Year 9 & 10
2023

Short Course Options

The **Forest** High
SCHOOL

SPECTEMUR AGENDO

Year 9 & 10 Short Courses 2023

The short course program has been developed for the 3rd elective line for students in Years 9 and 10. Each course is 80 hours face to face and is delivered over one year.

The short courses complement the two 200 hour NESA developed courses students study across Year 9 and Year 10.

Students select **ONE** short course in Year 9 and **ONE** short course in Year 10. Students cannot study the same short course twice.

These courses are developed to engage students in active study, based around themes and interests and are taught by faculty specific teachers. Some short courses are offered because it is not running as a 200 hour course. Many of our short courses develop skills and experiences that prepare students for their senior years.

Please read the booklet carefully to understand the options available and whether they suit the individual interest of the students.

Course Fees

Some courses do not have a fee attached to them.

Other courses do require fees to cover the costs of materials, activities or outside agencies.

The contribution of fees covers the cost incurred by your student to participate in the course they choose. The short courses that incur fees will be invoiced in your annual school contribution invoice early in 2023.

Student Assistance Scheme

The School has limited funds to assist students and families. If you have difficulties in meeting the financial commitment of courses, please contact the Principal, Mr Lawler to request an application form for assistance. Applications will be confidential.

Acting 101

Acting 101 is a practical course designed to encourage individuals to "step out of their comfort zones" and to develop personal & group expression/performance skills through the art of theatre.

The study of acting increases self-confidence, builds collaborative skills and increases imagination and empathy.

In this course students will cover the following topics:

- Improvisation
- Playbuilding
- Production Elements including set and costume design
- Small screen drama

Students in this course will be given the opportunity to perform at various events and the chance to attend live theatrical performances.

Course fees: Nil

"Acting is behaving truthfully under imaginary circumstances."
-Sanford Meisner

Criminal Minds

What makes a person decide to break the law and what are the consequences of doing so? How can science be used to help gather evidence?

This course investigates:

- The factors that influence why people commit crimes
- What constitutes a crime?
- The role of the police in the criminal justice system
- The forensic science used to gather evidence
- The people involved in the criminal justice system (lawyers, forensic experts, judges, juries)
- The criminal trial process
- Sentencing and punishment

We will do this by following the progress of a budding criminal over the course of one year, culminating at the end of the course in a mock trial. Students will be using scientific processes in the laboratory to understand the techniques forensic scientists use today. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Downing Centre Local and District Court and the Police and Justice Museum.

The course involves a mixture of project-based learning and scientific research, teacher instruction and a smattering of drama.

Course fees: Nil

It is expected that a few excursions/incursions will be organised to support student learning.

Cultural Studies

Are you interested in travel and experiencing what the world has to offer? Do you like international films, TV shows or music? Do you find yourself enjoying the cuisine of other countries? Then this is the course for YOU!

Harajuku girls in Japan

Our world is a big, interesting and exciting place. In this course students will explore different aspects of culture from within Australia and around the world. They will increase their knowledge of different cultural practices, values, beliefs and heritages to form a broader worldview. This will enable them to understand and value inclusion, and to respect the rights of others. Culture Shock will inquire into other cultures from around the world and celebrate the wonderful diversity of humankind.

Assessment tasks will be a combination of project based learning and traditional tasks. These tasks are designed to be interactive, led by student choice, engage a variety of learning styles and celebrate diversity.

Holi festival in India

The core topic is 'Understanding Culture and Diversity in Today's World'. This topic requires students to understand culture, diversity and reflect on their own culture background. The class will then choose which topics they wish to cover from the following list:

- Option 1 – Culture and Beliefs
- Option 2 – Culture and Gender
- Option 3 – Culture and the Media
- Option 4 – Culture on the move
- Option 5 – Culture and Travel
- Option 6 – Culture and the Performing Arts
- Option 7 – Culture in Art and Architecture
- Option 8 – Culture in Film and Literature
- Option 9 – Culture and Sport
- Option 10 – Culture and Family Life
- Option 11 – Culture and Food
- Option 12 – Culture, Science, Technology and Change
- Option 13 – School Developed Option

La Tomatina (tomato festival) in Spain

Course fees: Nil.

It is expected that there will be a number of cultural experiences organised such as visits to a temple or mosque and/or cultural centres, special lunches and films.

Kayan women with neck coils that elongate their neck in Myanmar

Digital Dynamite

Welcome to the digital age!

This course will dive into the many depths of the technology that surrounds us and that we use in our daily lives.

Students will develop and express their own ideas and perspectives on a range of issues that are important to young people today. They will work individually and collaboratively using an online workspace to plan and compose a variety of contemporary media and digital texts. This will involve online research, analysis and discussion.

Students will work on a digital project of their choosing with plenty of scope for creativity. Through collaboration on the design, development and publication of digital projects, students will develop an understanding of the online environment as a source of information and collaboration, and as an interactive workspace and publication source.

This course will cover:

- Creating effective digital advertising via platforms such as Facebook and Tiktok.
- Enticing your audience into the realm of video blogging or *vlogging!*
- Visual storytelling
- Responsible digital citizenship.

Course fees:: *Nil*

Design Studio

Designers solve some of our biggest problems in our world today!

Learn creative problem solving skills and be challenged like a designer in this course

Design is simply an individual process to solve a problem or find a solution. It involves hands-on practical activities which develop knowledge and skills in designing and producing. The course involves the development, realisation and documentation of design projects. The project and supporting folio requires students to select and apply appropriate design, production and evaluation skills to a product that satisfies an identified need or opportunity.

This course provides an opportunity to develop your own skills in an area of interest, and will enable you to meet design challenges presenting your own innovative solution to people in a range of audiences.

Some areas that you could consider are:

- o Architectural Design
- o Fashion Design
- o Graphic Design
- o CAD design
- o 3D modelling and design
- o Product design
- o Web design

Course fees: **$25**
* (Students may need to supply some their own resources and materials)
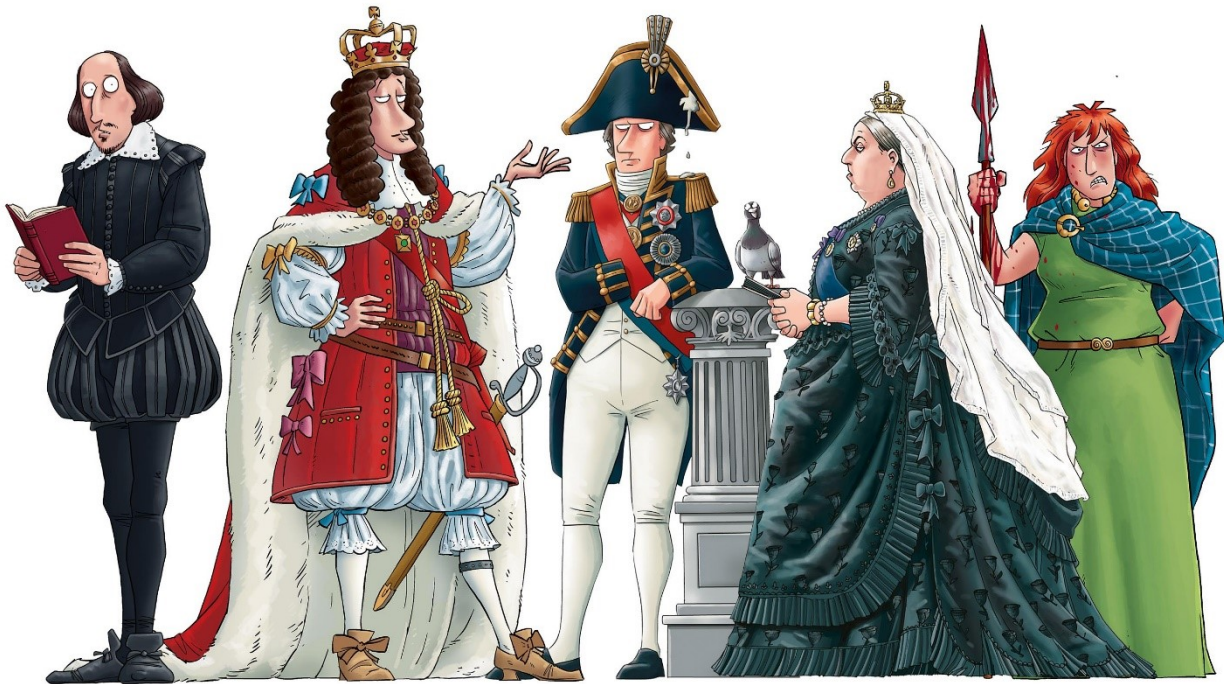
Graphics and Multimedia

An introduction to the field of graphics and multimedia computing used in areas such as entertainment, industrial design, virtual reality, intelligent media management, and social media. Students will learn techniques in manipulating digital media including graphics / image, audio, animation, and video.

Projects may include:

- 2D and 3D animations
- augmented reality (AR) or virtual reality (VR) products
- computer games
- ePublications
- individual photographic images and graphics (for print and/or digital display)
- videos
- websites and apps

Course fees: **$30**

Horrible Histories

A Horribly Historical look at everything, from the Ancient Olympics, Rotten Romans, Frightful First World War, Miserable Moon Landings, featuring your favourite historical figures.

If you like mysteries and conspiracies, interesting and a little bit wacky world leaders, and gruesome and gory battles, this course is for you
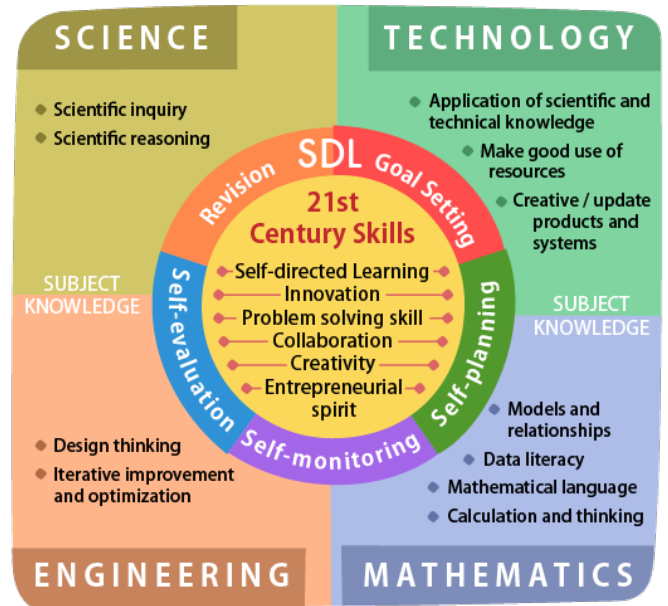
Course fees: Nil

STEM

The importance of STEM disciplines for the future economic and social well-being of Australia cannot be underestimated. International research indicates that 75 per cent of the fastest growing occupations require STEM skills and knowledge. In the US STEM employment grew three times more than non-STEM employment over the past twelve years and is expected to grow twice as fast by 2019.

Students will study a variety of themed units of work focusing on the application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to real life, through inquiry based learning techniques.

Students will be develop their ability to question, research, generate and analyse data, solve problems and evaluate solutions. Students will use these skills to work collaboratively to create possible solutions to complex problems that face our next generation.

Course Fee: $10 to cover project materials

Modern German History (1939 – today)

The Modern German History short course is designed for students who are interested in learning about the events that have shaped Germany and German culture into what it is today.

The course will cover the following eras of German history:

- Germany in World War II (1939 – 1945)

- Germany and the Cold War (1945 – 1989)

- German Re-unification (1989 – 2000)

- The Modern Era (2001 – today)

In addition to learning German history, students will also have the opportunity to experience German culture first-hand through excursions, film studies, and the celebration of major German holidays.

Note: While language is integral to the study of culture, students will not be assessed on any German-language skills in this course.

Course fees: nil

Outdoor Physical Performance

The Outdoor Recreation and Fitness Industries are becoming increasingly popular avenues of employment for young people. This course will offer an introductory look skills required to develop and maintain training programs, assess fitness levels and implementing different training techniques focusing on outdoor environments, outdoor recreation and leisure. This course will introduce students to the fitness and recreation industry and establish a general understanding of this active, satisfying and fun career.

Employment skills gained – The Outdoor Physical Performance subject is designed to enable students to develop a range of technical, vocational and interpersonal competencies valued both within and beyond the workplace. They will also acquire underpinning knowledge and skills related to work and further education within the sport, fitness and recreation industries. It also provides for the development of employability skills such as communication and teamwork, which are transferable to other industry areas outside of Health and Fitness. Students will develop specific knowledge to gain employment in the Fitness and Outdoor Recreation Industry.
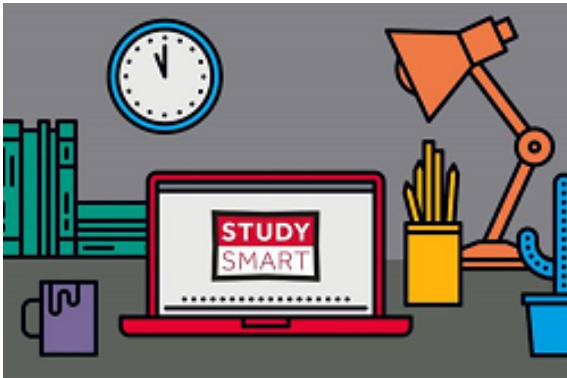
Incursions / Excursions

- Excursions to camping grounds, local gym, beach and outdoor recreation facilities
- Talks with current Personal Trainers and Recreational Professionals
- Activities
- Orienteering
- Camping
- Coaching & Refereeing
- Abseiling
- Bush Tucker/ Aboriginal perspectives
- Obstacle Courses
- Event Management
- Rope tying
- First Aid and more

Course fees: $275.00

Smarter Study

Students will develop individual GROWTH goals and implement the researched-based strategies from Elevate across all their other subjects, to ensure academic success in their learning both in class and at home.

Students will be given time and tailored support to develop their learning and study skills through a range of assistive technologies and personalised activities, tutorials, mentoring and feedback sessions; to harness their learning potential.

Specifically, the course will target improved note-taking and critical thinking through practical training as well as computer skills to assist with the craft of writing, preparing for a test, scaffolding essays, and reading comprehension.

Students will become proficient users of a range of digital learning technologies such as OneNote, Text to Speech and Speech to Text; but they will also be given additional one-on-one time to continuously develop their recount, memorisation, and planning techniques.

As a Learning Coach, Mrs Coleman knows lots of different ways for students to improve their learning and offers instruction for students to choose what works best for them. By designing and implementing individualised GROWTH goals focused on improved wellbeing, effective learning and forward planning, students are empowered to stay motivated and take control of their learning objectives and overall success!

Course fees: Nil