courses of study during Term 1 in Year 9 only if there are good reasons and if a vacancy exists in another course.
3. In addition, students must have had adequate experience in Visual Arts, Music and PD/Health/PE. With the exception of PD/Health/PE, this requirement is met by students in Years 7 and 8. PD/Health/PE is compulsory in Years 9 and 10.
4. ***Students must have a satisfactory record of attendance (minimum 85%), conduct, apply themselves with due diligence to their studies and display satisfactory progress, up to and including the end of Year 10 and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).***

The above requirements are set by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority and the NSW Department of Education.

Will my chosen courses run?

When selecting courses, students and parents should be aware that it might not be possible for all choices to be accommodated. Whether a course can operate, or whether all students can be catered for by any course, will depend chiefly on the number of students who elect to study that course.

What do I do if my courses do not run?

If choices cannot be met, then students affected will be asked to make fresh selections. Hopefully these selections can be met, and the student will study these courses over Years 9 and 10.

How do I make my choices?

1. Open NSW Student Portal website - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/>
2. Login using the same details you use when logging into the computers at school.
3. Open your email.
4. Open email from Broken Hill High School.
5. Follow steps in email.

Elective choices and Key Learning Areas

Key Learning Area	Subject
Creative Arts	Dance Elective Visual Arts Elective Music Photography and Digital Media
Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)	Commerce Elective History Elective Geography Aboriginal Studies
Language	French
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE)	Child Studies Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)
Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)	Agricultural Technology Computing Technology Food Technology Industrial Technology Industrial Technology - Building Construction Industrial Technology - Metal Industrial Technology - Timber Industrial Technology – Engineering

Brief details of these courses follow in this handbook. Please study each course outline carefully and then select 5 electives.

Mandatory

Subjects

English

Course Description

English in Years K-10 enables students to understand and use language effectively, appreciate, reflect on, and enjoy the English language and to make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical, and powerful.

What will student learn about?

Students will learn:

- the importance of the English language as a key to learning
- the power of language to explore and express views of themselves as well as the social, cultural, ethical, moral, spiritual, and aesthetic dimensions of human experiences
- the power of effective communication using the language modes of speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing, and representing.

The study of novels, films, mass media, drama and poetry gives students experience of Australian literature, insights into Aboriginal culture, multiculturalism, Asian literature and literature from other countries and times.

What will students learn to do?

Through responding to and composing a wide range of texts and through the close study of texts, students will develop knowledge, understanding and skills to:

- communicate through speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing, and representing
- use language to shape and make meaning according to purpose, audience, and context
- think in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, and critical
- express themselves and their relationships with others and their world through texts
- learn and reflect on their learning through their study of English.

Course Requirements

As the focus of learning in each Stage, students are required to engage meaningfully with:

- at least 2 works of extended prose (including at least one novel)
- at least 2 collections of poetry
- at least 2 films
- at least 2 drama texts (including at least one Shakespeare play in Stage 5)
- a range of types of texts inclusive of short prose, visual, spoken, multimodal and digital texts.

Across each stage, the selection of texts must give students experiences of:

- a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that are widely regarded as quality literature
- a range of texts by Australian authors
- a range of texts by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors
- a range of quality texts from around the world, including texts about intercultural and diverse experiences[1]
- a range of cultural, social and gender perspectives, including from popular and youth cultures
- texts chosen by students for personal interest and enjoyment.

History and Geography

Year 9 and Year 10 H.S.I.E. Curriculum Structure

In Years 9 and 10 it is compulsory for all students to complete 100 hours of History and 100 hours of Geography.

History

The aim of the History syllabus is to stimulate student's interest and enjoyment of exploring the past, to develop a critical understanding of the past and its impact on the present, to develop the critical skills of historical inquiry and to enable students to participate as active, informed, and responsible citizens. In 2025, Year 9 will continue their study of the new National History Curriculum.

Topics of study are:

Overview: The Making of the Modern World
Depth Study: Making a Nation
Core Study: Australians at War (World Wars I and II)

Overview: The Modern World and Australia
Depth Study: The Holocaust
Depth Study: Changing Rights and Freedoms

Geography

The principal focus is to understand Australia in its regional and global context and examine the role of individuals and groups in planning for a better future. In 2017, students began their study of the new National Geography Curriculum.

Topics of study are:

1. Sustainable Biomes
2. Changing Places
3. Environmental Change and Management
4. Human Wellbeing.

Assessments

Assessments will be outcomes based. Students will undertake a variety of tasks including assignments, in class written tasks, classroom participation and skill-based activities. Each of these will be marked according to the level of outcome achieved.

Mathematics

To develop in students:

- confidence and enjoyment in doing Mathematical activity
- knowledge, skills and understanding in certain specified areas
- awareness of the place of Mathematics in solving problems of everyday life and in contributing to the development of our society.

Course Content

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability
- Working Mathematically

Assessment

Students will be assessed regularly in Mathematics. In addition to the Half-Yearly and Yearly exam, each class will complete one additional assessment task each term. The assessment tasks will be slightly varied depending on which class students are in. All formal assessment tasks will be used to calculate the grades for the Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports.

Requirements

- 1 x 320-page A4 exercise book.
- Mathematical instruments (ruler, protractor, compass).
- **1 x scientific calculator.** *It is expected that students own a scientific calculator by now. If students still require a calculator, they can be purchased through the front office. If you are purchasing a calculator from outside the school, please check with the mathematics faculty to ensure it is permissible at school and in the HSC.*

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE)

The Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K–10 syllabus provides a strengths-based approach towards developing the knowledge, understanding and skills students need to enhance their own and others' health, safety, wellbeing and participation in physical activity in varied and changing contexts. The syllabus provides opportunities for students to develop self-management, interpersonal and movement skills to help students become empowered, self-confident and socially responsible citizens.

Course Description

The following units of work are examples of what will be studied in Stage 5 (Year 9) 2025.

Theory

- Healthy Lifestyle.
- Risks v Rewards.
- Relationships.
- Sexual Health.

Practical

- Striking Games e.g. AFL, Cricket, Soccer, Softball.
- Individual Pursuits e.g. Athletics, Dance, Fitness, Yoga.
- Invasion Games e.g. Basketball, European Handball, Lacrosse, Netball, Frisbee.
- Net/Court Games e.g. Netball, Basketball, Handball, Tennis, Speedminton, Volleyball.

Assessments

- Practical tasks.
- Theory tasks e.g. Examinations and Project Based Learning.

Requirements

- **Theory lessons** – pens and highlighter.
- **Practical lessons** – Change of shirt, black sport shorts and appropriate footwear. A black tracksuit is not compulsory but advisable in the winter months.

Sport

Broken Hill High School runs integrated sport. This means that students have a double period per fortnight on their timetable.

The school offers a range of sports off-site to cater for a variety of individual needs and interests for example AFL, Aquatics, Basketball, Gymnastics, Netball, Volleyball and mixed sports at the YMCA.

At the beginning of the year, students will receive a general permission note to allow them to participate in sport outside the school grounds for the full school year. If a student does not have this note signed by a parent/carer they will not be able to leave the school grounds. Students will also be given a specific information sheet prior to participating in each sport with the specific requirements for that sport for example Aquatics.

Each sport and transport are paid by the school to allow free sport options for all students.

All students must act within the school's Core Values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. This includes:

- Returning permission notes.
- Attending on a regular basis.
- Moving to and from venues in a safe manner.
- Following teacher/instructor instructions.
- Being courteous to members of the public.
- Working cooperatively with peers.
- Applying themselves with diligence in physical activities.

DET Policy – NSW Department of Education Sport and Physical Activity policy states students in Years K-10 participate in a minimum of 150 minutes of planned moderate activity with some vigorous physical activity across the school week. This time includes planned weekly sport. Schools are also encouraged to provide Years 11 and 12 students weekly access to a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate activity with some vigorous physical activity and sport.



Science

Aim

The aim of the Science Stages 4 and 5 Syllabus is to provide learning experiences through which students will:

- acquire scientific knowledge and skills and develop understanding about phenomena within and beyond their experience
- develop an appreciation of science as a human activity and apply their understanding to their everyday life
- develop positive values about and attitudes towards themselves, others, lifelong learning, science, and the environment.

Content

The Science course for Years 9 and 10 follows the NESA Syllabus starting in 2014, developed under the new National Curriculum and is divided into four strands.

- The Physical World
- The Chemical World
- The Living World
- The Earth and Space

Students study eight units of work per year, covering all four strands, each unit approximately five weeks in duration.

Practical Work is an essential component of the study of Science and wherever possible students will participate in practical work to further develop skills and a greater understanding of the processes of science.

Assessment

All students undertake four common assessment tasks throughout the year, including:

- Research/Communication Tasks
- Practical/Problem Solving Tasks
- End of year examinations

Students learning will also be assessed in class activities, including:

- Homework
- Assignments
- Topic Tests
- Practical Work
- Book Work

Note: In **Year 10** students are required to undertake a mandatory **Individual Science Research Project** which constitutes 25% of the total Assessment.

Elective Subjects

Dance

The dance curriculum aims to develop physical, cognitive, creative and performance skills, and knowledge in all students regardless of previous experience or level of skill. Students learn to develop ideas and to express them creatively as they make and perform dances and analyse and interpret dance as works of art. They think imaginatively and share ideas, feelings, values, and attitudes while physically and intellectually exploring the communication of ideas, themes, and feelings through movement.

All students are welcome to participate in this subject. Both the beginner and experienced dancer, whether male or female, will be catered for.

Course Objectives

This course uses the Board of Studies Dance Syllabus and covers three major areas:

1. **Performance** involves skills and techniques of dance including safe dance practices. A variety of dance styles will be utilised. Students will be provided with opportunities to display their performance skills to a variety of audiences and will also perform in whole school performances such as CAPA MAD Night.
2. **Composition** concerns the development and use of creative processes. Students will experiment by creating dance phrases leading towards the composition of both group and solo dances.
3. **Appreciation** is concerned with making informed judgements about dance and the historical perspectives of dance. Through appreciation the student should acquire a dance vocabulary, be able to assess the relationship between history, culture, and dance styles; value, observe and evaluate their own dance and the dance of others and experience the diversity of dance styles and dance as an art form. The opportunity to view performances by professional Dance.

Assessment

Assessment for learning in the Dance Years 7-10 Syllabus is designed to give students opportunities to produce the work that leads to development of their knowledge, understanding and skills. Students are assessed on semester outcomes that are based on the Dance Years 7-10 Syllabus.

Levels of Achievement have been written for Dance Years 7-10. These describe observable and measurable features of student achievement at the end of the stage within the indicative hours of study.

At Stage 5 there are six levels of achievement. Level 6 describes excellent achievement in relation to course outcomes and objectives. Level 2 describes basic achievement while the Level 1 description will help identify students who have not met the expected standard at the end of the stage.

At the end of Year 10, teachers make an on-balance judgement, based on the assessment evidence, to match each student's achievements to a level description. This level will be reported on students Record of School Achievement.



Visual Arts

For many students, Year 8 Art was the first real experiences where they were confronted with studying and exploring their immediate physical, emotional, and spiritual environment through making. Students who choose to continue the study of Visual Arts will be exposed to fun, challenging and sophisticated ways to explore their world through the artmaking process and appraising of artworks.

The creative and critical thinking skills developed in Visual Arts can lead into employment in areas such as advertising careers, design (graphic, fashion, environmental, industrial), film and television, animation, ergonomics, photography, publicity, and education.

Course Content

Students will create and appraise artworks within a framework where the process of artmaking is emphasised in terms of idea development as well as practical and refinement of technical development and application.

Year 9 artmaking will be organised within ten-week blocks based around studio areas including:

- drawing
- ceramics
- painting
- sculpture

- Artmaking** (60%) – developing skills and techniques, idea development whilst creating art.
- Critical and Historical Studies** (40%) – Students develop skills to successfully analyse, critique and formulate written responses when researching and interpreting historical, contemporary, and modern art. These skills and techniques are highly transferrable when you analyse your own artworks and into other subject areas like English.
- The Frames** – These are either used collectively or individually to help inform and analyse artworks. Subjective, Structural, Cultural and Post Modern.
- The Conceptual Framework** – Is used to help understand and analyse artworks. They are: Artist, Artwork, World, and Audience.

Assessment

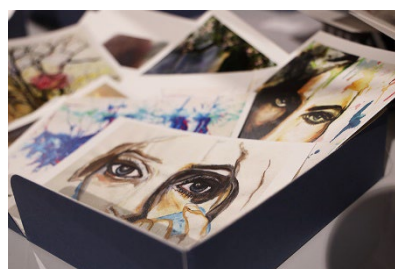
Art Making: Students will present a practical portfolio of their artworks at the end of each semester. The practical portfolios comprise of a progression of tasks. Artworks will be researched, developed, and resolved through a range of experiments of mediums to strengthen student techniques and skills. This development will be recorded in their Visual Arts Process Diary where students will explore their world which will strengthen their understanding of Artistic practice, The Frames, and the Conceptual Framework.

Critical and Historical Studies involves historically researching, developing, and resolving written responses to artworks in extended written forms such as Artist research tasks. Theory is based on further developing students' knowledge and understanding of their own artistic practice and that of practicing artist through; The Frames and the Conceptual Framework.

Students could expect to complete one Body of Work comprising of two practical folios and one written assessment task each semester.

Requirements

- 2B, 4B, 6B Pencils.
- Eraser, sharpener and ruler.
- A4 sketchbook with a black cover.



Music

Year 9 Music is moving beyond the foundations of music. It is applying prior knowledge and understanding to compose and perform existing and original music.

- Composing original music in a negotiated context.
- Performing music as a soloist or in a group.
- Investigating a variety of styles and genres.
- Development of aural awareness and music theory understanding.
- Industry Standard Technology.



Year 10 semester modules available in Music:

- An overview of music composed and performed for various styles.
- Performance (solo or group/ instrumental or vocal) of a variety of music genres.
- Composition (solo or group/ instrumental or vocal, notation or sound source) of music to illustrate an action, scene or theme for theatre or film.

Requirements of Year 9 and 10 Elective Music Course:

- Learn one full song from the topic studied for performance exams which occur at the end of each term.
- Be self-motivated to find and learn a song from the topics studied. They must bring their song and instrument to school each lesson to learn and perfect.
- Complete all theoretical components.
- It is recommended that students receive tuition outside of school to help enhance their instrument and performance knowledge.
- Whilst it is not compulsory, students are encouraged to be a member of at least one school music performance group offered freely to all students. These groups include choir, concert bands, string orchestras, musicals, showcase concerts.

Performances cannot just be accompaniments. As a performer you must show your chosen instrument in a major role.

Assessment:

By the end of Year 10, students analyse different scores and performances aurally and visually. They evaluate the use of elements of music and defining characteristics from different musical styles. They use their understanding of music making in different cultures, times, and places to inform and shape their interpretations, performances, and compositions.

Students interpret, rehearse, and perform solo and ensemble repertoire in a range of forms and styles. They interpret and perform music with technical control, expression, and stylistic understanding. They use aural skills to recognise elements of music and memorise aspects of music such as pitch and rhythm sequences. They use knowledge of the elements of music, style, and notation to compose, document and share their music.

Topics Studied

Year 9: Blues, Australian Rock music, Classical/or small ensemble, Music for Film, Television, Radio and Multimedia.

Year 10: Jazz, Popular Music, Technology and Music, it is all about creating a song.

Requirements

- 1 x workbook.

Photography and Digital Media

To develop visual perception and expression, sensory awareness and imagination, communication of ideas and appreciation of visual traditions and contemporary images through the specialist medium of photography.

Course Content

This course involves the students in:

1. **Understanding** – traditional and digital photographic processes and techniques.
2. **Experiencing** - Year 9, a new medium through which to communicate ideas – black and white photography. In Year 10, further introduction to digital photography and various ICT digital work platforms.
3. **Undertaking** - a variety of assignments and projects involving theory and practical work through which students will develop understanding and competency in this medium.
 - A Visual Process Diary will be kept as an ongoing record of student's progress.
4. **Theory** - will incorporate studies of photographers, critics, and history in reference to the frames and the conceptual frameworks.
 - The frames are – Post-modern, Structural Subjective and Cultural
 - The frameworks are – The Artist, The World, The Audience and The Artwork.

Requirements

- A4 sketchbook with a black cover.



Commerce

Commerce is about everyday living. It aims to provide students with the skills to function in today's society. Everyday people get information about their mortgage, car loan, insurance, health fund, jury duty, voting, share funds and many other aspects of their lives. Commerce aims to provide students with the knowledge to be able to understand all of this and to be successful in life.

Course Content

The content of the course aims to empower students with the skills of surviving in the commercial world.

Throughout Years 9 and 10 students' study:

Core Topics:

- Consumer and Financial Decisions
- The Economic and Business Environment
- Employment and Work Futures
- Law, Society and Political Environment

Options:

- Our Economy
- Investing
- Promoting and Selling
- Running a Business
- Law and Action
- Travel
- Towards Independence

Assessment

This will be undertaken in a variety of ways. Tasks will draw on content and skills covered in class and will be marked according to outcomes.

Requirements

- 1 x 196-page exercise book.
- 1 x USB.
- Standard writing equipment.

Elective History

The aim of Elective History is to enable students to acquire the historical skills, knowledge and understanding, values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of the past and to prepare students for informed and active citizenship in a changing world.

The areas of study are:

- History Heritage and Archaeology.
 - **Options include:** Family History, Film as History, Historical Reconstructions, Local History and many more!
- Medieval and Early Modern Societies.
 - **Options include:** Africa, Europe, The Americas, The Middle East, Asia & the Pacific, and Australia.
- Thematic Studies (which can include)
 - Children in history
 - Crime and punishment
 - Sport and recreation in history
 - War and peace
 - Slavery
 - Myths and Legends

Assessment

This will be undertaken in a variety of ways. Tasks will draw on content and skills covered in class and will be marked according to outcomes.

Requirements

- 1 x 240-page exercise book.
- Standard writing equipment.
- 1 x ruler.

Elective Geography

The aim of Geography Elective is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places, and environments across a range of scales and contemporary geographical issues in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens.

Skills students will develop:

- the features and characteristics of places and environments across a range of scales
- interactions between people, places, and environments
- contemporary geographical issues and their management
- geographical tools for geographical inquiry
- skills to acquire, process and communicate geographical information.

Students may undertake either 100 or 200 hours of study in Elective Geography in Stage 4 and/or Stage 5.

Topics:

- Physical Geography
- Oceanography
- Primary Production
- Global Citizenship
- Australia's Neighbours
- Political Geography
- Interaction Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect
- School-developed Option.

Assessment

Assessment will be through a range of activities including fieldwork, multimedia presentations and research reports.

Requirements

- 1 x 240-page exercise book.
- Standard writing equipment.
- 1 x USB.

Aboriginal Studies

Aboriginal Studies courses will be offered to students as an elective course. Students will develop an appreciation of Aboriginal autonomy/identities, experience and gain knowledge about contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal communities.

In all courses students are expected to complete three assessment items and to present their work either to a panel at the end of the semester, a hand-in task or a presentation. The focus is on research skills, independent and reflective learning.

Students wishing to complete a **200-hour elective study** in Aboriginal Studies must complete 2 years of study. This must include study of Core Part 1 and Core Part 2.

Students wishing to complete a **100-hour elective study** in Aboriginal Studies must complete 1 year of study. This must include study of Core Part 1 or Core Part 2.

Content

Core Part 1: Aboriginal Identities

The focus of this course is the diversity of Aboriginal cultures and identities and the factors that contribute to their development and expression. Through case studies, students look at the local community and compare and contrast it with other Aboriginal communities in Australia.

Core Part 2: Aboriginal Autonomy

Students explore the activities of organisations, movements and individuals who have worked towards Aboriginal autonomy through case studies. Through surveys, interviews and documentary studies students draw conclusions about the significance of contributions of Aboriginal people to Australian society.

Additional Content – Course Options

- Option 1: Aboriginal People and the Media
- Option 2: Aboriginal People and Sport
- Option 3: Aboriginal Visual Arts
- Option 4: Aboriginal Film and Television
- Option 5: Aboriginal Performing Arts
- Option 6: Aboriginal Technologies and the Environment
- Option 7: Aboriginal Oral and Written Expression
- Option 8: Aboriginal Enterprises and Organisations
- Option 9: Aboriginal Interaction with Legal and Political Systems
- Option 10: School-developed Option

Assessment

This will be undertaken in a variety of ways. Tasks will draw on content and skills covered in class and will be marked according to outcomes.

Requirements

- 1 x 128-page exercise book.
- standard writing equipment.

French

Bonjour! In Year 9, students have the unique opportunity to study French to help become more engaged in the broader world around them through speaking another language. Due to the nature of not having studied it before, students will take part in an accelerated course that combines a revision of work studied in Years 7 and 8, along with the course that is usually offered in Year 9.

Content

Students will build the basic skills usually acquired in earlier years to broaden their knowledge of the French language and different Francophone cultures.

Students will develop a variety of skills through engagement in:

- Communicating in another language: Key to learning French are the conversations both informal and formal that will be held in class. Students this year will learn how to respond to simple questions, listen to French sentences and hear key information and speak about a variety of topics such as likes and dislikes, food, music and the home.
- Participation in conversational French, being able to give and receive directions, listen to instructions in French and follow them and give small feedback to some questions.
- Understanding: Students will develop their understanding of a wide array of French Culture and history including certain historical eras of France and different Francophone cultures around the world.

Assessment

This will take the form of continuous assessment throughout the year. Four main skill areas, speaking, listening, reading, and writing, will make up the final assessment. A variety of informal and formal task activities will take place on a regular basis. Half yearly and yearly testing will involve all the main aspects of the course - speaking, reading, comprehension and listening.

Requirements

- 1 x 196-page exercise book.
- Willingness to engage in all French speaking exercises.
- Writing materials.

Child Studies

Society has a responsibility to provide a safe, nurturing and challenging environment for children in their early years, as this is crucial to optimal growth and development. Child Studies explores the broad range of social, environmental, genetic and cultural factors that influence prenatal development and a child's sense of wellbeing and belonging between 0 and 8 years of age.

This syllabus reflects the multidimensional nature of child development and learning and the interconnectedness of the physical, social, emotional, personal, creative, spiritual, cognitive and linguistic domains. Students have the opportunity to explore this interrelationship through each stage of development in the early years. Child Studies also includes study of preconception and family preparation, newborn care and the influence and impact of nutrition, play, technology and the media.

The knowledge, understanding, skills and values developed through Child Studies provides a foundation for a wide range of study options in and beyond school and also a range of vocational pathways that support and enhance the wellbeing of children. Study of this syllabus supports young people engaged in voluntary caring, supervision and child support roles and in formal work opportunities such as childcare and education.

Opportunities

- Students have the option to take home a computer simulation baby for a night to experience first-hand the demands of a baby.
- Double periods will involve practical activities to support the theory components of the course e.g. Cooking, Teddy Bear Picnic, Play Activities, Creative Arts, Child Care.
- Excursions may also occur to the Hospital, Toy Library and Child Care Centre, Preschools and Primary Schools.

Requirements

- **Theory lessons** – pens, highlighter, pencils/textas (optional).

Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)

The PASS Course aims to enhance students' capacity to participate effectively in physical activity and sport, leading to an improved quality of life for themselves and others. Students will also be given the opportunity to attend a Sport and Recreation Camp during Year 10 (Subject to certain criteria).

Students will study the following modules:

Foundations of Physical Activity	Physical Activity and Sport in Society	Participation and Performance
Body Systems and Energy Physical Activity for Health Physical Fitness Motor Skill Development Nutrition and Physical Activity Participation with Safety	Australia's Sporting Identity Lifestyle, Leisure and Recreation Physical Activity and Sport Career pathways in physical activity History of Sport	Promoting Active Lifestyles Coaching Strategies and Techniques in Sport Technology in Sport Event Management
Movement Applications		
Aerobics Circuit Training Weight Training Practical Labs Archery	Badminton Ultimate Frisbee Squash Fitness Testing European Handball	Bocce Cultural Sports Lawn Bowls Table Tennis

Requirements

Practical lessons: Students must change at the beginning of the lesson and change back into their full school uniform at the end of each lesson.

- Boys - Navy school polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Girls - Navy school polo shirt
- Black shorts

Note: A black tracksuit is not compulsory but advisable in the winter months.

Some costs will be involved when community facilities are used, e.g., PCYC, YMCA, and the Pool

Agricultural Technology

Agricultural Technology is an elective course that may be studied for 200 hours. It builds on the knowledge, skills and experiences developed in *Technology Years 7 and 8 syllabus*.

Course Description

Students will experience aspects of an agricultural lifestyle through direct contact with plants and animals and a variety of outside activities. They explore the many and varied career opportunities in agriculture and its related service industries.

Students investigate the viability of Australian agriculture through the careful management of issues relating to the sustainability of agricultural systems, as well as the relationships among production, processing, marketing, and consumption.

The study of a range of enterprises allows students to make responsible decisions about the appropriate use of agricultural technologies.

What will students learn?

The essential content integrates the study of interactions, management, and sustainability within the context of agricultural enterprises. These enterprises are characterised by the production and sale or exchange of agricultural goods or services, focusing on plants or animals or integrated plant/animal systems. The local environment will be considered in selecting enterprises, as will the intensive and extensive nature of the range of enterprises to be studied.

What will students learn to do?

Students will spend approximately half of the course time on practical experiences related to the chosen enterprises, including fieldwork and small plot activities. The skills of investigating, using technology and communicating will also be developed over the period of the course.

Requirements

- Hat and sunblock.
- Shoes with a solid leather upper.

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Computing Technology

Course Description

The study of Computing Technology enables students to:

- become safe and responsible users of computing technologies and developers of innovative digital solutions
- develop an understanding of the interrelationships between technical knowledge, social awareness and project management
- develop their ability to think creatively to produce and evaluate products
- develop skills through practical application and design to produce and evaluate creative solutions using a range of computing technologies.

Organisation of Computing Technology

Computing Technology Syllabus has 6 focus areas:

- Enterprise information systems: Modelling networks and social connections.
- Enterprise information systems: Designing for user experience.
- Enterprise information systems: Analysing data.
- Software development: Building mechatronic and automated systems.
- Software development: Creating games and simulations.
- Software development: Developing apps and web software.

Students undertaking the 200-hour course are required to complete:

- at least 2 Enterprise Information Systems focus areas
- at least 2 Software Development focus areas
- 4–6 focus areas either individually or combined
- practical learning and project work for most of the course time
- at least one group project.

Food Technology

Food Technology is an elective course studied for 200 hours. It builds on the knowledge, skills, and experiences in the Technology (mandatory) Years 7 and 8 syllabus.

Course Description

The study of food provides students with a broad knowledge and understanding of food properties, processing, preparation, nutritional considerations, and consumption patterns. Students will develop food-specific skills, which can be applied in a range of contexts enabling students to produce quality food products.

What will students learn about?

Students will learn about food in a variety of settings, enabling them to evaluate the relationships between food, technology, nutritional status, and the quality of life.

Focus areas include:

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| * Food in Australia | * Food service and catering | * Food equity |
| * Food for special needs | * Food product development | * Food trends. |
| * Food selection and health | * Food for special occasions | |

What will students learn to do?

The major emphasis of the Food Technology syllabus is on students exploring food related issues through a range of practical experiences, allowing them to make informed and appropriate choices about food.

Requirements

- Container (for take-home cooking).
- Shoes with a solid leather upper.

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Industrial Technology

Industrial Technology is an elective subject within which students may undertake **one or two** courses. Each course must be studied for 200 hours. It builds on the knowledge, skills and experiences developed in the *Mandatory Technology Years 7-8 Syllabus*.

Course Description

Industrial Technology develops students' knowledge and understanding of materials and processes in a range of technologies. They develop knowledge and skills relating to the selection, use and application of materials, tools, machines and processes through the planning and production of quality practical projects.

Students may undertake a **maximum of two courses in Industrial Technology**. Broken Hill High School offers four courses. These focus areas are based on a range of technologies of industrial and domestic significance. These include studies in:

- Building and Construction
- Metal
- Timber
- Engineering

What will students learn about?

All students will learn about the properties and applications of materials associated with their chosen area of study. They will study the range of tools, machines, and processes available in both industrial and domestic settings for working with selected materials. Students will learn about safe practices for practical work environments, including risk identification and minimisation strategies. They will also learn about design and designing including the communication of ideas and processes.

What will students learn to do?

The major emphasis of the Industrial Technology syllabus is on students actively planning and constructing quality practical projects. Students will learn to select and use a range of materials for individual projects. They will learn to competently and safely use a range of hand tools, power tools and machines to assist in the construction of projects. They will also learn to produce drawings and written reports to develop and communicate ideas and information relating to projects.

Requirements

- Personal safety glasses (preferred).
- Shoes with a solid leather upper.

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Industrial Technology – Building Construction

Course Description

The Building and Construction focus area provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to the building and associated industries. Students will develop knowledge and skills in the use of tools, materials and techniques related to building and construction.

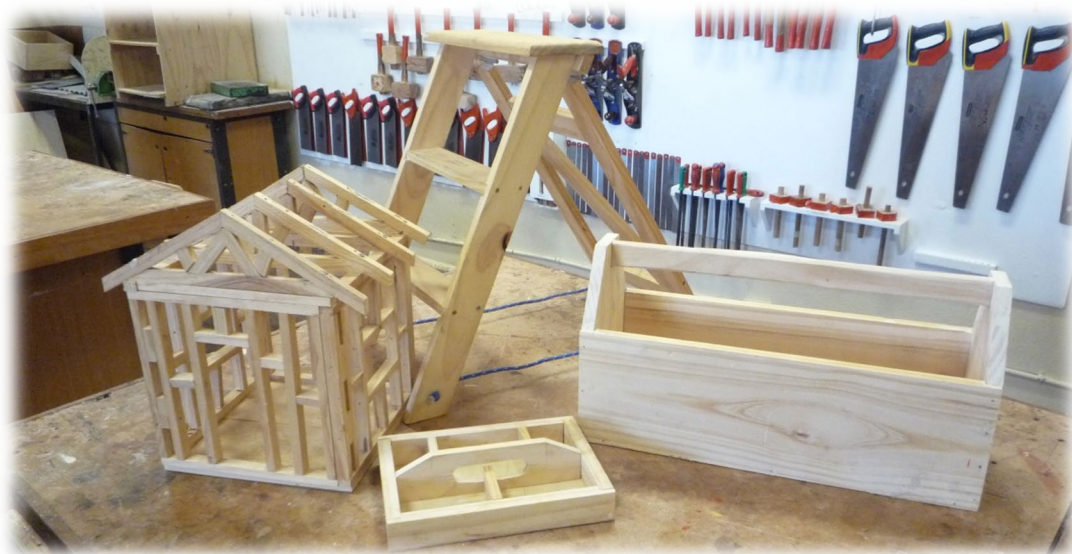
The projects completed throughout this course will reflect the practical nature of the Building and Construction focus area and provide opportunities for students to develop specific knowledge, understanding and skills related to building and construction technologies.

These may include:

- construction of small structures
- scale models
- elementary repairs and renovations
- development of garden and recreational areas
- work undertaken on isolated building models and mock-ups.

During Semester 2, in Year 10, students will have the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have acquired to produce a major project of their own choice, at their own expense.

This subject is a great lead-in to VET Construction in Years 11 and 12 and is aimed at students that like working with their hands, enjoy building things and may like to follow a career path in the carpentry industry, general building and/or associated trades.



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Industrial Technology – Metal

The Metal focus area provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to the metal and associated industries. Students will develop knowledge and skills in the use of tools, materials and techniques related to general metalwork.

The practical projects completed throughout this course will reflect the nature of the Metal focus area and provide opportunities for students to develop specific knowledge, understanding and skills associated with metal-related technologies.

These may include:

- fabricated projects
- metal machining projects
- sheet metal products

During Semester 2, in Year 10, students will have the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have acquired to produce a major project of their own choice, at their own expense.

This subject is a great lead-in to VET Manufacturing and Engineering in Years 11 and 12 and is aimed at students that like working with their hands, enjoy building things and may like to follow a career path in boiler making, fitting, and turning or mechanics.



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Industrial Technology – Timber

The Timber focus area provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to the timber and associated industries. Students will develop knowledge and skills in the use of tools, materials and techniques related to timber.

The practical projects completed throughout this course will reflect the nature of the Timber focus area and provide opportunities for students to develop specific knowledge, understanding and skills related to timber technologies. These may include:

- decorative timber products
- furniture items
- small bowls or turned items
- storage and display units
- storage and transportation products

During Semester 2, in Year 10, students will have the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have acquired to produce a major project of their own choice, at their own expense.

This subject is a great lead-in to Industrial Technology Furniture and Timber Industries in Years 11 and 12 and is aimed at students that like working with their hands, enjoy building things and may like to follow a career path in furniture making, the forestry industry or general carpentry.



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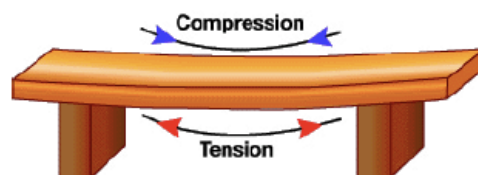
Industrial Technology – Engineering

The Engineering focus area provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to engineering and its associated industries. Students learn about engineering principals and then apply these concepts to design projects and challenges.

Course Structure

The course consists of the following:

- One core module
 - Structures/Mechanisms
- Two specialised modules selected from below:
 - Controlled Systems
 - Alternative Energy
 - Transport
 - School Developed Module



The core module will develop knowledge and skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques related to structures and mechanisms. These are enhanced and further developed through the study of the specialist modules.

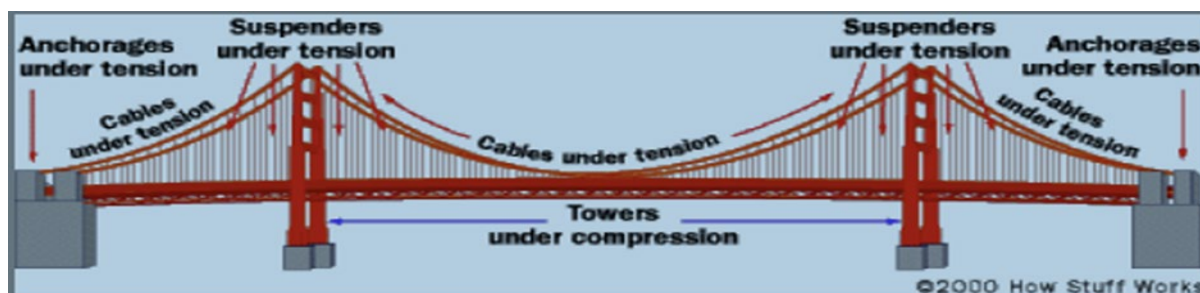


Practical Activities and Challenges

This subject has a strong emphasis on learning through practical experiences, projects, and challenges. These may include:

- small structures
- small vehicles
- a range of devices and appliances
- robotics projects
- electronic and mechanical control systems.

During Semester 2, in Year 10, students will have the opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have acquired to produce a major project of their own choice, at their own expense. This subject is a good lead-in to Engineering Studies in Years 11 and 12 and is aimed at students that like maths, science and engineering and may like to become an engineer.



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School Contributions

General Information

School Invoices are emailed to families in Term 2 and Term 4. They can be paid at the Front Office between 8.30am and 3.30pm with Cash/Cheque/EFT or Online via School Bytes portal (please see below information) or via our website <http://www.brokenhill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> just select make a payment and follow the instructions.

Students may pay at the Front Office before school, recess, and lunchtime.

Contributions are as follows:

- General Contribution \$20.00
- Subject Fees \$40.00

General contributions

General contributions are voluntary contributions, which greatly assist in maintaining and increasing the quality of education for your student. Contributions are used for the purchase of library books, student recognition programs, teaching resources, computer software and hardware and other resources.

Students can pay school fees or any payments before school, recess, or lunch of any day. Receipts will be emailed. Payment of school contributions and fees can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS (no cash advances available) or online using the School Bytes portal.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

Financial Assistance

Should you have problems paying these contributions the school may be able to provide assistance. Applications can be made through the School Administration Manager in the Front Office of the school. Help can also be arranged for the purchase of school uniform and books.

Parents/Carers should note that costs of travel and admission for excursions are not included in school contributions.